

GCRTA Police Officer Praised

The efforts of Officer Kevin Powell of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Police Department in protecting passengers and employees have been praised in keeping with the highest standards of GCRTA.

When Officer Powell boarded a motor coach on the morning of October 5, 2001, in the City of Euclid, Ohio, he observed a male passenger sitting at the rear of the bus holding a knife. The suspect placed the knife next to his leg to keep it from being seen by Officer Powell. He then began shouting threatening remarks. Officer Powell called for back-up, identified himself, and ordered the man to drop the weapon telling him he was under arrest. When the man did not comply and moved toward several passengers, Officer Powell drew his weapon and pointed it at the suspect ordering him again to drop the weapon. The suspect advanced to approximately six feet of Officer Powell who again ordered him to drop the knife and get on the floor. This time, the suspect dropped the knife and reluctantly got on the floor. At this point, the back-up Officer Powell had called earlier arrived on the scene and assisted him in placing the man in custody. No one was injured. The suspect was charged with various crimes.

Reach MARTA Police Fast. Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority riders can now reach the MARTA Police faster and easier with a new program called #MPD. By dialing #MPD, cellular customers of Verizon and Cingular can connect directly to MARTA's Police Department. The #MPD program is part of the MARTA Police Department M*PACT (MARTA Police Attacking Crime Trends) program. The direct connection to police that Verizon and Cingular users have will allow MARTA Police to have a faster response time.

For additional information, contact Lieutenant Jim Franker at 404, 848-4900.

CSIR/Transportek Publishes Book on Crime Prevention.

CSIR/Transportek of Pretoria, South Africa, recently published a book entitled *Crime and Prevention on Public Transport*. Aspects of crime and crime prevention discussed in the book include: Types and extent of criminal activity against passengers as well as transit personnel; drive-by shootings; fare evasion and strategies to reduce it; on-board crimes and strategies for riders to prevent them; formal crime prevention strategies; vigilantism and on-board criminal activity; women's initiatives for crime prevention; crime prevention through environmental design; and development of a community-based model for crime prevention on public transit. The study includes results of a survey of approximately 2,000 commuters in Durban, South Africa, on their experience and the witness of crime prevention on public transit. This survey uses the U. S., Canada, and England as benchmarks.

The cost of the book is \$46.70 U. S., which includes air mail. It is available from the following: Oliver Reed, CSIR/Transportek, P.O. Box 395, Pretoria 0001, South Africa (+27 12 841 4362; Fax: +27 12 841 4054; opage@csir.co.za).

We Are Looking for Pictures. Due to recent upgrades in the printing equipment used by the Department of Transportation, we find we can now include photographs along with the articles in this newsletter. So if any of you would like to include photos when you send your articles, we will be happy to use them. For further information, contact Edith Rodano at 202, 366-0191.

Meetings

3/24/02 National Association of Regional Councils Police Conference: Transportation Conformity Case Studies, Washington, DC (202, 457-0170, ext. 24; www.narc.org)

4/14-18/02 Second International Conference on Urban Public Transportation Systems, Alexandria, VA, American Public Transportation Association and American Society of Civil Engineers National Committee on Public Transport (202, 334-2934; Fax: 334-2003; www.asce.org/conference/upts2002/)

4/29-5/2/02 ITS America 2002, 12th Annual Meeting and Exposition, Long Beach, CA (202, 484-4847; sfitzgerald@its.org)

5/3-9/02 American Public Transportation Association Bus Conference, Minneapolis, MN (202, 496-4800; www.meetings@apta.com)

5/20-24/02 26th Annual LEIM Training Conference/Expo (800, THE IACP; information@theiacp.org)

6/10/14/02 American Public Transportation Association Rapid Transit Conference, Baltimore, MD (202, 496-4800; www.meetings@apta.com)

6/23-26/02 American Public Transportation Association Risk Management Seminar, Toronto, Ontario (202, 496-4800; www.apta.com/meetings/index.htm)

8/5-6/02 109th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, Minneapolis, MN (800, THE IACP; www.theiacp.org)

9/22-26/02 American Public Transportation Association International Public Transit Expo 2002, Las Vegas, NV (202, 396-4800; www.meetings@apta.com)

10/5-9/02 109th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, Minneapolis, MN (800, THE IACP; www.theiacp.org)

10/12-16/02 American Public Transportation Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT (202, 496-4800)

10/21-25/02 110th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference: Law Enforcement Education and Technology Exposition (800, THE-IACP; www.theiacp.org)

1/11-15/04 Transportation Research Board 83rd Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (202, 334-2934; Fax: 334-2003)

10/30-11/3/04 111th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference: Law Enforcement Education and Technology Exposition (800, THE IACP; www.theiacp.org)

1/9-13/05 Transportation Research Board 84th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (202, 334-2934; Fax: 334-2003)

Training

3/5/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Rail Hijackings Seminar, Detroit, MI, Federal Transit Administration (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

3/6/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Rail Hijackings Seminar, Detroit, MI, Federal Transit Administration (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

3/12-13/02 Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction, Richmond, KY, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

3/14/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Rail Hijackings Seminar, Detroit, MI, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

3/18-22/01 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Alexandria, VA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

3/26-28/02 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, Los Angeles, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

4/11-12/02 Fatigue Awareness, Miami, FL, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

4/18/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Rail Hijackings Seminar, Bayamon, PR (closed to outside participants), Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

4/19/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Rail Hijackings Seminar, Bayamon, PR (closed to outside participants), Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

4/23/02 Transit Explosives Incident Management Seminar, Albuquerque, NM, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

4/24/02 Transit Explosives Incident Management Seminar, Albuquerque, NM, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

5/6-10/02 Transit System Security, Daytona, FL, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

5/6-10/02 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Detroit, MI, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

5/14/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, Phoenix, AZ, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

5/15/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, Phoenix, AZ, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

5/29/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, Albuquerque, NM, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

5/30/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, Albuquerque, NM, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

5/29-30/02 Fatigue Awareness, Daytona, FL, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

5/29-30/02 Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction, Seattle, WA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

5/29/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, Albuquerque, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

5/30/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, Albuquerque, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

6/3-7/02 Transit System Security, Phoenix, AZ, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

6/10-14/02 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Lakeland, FL, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

6/19/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, Marietta, GA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

6/19-20/02 Substance Abuse Management and Program Compliance, Norwalk, CT, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

6/20/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, Marietta, GA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

6/24-28/02 Transit System Security, Murfreesboro, TN, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

6/25-26/02 Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction, Austin, TX, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

7/9/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, San Jose, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

7/10/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, San Jose, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

7/17/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, San Jose, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

7/17-18/02 Fatigue Awareness, St. Louis, MO, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

7/18/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, San Jose, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

7/22-26/02 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Orange, California, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

7/29-8/2/02 Transit System Security, Columbus, OH, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

8/7-8/02 Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction, Phoenix, AZ, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

8/12-16/02 Transit System Security, San Juan, PR, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

8/26-30/02 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies (closed to outside participants), Bayamon, PR, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

9/4/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, Seattle, WA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

9/5/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijackings Seminar, Seattle, WA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

9/9-13/02 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Lexington, KY, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

9/23-27/02 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Phoenix, AZ, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

Let Us Hear From You. If you have any activities that would be of interest regarding transit security, a staff member whom you want to commend for some outstanding or heroic action, or just about anything dealing with transit security, please let us hear from you. Fax your material to the number below--we will find a place for it in the newsletter.

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low along with your phone and Fax numbers and E-mail address.

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