



Amtrak Police Department
Protecting “America’s Railroad”

2012 FRA/FTA Right of Way Fatality and Trespass Prevention Workshop

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Amtrak Security

- Prevention
- Partnership
- Participation



Prevention

- Sworn police officers working nationwide protecting our passengers, employees and assets
- Officers work closely with local, state and federal agencies

- Areas of responsibility:

- Stations
- Trains
- Right-of-Way
- Maintenance Facilities

- Train Riding

- Increased Police Visibility
 - FY 2011 total Police Officer train rides – 24,508

- Passenger Screening Program / Stations

- Increased Visibility
- Behavioral Assessment Screening
- Gate / Platform Check
 - FY 2011 Regional & Long Distance Train screening total – 62,499
 - FY 2011 Acela Train screening total – 39,630





Prevention

- K9 Teams: 50 Teams
 - Explosive Detection and Vapor Wake
 - Highly effective tool in deterring and detecting potential threats from explosives
 - State of the art training
 - TSA – Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio, TX
 - Auburn University Canine Research Center, AL
 - Vapor Wake Training
 - Open environment: Stations / Unattended baggage
 - K9 Teams - Train Riding
 - FY 2011 total K9 Team train rides – 8,770





Prevention

- Special Operations Unit
 - Force multiplier for the local commands
 - Highly visible sweeps of stations and trains
 - Site assessments
 - Surveillance and other counter-terror missions to deter and defend against attack, and rapid respond if attack occurs
 - Conduct random passenger baggage screening
 - FY 2011 Random Baggage Screening total – 2,688





Prevention

- Amtrak Intelligence Unit (AIT)
 - The AIT supports security and counterterrorism efforts by coordinating and sharing information with agencies in the intelligence and law enforcement communities
 - Extensive Intelligence Community, military and law enforcement backgrounds



Prevention

- APD detectives assigned to FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) offices in:
 - New York
 - Washington
 - Chicago
 - National Joint Terrorism Task Force
 - APD detectives in New York and Chicago also assigned to the FBI's WMD Division
- Attend briefings at DHS, FBI, NCTC, US Capitol Police, TSA
- AIT members augment local fusion centers during special events such as political conventions, the presidential inauguration, the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and the 20-21 NATO Summit in Chicago.



Partnerships

- State, Local, and Federal Agencies
- Department of Homeland Security / TSA
 - Visible Intermodal Protection and Response Teams (VIPR): Federal Air Marshalls (FAM) and K9 teams
 - Deployed to Amtrak stations randomly and during peak travel periods, holidays etc.
 - Random Screening Program
 - Regional Security Transit Working Groups
- FBI/Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)
 - National (FBI Headquarters)
 - Washington DC Region
 - New York
 - Chicago
- RAILPOL
 - European network of Railway Police Forces
 - Amtrak Police Department is an Associated Member of RAILPOL
- NEC Coalition
 - Composed of law enforcement and Homeland Security officials from Washington, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York
 - Amtrak passengers live in the communities agencies serve
 - Share intelligence information, provide assistance to Amtrak through train station patrols, searches, K9 inspections, aerial support
 - Works in a collaborative way to enhance public safety





Partnerships

- VIPR (Visual Intermodal Protection Response) Operations
- Operation RAIL SAFE
 - Regional Alliance Including Local, State and Federal Efforts (RAIL SAFE) developed in partnership by the Amtrak Police Department, New York City Police Department and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
 - Amtrak Police, TSA personnel and law enforcement officers from federal, state, local, rail and transit police officers deployed at passenger rail and transit stations to exercise counterterrorism and incident response capabilities
 - Coordinated effort involving activities such as heightened station patrols, increased security presence onboard trains, explosives detection canine sweeps, random passenger bag inspections, and counter-surveillance
 - Public display and show of capabilities



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Operation RAIL SAFE





Operation RAIL SAFE

- Through federal, state, and local law enforcement cooperation, APD has expanded the range of resources for these random and unpredictable security activities from the initial exercise that occurred in May 2010 that included:
 - 22 agencies
 - 8 states

- To a more recent deployment in June 2012 that included:
 - 238 agencies
 - 43 states, Washington DC and Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver, British Columbia



Participation

- January 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012
 - 224 trespasser strikes
 - 171 fatalities
- Community outreach programs to address trespassing incidents
 - Partners for Amtrak Safety & Security (PASS)
 - Grade Crossing Awareness Video



Participation

- **Partners for Amtrak Safety & Security (PASS)**
 - Neighborhood watch style program that encourages passengers and the public to be on alert and report safety or security issues
 - Utilizes knowledge of passengers and community members who travel throughout the Amtrak national system in identifying behaviors or activities that are unusual or out of the ordinary at stations or on board trains
 - To sign up for the PASS program, individuals must complete and submit the registration form at <http://pass.amtrak.com>
 - Once complete a PASS card will be issued via email that includes the Amtrak Police Department telephone number 800- 331-0008 which should be used to report any suspicious activity
 - Over 2800 members currently registered





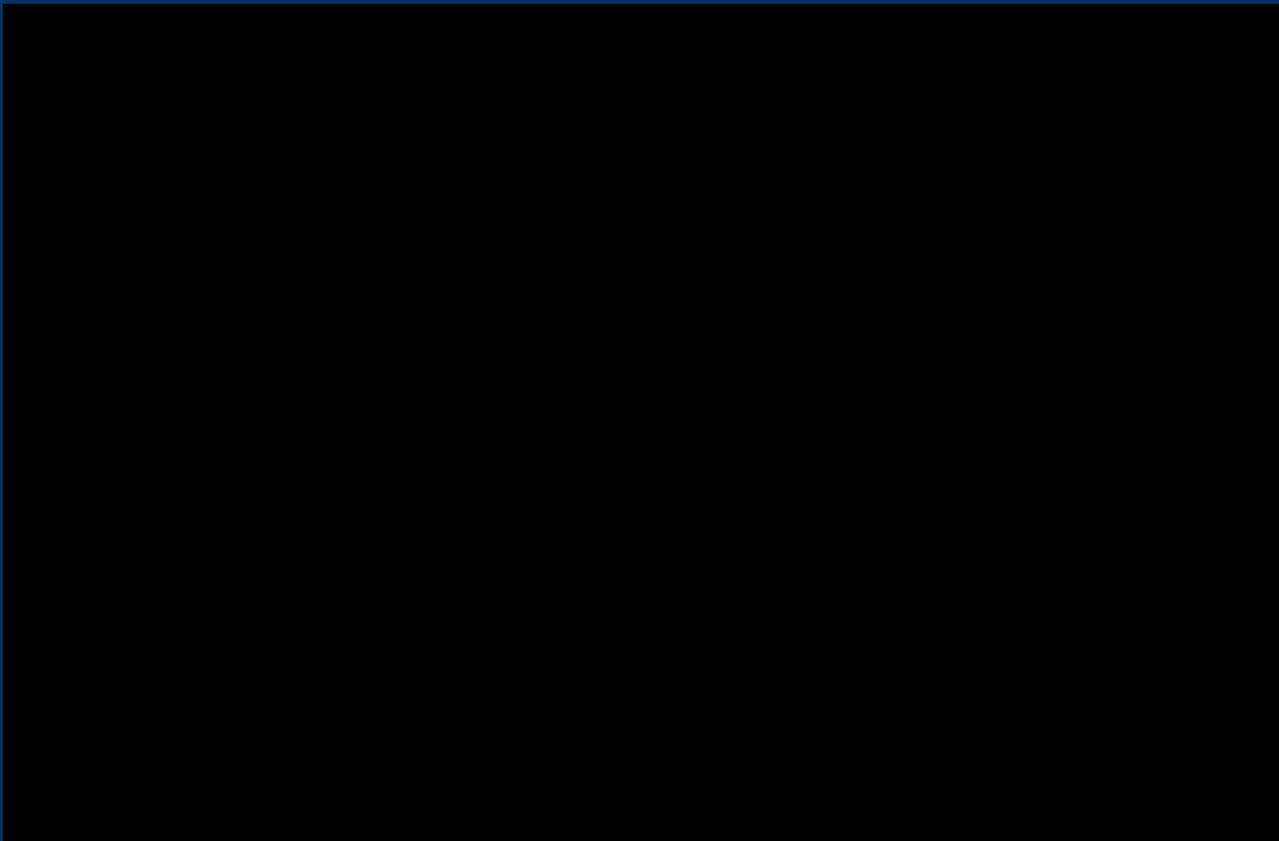
Participation

- Grade Crossing Awareness Video
 - Award winning video production
 - Amtrak is currently meeting with Operation Lifesaver President to discuss using video as part of a national public service announcement in both English & Spanish language versions to target trespasser high-incident locations in:
 - California
 - Texas
 - Florida
 - Illinois



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