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Henry Ho, left, senior safety specialist, coordinates and conducts the SHARP audit. Vijay Khawani, director, Corporate Safety, reviews and monitors the annual audit and sets its criteria.
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Departments/Cost Centers Receive Higher Scores from Safety and Health Audit

- Marked increase in departments/cost centers receiving Tier 2 awards

By NED RACINE, Editor

(Oct. 15, 2008) A significant increase in scores marked the results from the annual SHARP audit, designed to review the implementation of safety programs and policies.

The SHARP (Safety and Health Assessment Review Program) audit focuses on the implementation of the primary program of the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA): the Injury and Illness Prevention Program.

Each year, a team from Corporate Safety conducts the SHARP review, gauging which "site" (a department/cost center) fosters an atmosphere of

Scores from 2008 SHARP audit	
Tier 1 - \$1,500 Award	Tier 2 - \$750 Award
Division 6 Transportation	Division 1 Transportation
Division 8 Transportation	Division 2 Transportation
Division 15 Transportation	Division 3 Transportation
Division 18 Transportation	Division 5 Transportation
Division 2 Maintenance	Division 7 Transportation
Division 9 Maintenance	Division 9 Transportation
Division 10 Maintenance	Division 1 Maintenance
	Division 3 Maintenance
	Division 5 Maintenance
	Division 7 Maintenance
	Division 15 Maintenance
	Division 18 Maintenance
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good safety performance
and develops techniques
and methods to address safety issues.

Each Metro site receives a SHARP score, a maximum of 100 points. Sites that receive a score between 81 and 100 points are classified in one of two tiers:

- Tier 1 sites score between 91 and 100 points.
- Tier 2 sites score between 81 and 90 points.

Metro recognizes high-scoring sites by offering rewards: \$1,500 for Tier 1 winners and \$750 for Tier 2 winners. West Valley Division 8, for example, celebrated its first Tier 1 score by using its \$1,500 reward to purchase additional exercise equipment for the division gym and to raffle off safety-related prizes.

Henry Ho, senior safety specialist, who coordinates and conducts the SHARP audit, reports that 27 percent (7 of 26) of the bus transportation, maintenance, and support services sites received the Tier 1 score, the same number as last year.

There was, however, a significant increase in the sites achieving the Tier 2 score. Fifty-eight percent (15 of 26 sites) achieved this score, compared with 37 percent from last year's assessment, when there were 10 Tier 2 winners.

Though other sites are not classified in either tier, Ho added, they did achieve a rating of "OSHA compliant" in the SHARP assessment.