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Sheriff's Reserve Deputy Lou Ferrigno lent his screen presence to a public service announcement reminding pedestrians about the importance of safety around trains.



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'Green' Superhero Asks Pedestrians to Pay Attention to Trains

By JIMMY STROUP

(Feb. 12, 2008) The Transit Services Bureau (TSB) spent Saturday making a public service announcement (PSA) emphasizing the importance of pedestrian safety around trains. TSB called on a former green television star to make its point.

Sheriff's Reserve Deputy Lou Ferrigno – best known for his portrayal of the *Incredible Hulk* on the popular television series in the 1970s and for his bodybuilding titles – was the voice of the PSA. Metro Rail Safety Education staff members hope to use the PSA to increase safety.

"This PSA is basically about saving people's lives," Ferrigno said. "To make them more aware of the railroad and the transit system and to make them more attentive." In the PSA he warned that no superhero could stop a train from hurting those who fail to pay



Lou Ferrigno, a former Mr. Universe and a star of the 1970s television show *The Incredible Hulk*, has been an LASD Reserve deputy for two years.

attention when trains are around.

“The last two fatalities we had on the Blue Line were pedestrians,” said TSB Lt. Jenny Bethune, who watched the photography of the

PSA. “People in a hurry, not paying attention. Hopefully this will help them remember to slow down and look around.”

Ferrigno became an LASD Reserve deputy in 2005. His father was a police lieutenant in New York. His involvement with the Sheriff's Department is the fulfillment of a lifetime ambition, he said.

“It’s made me a better person,” he said. “It’s made me reach out to help other people, and that’s a terrific feeling, let me tell you.”