



Levern McElveen is a transit safety professional with nearly 39 years of extensive experience in urban bus and rail transit operations, maintenance, and safety administration with proven abilities to design, direct, and implement effective safety programs at the Federal, State and Rail Transit Agency levels. He has knowledge and experience of Safety programs and practices to include State Safety Oversight program, voluntary bus program, drugs and alcohol as well as key safety resources including 49 CFR Part 659, Circular 5800.1, 49 CFR Part 655, safety and security certification, safety management systems, safety performance measurement, and safety culture.

He has participated as a party member in six major accident investigations conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), including the June 22, 2009 collision near Fort Totten and the May 9, 2009 collision on the MBTA Green Line.

Levern is a strong advocate for the development and implementation of a viable and sustainable safety culture framework for the transit industry. He believes the development and implementation of an effective safety culture in the transit industry would modify human behavior in such a manner that when there is a failure in policy, procedure or communication, safety behavior will in time automatically self-align. The measurable outcomes would be reduced accidents and incidents, which further reduce the number of fatalities and injuries to transit passengers and workers, increase employees' performance and reducing operational cost.

Levern has a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of Baltimore and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the same university. He has completed successfully numerous safety courses through the Transit Safety Institute (TSI): Transit Rail System Safety, Transit Rail Incident Investigation, Fundamentals of Bus Collision Investigation, and Intermediate Problems in Bus Collision Investigation, Transit System Security; Transit Industrial Safety, and Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies. He has also completed safety courses at the National Transit Institute (NTI): Safety Conscious Planning, Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning, Managing the Environmental Process, Management of Transit Construction Projects, and Senior Leadership

Levern has published an article titled **“Understanding the Complexity of Transit Safety”** in the Metro Magazine, January, 2012. He is currently co-authoring a paper titled **“Defining and Measuring Transit Safety Culture.”** He was cited by Nichole Schlosser in the Metro Magazine, September, 2008 on safety culture shortly after given a safety culture presentation at the 2008 APTA Rail Conference, in San Francisco, CA.