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ARLETA RESIDENT CHOSEN AS MTA BUS OPERATOR OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

Salvador Flores, 51, an Arleta resident who began driving MTA buses in the San Fernando Valley in 1974 and has been doing it ever since, has been chosen as the MTA's Operator of the Month for September.

"Operator Flores's record reflects his dedication to his responsibility as a public servant," said Arthur Leahy, MTA's executive officer for operations. "In his 19 years of service, he has achieved a work record worthy of admiration by all his peers." Flores has not had any absences, missouts, chargeable accidents or rule violations for several years.

Flores, who drives Line 228 (Coldwater Canyon Ave.-Sheldon St.-Lankershim Blvd.-Tujunga Ave.), believes he has driven all of the approximately 20 lines that operate out of MTA's Division 15 in Sun Valley during his tenure. "When I come back to a line, a lot of people say they're glad to see me back," Flores says. "That's a nice feeling."

In his spare time, Flores enjoys movies, reading, fishing and traveling. He and his wife, Leonor, have been married 26 years. They have son, Gabriel, 21, and a daughter, Alejandra, 16."

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