



Keeping Track

PHL recently held its annual Safety Banquet. The event was held at Simon's Banquet Center in San Pedro and drew a record turnout of about 150 PHL employees and family members. The annual banquet provides both time to celebrate PHL's success in the previous year, and to renew our individual commitments to injury and accident prevention in the year ahead. Congratulations to the following employees who received the highest longevity awards for working injury-free at PHL: Five Year



Award - Monte Chandler, Ozzie Espana, Rudy Washington, Sergio Beltran, and Bobby Newman; Ten Year Award - Paul Arispe, Jeff Robinson, Keefe Dashiell, Lyle Gibson, Armando Meza, Eubaldo Contreras, Robert Burris, Mo Robles, and Jose Rodriguez. Special guests included Bill Hannah, BLET General Chairman and Tom Leopold, Anacostia Director of Safety.

February 15, 2009 marks PHL's eleventh birthday as a company. Since our start-up on a rainy weekend in 1998, we have grown from thirty-four employees supporting five crew starts per day to over 140 employees and (even in the current economic climate) twenty-nine crew starts per day. As we celebrate this milestone, I thank everyone for their efforts in making PHL a success, and urge everyone to keep their focus on safety and customer service when starting work each day.

Andrew Fox
President

Promotions and Awards

Congratulations to the following employees who have been promoted: Marlon Taylor from Assistant Trainmaster to Trainmaster; Gilbert Williams from Locomotive Engineer to Assistant Trainmaster; Jeff Montgomery and Ben Ascencio from Locomotive Engineer to Manager of RCL Training; Jose Covarrubias, Donovan Davila, Michael Fuentes, Guerra Guillermo, Shawn Hill, Roderick Johnson, Cipriano Lopez, Richard Mendoza, Keith Reed, Stacey Russell, and Stuart Spears from Assistant Engineer to Locomotive Engineer. Also, congratulations to the following employees for receiving an "Eagle Eye" award: James Connolly, Craig Denny, Eric Fernandez, Mike Fuentes, Richard Green, David Morn, Johnny Serrano, and Shawn Slade. The Eagle Eye program provides cash awards to employees who through extraordinary effort detect track or equipment conditions that might cause an incident if not corrected.



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ON LINE: SA Recycling

SA Recycling is unique among PHL customers by virtue of having two separate rail-served facilities on line. Created as a 2007 joint venture of Sims Group, Ltd and Adams Steel LLC, SA Recycling now operates two scrap yards on Terminal Island, one in the Port of Los Angeles and one in the Port of Long Beach. These yards are part of a network of 40 facilities in the Southwestern United States devoted to the collection and sale of ferrous and nonferrous scrap metal. Both feature ship loading facilities and the Port of LA facility includes a shredder to produce ferrous scrap in the form preferred by steel mills. In terms of impact on the environment, SA Recycling is quite possibly the “greenest” company served by PHL, diverting millions of tons of scrap away from landfills each year and also saving energy and cutting greenhouse gas emissions, since reprocessing scrap into new metal saves large amounts of energy compared to mining and refining ores. Because rail transportation achieves high fuel efficiency and low emissions per ton of scrap material transported, PHL and connecting partners BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad also contribute significantly to this recycling success story.

PHL Hosts TTX Inspection Tour

PHL recently hosted an inspection tour of harbor rail facilities for railroad officials. In January, the TTX Company Government Affairs Department and officials from BNSF Railway traveled from Terminal Island to Hobart Yard via the Alameda Corridor. TTX Company ac-



quires and manages most of the intermodal car fleet used in North America, and the January trip gave the TTX visitors the opportunity to view current operations supporting the San Pedro Bay port complex. PHL provided the locomotive and railcar; BNSF provided the crew.

2009 Improvement Projects

Pacific Harbor Line will be working on several rail improvement projects during 2009. Some of these projects include: replacing jointed rail with welded rail at the Wilmington Wye; replacing lighter weight rail with heavier rail on the Gaffey St. Lead; renewing road crossings at Pier A Way in Long Beach and at Terminal Way on Terminal Island.

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