

Employees forge a pathway across Cesar Chavez Avenue in mid-morning emergency evacuation drill.



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### **Not a Record, But a Good Building Evacuation Drill**

(Sept. 3, 2003) 14 to 15 minutes. Not a record, but a decent time for a building evacuation, according to General Services Director Brian Soto.

An evacuation drill held at MTA Headquarters a year after the 9/11 tragedy was accomplished in 12 minutes, Soto said.

Wednesday morning's drill saw employees winding down emergency stairwells and pouring out of the 25-story structure in an orderly fashion. Except for one incident involving an asthma attack, no other problems cropped up.

Sheriff's deputies and MTA Security officers held traffic at the intersection of Cesar Chavez and Vignes so the crowds could cross the street to the assembly point in the Location 31 parking lot.

"It's very good to get a building this size cleared in 15 minutes," said Soto. "It was a good effort on everybody's part."

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Floor wardens Kevin Tvedt and Sandra Gonzalez check the 24th floor roster while Norm Stabeck signals employees to the rally point.

