

Southwest Seventh DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HEADQUARTERS BUILDINGS

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EMERGENCY PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM BEING INSTALLED IN THREE DOT HEADQUARTERS BUILDINGS

Recently a contractor began installing a public address system in the DOT Headquarters Buildings. When work is completed about the end of the year, the three principal DOT Headquarters Buildings (DOT, 10A, BzPt) will have a system which will transmit voice messages to all public corridor locations in each building from a ground floor control center. Transmission through any or all of the three building systems from a central control point will also be possible.

These public address systems are intended to supplement the regular building alarm systems. In case of false alarms or malfunctions of the alarm system, instructions would be given over the public address system. If the alarm system should fail or be temporarily shut-down, the public address system would be used as a backup alarm system. During building evacuation, the public address system could be used to inform occupants of the nature of the emergency, and to order special evacuation routes or procedures necessary because of blocked exits, etc.

The system has several unique features. If parts of the circuits were destroyed during a major building fire, the undamaged parts would still operate. The system will be capable of operating for one hour on batteries in case of power failure. It is a one-way announcing system, not a two-way intercom. Protection against use of the speakers for surreptitious eavesdropping is provided. Coverage of public corridor, lobby and garage areas will be within specified sound level ranges (usually 50 to 100 decibels); messages will only be audible in office areas near the speakers or those with doors open to the corridor.

CLOTHING FOR KIDS DRIVE

The DOT drive to collect and distribute good used clothing for school children has proved very productive. A total of 117 bags of clothing were collected by Friday, November 23. DOT employees can be proud of such enthusiastic response. The drive will continue through Friday, December 14, so anyone who has not already done so may still help a child to attend school suitably clothed.

BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM

The Department of Transportation, as a whole, reached 88% of its quota of blood donations in FY-73. However, three operating administrations and the NTSB contributed well over their goal for the year. This takes real effort. In a letter to Secretary Brinegar, the Chairman of the D. C. Chapter, American Red Cross, expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the DOT blood donors who have given so generously and to the DOT blood recruiters who have worked so hard. Especially noteworthy are the efforts of Mrs. Betty Martin of the Federal Aviation Administration; Mrs. Dorine Trunnel of the Federal Highway Administration; Mr. Milton L. Brooks of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration; and Mr. Robert A. Burchard and Mrs. Lois E. Ryan of the National Transportation Safety Board. A Red Cross Certificate of appreciation was presented to the FAA, FHWA, UMTA, and NTSB on November 2, 1973.

We hope that employees of the Office of the Secretary, U. S. Coast Guard, Federal Railroad Administration and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will be challenged by the accomplishments of their fellow employees and will help to assure that the Department meets or exceeds its goal for FY-74.

Don't forget, a bloodmobile will be visiting the DOT Headquarters Building on December 5, 1973. Seventy-five volunteer blood donors are needed: Call your blood donor program recruiter for an appointment now. If you don't know your coordinator, please call Mrs. Phillips on extension 62164.

DO YOUR PART--CUT DOWN ON FUEL CONSUMPTION

Are all the window heating/cooling units in your area turned off? Are any unnecessary lights burning?

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

Shuttle bus service for DOT employees is now provided exclusively by DOT buses. The DOD service has been discontinued. The schedule and bus stops are listed below.

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- 2. Southside of E at Sixth.
- 3. At V St entrance to bldg.
- 5. Northside of School St. at 6th.
- 6. Northside of C St at rear entrance to FOB-10A.