



Florida Transit Safety Summit

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WMATA Bus System

- Sixth largest bus system in the country
- 1500 buses that cover 325 routes over 3 states
- 11,500 bus stops
- 2600 bus operators
- 9 Bus Divisions



Bus Transit as Terrorist Targets

- Soft Target
- Highly symbolic and economically significant
- Inherent openness leaves bus systems vulnerable to attack
- High profile
- Mass casualties



Bus Systems are soft Targets

- Bus systems are a critical infrastructure of any community
- Hard to defend and protect
- By design, they have to have set schedules, routes, and stops
- Bus transportation is very open



Stakeholders

- Transportation owners, operators, managers
- Frontline and support employees
- Contractors
- Transportation security and law enforcement
- Passengers
- Media



Stakeholder Responsibilities

- Make safety and security a top priority
 - Budget for safety and security
 - Implement System security policies
 - Implement Awareness campaigns
 - Employee training



Components of Bus Systems

- Human Component
- Mechanical Component
- Technology Component
- Facilities Component

- Each component can be considered assets.



Strategies For (Human) Assets

- Training in Security, emergency procedures
- Public awareness campaigns
- Recognizing suspicious activity
- Background investigations
- Law Enforcement:
 - Random Patrols, Fixed Patrols, High Visibility Patrols, and Canine Patrols.



Strategies for Mechanical

- Routine inspections of buses, and before and after shifts.
- Locking buses when they are not in service
- Automatic Vehicle locators
- Bus numbers prominently displayed
- Posted signs for the public to report suspicious activity



Technology Strategies

- Safe guards against hacking and cyber-attacks
- Network security, firewalls, and anti-virus software
- Video surveillance and detection devices
- Communication equipment



Facilities Strategies

- Install adequate lighting
- Maintain protective fencing
- Implement controlled access
- Establish routine maintenance and safety inspections
- Install security alarms, motion sensors, and other anti-intrusion devices



Emergency Procedures

- Telephone bomb threats and hoax devices
- Unauthorized person or vehicle
- Suspicious substance, object, or unusual activity
- Training, Drills and Exercises
- Advisory System