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performance  
in the 2005  
competition.

### Metro Rail Rodeo Set for Saturday – Families Invited

- Competition begins at 8 a.m.; family event at 10 a.m. features fun for kids and BBQ lunch

(March 6, 2007) Train operators and rail maintenance technicians have been sharpening their skills for one of the year's most important events – the 2007 Metro Rail Rodeo, scheduled Saturday at Red Line Division 20.

The competition will begin at 8 a.m. for the train operators and maintenance specialists. The winners of this year's Rail Rodeo – two train operators and a three-member maintenance team – will represent Metro at the APTA International Rail Rodeo in Toronto, June 2.

Employees, their families and guests, are invited to attend the family portion of the event, beginning at 10 a.m. in the division parking lot, located at 320 South Santa Fe Ave., Los Angeles.

The family event will feature music and a kid's jumper, the Metro Experience mobile theater, displays by the Sheriff's Transit Services Bureau and LA County Fire Department, booths sponsored by Metro Safety, a vintage Metro bus, door prizes, a tour of Division 20 and a barbecue lunch.

In preliminary rounds, this year, some 20 train operators completed the customer service exam, pre-departure inspection and safety quiz portions of the event. In the local finals, Saturday, nine operators will participate

in the final two segments of the competition – uniform inspection and rail operations course.

The dozen competing maintenance technicians will have nine events – an electronics quiz, rail mechanics and safety, electronic circuit troubleshooting, air conditioning troubleshooting, rail wheel fault diagnosis, “mystery box,” parts identification, missing circuit component identification and safety equipment usage.

Top prizes for Rail Rodeo competitors are a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond for first place, second-place prize of a \$300 Savings Bond and a third-place prize of a \$200 Savings Bond. Other prizes include T-shirts, caps, commemorative pins, back packs and note pads.