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The first Rail Operations graduation class of 2010 gets on board June 25 at graduation ceremonies held at Rail Division 20 on June 25. Pictured, from left, Instructor Luis Canal, Operators Narvolean Jackson, Alejandro Alers, Myra Jackson and Lavell Layton; Instructors Josie Robles, Arnold 'A.J.' Johnson, and Instruction Manager Linda Leone. *Photos by Ricardo Perez.*

## Rail Operations Graduates Four New Train Operators

(June 29, 2010) The June 2010 graduating class of Rail Operations added four train operators to the ranks of some 230 train operators who pilot the Metro Rail system throughout Los Angeles County, transporting an average of 300,000 customers a day.

"You have acquired and achieved the expertise that will contribute a great deal to the quality of service we provide our customers," Roman Alarcon, Executive Director of Transportation, told the group of graduates.

The training consists of an overview of the rail system and concentrated instruction on rules and procedures followed by hands-on yard operation, mainline operation and procedures specific to operation of each rail line, said Linda Leone, rail instruction manager.

In making the transition from bus



Rail Instructor A.J. Johnson welcomes new train operator Alejandro Alers aboard at graduation ceremonies. Below, with graduate Myra Jackson.

to train, the new train operators will be responsible for handling vehicles with more weight, with much faster speeds and many times more passengers.

The instructors encouraged the students to work as a team, helping each other learn standard operating procedures, rail safety, mainline and yard operation and vehicle troubleshooting.



Directed by Rail Instruction Manager Linda Leone, the class was conducted by rail training instructors Luis Canal, Arnold 'A.J.' Johnson, Josie Robles, and Freddie Marlow.

New train operators Narvolean Jackson from Division 10, Myra Jackson from Division 3 and Lavell Layton from Division 1 will join the Blue Line. Alejandro Alers from Division 8 will join the Gold Line crew.