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TO: Board of Directors  
THROUGH: Roger Snoble, Chief Executive Officer   
FROM: Paul J. Lennon, Managing Director, System Safety and Security  
SUBJECT: Weekly Security Update

In light of national security concerns, MTA staff will provide weekly updates to the Board of Directors concerning MTA security programs to ensure safety of passengers, employees and the public.

### POLICY

MTA has adopted a reasonable and prudent approach to the current heightened terrorism risk. Security staff has been following the programs and directions of federal, state and local agencies responsible for safety and security. Staff has also been surveying other transit agencies nationwide. The level of increased security will follow the pattern established by these organizations. The MTA will initiate specific responses only to risks which are unique to the MTA's system and facilities. Since the MTA has more than \$60 million budgeted for security and safety, this fiscal year, increased security can be accomplished largely by redeploying and redirecting resources.

### MTA RAIL

- LAPD initially redeployed resources to provide more coverage at the Red Line stations. Eventually, resources were shifted back to regular deployment.
- LASD also reallocated some resources from bus to the light rail system but has now also returned to regular deployment.

- A number of incidents involving suspicious substances and packages have caused significant interruptions. Emergency response has been consistent with protocols established by LAPD & LASD.
- Training has been conducted on "Weapons of Mass Destruction-Response" involving LAPD, LASD, Fire Services, MTA Operations and Safety/Security staff.
- A tabletop training exercise focusing on Chem/Bio threat was also conducted during this period involving those mentioned previously.

### MTA BUS

- Police officers and deputy sheriffs have increased boardings at route mid points as well as end-of-line layover locations to check on and reassure operators.
- Cops n Ops meetings involving LAPD, LASD, Safety & Security staff, and senior operations managers continue to occur on a weekly basis with bus operators at the divisions, to discuss security and safety issues.

### GENERAL

- On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Emergency Operators Center was activated. Twice daily meetings attended by a representative from each MTA department were held for two days. The EOC was deactivated on September 13<sup>th</sup>, but an Emergency Security Task Force, which includes representatives of the LAPD, LASD, MTA Safety and Security, bus and rail operations and media, has been meeting weekly.
- A multi-agency security task force to address Union Station Gateway Security complex issues has been established and will include MTA security, LAPD and LASD transit representatives, LAPD Central, Catellus, SCRRRA representatives, AMTRAK Police and security, and MWD security. In response to Mayor Hahn's motion of October 19<sup>th</sup>, the task force will develop a comprehensive security plan by November for review by the MTA Board.

- An MTA Emergency Security Task Force has also been meeting weekly in the aftermath of the September 11<sup>th</sup> east coast attacks to guide our overall emergency-security effort.
- At the request of MTA Safety & Security, LAPD and LASD have each assigned a security-knowledgeable representative to perform an "Anti-terrorism MTA Assets Assessment" to be completed within 30 days.
- MTA Safety & Security continues to monitor, receive and disseminate "threat" information from U.S. DOT, FTA, Office & Intelligence Security, and FBI, as well as from our LAPD and LASD resources.

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