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Metro Celebrates the Holidays All Over

(Dec. 27, 2007) Metro employees celebrated the season in all sorts of ways this year. These are photos from the Fred Jordan Mission toy drive give away, Dec. 16, and the West Hollywood Division 7 holiday party, Dec. 14.



Fred Jordan Mission 64th Annual Christmas Party on Skid Row> The big event of the day was a Disney show featuring Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Disney helped sponsor the event and put on three shows that day for the kids and their families. Fred Jordan volunteers said donations were a little shallow nearing the give-away day, but that last-minute assistance made the day a success.



Metro employees showed up early, Dec. 16, to help give away toys to needy kids for the holiday season. The agency also used the opportunity to give away Metro goodies and keep up promotion of rail and bus safety. Everyone who got a Metro treat got a transit message such as, "Go Metro and use Metro Bus and Metro Rail," or "Don't run after the bus or train."



Toys were divided up into individual gift bags. Each child got one toy, plus a bag of food that contained a frozen chicken, some rice and beans, some canned goods and a juice box. Metro volunteers worked both the toy give-away lines and the agency goody table.



West Hollywood Division 7 threw a holiday party for employees and family, complete with a huge, multi-course dinner, gifts for children and a visit from Santa – who cruised in on his articulated 60-foot sleigh, er, bus. At left, Bus Operator Leonard Santos sits in the traditional position for requesting gifts from Santa at Division 7. It just goes to show that no one is too old to ask Santa for a special present. Hopefully, Santos was good this year....