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MTA WINS SEVEN NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL AWARDS

The MTA swept the top honors in its category for fewest accidents on the road and fewest injuries to employees at the annual awards of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council.

The MTA won seven awards for Fleet Traffic Safety in the Motor Coach Transit category and for worker safety in the Public Transit (non-commercial) category.

The first place for safety on the road, with fewest accidents, went to the bus lines operated from MTA Division 9, serving the El Monte area. Second place went to MTA Division 12 in Long Beach, and MTA Division 18 in the South Bay area tied for third place with MTA's Division 15 in Sun Valley.

For its worker safety record, MTA's Regional Rebuild Center for maintenance took first place. Bus operators from Division 15 in Sun Valley placed second. Bus operators from Division 3 in Cypress Park won third place honors.

"Safety is our first priority in serving the public," said MTA Chief Executive Officer Joseph Drew. "We are pleased to receive this recognition for the constant, on-going efforts we are making to provide the greater Los Angeles community with safe mass transit."

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