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30 Employees Honored as Employees of the Quarter

(Oct. 17, 2007) Thirty employees have been selected as Employees of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of FY 2007.

The employees were honored for their contributions to six of Metro's eight core values. The core values are safety, employees, fiscal responsibility, integrity, innovation, customer satisfaction, teamwork and suggestions.

Employees

Floyd Paton, Chris Lee and Sergio Valle of Metro Rail Traction Power performed above and beyond the call of duty when they placed themselves in harm's way to tend to a person injured in a six-car accident on I-105. The men positioned their trucks to provide a protective barrier against oncoming traffic and turned on emergency lights to warn approaching motorists. When a Metro Security team and CHP arrived, the employees assisted them in controlling traffic and helped clear the lane around the accident scene.

Innovation

Carlos Fabro, Phanh Phongsak, Rudy Rey, Cesar Robeniol, Andi Wang, Jack Wang and Bill Wei of Facilities Engineering demonstrated exceptional innovation in managing the architecture, design and engineering of the new Division 9 Transportation building. The team met many challenges and worked tirelessly to make sure the objectives of the project were met. The building, Metro's first LEED-certified building, will use 50 percent less water and 33 percent less electricity than a conventional building, thus saving Metro money.

Teamwork

Jami Carrington, Cathy Feng, Elizabeth McGowan, Sharleen Yoshimi, Ned Racine and Kevin Woo worked together to launch the Metro Vanpool Program in April 2007. The team's efforts included program development and forms, construction of a data base and a web page. Other aspects included creation of a marketing plan, art and design work, and customer information. The program is a success with an enrollment of nearly 430 vanpools.

Fiscal Responsibility

South Bay Service Sector Division Maintenance Managers Alex DiNuzzo and Ken Matsuno, and Transportation Managers Curley Little and Cindy Karpman were selected for their excellent work in managing their cost center budgets, particularly in the area of division overtime labor. The managers worked well together as a team, sharing creative ideas and work plans.

Suggestions

Johnny Rodriguez, the Body Shop leader at Carson Division 18, took the initiative to make the job easier for mechanics and also to reduce the cost of repairing buses. Most recently, he found a way to save time and money in repairing entrance and exit doors on NABI buses. The repair

makes the doors much stronger and reduces the repair time from several days to about two hours. It also will save between \$1,110 and \$1,500 on the cost of replacing the doors. Reducing the repair cost will benefit not only Division 18, but also the entire agency.

Integrity

Mike Holguin, Tom Lee, John Jaramillo, Rod Pates, John Almeida, Ralph Sbragia, Alan Nakagawa, Vince Ybarra and Angelene Campuzano were responsible for various aspects of construction of the new Division 9 Transportation building, a \$13-million, three-story glass and steel building that also will house the San Gabriel Valley Service Sector staff and the Sheriff's substation. The building is Metro's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building, and has been designed to achieve a "Silver" Certification.