



April graduates of 32-hour course on safety regulations include Ron Padilla, Gary Felix, Rosendo Jauregui, Salvador Llamas, Joe Dipietra, Jerry Swaim, Brent Devol, and Bill Delosa

Operations Maintenance Supervisors First to Take 32-Hour Safety Course

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(April 11) Operations maintenance supervisors are leading the way in completing a 32-hour course on safety regulations, workplace safety rules and practices. Begun in January, the course is taught by MTA Systems Safety and Security instructors.

Changes in federal OSHA safety regulations in the past few years have placed new responsibilities on the shoulders of MTA supervisors. In an attempt to keep pace with these changes, Richard Hunt of Operations Maintenance has agreed with Paul Lennon of the Office of System Safety and Security that all maintenance supervisors should attend the safety course.

30 supervisors completed course

Taught on four successive Wednesdays, the course prepares supervisors to be safety trainers for their crews and to increase general safety awareness in the workplace. To date, 30 Operations maintenance supervisors have completed the course.

The curriculum covers a broad spectrum of safety issues and includes technical OSHA orders, legal interpretations, required safe work practices, typical failures resulting in injuries, injury statistics, and safety meeting topics. Trainers from Operations Safety, Occupational Environmental, Health and Safety, and Construction Safety conduct instruction in their particular specialties.

Specific MTA safety issues

Federal OSHA has produced a General Industry Safety Course that sets a national standard for supervisor safety training. The course taught by System Safety and Security follows the federal model, but includes safety issues specific to the MTA.

Some of the 26 areas covered during the course are OSHA laws and record keeping, electrical hazards, hazardous chemical spill protocols, ergonomic hazards and common work related health issues, blood-borne diseases, hearing, sight, and body protection, machine guarding, tool safety and fire protection.

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