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STREET CREW TRIUMPHS AGAIN AT STATE RODEO

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There's no bareback riding; horse power has nothing to do with equines. And when you talk about steer, you're probably referring to the directional mechanism on the equipment. But the atmosphere and competitive juices are reminiscent of the Wild West when municipal public works crews get together to test their skills.

The Maintenance Superintendents Association's 2007 Tom Sheetz Memorial Equipment Rodeo was held in Mesa, Arizona, on March 15, and Oro Valley once again walked away with top honors.

Competing against such larger cities as Phoenix, Tempe, Chandler, Mesa, Yuma, Goodyear and Gilbert, Oro Valley barely missed being declared the "Best of the Best" award winner. Phoenix won by virtue of having more first place wins.

A record number of 276 equipment operators participated this year, making it the most challenging competition ever. Grader operator Mike Stephens took 1st place for the third year in a row, while Carlos Martinez tied for Master Equipment Operator.

Second place winners were Alfonso Arvayo on dump truck and Raymond Rodriquez in striping. Fernando Romero missed 1st place in the forklift competition by a mere .22 of a second.

“We’re fortunate to have such talented personnel,” says Streets Superintendent Lory Warren, the team’s coach. “By cross-training our operators, we’re always ready to tackle any street issues in Oro Valley, and I think our performance in the rodeo shows that.”

The Maintenance Superintendents Association is supported by a membership comprised of Mid Management Municipal, County, State and Special District employees who are responsible for, and dedicated to the cost effective maintenance of the Public infrastructure.

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