

WMATA LOSES ONE OF ITS OWN

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Police lost one of its own when Officer Marlon Morales died at 3:30 a.m. June 13, from gunshot wounds to the head. He was buried June 19 at a military cemetery in Quantico, Virginia. There were over 1,000 police officers in attendance. In addition to representatives from local agencies, there were representatives from such organizations as the Bay Area Rapid Transit District in San Francisco, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority in Boston, Amtrak, and CSX.

Officer Morales was shot at approximately 9:13 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, at the Cardozo Metrorail station. He had been asked by the station manager to intervene in a fare dispute just prior to the shooting. A suspect was arrested in Philadelphia the week of the shooting. He has been returned to Washington and charged there with the murder of Officer Morales.

Officer Morales leaves his wife, Jennifer, and three children, ages 11, 8, and 1 month. He was born in Guatemala and came to America with his parents in 1984. He was granted U. S. citizenship in 1993. He joined the Metro Transit Police Department in May 2000 and was graduated from the MTPD Academy in January of this year. Officer Morales is only the second MTPD officer to have died in the line of duty in the history of the Department.

A fund for the Morales family has been established. Anyone wishing to contribute may send a check payable to the Metro Transit Police Department to the Department at 600 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001.

TECHNOPHILIA STRIKES MBTA. The term *technophilia* describes the behavior of people who use computers to engage in sexual deviancy. A recent Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Police investigation led to the arrest of a suspect who had a hidden camera attached to his laptop computer and was using it to take clandestine pictures of female passengers aboard MBTA's commuter rail trains. A warrant was obtained to search his computers for photos that had been downloaded from his laptop. MBTA detectives contacted Sergeant J. J. McLean of the Medford Police Department, who is considered the foremost computer crime expert in Massachusetts. A forensic computer was set up to search for evidence of any crimes. A subsequent search led to the discovery of more than several hundred photos containing child pornography. The suspect was arrested by MBTA Detective Joseph Amoroso who observed the suspect while riding undercover aboard a commuter train. He was charged with lewd and lascivious behavior and disorderly conduct. The discovery of the child pornography led to a separate indictment in Middlesex Superior Court.

Any agency that has had a similar case or has specific laws on the use of cameras or other devices used to surreptitiously view

up women's clothing is encouraged to contact Detective Joseph Amoroso or Lieutenant Joseph Leuchte at 617, 222-1050, or Deputy Chief William Fleming at wflaming@mbta.com.

MBTA YOUTH RIDERSHIP SURVEY. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Police and the Northeastern University Center for Criminal Justice Policy Research joined in a collaborative effort to study the problems caused by crime and disorder associated with MBTA's youth ridership. This study was conducted under a Problem Solving Partnership grant from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). It examined the unique connection between youth issues in Boston, the perception of adult riders, local media, and the role of the MBTA Police. For further information, contact Deputy Chief William Fleming at wflaming@mbta.com.

GCRTA DISPATCHERS ATTEND CERTIFICATION TRAINING. Six dispatchers from the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Police participated in the Certified Central Station Operators program. They completed the required 40-hour course and passed the mandatory national test to obtain their individual certifications. The program was developed in 1995 by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials and the Security Systems Association and is the only nationally recognized course for certifying operators who monitor life safety systems.

GCRTA OFFICERS HONORED. Congratulations to GCRTA Police Officer Steven Dusek, who was named Police Officer of the Year, and to Kellie Archie, Dispatcher of the Year. For further information, contact GCRTA at 216, 566-5000.

GCRTA TRANSIT POLICE COLOR GUARD SHINES. Honoring their fallen comrades in blue is one of the duties the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Police Color Guard accomplishes with great distinction as well as marching in parades. The unit was created in 1988 by a small group of officers/military veterans. An official Transit Police flag was designed and made and equipment was borrowed or purchased. The number of flags to be carried by the unit varies and flags on hand include the American flag and those from the State of Ohio, MIA/POW, Police Memorial, and the Transit Police. At present, the unit has six members, most of whom have attended a color guard course at a local community college. For further information, contact Officer Watters at 216, 566-5000.

AUM SHINRI KYO MEMBERSHIP INCREASING. A recent Associated Press article indicates that the Aum Shinri Kyo Cult membership has increased by 10 percent since the 1995 sarin gas bombing of the Tokyo subway which killed 12 and made thousands ill. Present membership is placed at 1,650. The group gets funding from computer related business which it owns and is now earning more money from these business and is using them to fund its terrorist activities. The group is report-

edly expanding its activities overseas, but the report does not indicate to which countries. Several of their leaders have been given death sentences and their leader, Guru Shoko Asahara, is still on trial for planning the Tokyo attack in addition to 16 other charges.

Meetings

7/9-13/01 5th International Symposium on Satellite Navigation Technology and Applications, Canberra, Australia, Australian Global Positioning Systems Society and Australian Institute of Navigation (+61 7 3369 7866; Fax: 3367 2472; krys@orgaus.com.au; www.gps-society.org/satnav.html)

7/22-27/01 Technology Institute for Law Enforcement, Washington, DC, National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (800, 248-2742; www.nlectc.org)

7/24-27/01 Street Smart from 9 to 5, Philadelphia, PA, Crisis Prevention Institute (847, 679-8900)

8/20-24/01 UN/US Workshop on Use of Global Navigation Satellite Systems, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Malaysian Ministry of Land and Cooperative Development Department of Survey and Mapping (202, 537-0538; mireilleg@starpower.net)

8/25-28/01 Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers 4th International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems, Oakland, CA (www.org/itsc/2001)

9/2-8/01 International Association of Geodesy 2001 Scientific Assembly, Budapest, Hungary (Fax: +36 1386 9378; richter@sztaki.hu; www.sztaki.hu/conferences/iag2001)

11 Federal Technology Exposition—Justice Department (800, 878-2940; www.fbinc.com)

9/11-14/01 Street Smart from 9 to 5, Boston, MA, Crisis Prevention Institute (847, 679-8900)

9/11-14/01 14th International Technical Meeting of the Institute of Navigation, Salt Lake City, UT (703, 683-7101; Fax: 683-7105; meetings@ion.org; www.ion.org)

9/17-19/01 Technologies for Public Safety in Critical Incident Response 2001, National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (888, 475-1919; www.nlectc.org)

9/30-10-4/01 American Public Transportation Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (202, 496-4800; www.meetings@apta.com)

10/23-26/01 Street Smart from 9 to 5, Milwaukee, WI, Crisis Prevention Institute (847, 679-8900)

10/27-31/01 108th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, Toronto, Ontario (800, THE IACP)

11/13-16/01 Street Smart from 9 to 5, Cleveland, OH, Crisis Prevention Institute (847, 679-8900)

12/11-14/01 Street Smart from 9 to 5, San Francisco, CA, Crisis Prevention Institute (847, 679-8900)

9/5-6/02 109th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, Minneapolis, MN (800, THE IACP)

9/23-25/02 American Public Transportation Association International Public Transit Expo 2002, Las Vegas, NV (202, 496-4800; www.meetings@apta.com)

10/12-16/03 American Public Transportation Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT (202, 496-4800)

10/5-6/04 111th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, Los Angeles, CA (800, THE IACP)

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Training

7/10/01 Transit Explosives Incident Management Seminar, Phoenix, AZ, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

7/10-13/01 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Austin, TX, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

7/11/01 Transit Explosives Incident Management Seminar, Phoenix, AZ, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

7/16-20/01 Land Transportation Anti-Terrorism Training, Salt Lake City, UT, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (912, 261-3656; www.fletc.gov)

7/20/01 Hate and Bias Crime Training for Law Enforcement and Victim Assistance Professionals, Washington, DC, Metropolitan Area, Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (800, 627-6872)

8/14/01 Transit Explosives Incident Management Seminar, Salt Lake City, UT, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

8/15/01 Transit Explosives Incident Management Seminar, Salt Lake City, UT, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

8/27-31/01 Fundamentals of Bus Collision Investigation, Austin, TX (closed to outside participants), Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

9/10-21/01 Collision Investigation for Transit Police and Law Enforcement, Oklahoma City, OK, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

9/11-12/01 Fatigue Awareness Seminar, Oakland, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

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