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SunLine Transit Agency Subscribes to “Safety Rules are Your Best Tools” Theme as Part of National Safety Month

A Staff Contest Generated the Winning Slogan as the Agency Highlights a Number of Safety Initiatives Essential to Operations

(Thousand Palms) – June is National Safety Month, and SunLine Transit Agency has taken a number of steps to ensure safety is a top priority throughout its operations. Staff participated in a contest to promote safety in the workplace, from which a new slogan emerged: Safety Rules are Your Best Tools – submitted by Ruby Galvan, SunLine’s Communications Coordinator. It will be used throughout the year.

In addition to the new slogan, SunLine is committed to safety initiatives agencywide. This includes partnering with SafeHouse of the Desert to provide free bus transportation to SafeHouse facilities for teens in need of a safe place.

SunLine also provides water to employees who work outside in the summer months. In May and June before it gets too hot, the Maintenance Department does a yearly inspection on the air conditioning systems of all transit vehicles to ensure they are working properly.

“Safety is emphasized throughout all aspects of SunLine Transit Agency in order to implement a safety-conscious culture,” said Glenn Miller, Board Chair of SunLine Transit Agency. “From safety efforts out on the roads to safety standards that have been established for our administrative offices, it is a common theme that is part of everything we do which is why it is factored into multiple sections of our Strategic Plan.”

Keeping employees safe and secure is a top priority, as well. SunLine recently acquired a restraining order against former employees who were using social media to threaten and harass other SunLine employees.

The National Safety Council launched the National Safety Month initiative in 1996 to create awareness and prevention of leading safety and health risks that cause injury and death.

For more information, visit SunLine.org.

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About SunLine Transit Agency

SunLine provides public transit services in California's Coachella Valley spanning 1,120 mile-service area and carrying approximately 4.2 million riders. It has pioneered zero-emission bus deployments, particularly for hydrogen fuel cell electric buses (FCEB). In 1993, SunLine's Board adopted a voluntary policy of pursuing alternative fuel solutions that provide the lowest possible emissions, which led to SunLine becoming the first transit agency in the state to convert its entire fleet to compressed natural gas (CNG). SunLine is committed to transitioning its entire bus fleet to zero-emission by 2035. SunLine Refueled is a multi-tiered initiative that brings exciting new transportation alternatives to the Coachella Valley. To learn more about SunLine Transit Agency's services and policies, go to SunLine.org.

