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Metro Transit Security was honored by the Los Angeles City Fire Commission for its emergency work and partnership with the fire department. From left: Sgt. Vance Bjorklund, LAPD; Lt. Rivers Jacques, Metro Security; Chief Douglas Barry, LAFD; Deputy Executive Officer Jack Eckles, Metro Security; Lt. James Cook, Metro Security; Chief John Quintanar, LAFD. *Photo courtesy of the Los Angeles City Fire Department*



## Metro Security Honored by City Fire Commission

By JIMMY STROUP

(April 23, 2008) In a public ceremony, April 15, Metro Transit Security was given a letter of appreciation from the Los Angeles City Fire Commission to recognize Metro as a fire department partner and member of the first-responder community.

Two life-saving incidents in October and June 2007 convinced Fire Chief John Quintanar, who works with Metro Corporate Safety in a consulting capacity, to alert the Fire Commission to Metro Transit Security's successes in the past year. Quintanar's request turned into the accolades from the Fire Commission last week.

"The fire department wanted to recognize us as a member of the first-responder community," Metro Transit Security Lt. James Cook said. "We host events for training. We work as partners with the fire department. It's a range of things that, in total, make us members in good standing of the first-responder community."

In October 2007, two Transit Security Officers entered a burning building to rescue people inside. In June 2007, Metro Security officers came across a seven-car pile-up on the Glenn Anderson (105) freeway.

"[The commendation] was based on the goodwill the LA Fire Department and Metro have developed over the years as first responders," Quintanar said. "We're really partners, helping each other in crisis situations."

