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X Games Attendees Kept Cool and Well-Informed at Metro Booth


By MARGARET MORALLO


(Aug. 11, 2006) While X Games 12 visitors walked around the fully decorated Carson Home Depot Center in the hot sun, they kept cool by passing by Metro's booth last weekend.

From Thursday to Sunday, Metro staff dedicated their time not only to helping people stay comfortable with Metro portable battery-run hand fans, but also to keeping them informed about bus and train safety.

"It is necessary to manage traffic and educate the public on the importance of being safety-conscious around tracks and trains," Senior Community Relations Officer Carlos Valdez explained.

A member of the Rail Safety Outreach group, Valdez and other staff members spent two days passing out safety literature to the X Games attendees.

 Senior Community Relations Officer Carlos Valdez works the X Games.

 Bus Operator Darlene Hayden, left, and her daughter, Ashley staffed the Metro booth at the X


Games.



Metro Volunteers Jackie Martinez, Marco Pedemonte, Vicky Woods, Jessie Sanchez, Lourdes Pagan, Carl Johnson, Norman Ward, Charles Jackson, Darlene and Ashley Hayden, Oscar Lizaola, Ruben Madrid, Dwandollyn Jones, Rene Cerna and Ramon Gamez also committed their time to the event. Some showed their Metro pride, donning Metro shirts and hats.

Professional skateboarders practiced their flips in the air, bands performed live music to the audience, and kids tested their own biking techniques on a miniature dirt track. As the weekend continued, the number of people at the X Games grew.



 Division 18 Operator Charles Jackson gathers some Metro safety information for X Games attendees.

Since the X-Games were also located at Staples Center, Metro volunteers were eager to guide people to Metro buses and trains to travel between Los Angeles and the South Bay.

Speaking on behalf of the Rail Safety Outreach and Metro Volunteers, Valdez said, "It's always fun attending these events because we were able to provide a service to people."