

NJ TRANSIT Police Department



Progress Made and Lessons Learned in Effective Counterterrorism Policing of Mass Transit Systems

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NJ TRANSIT Police Department Department Overview

- **NJ TRANSIT Police are responsible for the security of the 3rd largest transit system in the United States.**
 - **NJ's State-wide Transportation System and a Critical Link on the NE Corridor between Philadelphia and New York City**
 - **3 Police Regions and Six Commands**
 - North Region 1 – Newark Penn Station and connecting lines
 - North Region 2 – Hoboken Terminal and Secaucus Junction and connecting Lines
 - South Region – Trenton Station, Walter Rand Transportation Center (Camden), and Atlantic City Bus & Rail Terminals and connecting lines
 - **154 Heavy Rail Stations on 12 Lines**
 - **3 Separate Light Rail Systems**
 - Newark Subway, Hudson Bergen Light Rail, & River Line
- **NJ Transit Police Partnerships with Amtrak PD, PAPD, SEPTA PD, DRPA PD, MTA PD, NJSP, NYPD, FBI, TSA, and many more**



Responsible for the Security of One Million Passengers per Day



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Threats – The Challenges we Face

(U//FOUO) Recent intelligence reporting and events indicate an increased threat to US Rail Systems though mid-September 2011

- **(U//FOUO) Al-Qa'ida (AQ) Core planning for an attack on US Rail Infrastructure to coincide with the 10th anniversary of September 11th**
 - Planning focused on derailment and tipping of train
 - Bridges and elevated track beds targeted
 - Specific reference to the Anniversary of Sept 11th
 - Still have a latent threat to stations and trains
- **(U//FOUO) Retaliatory attacks likely following the elimination of Usama bin Laden**
 - May 6th AQ statement vowing revenge
 - June 2nd Adam Gadahn Video
 - Likely Adversaries include AQ Core, AQAP and HVE





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Deterring the Attack

HIGHLY VISIBLE POLICE OFFICERS INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC ARE AN EFFECTIVE DETERENT AGAINST TERRORISM

- **Visible Presence and Directed Patrols by Police at Critical Rail Infrastructure as well as Stations**
- **Visible Deployments of Special Operations Officers, specifically K-9 units and Heavy Weapons Teams**
- **Officers must interact with the Public and not become part of the background**
- **By engaging the public in conversation officers utilize their behavioral assessment training and demonstrate their awareness**



**At the NJ Transit Police Department:
Every Police Officer is a Counterterrorism Officer**



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Preempting the attack

PREEMPTION IS CRITICAL FOR EFFECTIVE MASS TRANSIT COUNTERTERRORISM

- **Intelligence**

- Mass Transit Police Departments are more frequently establishing Intelligence Units
- Intelligence Units provide Police Operations with Timely, Relevant, and Predictive information
- Provides a decision advantage and helps better direct limited resources
- Provides a rich knowledge base to support Investigations

- **Investigations**

- Transit Police Detectives serve a vital roll on the regional FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs)
- Utilize Transit Police Detectives to help determine if a suspicious activity on the railroad has a link to terrorism – vet out the criminal cases
- A Transit Detective following a lead shows our adversaries that we are not waiting to be a target but actively seeking them out





NJ TRANSIT Police Department Counterterrorism Training

EFFECTIVE TRAINING LEADS TO EFFECTIVE POLICING

- **Behavioral Awareness Training**
 - All police officers in a transit environment should be trained to an advanced level in behavioral assessment and screening
 - A vital tool in detecting suspicious activity
- **Active Shooter Training**
 - The Mumbai Rail Station attack as well as the Fort Hood shooting have demonstrated the need for Police Officers to be adequately trained for First Person Shooter Events
- **Special Operations Training**
 - Explosive Detection and Identification
 - Radiological Detection and Identification
 - HAZMAT / CBRNE to the Specialist Level
 - Advanced Tactical Training / Special Weapons
 - Urban Search And Rescue
 - Up to the Firefighter 3 level
- **Training Unit / OEM**
 - Provide Training Exercises and Drills on a regular basis





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Joint Operations – A Force Multiplier

Transit Police Departments must utilize joint operations as a force multiplier to enhance counterterrorism effectiveness

- **Local and County Police Joint Operations**
 - Threat Deployments with Local Police Departments
 - Safe Stations Programs for county and municipal police departments
- **State Level Joint Operations**
 - Joint Threat Deployments with State Police
 - Park, Walk, and Talk Programs
 - Joint Train Patrols between Transit and State Police Agencies
 - Transit Police Officers assigned to State Intelligence Fusion Centers
 - Transit Police Officers on Detect & Render Safe Task Forces
 - State Homeland Security Intelligence Analyst liaison to Transit Police Intelligence Units
- **Federal Law Enforcement Joint Operations**
 - Transit Police Detectives assigned to the JTTFs
 - TSA Surface Inspectors and FAMS Counter-Surveillance
 - FBI Field Intelligence Group liaison to Transit Police Intelligence Unit
 - Federal Law Enforcement familiarization with Transit System
- **Partnerships at every level of Law Enforcement**
 - Force Multiplier and Coordinated Response to Events



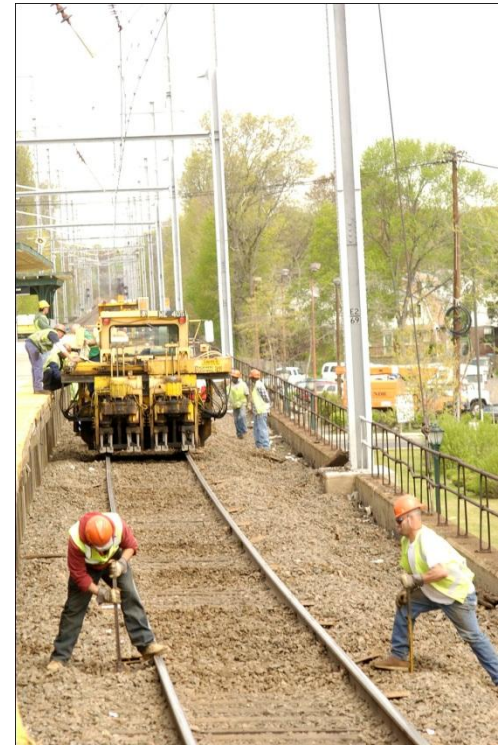


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More than Just Transit Police Officers

TRANSIT POLICE DEPARTMENTS NEED BOTH TRANSIT EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC TO BECOME OUR EYES AND EARS

- **Mass Transit Leadership taking an active role in Counterterrorism**
- **Awareness Training for all Employees**
 - Front Line Mass Transit Employees should be provided Behavioral Assessment Training
 - Police Intelligence Units should brief Front Line Rail Employees on Indicators and Warnings of Terrorist Activity
- **Public Awareness Campaigns**
 - Community Outreach to Businesses near Critical Assets
 - Suspicious Activity Tips Lines
 - Text Lines for TIPS
 - Homeland Security Radio Spots and Commercials
 - Posters and Pamphlet Campaign



Security is every Employee's Responsibility



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