



APTA Rail Conference

Mitigating Theft of Electronic Devices

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Theft of handheld electronics on public transit rising (Metro Magazine)

- Electronic devices behind much of increase in thefts, other crimes aboard TriMet's buses and trains (TRiMet)
- New York City subway crime spikes (NYMTA)
- Phone Thefts On The Rise: At Least 180 Devices Stolen Last Month (SFMTA)
- Phone theft on Montreal's Metro on the rise (STM)
- 'Snatch-and-grab' robberies of electronic devices up in Metro (WMATA)





Thefts of Electronic Devices

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: THEFT SNATCHES

2008: 211

2009: 349

2010: 477

2011: 326





Strategies and Tactics

- MetroStat
- Focused Patrol
- High Intensity Targeted Enforcement
- Public Awareness
- Investigation and Follow up
- Crime Suppression Team

Protect Your Property

Thefts of Small Electronic Devices are on the Rise



- Remain observant of your surroundings and report unusual or suspicious activity immediately to the nearest police officer or Metro employee
- Keep small electronic devices concealed at all times while traveling in the Metro system
- When using an electronic device avoid sitting or standing near doors of rail cars or Metrobuses
- Register your electronic device with the manufacturer
- Keep a log of serial numbers to your devices
- If your electronic device is taken, report the theft immediately to the Metro Transit Police Department at (202) 962-2121

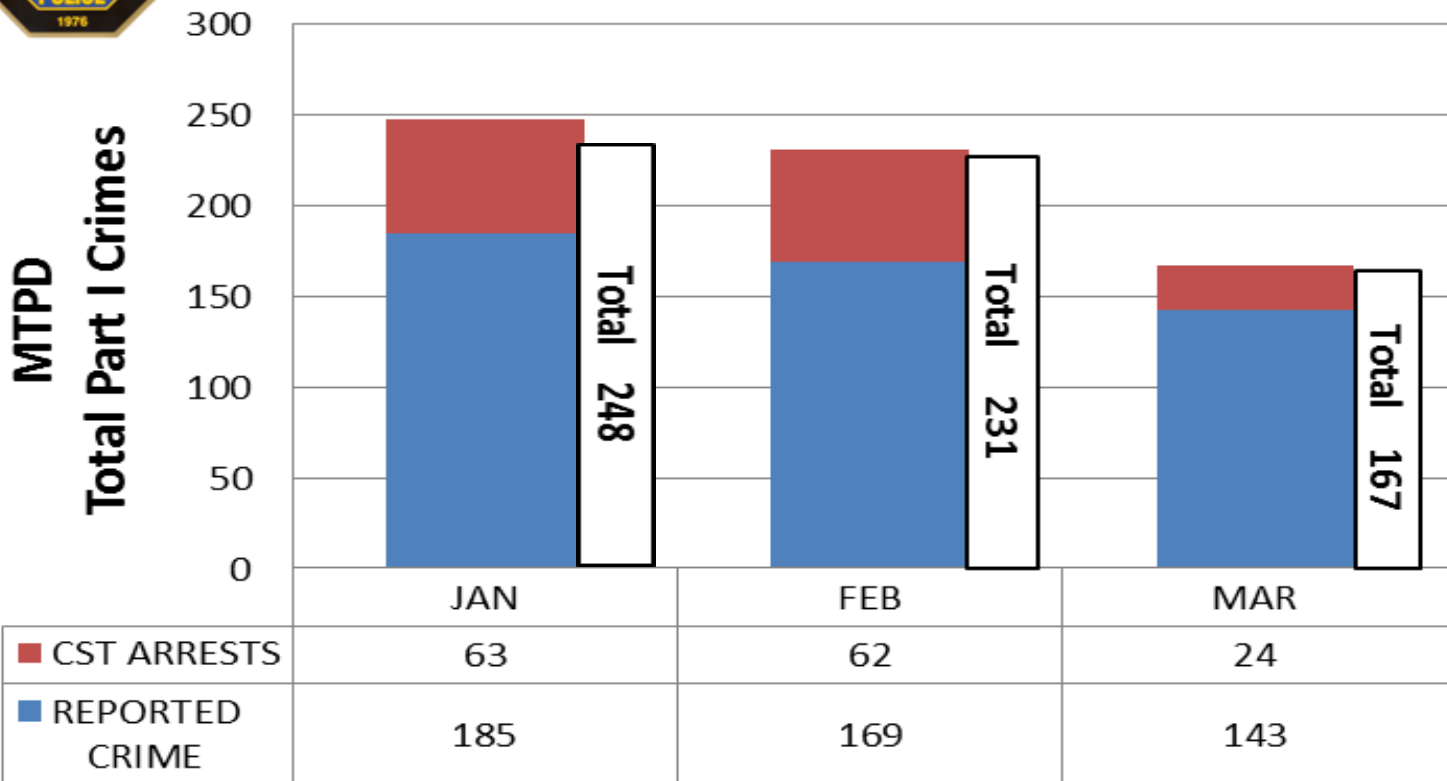




Crime Suppression Team



2012 1st Quarter Part I Crime MTPD Decoy Arrest Percentages





Crime Suppression Team





Cell Phone Prevention Act

- Collaboration with law enforcement agencies, FCC and wireless carriers
- Introduction of Congressional Legislation
H.R. 4247
Cell Phone Theft Prevention Act of 2012





Cell Phone Prevention Act

- Create a national blacklist data base (IMEI *#06#)
- Remote data deletion
- Requires police report with claim
- Public education campaign
 - Encourage users to lock their phone
 - Educate users on lock/locate/wipe applications