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Largest class ever: 24 graduate as train operators after completing intensive rail training course.



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(Sept. 13, 2006) The newly graduating Rail Transit Operations Class picked up their certificates Monday after completing the eight-week intensive training course that qualifies them as train operators. They now join the ranks of some 200 Rail Operators who operate the trains of the 73.1-mile Metro Rail system.

The graduates joined with Rail General Manager Gerald Francis, DEO - Rail Transportation Melvin Clark, UTU General Chairman James Williams, UTU Vice-chairman Vic Baffone, Local 1565 Chairman Tim Delcambre and Vice Local Chairman Jesus Ruis and Operations staff for a cake and certificate ceremony at Metro Headquarters Sept. 11.

Eight seasoned instructors delivered the training. They are Arnold Johnson, Karl Williams, Freddie Marlow, Cristobal Medina, Willard Johnson, Esther Pippins, Hector Gutierrez and Gerald Harper.

With 24 graduates, it was the largest class of train operators to complete the training course.

*-- from Linda Leone*

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