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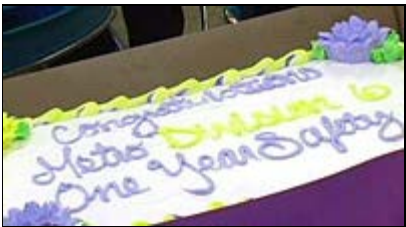
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Laker Girls Pay a Surprise Visit to Venice Division to Celebrate Safety Record

By Rich Morallo
(Dec. 1, 2009) "OK...be safe!"

It's a simple farewell, a calculated reminder to keep everyone focused on safety.

"That's one of my favorite practices, for operators and managers to say to each other upon arriving and leaving the bus yard," said Division 6 Transportation Manager Cheryl Brown. That safety slogan, along with other safety procedures, helped Brown and her staff reach 365 days without lost time due to on-the-job injuries.



On Nov. 20, the division celebrated this safety achievement with ice cream, cake, drawings for prizes including Laker game tickets, and a visit by the Laker Girls at the Metro bus facility in Venice.

"We had a concerted effort to achieve this milestone with everyone



Laker Girls Erin, above, and Erica help celebrate Venice Division's safety record.



contributing," explained Brown. Staff placed photos of safety hazards throughout the division to alert the operators, passed out pre-printed safety messages, posted monthly safety quotes and held safety rap sessions.

After the team reached the 200 day safety marker, Brown treated her team to a safety recognition luncheon. "We also wanted to create a greater incentive to continue staying safe and told the operators they had a chance to get Laker tickets if they extended the safety record to one year," said Brown.

While autographing pictures for the Division 6 staff Laker Girl Erin remarked, "It's important to be cautious and it all helps to prevent bus accidents." Her teammate Erica W. added, "It's great that you're celebrating this practice of keeping safe."