

**WMATA Police Involved in Sniper Task Force.** WMATA's Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) was involved with the sniper investigation in the Washington Metropolitan region. Early on in the investigation, as part of interagency cooperation, the MTPD provided staffing to the various Task Forces in the region. As part of their commitment to being an integral part of our community, is the responsibility to help solve community problems. Criminal investigation members of MTPD were assigned to the Montgomery County Task Force, Virginia Task Force, and FBI Task Force. The detectives ran leads locally and as far away as in West Virginia. The majority of the attacks took place within the WMATA transit zone. These attacks had a devastating impact on the region, transit patrons, and it was everyone's responsibility to help in any way they could. For further information, call the WMATA Police Department at 202, 962-2150.

**Suspect Arrested in Atlanta Peachtree Center Station Attack.** A 45-year-old man released from prison in September is behind bars on aggravated battery and armed robbery charges in the attack of a Duluth woman at the Peachtree Center MARTA Station in Atlanta. The victim was hospitalized in serious but stable condition following surgery for a neck wound. The suspect was captured and held for police by a bystander who tackled the suspect and held him for police after the man had fled the station with what appeared to be the purse of the victim. The suspect, Deron Henry Thomas, was captured and held for police by a bystander who acted on what he called "instinct and 20 years of Marine training." The man tackled the suspect and held him for police after Thomas fled the station with what appeared to be the victim's purse. MARTA Police Chief Gene Wilson hailed the bystander as a hero. For further information, call Steen Miles at 404, 848-5957, or at [smiles@itsmarta.com](mailto:smiles@itsmarta.com).

**Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Police Officers Credited with Saving a Life.** On September 15, GCRTA Police Officers Ronald Harasty and Francis Watters were alerted by an observant rail operator to a disoriented man at the Tower City Rapid Transit Station. On their arrival, the questioned the man who told him that he wanted to die. During this interview, the man noticed an approaching train 15 feet away and tried to jump in front of it. Officer Harasty tackled the man saving his life. The man was taken to a local hospital for evaluation. For further information, call 216, 771-4953.

**Two Arrested in Attempted Theft of Police Vehicle.** Two Chicago men were arrested by the Northern Indiana Commuter District transit police after allegedly trying to steal a car occupied by two of their officers conducting car theft surveillance at the Hegewisch Station. According to police NICTD Officer Jesse Watts, Jr., and Sgt. Donald Moses were working an undercover surveillance detail when they saw two men looking into cars in the lot and pulling on door handles. The offenders then turned their attention toward the undercover surveillance vehicle in which Officer Watts was sitting waiting for them. The men

allegedly tried to look into the vehicle, but couldn't see the officer. As they opened the car door to enter, Officer Watts jumped out and took them into custody. Police arrested the two men and charged them with theft, attempted theft, and criminal trespass. Both were found in possession of stereo CD systems and tools that police said are normally associated with burglaries and auto thefts. For further information, call NICTD at 219, 926-5744.

**New Website Supports Local Law Enforcement.** The U. S. Department of Justice has initiated a website intended to help State and local law enforcement agencies and the public in the campaign against crime. Formed by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the website offers easy to interpret sets of criminal information for access by law enforcement, government officials, and the public. Users can obtain information from the FBI Uniform Crime Reports and Supplementary Homicide Reports and from the Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics. Users can make data tables on criminal violations from the Uniform Crime Reports for all States and agencies that serve local populations of 10,000 or more. Users can also look up homicide characteristics and patterns for the 50 States and local regions with populations of 250,000. Administrative and management statistics for State and local law enforcement agencies employing at least 100 sworn officers are also available. The website is accessed at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/dataonline](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/dataonline).

### Meetings

11/18-21/02 Bio-Security 2002, Las Vegas, NV, Harvard University (888, 882-8971; [biosec@key3media.com](mailto:biosec@key3media.com))

11/29-12/8 Global Preparedness for Catastrophic Emergencies, Barcelona, Spain, Fairleigh Dickinson University's Wroxton College (201, 692-7172; [www.fdu.edu/visitorcenter/tour](http://www.fdu.edu/visitorcenter/tour))

1/9-10/03 Homeland Security 2002 Conference and Exhibition, Washington, DC (703, 876-5060, or 800, 846-0099; Fax: 876-5059; [www.e-gov.com](http://www.e-gov.com))

1/11-15/03 Transportation Research Board 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting,, Washington, DC (202, 334-2934; Fax: 334-2003)

10/21-25/03 110<sup>th</sup> Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference: Law Enforcement Education and Technology Exposition, Philadelphia, PA (800, THE IACP; [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org))

### Training

11/13/02 System Security Awareness for Transit Employees and Security Incident Management for Transit Supervisors, Tampa, FL, National Transit Institute (732, 932-1700, ext. 31; Fax: 932-1707; [safety@nti.rutgers.edu](mailto:safety@nti.rutgers.edu))

11/13/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijacking Seminar, Detroit, MI, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

11/14/02 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijacking Seminar, Detroit, MI, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

11/19-20/02 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Seminar, Atlanta, GA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

11/21-22/02 Transit System Security: Design Review (Pilot), Atlanta, GA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

12/9-13/02 Transit System Security, Long Beach, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

12/16-19/03 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Tampa, FL, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

1/6-10/03 Transit System Security, New York, NY, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

1/8-9/03 Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction El Paso, TX, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

1/13-16/03 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Baltimore, MD, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

1/14-15/02 Fatigue Awareness Seminars, Tampa, FL, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (800, 858-2107, or 405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

1/15/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijacking Seminar, Garden City, NY, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

1/16/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijacking Seminar, Garden City, NY, Federal Transit Ad-

ministration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

2/19-20/02 Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction, New York, NY, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (800, 858-2107, or 405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

3/19/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijacking Seminar, Santa Barbara, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

3/20/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijacking Seminar, Santa Barbara, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

3/24-27/03 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Toronto, Ontario, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

2/24-28/03 Transit System Security, Albuquerque, NM, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

3/10-14/03 Transit System Security, Cleveland, OH, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

3/17-18/03 Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction Pomona, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

3/19/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijacking Seminar, Santa Barbara, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

3/20/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijacking Seminar, Santa Barbara, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

3/20-21/03 Fatigue Awareness Seminars, Portland, OR, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (800, 858-2107, or 405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

3/24-27/03 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Atlanta, GA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation

Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

4/1-4/03 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, San Juan, PR, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

4/7-11/03 Transit System Security, Toronto, Ontario, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

4/11/03 Fatigue Awareness Seminars, Tampa, FL, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (800, 858-2107, or 405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

4/14-17/03 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, St. Louis, MO, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

4/16/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Rail Hijacking Seminar, Boston, MA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

4/17/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Rail Hijacking Seminar, Boston, MA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

4/23/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Rail Hijacking Seminar, Minneapolis, MN Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

4/24/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Rail Hijacking Seminar, Minneapolis, MN Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

5/5-8/03 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, El Paso, TX, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

5/5-9/03 Transit System Security, Detroit, MI, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

5/15-16/03 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Seminar, El Paso, TX, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

6/2-5/03 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Boston, MA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

6/2-6/03 Transit System Security, El Paso, TX, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

6/17-18/03 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Seminar, Chicago, IL, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

6/25/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijacking Seminar, South Bend, IN, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

6/26/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijacking Seminar, South Bend, IN, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

7/7-10/03 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Long Beach, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

7/21-25/03 Transit System Security, Austin, TX, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

8/5/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijacking Seminar, Colorado Springs, CO, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

8/6/03 Threat Management and Emergency Response to Bus Hijacking Seminar, Colorado Springs, CO, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

8/11-14/03 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Fairfax, VA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

8/18-22/03 Transit System Security, Atlanta, GA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

6/18-22/03 Transit System Security, Atlanta, GA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

9/10/03 Transit Explosives Incident Management Seminar, Portland, OR, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; or 800, 858-2107; Fax: 954-0367; [www.tsi.dot.gov](http://www.tsi.dot.gov))

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