

MARTA Police Department Re-accredited. After an extensive assessment in December by members of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) Police Department was re-accredited at a ceremony in Greensboro, North Carolina, on March 24, 2001. During the assessment, the Department had to show compliance with 439 standards. These standards cover operations of the Department in the areas of role, responsibilities, and relationships with other agencies, organizations, management and administration, personnel structure, personnel process, operations, operational support, traffic operations, prisoner and court-related activities, auxiliary, and technical services. The Department received high marks for its work crime analysis, work force demographics, its Property and Evidence unit, and community oriented policing. The MARTA Police Department is one of only three accredited agencies in the State of Georgia. For further information, contact Lt. James Fraker at 404, 848-4919.

MBTA Youth Ridership Study. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Police and the Northeastern University Center for Criminal Justice Policy Research joined in a collaborative effort to study the problems associated with crime and disorder associated with the MBTA youth ridership. This study was conducted in accordance with a problem solving partnership grant from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). The study examined the unique connection between youth issues in Boston, perception of adult riders, local media, and the role of the MBTA police. For further information, contact Deputy Chief William Fleming at wleming@mbta.com.

Doomsday Cult Growing. A recent article by the Associated Press indicated that the doomsday cult behind the 1995 gassing on the Tokyo subway is growing, with its influence spreading through the Internet. In addition to cells in Japan, it appears that the group is expanding to other countries.

Web Site on Workplace Violence. The Canadian Initiative on Workplace Violence, a social research, education, and training company recently launched a web site on workplace violence. This web site can be found at www.workplaceviolence.ca.

Meetings

5/5-10/01 American Public Transportation Association Bus Operations and Technology Conference, Calgary, Alberta (202, 496-4800; www.meetings@apta.com)

8-10 DoD Force Protection Equipment Demonstration III, Quantico Marine Base, VA, Joint Staff, Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate, National Institute of Justice, Department of Energy, and U. S. Army Product Manager for Physical Security Equipment (703, 695-7678, or 697-2189)

5/14-17/01 2nd Annual Forensic Sciences and Crime Scene Technology Conference and Exposition, Washington, DC (888, 737-1224; www.frenzyexpo.com)

5/20-25/01 International Union of Public Transport International Congress and City Transport Exhibition, London, England (+32 2 663 6654; Fax: 660 1072; E-mail: events@uitp.com)

5/21-24/01 Street Smart from 9 to 5, Chicago, IL, Crisis Prevention Institute (847, 679-8900)

6/2-6/01 Canadian Urban Transportation Association Annual Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia (416, 365-9800)

6/10-14/01 American Public Transportation Association Rapid Transit Conference, Boston, MA (202, 496-4800; Fax: 496-4324; www.apta.com)

7/22-27/01 Technology Institute for Law Enforcement, Washington, DC, National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (800, 248-2742; www.nlectc.org)

7/24-27/01 Street Smart from 9 to 5, Philadelphia, PA, Crisis Prevention Institute (847, 679-8900)

9/11-14/01 Street Smart from 9 to 5, Boston, MA, Crisis Prevention Institute (847, 679-8900)

9/17-19/01 Technologies for Public Safety in Critical Incident Response 2001, National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (888, 475-1919; www.nlectc.org)

9/30-10-4/01 American Public Transportation Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (202, 496-4800; www.meetings@apta.com)

10/23-26/01 Street Smart from 9 to 5, Milwaukee, WI, Crisis Prevention Institute (847, 679-8900)

10/27-31/01 108th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, Toronto, Ontario (800, THE IACP)

11/13-16/01 Street Smart from 9 to 5, Cleveland, OH, Crisis Prevention Institute (847, 679-8900)

12/11-14/01 Street Smart from 9 to 5, San Francisco, CA, Crisis Prevention Institute (847, 679-8900)

Training

5/22-23/01 Response to Chemical, Biological and Nuclear Transit Incidents, Seattle, WA (closed to outside participants),

Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

5/30-31/01 Response to Chemical, Biological, and Nuclear Incidents, Detroit, MI, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

6/4-8/01 Fundamentals of Bus Collision Investigation, Anchorage, AK (closed to outside participants), Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

7/10/01 Transit Explosives Incident Management Seminar, Phoenix, AZ, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

7/10-13/01 Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies, Austin, TX, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

7/11/01 Transit Explosives Incident Management Seminar, Phoenix, AZ, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

8/14/01 Transit Explosives Incident Management Seminar, Salt Lake City, UT, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

8/15/01 Transit Explosives Incident Management Seminar, Salt Lake City, UT, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

8/21-24/01 Transit System Security, Detroit, MI, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

8/27-31/01 Fundamentals of Bus Collision Investigation, Austin, TX (closed to outside participants), Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

9/10-21/01 Collision Investigation for Transit Police and Law Enforcement, Oklahoma City, OK, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

9/11-12/01 Fatigue Awareness Seminar, Oakland, CA, Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Safety Institute (405, 954-3682; Fax: 954-0367)

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Note: Information for this newsletter may be sent to Edith Rodano, Office of Safety and Security, Federal Transit Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D. C. 20590 (202, 366-0191; Fax: 366-7951) or Edith.Rodano@fta.dot.gov by August 15, 2000.