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## **Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Graduates Largest Minority Class of Engineers**

*60% minority graduating class continues company's commitment to diversity*

**(Boston, MA)** – Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad (MBCR) today awarded Class 1 Passenger Engineers certification to a class of ten, including five African-Americans and one Asian-American. This is the company's fourth class of Locomotive Engineers that will operate commuter rail trains throughout Eastern Massachusetts.

The new engineers (listed below) were formally inducted on Tuesday, June 2nd, during a ceremony at South Station in Boston. Massachusetts Transportation Secretary **James A. Aloisi**, **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority General Manager Daniel A. Grabauskas**, and **MBCR General Manager Richard Davey** were featured speakers at the event.

"Safe and reliable service is MBCR's top priority," said Richard A. Davey, General Manager of MBCR. "After a year of rigorous training and hard work, I'm confident these graduating engineers are equipped with the skills needed to help us provide safe and reliable service to our passengers on a daily basis."

MBCR's Locomotive Engineer Training Program is among the most challenging in the country. Through their training, the new graduates earned Class I Passenger Engineers certification, the highest Locomotive Engineer certification attainable under federal law.

Commenting on MBCR's aggressive training program, MBTA General Manager Dan Grabauskas said, "We are proud to partner with MBCR, an organization that invests in their workforce. Promoting a well-trained, professional workforce demonstrates MBCR's commitment to both their employees and the thousands of customers who rely on commuter rail service."

To become a Locomotive Engineer, graduates underwent a rigorous year-long training program, including:

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### Phase I: 10 weeks of classroom training

- Airbrake Systems
- Diesel Engine Theory and Trouble-Shooting
- Electrical Systems
- Safety
- Federal Law
- Train Handling Theory
- Railroad Operating Rules.

### Phase II: Field Training

- Extensive instruction from certified Instructor Engineers and Supervisors of Locomotive Engineers.
- Qualification tests on the physical characteristics of the entire commuter rail territory.
- Certification in all classes of train service.

### MBCR Fourth Locomotive Engineer Class

Mark Woods, Somerville, MA  
John Smith, Templeton, MA  
Shane Percival, Andover, MA  
Sean Mahoney, Peabody, MA  
Michelle Smith, Brockton, MA  
Ronald Reade, Haverhill, MA  
Curtis Williams, Boston (Dorchester) MA  
Hensley Jean, Randolph, MA  
Manto Chan, Malden, MA  
Mark McLaughlin, Kingston, NH

### About MBCR

Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company, LLC (MBCR) is a partnership of Veolia Transportation North America, Inc., the transportation division of Veolia Environment (Europe's largest passenger transportation company); Bombardier Transportation, the world's leader in manufacturing and maintenance of passenger rail vehicles; and Alternate Concepts, a Boston-based transportation operations and consulting firm with expertise in the design, operation and maintenance of rail transit systems. MBCR operates and maintains the fifth largest regional rail network in the United States under a contract with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority. MBCR provides service to 40 million passengers a year in nearly 80 cities and towns in Massachusetts, as well as Providence, RI.

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