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MTA New York City Transit's Staten Island Bus Depots Earn High Marks in Air Conditioning Survey

One of the most complicated parts on a modern bus is the climate-control system. It takes a high level of talent and dedication to maintain one of these systems to the satisfaction of our customers who depend on it each day for their comfort and to the satisfaction of transit management.

MTA New York City Transit uses a quarterly survey to rate the abilities of the Department of Buses' maintenance forces to provide a comfortable temperature inside of our buses. NYC Transit President Howard H. Roberts, Jr. praised the Department of Buses for overall improvement in this year's survey, but singled out Staten Island for special praise. "I want to congratulate everyone for the general improvement in bus cooling that your hard work has achieved this year," said President Roberts. "Our customers depend on us for a lot of things not the least of which is the comfort of their trip." The ratings are based on a maximum temperature of 78 degrees onboard the bus. The most recent survey demonstrated the hard work put forth by the employees of Staten Island's Yukon and Castleton Depots, both of which showed impressive gains over the previous survey.

"We recognize that the older buses are more difficult to cool," said Joseph Smith, Senior Vice President, Department of Buses. "Yukon and Castleton Depots had difficulties last year. This year, however, we have seen an amazing turnaround, as depots did an absolutely fabulous job," Smith added.

Employees at the two depots were acknowledged for their work at the Air Conditioning Temperature Survey Awards Ceremony held on Friday, September 26th at NYC Transit headquarters. The awards were handed out by President Roberts.

Photos:



From left to right John Hein, Exec. VP, Regional Bus Operations; Vito Sicolo, Assistant General Manager – Yukon Depot; Richard De Vito, SI General Manager; Butch Miller, Genl Supt., Maintenance, Yukon Depot; and Howard H. Roberts, Jr., Pres, MTA NYC Transit



Picture #62 from left to right Joe Smith, Vito Sicolo, Richard DeVito and Butch Miller, and Roberts



Picture #75 John Hein, Richard De Vito, Louis Battaglia, AGM Castleton Depot; and John Dhuman, Genl Supt. Maintenance – Castleton Depot, and Roberts