

## Office of Safety and Security Transit Security Newsletter

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### IACP Sponsored Training

A cooperative effort by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), D. C. Metro Transit Police, and several private companies has produced a 2-day course on counter-terrorism and responding to high threat events for law enforcement personnel. The course, which is being offered across the country, is aimed at preparing officers and officials of local police departments to prevent and/or respond to threats of explosives and other weapons of mass destruction, and is geared to local agencies, ranging from urban to rural.

This program addresses the needs of those expected to respond to high-threat incidents, from the beat cop to the chief of police, through prevention and mitigation. However, in instances where these goals are not met, it offers solid, reasonable methods and tactics for detecting terrorist activities. It highlights vulnerability recognition, target hardening, disruptions, equipment procurement, interagency agreements, and establishing standard operating procedures for incident response to high threat events. It makes use of a proven mechanism whereby trainees study targets within their own areas of responsibility that are vulnerable to attack and plan appropriate responses.

The training discusses nuclear, chemical, and biological agents, their signs and symptoms, and the dangers they present. It provides the street cop and the commander with tools necessary to prevent or disrupt an attack, assess the situation rapidly and correctly in order to survive the incident, perform normal law enforcement responsibilities (i.e., effect an arrest, preserve the crime scene, collect evidence) in an abnormal environment, communicate internally and with other organizations (EMS, fire, etc.), and provide maximum aid to victims.

Information on this training is available from Robert Delcore, Training Manager, International Association of Chiefs of Police (703, 836-6767).

### Information Exchange

Under Nunn-Lugar II, a bill to provide Federal money to train local and state first responders to weapons of mass destruction, the Department of Defense, FBI, and FEMA will provide training in 27 metropolitan areas. Training includes emergency response training, developing a rapid response team, preparedness testing and evaluation, developing and maintaining an inventory of equipment and assets, and procurement of equipment to interdict movement of weapons of mass destruction. The 27 areas are: Denver (this was the initial site and training was completed prior to the Summit of the Eight, June 20-22, 1997), Anchorage, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Columbus (OH), Dallas, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, New York City, Phoenix, Philadelphia, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose (CA), Seattle, and Washington, DC. For further information, contact Douglas Callen, Associate Director for Intelligence, Department of Transportation Office of Intelligence Security, at 202, 366-6528.

The Metro-Dade Transit Agency has just completed a research project to identify a cross-section of coatings currently available that increase graffiti resistance and make removal easier. For further information contact Larry G. Smitley or Joseph D. Abbas of ICF Kaiser at 305, 592-4800. The report, *Metro-Dade Graffiti Prevention Project* is available through the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161 (703, 487-4650).

**Best Practices/Lessons Learned.** None to report.

**Drills.** None to report.

### Meetings

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| 7/8-10   | Americas' Security Expo '97, Miami Beach, FL, (708, 954-3050)  |
| 8/3-5    | Fraternal Order of Police National Conference, Orlando, FL (800, 451-2711)   |
| 8//4-7   | Surveillance Expo '97, McLean, VA (703, 450-2200)  |
| 8/26-29  | International Security Conference and Expo East 1997, New York, NY (203, 840-56002)  |
| 9/21-25  | American Public Transit Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (202, 898-4000)  |
| 10/1-3   | Counter-Terrorism Tactical and Security Equipment Exhibition and Seminar, Atlanta, GA (703, 527-8000)  |
| 10/21-23 | Security Canada Central '97, Toronto, Ontario (905, 513-0622)  |
| 10/25-30 | International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Convention, Orlando, FL (703, 836-6767)   |
| 11/2-4   | Security Industry Forum, Palm Beach, FL (703, 683-2075)  |
| 11/10-11 | Safe Public Transport, Safe Cities: Perception, Concepts, Measures, Experience, Berlin, Germany, International Union of Public Transport (32 2 673 6200) |
| 11/10-12 | High-Tech Security Expo and Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL (703, 683-2075)  |

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- 7/24-25 Counter Terrorism and High Threat Operations-- Chemical, Biological and Related Threats for Public Safety Personnel, Chantilly, VA, International Association of Chiefs of Police/Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, (800, 843-4227, ext. 234)
- 7/28-8/1 Transit System Security, St. Louis, MO, Transportation Safety Institute/Federal Transit Administration (405, 954-3682)
- 8/13 Public Safety Response to Terrorism, Roanoke, VA (apply by 7/8/97), Virginia Department of Emergency Services (804, 674-2510)
- 9/22-26 Transit System Security, Richland, WA, Federal Transit Administration/Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682)

### • Noteworthy Events

At its 11th Annual Awards Ceremony on May 17, New Jersey Port Authority Transit Corporation Police honored members of the police force and other civilians and police officers who contributed to the safety and security of the transit system during the past year. Det. Jose Ortiz received a Certificate of Valor; Cpl. Michael Yip and Ptl. Jeffery Springer received the Chief of Police Award; receiving Commendations of Merit were Sgt. Stephen McCarron, Det. Jose Ortiz, Ptl. Joseph Antinucci, Ptl. Dawn Quinton, Ptl. Jeffery Springer, Ptl. Shawn Walters, and Cpl. Michael Yip; Unit Citations were awarded to Det. Raymond Paterno, Ptl. James Fischer, Ptl. Jeffrey Trowbridge, Ptl. Jeffery Springer, Cpl. Michael Yip, Lt. Raymond Meany, Sgt. Michael Fluharty, and Det. Langdon Sills; and Letters of Commendation were awarded to Lt. Allan Tittermary, Sgt. Michael Crowther, Sgt. Stephen McCarron, Det. Raymond Paterno, Cpl. Robert Schwartz, Cpl. Jeffrey Venella, Cpl. Michael Yip, Det. Jose Ortiz, Det. Langdon Sills, Ptl. Joseph Douglass, Ptl. Richard Elder, Ptl. James Fischer, Ptl. Charles Osmundson, Ptl. Robert Rice, Ptl. Jeffery Springer, Ptl. Daniel Stark, and PATCO Supervisor Fred Labroschiano. Also, Ptl. Jeffery Springer received special recognition from the Mt. Laurel Police Officers Association, and officers from the Philadelphia Police Department, SEPTA, and the Camden and Woodlynne Police Departments received Letters of Commendation for their valuable assistance. For further information, contact Lt. Raymond Meany (609, 963-7990).

### Newly Available Reports

*Improving Transit Security, Synthesis of Transit Practice No. 21*, Jerome A. Needle and Renée M. Cobb, J.D., available from the Transportation Research Board, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20418, or through the Internet at <http://www.nas.edu/trb/index.html>.

*Responding to Vandalism of Transit Bus and Rail Vehicle Passenger Windows*, Research Results Digest, July 1996, Number 9, available from the Transportation Research Board, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20418.

*Analysis of Feeling of Security on Public Transit Among Residents of Small Urban Areas*, Lawrence B. Morse and Julian M. Benjamin, Transportation Research Record No. 1557 available for \$26 from the Transportation Research Board, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20418.

*Typology and Analytical Models of Violent Incidents in Public Transit*, by R. J. Hundenski, Transportation Research Record Number 1521 available for \$37 from the Transportation Research Board, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20418.

*Preventing Mass Transit Crime, Crime Prevention Studies*, Volume 6, Ronald V. Clarke, Editor, available from the Criminal Justice Press for \$47.50 (800, 914-3379). Contains eight original studies on transit crime prevention efforts in New York City, Chicago, Paris, Washington, D. C., and Vancouver.

### Other

In order to assist you in reporting incidents to the Secretary of Transportation, and with the assistance and cooperation of Len Diamond of the New Jersey Transit Police Department, we have developed the enclosed Transit Incident Report Form. Please use it as you see fit, but please use it.

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*Note: All information for the next issue of this newsletter should be sent to Edith Rodano, Office of Safety and Security, Federal Transit Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D. C. 20590 (202, 366-0191; FAX: 366-7951) no later than September 15, 1997.*