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Uncle Metro Wants You! Metro Volunteers Looking to Recruit

By JIMMY STROUP

(Jan. 17, 2008) Metro Volunteers are seeking a few good employees to help them staff their transit information booths and spread the word about Metro and the services the agency provides.

"Volunteers will be able to work in their own cities of residence, which makes it convenient for their schedules," said Rich Morallo, community relations manager. "Also, Volunteers can work in short shifts, so work assignments are not a burden."

Volunteers are asked to answer questions and disperse Metro informational materials at public venues in the cities where they live. Volunteers sign up in two-hour increments and choose the events they staff.

"My job becomes more fun when I get to talk to the public about my job," said Jes Godinez, equipment maintenance assistant manager. "I get the chance to answer questions about all sorts of Metro-related stuff."

During the lunch hours on Jan. 22, the Volunteers will be looking to bolster their ranks by promoting their services in the Metro Cafeteria lobby.

Instead of answering questions about the system, the Volunteers will answer questions about what *they* do, hoping to get a few more Volunteers to help keep Metro as public as possible. Metro Volunteers help publicly promote the agency and its core values at mostly weekend events.

"I like to share the opportunity for the public to be heard and not just by us volunteers," said Godinez. "We've got the governance councils and the board meetings. I encourage riders to attend and make their voices heard. We're just telling them how to do it."

For more information on the Metro Volunteers program, visit them on Jan. 22 in the cafeteria at Gateway, or go to the <u>Metro Volunteers</u> page on myMetro.net.

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