

They Stuck to It

By Bev Haro, Club Counselor

■ **Employees are recognized for helping implement the street sign decal project highlighted in Alive! in May.**

Those DOT employees who agreed to take on the special street sign sticker replacement program—and who made it a success—were recognized for their good work at a ceremony July 21 at the Western District Office Building.

Jimmy Price, Chief of Bureau of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control, lead the recognition event.

As featured in the May issue of Alive!, the DOT parking enforcement division had a big problem, and solved it in a unique way. More than 170,000 stickers affixed to parking regulation signs in the City had deteriorated, faded or just plain fell off their signs, making them ineffective at best or downright misleading at worst. The division was working on a solution that normally would have taken four years to complete.

But a television investigation, even though it was incorrect in stating that officers were writing bad tickets (it was the signs that were bad), accelerated the timetable.

That's when DOT Deputy Chief Rudy Carrasco changed the rules—City employees cooperated with unions and vendors to solve this problem once and for all, not in four years but in six weeks.

Traffic officers and street cleaners agreed to change their normal job duties and focus instead on replacing the bad street signs.

"A number of DOT staff members voluntarily took on duties and tasks beyond their job descriptions to ensure the success of this effort," said Wayne Tanda, GM of DOT. "The actions of DOT staff and the unions are simply extraordinary. And so is the level of cooperation and support of the Bureau of Street Services, lead by its Director, Bill Robertson. This is a great example of how focusing on an outcome can shape our processes to get things done, versus letting existing processes dictate what cannot get done."

"We commend you from the bottom of our hearts...it was a noble effort by all involved," said Bureau of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Chief Jimmy L. Price.



Recognized officers enjoy the great food made and served by the sergeants and other upper management staff.



From left: Officer Georgina Tellechea, 18 years; and Officer Alicia Martinez, 16 years.



Officers enjoying their recognition.



From left: Officer II Isaac Williams, 7.5 years; and Officer 2 Edwin Johnson, 9 years.



From left: Officer Wotzevely Perez, 8 years; and Officer Nina Craig, 16 years.



From left: Officer Jones, 9 years, and Chris Price, 9 years.



Officer 2 Dwight Brown, 7 years.



Officer II Tony Yancy, 8 years.



Sgt John Curtin, 18 years.



Medgar Parrish: Traffic Officer II, 4 years.



Officer II, Aaron Gray, 8 years.



Bureau of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Chief Jimmy L. Price.



From left: Officer Mark Corona, 9 years; Instructor Daryl Salangron, 17 years; Sgt. Elizabeth Quesada, 18 years; and Officer Frances Rivera, 17 years.



Officer II Charles Nero, 6 years.



Officer Ira Starks, 7 years.



Training Officer Larry Randolph, 14.5 years.



Sgt. Raul Mazariego, 14.5 years, "barbecue master."



Sgt. Gerald Anderson, 17 years, "barbecue master."



Training Officer Morris, 17 years.



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From left: Officer Ray Chacon, 16 years; and Sgt. Raul Mazariego, 14.5 years.



Back row, from left: Officer II Demarco Green, 8 years; and Officer II Manuel Hernandez, 6 years. Front: Officer Monique Browne, 14 years; and Officer II Yolanda English, 9 years.




From left: Officer Brandi McCorry, 15 years; and Officer Sharon Carr, 16 years. Seated: Officer II Michelle Jackson, 14.5 years.



Officer Price getting ready to get his "12th plate."



From left: Officer II Cornelia Rozier, 25.5 years; and Officer II Korla Hobbs, 18 years.



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