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Security Advances Two Transit Security Officers to Senior Rank



Team Work: Standing, from left, Lt. Rivers Jacques, DEO Project Management Duane Martin, newly advanced Senior Transit Security Officers Michael Blake and Marlon Valdez, Deputy CEO Paul Taylor. Front row, from left, Admin. Analyst Tinh Quach, Lt. James Cook, Sgt. Louis Medrano and Sgt. Major Schaffer. *Photo by Senior Transit Security Officer Shantelle Brown.*

(April 26, 2010) After successfully navigating a round of probing interviews, Transit Security officers Michael Blake and Marlon Valdez were recently promoted to the rank of Senior Transit Security Officer at a recent promotion ceremony at the Metro Gateway headquarters.

Assistant Director of Security Leo Bauer presided over the event.

Valdez has worked as a Metro transit officer for 12 years and Blake has been with the agency for the past two years, said Lt. James Cook.

Cook said the interviewers "were very impressed with the candidates and spoke well of the two men" and their "experience and response to the questions."

The new senior officer's duties will include serving as lead officers and assisting the watch commander with specific supervisory responsibilities, he added.

The Metro Transit Security roster now stands at 91 strong with 14 senior level officers, 65 transit security officers, seven sergeants, and five lieutenants.

-- from Laura Kloth

