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## **SEPTEMBER BUS OPERATOR OF THE MONTH NOT DEFENSIVE ABOUT ANYTHING - EXCEPT DEFENSIVE DRIVING**

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and the MTA is sure grateful Division 8 Bus Operator Oscar Londono has never driven like a fine-feathered creature, though he has always been a friend to his Line 154 passengers.

The MTA Board of Directors will honor the 21-year veteran operator November 21 for his impeccable driving record - not one avoidable accident - excellent attendance and customer service.

A native of Bogota, Columbia, the resident of Sepulveda said driving defensively is foremost on his mind when transporting passengers from Burbank to Porter Ranch. Numerous letters of recommendation written about him by MTA managers and customers speak volumes of his value to the agency.

"There were several instances recently where my defensive driving skills were severely tested," said Londono, an avid fisherman and camper. "As I was pulling away from the bus-stop, a man suddenly darted in front of the bus. Since this is something I always anticipate, I didn't even come close to him."

Londono and wife, Martha, have three daughters - one attends USC, another California State University, Northridge, and a third is enrolled at Granada Hills High School.

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"Oscar's philosophy of always being willing to help someone really reflects his terrific job performance," said Ellen Levine, Executive Officer for Transit Operations. "His attitude toward his customers and his defensive driving skills make him a true professional."

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