

Preventing a Tragedy The Question isn't Will it Happen? It's WHEN! Securing Your Vehicles and Keeping Riders, Drivers and the Public Safe

AGENDA

- A Long History of Stolen Vehicles
- Today's concerns
- Securing Your Vehicles What to Consider
- What technology you should be considering to react to emergencies that occur.



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Unidentified man took a 20-passenger bus from a White Plains garage as it awaited repair. *Drove 7-miles at break neck speed.* Bus found 2 hours later parked on the side of the road

New York City

22 year old man stole a bus from LA Transit authority while its driver was using the bathroom. Later stated *"I was in a hurry to get someplace"*

1959

Los

Angeles

Salisbury, Maryland A 26 year old stole a NYC Transit bus for an early morning joy ride. But he *unwittingly tripped an emergency switch that flashed a message on the bus' destination sign that said "CALL POLICE!"*

1987

Large SE City

1943

1948

In an attempt to make some "fast cash" someone stole an 8th Ave. bus and *drove it for 5 hours collecting fares.* Paid no attention to red lights and eventually abandoned the bus, stealing the \$15 in fares 1979

An unidentified person swiped a bus from the agency's parking lot after finding it unlocked. *Drove 2 miles before crashing into a chicken coop* and, not knowing how to go in reverse, jumping out and running away

Queens, NY

2008

18-year-old obsessed with buses since he was a child, wore an official uniform when he stole buses -3 different times and *picked up and dropped off passengers for between 4 and 6 hours and nobody noticed*

White

Plains

NY

20-year-old *"aspiring bus driver"* stole an empty bus from terminal and drove it to his neighborhood before being arrested 2 blocks from his home

2014

Police were tipped off to a stolen bus when someone who knew the thief called them and identified him. He parked it near his home which made it easy for police to arrest him a few hours later

2017

Large

Canadian

City

2016

Large

Canadian

City

Man charged with stealing transit bus and driving it through the south end of the city. *Driver was on a bathroom break and the vehicle was unoccupied.* He said he "wanted to take a ride"

2017

South

Pacific

Man stole a bus from maintenance area of depot. It *went unnoticed for over 6 hours* before crew realized it was missing. Agency admitted to lax security at the gates of the garage Major NE

City

1980-

2018

Darrius McCollum – a lover of buses and trains - has been arrested 27 times for stealing buses and trains. McCollum suffers from Asperger syndrome and is said to have memorized the transit system. He took a plea bargain and in 2015 was sent to a psychiatric institution for an "indefinite" period of time.

TRANSIT MATTERS HERE

Major NE

City

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WHAT DO ALL THESE CASES HAVE IN COMMON?



While illegal, in all cases the intent wasn't to specifically cause harm.

BUT WHAT IF IT WAS?







In 2016, a 19-ton rental truck was deliberately driven into crowds of people celebrating Bastille Day in Nice, France killing 74 men, women and children





In 2017, 8 people were killed when a man rented a Home Depot truck and intentionally drove it into crowds of bike riders and trick-or-treaters in New York City on Halloween





- Your vehicles have no locks and no keys
- Anyone can jump on board and drive away
- What measures are you taking to secure the safety of your passengers, your drivers and the public at large?
- It is not a matter of if, it's a matter of when!

Securing Your Bus Today Will Save Lives Tomorrow

What technology should you be considering to prevent?

Theft Unauthorized Access Hi-Jacking with the intent to cause harm to those onboard or on the street

Malicious actions of a disgruntled employee

Joyriders





Preparing Your Employees With Life Saving Technology

What steps are you taking to equip your operators if something happens?

Seat Vacancy Triggers that automatically log off the system if driver leaves seat for a period of time rendering the bus immovable

Covert Communications with Dispatch to Notify of Emergency

Remote vehicle shut off brings vehicle to a safe stop Speed threshold breach locks transmission

Secure Operator Log In with PIN to start engine External Notifications "Call Police" Or Lights Flashing Internal Notifications to Passengers Audio & Visual



Secure Bus Access

ARM

- Seat Vacancy Triggers
- Left/Right Signals Alternate
- Alert Message displayed on the interior destination signage
- On-board announcement can be made
- Headlamps and hazard lights will flash



SYSTEM LOG ON

- Secure Operator Pin required to start engine
- Pin matched to employee ID
- If validation fails, transmission with not engage
- Multiple failed attempts must call dispatch to verify pin

DISABLE

- Brake Lights Illuminate as bus decelerates
- Door Opens when bus stops
- Stop Engine and Brake Indicators Flash
- Brake and Accelerator interlocks are engaged and signal sent to ABS Module
- Transmission placed in neutral
- Headlights and hazards flash





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