

MTA's Top Operators, Maintenance Employees to be Honored During 'A Night of Stars'



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(Feb. 25, 2003) MTA will honor its most exemplary frontline employees, March 1, during "A Night of Stars" – an event highlighting the accomplishments of almost 200 Metro bus and train operators and maintenance personnel.

With the historic cruise ship Queen Mary as the backdrop, the annual awards banquet will celebrate those who contribute to MTA's performance as one of the nation's leading transit properties.



To qualify for the 2002 Metro Gold Star Award for the period of July 1, 1997 to June 30, 2002, the operators and maintenance employees had to meet stiff criteria. They could have no lost work time injuries, no disciplinary actions and no more than 30 days absent.

In addition, Metro bus and rail operators could have zero preventable traffic collisions and no more than three customer complaints over the five-year period.

Select few to be honored

The stringent standards mean that only a very small percentage of division employees qualify for the award. The 72 operators represent only 1.6 percent of the 4,400 employed by MTA. The 111 mechanics and service attendants who qualify represent only 5.5 percent of MTA's 2,000

maintenance employees.

Among the many to be honored are 96-year-old Arthur Winston, a service attendant leader at the Metro South Bay division that bears his name, and Tu Phan, a member of the two-man Metro Rail team that won the American Public Transit Association's 2002 International Rail Roadeo in Baltimore.



Among the speakers at the event will be MTA Board Chairman Hal Bernson, CEO Roger Snoble and Deputy CEO John Catoe. The general managers will introduce the employees from their sectors.

Each honoree will receive a specially designed lapel pin, suitable for wearing on the uniform, and a 2002 Metro Gold Star Award medallion.

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