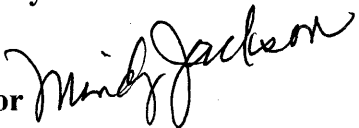


AGENDA ITEM 7 A
INFORMATION ITEM

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 29, 2008

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
Transit Advisory Committee

FROM: Mindy Jackson, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Acknowledgement of the October 2, 2008 Presentation of Safe Driving Awards to El Dorado County Transit Authority Transit Drivers for Fiscal Year 2007/08

REQUESTED ACTION:
BY MOTION,

No action. Information only.

BACKGROUND

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) is presented twenty-two (22) safe driving awards to Transit Drivers. These outstanding Transit Drivers met the criteria for the Safe Driving Award program:

“On a yearly or 2,000 hour basis, safe driving awards are presented to eligible drivers who were not involved in on-the-job moving violations or chargeable accidents.”

DISCUSSION

Exceptional driving skill is required of Transit Drivers who provide safe transportation for members of the general public; seniors; persons with disabilities and students on public routes within and between the communities of the County of El Dorado; City of Placerville; Sacramento County; City of Folsom and City of Sacramento. Safe driving awards provide an opportunity to acknowledge safe driving and passenger transport on paved, unpaved and gravel roads; state highways and the urban downtown Sacramento corridor.

El Dorado Transit drivers are certified and licensed to operate all fleet vehicles including mini-vans; 16-22 passenger buses and 37-45 passenger diesel-powered commuter coaches with air brakes. These professional drivers are trained on all routes and can successfully transition from commuter routes to local routes as needed. El Dorado Transit operates local fixed route or community bus service; Dial-A-Ride (curb-to-curb); SAC-MED (non-emergency transportation); commuter service to downtown Sacramento and commuter service to the light rail station in Folsom.

During fiscal year (FY) 2007/08 El Dorado Transit drivers provided 411,752 passenger trips, clocked 1,140,360 miles of revenue service and 51,972 in-service driving hours.

El Dorado Transit drivers do more than just drive safely. The drivers are safe, friendly and provide great customer service. The highest number of comments received from the public compliment the drivers.

El Dorado Transit management is proud of the caliber of the all Transit Drivers and recognized the following individuals with Safe Driving Awards on October 2, 2008:

1 Year Safe Driving

Ed Garcia
Melissa Koss
Gladys Neely
David Nelson
Evelyn Parsley
Suzette (Suzie) Saulter
Chris Stoeckle

2 Year Safe Driving

Bradford (Brad) Goode
James (Jim) Humphries
Michael (Mike) Nash
Marla Sisneros
Judy Sullivan

4 Year Safe Driving

Beverly (Bev) Davenport
Robert (Bob) Nobriga

5 Year Safe Driving

David Lawrence
Cindy Schmitt

6 Year Safe Driving

Albert French

7 Year Safe Driving

Patricia (Trish) Jones-Barber

8 Year Safe Driving

Carole Gatchet
Jayson Ravens

12 Year Safe Driving

Arthur (Art) Harms

16 Year Safe Driving

Linda Forni