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Metro Gives Spotlight Awards To The Best Of The Best At A Night Of Stars Ceremony

More than 500 Metro Operations employees were honored recently for their achievements over the past five years during a "Night of Stars" ceremony held in the City of Industry.

Metro transportation and maintenance employees who met certain criteria including receiving no disciplinary action, no lost work-time due to injuries and no more than 30 days of absences over the last five years and zero traffic accidents received a special medallion presented by Metro executive staff.

Of those 500 honored, seven were selected as outstanding Metro employees and received the Metro Spotlight Award for going above and beyond the call of duty.

The seven "Spotlight" award winners were nominated by the five Metro Service Sectors, Metro Rail and the Metro Regional Rebuild Center. The winners received a commemorative plaque.

The seven outstanding "Spotlight" award winners are:

- **Metro Bus Operator Douglas Park**, a 17-year Metro veteran providing superior public service to all of his passengers. He is credited with being an excellent operator bringing his great work ethic, dedication, and discipline to his job everyday. **He is a resident of La Habra** and works in the South Bay Service Sector at the Arthur Winston Division in South Los Angeles.
- **Metro Bus Operator Carmine Zeccardi**, a 28 year Metro veteran working in the San Fernando Valley Service Sector. He is credited with having no work related injuries while on the job and only one absence since 1997 and has accumulated the maximum 90 merits for providing excellent service to the public. He currently works out of the Metro Sun Valley Division and is married, has two sons and three grandchildren and **resides in Tujunga**.
- **Metro Mechanic Mack Evans**, a 37-year Metro veteran and one of the most senior mechanics at Metro with an impeccable attendance record having not missed one day of work in the last 37 years. As a mechanic, he has replaced over 1,200 transmissions and has diagnosed and repaired many more. He is always willing to share his experience and knowledge with the newer mechanics and is always willing to lend a helping hand. He works out of Metro Division One in downtown Los Angeles for the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector and **resides in Los Angeles**.
- **Metro Rail Maintenance Specialists Ronnie Burt**, a 6-year Metro veteran working at the Metro Blue Line Maintenance Yard in Long Beach. He is credited with seeing the shop production goals as a challenge and is always willing to assist other employees without directing or prompting. He takes on any task as a Maintenance Specialists with enthusiasm and performs as a leader, exceeding the level of the position with excellence. **He resides in Diamond Bar**.
- **Metro Bus Operator Luduvico Castro** is a 32-year Metro veteran working out of Metro's El Monte Division within the Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector. He is credited with leading by example, is a mentor to fellow employees and also serves as a line instructor. He is a two time Metro Bus Roadeo finalist, having won the Metro 2004 Bus Roadeo competition and will represent Metro at the national finals later this month in Atlanta. **He resides in Fontana**.
- **Metro Bus Operator Andrew Harris** is a 23-year Metro veteran working out of Metro's Venice Division in the Metro Westside/Central Service Sector. He has been acknowledged with many safety awards over the years and has been honored for being an outstanding bus operator. He has established positive interactions with his passengers, as they have praised his professional demeanor and friendly personality. **He resides in Los Angeles**.
- **Metro Mechanic Michael Palmer** is a 25-year Metro veteran working for Metro's Regional Rebuild Center near downtown Los Angeles. He is responsible for repairing buses that have been damaged beyond most mechanics' ability to repair them. He currently mentors a small group of other mechanics that have the same interest in learning all the bus systems. **He resides in Upland**.

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