

**Safety and Security: One “small” transit
with “big” transit issues.**

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Blacksburg Transit at a glance

- **15 fixed routes**
- **54 route buses and thirteen body on chassis vehicles**
- **Complimentary para-transit service- BT Access**
- **Christiansburg Service expansion – Demand response**
- **130 part-time employees and 36 full-time**
- **2,954,000 passenger trips in fiscal year 2009 (see below)**
 - **95% of total ridership is university based**

Recent Safety & Security Events

- **Inmate escaped from local jail**
 - **Shot and killed hospital security guard**
 - **Shot and killed deputy sheriff**
 - **Man hunt**
 - **Rumors**
 - **Lost contact with transit bus**
 - **University closed**



Recent Safety & Security Events

- **Campus Shooting**
 - Lone gunman on campus
 - 33 shot and killed
 - Transit functions



- **High School Gym Collapse**
 - Basketball Game
 - Two individuals inside
 - Transit called to support



Recent Safety & Security Events

- **Controversial protest group invades area**
 - **Protest planning**
 - **Counter-protests**
 - **Transit functions**



Recent Safety & Security Events

Lessons Learned

- **Open communications across jurisdictions.**
- **No “silos”**
- **Conduct multi-agency trainings**
- **Train transit members on functions**

What's Blacksburg Transit doing to prepare for the next.....?

- **Annual emergency/safety drills**
 - **Operation “loose cannon”**
 - **Tornado scenario**
 - **Virginia State Managed Shelter Plan**
- **Capital Investments**
 - **Incident response light packages**
 - **Weather gear**
 - **Hire security consultant**



What's Blacksburg Transit doing to prepare for the next.....?

- **Incident & Safety Committees**
 - **Town of Blacksburg Emergency Management Group**
 - **Virginia Tech Evacuation Plan Committee**
 - **Blacksburg Transit Safety & Security Committee**
- **Participate/Host Safety Courses**
 - **Incident briefings for law enforcement**
 - **ICS 300**

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- **Local Government Support**
 - **Blacksburg Town Council adopts National Incident Management System (NIMS)**
 - **Blacksburg Transit named “non-traditional first responder”**



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“1 to 1000, all you will need is 1”