

PS/T&E COMMITTEE #1
June 13, 2013

MEMORANDUM

June 10, 2013

TO: Public Safety & Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment Committees
FROM: Susan J. Farag, Legislative Analyst *SJF*
SUBJECT: **Metro Safety and Security**

Today the Committee will receive a briefing on Metro Safety and Security in the County. Those expected to brief the Committee:

Deputy Chief Jeff Delinski, Metro Transit Police Department
Captain Bob Bolesta, Director Special Operations Division, MCPD
Lieutenant Phillip Raum, Homeland Security Section, MCPD
Charlie Scott, Government Relations, MTPD

Overview

Montgomery County contains 11 Metro stations on the Washington Metro's Red Line. Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) and the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) have concurrent jurisdiction over the one Metro line that runs through the County. Metro Transit police officers have primary patrol responsibility on all Metro tracks, tunnels, trains, and below ground platforms, stations, and facilities. Montgomery County police officers have primary patrol responsibilities for parking lots and surface platforms and stations.

Those present will be prepared to discuss how the Metro Transit Police and Montgomery County Police coordinate general police response and services in and around Metro stations, how homeland security policing is coordinated, and general information on crime trends.

The following charts show selected crimes from the Montgomery County Police Department's Crime Analysis tactical database from April 4, 2011 to March 15, 2013. This is the department's official source for data. The data are not UCR compliant *and should be regarded as preliminary*. These crimes do not include complaints handled by the Metro Transit Police.

Selected Crimes from an MCPD Crime Analysis Tactical Database*									
By Metro Station									
Station	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Larceny from Vehicle	Larceny Pickpocket	Auto Theft	Sex Offense	CDS	Weapons Offense	Comm. Burglary
Bethesda		1	1	1	1		2		
Forest Glen									
Glenmont	3			1			6		
Grosvenor			3						
Medical Center									
Rockville	1	2	2			1			
Shady Grove	4		7		5		3	1	
Silver Spring		1					2		
Twinbrook	1		3			1	2	1	1
Wheaton	8	3	4	1	4	2	7		
White Flint			1						
Total	17	7	21	3	10	4	22	2	1

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Selected Crimes from an MCPD Crime Analysis Tactical Database*										
By Type of Metro Location										
Metro Location	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Larceny From Vehicle	Larceny Pickpocket	Auto Theft	Sex Offense	CDS	Weapons Offense	Com. Burglary	Total
Garage	2		12	1	5	2	5		1	28
Station	6	4		1			5	1		17
Bus Bay	6	2				1	7			16
Parking Lot	3	1	9	1	5		5	1		25
Train						1				1
Total	17	7	21	3	10	4	22	2	1	87

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The following chart shows the Metro's average weekday passenger boardings for 2012.

Average Boardings in 2012	
Station	Boardings
Bethesda	10,888
Forest Glen	2,448
Glenmont	6,190
Grosvenor	5,862
Medical Center	6,010
Rockville	4,834
Shady Grove	13,870
Silver Spring	13,621
Twinbrook	4,632
Wheaton	4,374
White Flint	4,151

Attached to this packet as background information:

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Metro Transit Police

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
AND
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY POLICE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to define the jurisdictional and operational responsibilities of the Montgomery County Department of Police and the Metro Transit Police with respect to violations of the law occurring within the confines of Montgomery County, Maryland. This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into with the cooperative objective of providing maximum police service to the Metro Transit System, its patrons, employees, properties, and the citizens of Montgomery County, to the mutual benefit of the above police agencies.

The signatories hereto agree that the policing concept outlined herein will be accomplished within the legal restraints contained in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Compact found in the Transportation Article, Sections 10-204 et seq. of the 1977 Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Cum. Supp.). This agreement supersedes the Memorandum of Understanding ratified in March 1979.

Montgomery County Department of Police

By: *Barbara D. O'Connell*

Date: *August 31, 1984*

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Police

By: *Michael B. Lee*

Date: *August 29, 1984*

* Indicates significant additions/revisions.

* I. PATROL OF WMATA PROPERTY

Patrol of WMATA property will be accomplished pursuant to the Joint Policing Concept. Montgomery County officers will have concurrent jurisdiction with Metro Transit officers. However, Metro Transit officers will have primary patrol responsibility on all Metro tracks, tunnels, trains, and below ground platforms, stations and facilities. Montgomery County officers will have primary patrol responsibilities on parking lots (except revenue controlled areas) and surface platforms and stations.

* II. FIELD REPORTING AND RECORDS.

- * A. The Metro Transit Police and the Montgomery County Police will be responsible for reporting incidents occurring within their areas of responsibility as defined above. However, nothing shall preclude members of either agency from taking reports should conditions warrant such action.
- B. The Metro Transit Police will utilize Montgomery County Police report forms and "CR" numbers on all reports made by that agency.
- * C. The Metro Transit Police will be responsible for making such notifications as required by the written directives of the Montgomery County Police when preparing field reports.
- D. Copies of all field reports prepared by the Metro Transit Police will be delivered at the expiration of each tour of duty to the County district station in which the offense or incident being reported occurred. These reports will then be processed along with the County reports.
- E. The Montgomery County Police will provide the Metro Transit Police with copies of reports prepared by members of the County Police on incidents occurring on WMATA property.
- F. Members of the Metro Transit Police must obtain criminal history record information from the Criminal Records Central Repository located at the Maryland State Police Headquarters in Pikesville, Maryland, in compliance with the Maryland Criminal Justice Information System law.

III. ARRESTS

Metro Transit Officers shall have the same powers of arrest, with respect to transit-related offenses, as do officers of the Montgomery County Police. Metro Transit Police arrest authority is limited to violations which occur on or against WMATA facilities.

This limitation, however, does not preclude Metro Transit officers from making arrests in hot or close pursuit in Montgomery County for violations committed against WMATA transit facilities. The officer making the initial apprehension will be considered the arresting officer for the purpose of prosecution.

IV. TRANSPORT OF ARRESTEES

The Montgomery County Police will provide prisoner transportation services if requested and available.

V. BOOKING, IDENTIFICATION, FINGERPRINTING & PHOTOGRAPHING OF ARRESTEES

Montgomery County facilities will be provided and County officers will assist Metro Officers in accomplishing all identification procedures on individuals arrested by them. This will be accomplished in strict compliance with the established procedures of Montgomery County Police.

VI. COURT APPEARANCES

Metro Transit Officers will appear in court as necessary to testify in any matter resulting from his/her police action. Officers of either department will appear and assist as witnesses when necessary in a court hearing. The Montgomery County State's Attorney Liaison Officer will assist Metro Transit Officers with problems related to court schedules and appearances.

VII. INVESTIGATIONS

The Montgomery County Police will be notified of any crime or death, including suicide or attempted suicide, occurring within Montgomery County, anywhere on WMATA property. The Montgomery County Police will conduct all follow-up investigations required in connection with suspected or confirmed felonies and for all deaths, suicides or attempted suicides. Exceptions to these responsibilities may be approved by agreement between the Montgomery County Investigative Services Commander in the District of occurrence and a Metro Transit Police investigative supervisor.

When person(s) jump in front of any Metrorail train in an obvious suicide attempt, Metro Transit Officers may remove the remains of any decedent if there is an unavoidable delay by Montgomery County investigators responding to the scene. However, removal of any bodies or parts thereof by Metro Transit Police personnel will be accomplished only after the proper investigation is completed which will include notification of the Medical Examiner, photographing, measurement, etc. Incidents where Metro Transit Police personnel are involved in the use of any service weapon and death does not occur will be investigated by the Metro Transit Police in their entirety.

VIII. CRIME SCENE SEARCH

That agency which assumes the investigative responsibility will be responsible for the crime scene search and the collection, preservation and presentation of all evidence pertinent to the investigation.

XI. PRISONER PROPERTY CUSTODY

Prisoner's property will be the responsibility of the arresting officer. If incarcerated, it shall be the responsibility of the detention facility.

X. SECURING WARRANTS

The Metro Transit Police may secure arrest and/or search warrants in compliance with Maryland law. They will initiate the necessary reports and notify the Montgomery County Police once a warrant is issued.

* XI. EXECUTING TRAFFIC CITATION OR CRIMINAL PROCESS

Metro Transit Police may execute any traffic citation or criminal process issued by any Maryland court only on the transit facilities owned, controlled or operated by the WMATA. The execution of any traffic citation or criminal process elsewhere in Montgomery County will be the sole responsibility of the Montgomery County Police.

XII. DETENTION OF PRISONERS, MALE, FEMALE, JUVENILE

Persons arrested by Metro Transit Officers will, if legally ordered, be incarcerated in local detention facilities. All juveniles detained or arrested by Metro Transit Officers will be processed in accordance with Montgomery County procedures.

* XIII. DEATH - INJURY NOTICES

Notice to next of kin of death on WMATA property will be made by the Montgomery County Police. In cases of personal injury, notification will be made by the police agency investigating.

* XIV. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION/TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The Montgomery County Police will conduct all traffic accident investigations on WMATA parking lots and adjoining roadways serving the stations. In addition, Montgomery County Police will have primary traffic enforcement responsibility for all Fire Lanes and Bus Bays. The Metro Transit Police will have primary traffic enforcement responsibility for all paid parking spaces and paid parking violations.

XV. TOWING FROM WMATA PROPERTY

Towing will be accomplished by Montgomery County Police in accordance with existing Montgomery County towing regulations and procedures.

XVI. COLLATERAL

All collaterals for offenses resulting from arrests or summonses issued by Metro Transit Officers will be handled by Montgomery County District Court Commissioners.

XVII. CITATIONS FOR MISDEMEANORS

Metro Transit Officers (while on the transit facilities owned, controlled, or operated by the WMATA) have the same authority as Montgomery County Officers to execute citations for misdemeanors. Violations of County Code may be cited on the county criminal and civil citations.

XVIII. TRAINING FOR METRO OFFICERS

It shall be the responsibility of the Metro Transit Police to meet the minimum training requirements as established by the Maryland Police Training Commission. The Montgomery County Police will provide the Metro Transit Police with the necessary information to keep them informed of changes in policy or law which may affect their operation.

XIX. TRAINING FOR MCP OFFICERS

The Metro Transit Police will provide specialized training for Montgomery County Police Officers with respect to Metro rail hazards, policing in tunnels and safety features throughout the Metro Rail System.

* XX. HOSTAGE/BARRICADE SITUATIONS

In the event of any hostage/barricade situation on any WMATA property, the first officer on the scene (Metro or County) will evaluate the situation and determine the need for activation of the Montgomery County Police Emergency Response Team (Hostage Negotiation Team and SWAT personnel). If the Emergency Response Team is requested, full command and control of the incident will come under the Montgomery County Police in accordance with department policies (Re: FC 950). Due to the unique and inherent dangers in existence a commanding officer(s) from the Metro Transit Police will be included as a member of the Incident Command Post.

ADDENDUM
TO THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (DATED AUGUST, 1984)
BETWEEN
THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
AND
THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY POLICE

The signatories agree that the paragraph below will be added to Section III, of the current Memorandum of Understanding, only after enabling legislation is approved by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the District of Columbia and the United States Congress:

"On-duty Metro Transit Police Officers are authorized to make arrests off of transit facilities when immediate action is necessary to protect the health, safety, welfare or property of an individual from actual or threatened harm or from an unlawful act. The Metro Transit Police will immediately notify the Montgomery County Police of any arrest made off of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority facilities in Montgomery County, Maryland. The Metro Transit Police will prepare the initial paperwork and take the suspect before the commissioner; the Montgomery County Police will conduct any necessary follow-up investigation of such matters. When both police agencies are present at an incident that occurs off Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority facilities arising under this Memorandum of Understanding, the Montgomery County Police will assume command and the Metro Transit Police will provide whatever assistance possible."

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Chief of Police
Metro Transit Police Department

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Montgomery County Department of Police

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We're serious about safety.

Metro police, safety officers and staff are in the field daily, keeping an eye out for anything unusual. And you can help. If you witness anything out of the ordinary, tell the bus driver or Metro police officer. To report an emergency to Metro Transit Police, call

202-962-2121.

Your Guide To Metrobus Safety



- Safety features
- Emergency procedures
- Suspicious packages or activity

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TTY 202-638-3780
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Getting on and off the bus

- Keep a safe distance from the curb as the bus pulls up.
- Don't run for the bus. That's when most accidents happen.
- Watch your step and hold the handrail when getting on and off the bus, especially in wet or icy conditions.
- Stay clear of closing doors.
- Make sure the bus is stopped and the driver sees you before you step in front of the bus to load or unload your bicycle. Never step into traffic to load or unload your bicycle.
- If you have to cross the street after getting off a bus, wait until the bus has pulled away from the bus stop.

Riding the bus

- Never lean against the door.
- If you are standing, hold onto the handrails on seats or overhead.
- Do not stand in front of the white line or talk to the driver while the bus is moving; doing so can interfere with the safe operation of the bus.
- Attend to your children at all times.
- Do not hang your arms or hands out of the windows.
- Follow the bus driver's instructions.

Suspicious packages or activity

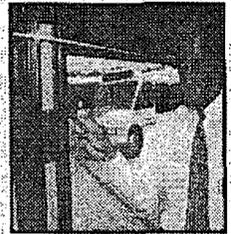
If you see a suspicious package or witness unusual activity at a bus stop or on a bus, tell the bus driver or a police officer about it.

In case of emergency

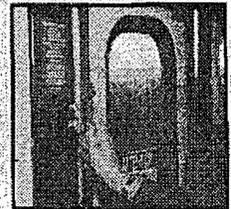
Listen to and obey the instructions of the Metrobus driver; he or she is highly trained for emergency situations.

Emergency escape windows

You can recognize the emergency escape windows by their label and distinctive red handles. Next to the handle are simple instructions for opening the windows.



Use the red hammer.

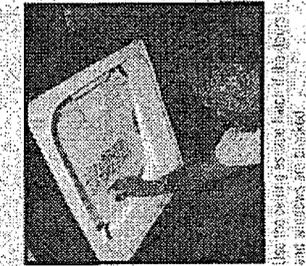


Use the red hammer to break the glass and access the manual door opener.

Manual door operation

You can open the doors by disabling the mechanical opener. The release is next to the door. Use the red hammer to break the glass protecting the door release, then follow the instructions next to the door release.

Ceiling escape hatches



Use the handle to raise the hatch. The hatch and windows are marked.

If you can't get out through the doors or windows, use the ceiling escape hatches. Each hatch has instructions for opening it.

Fire extinguishers

If there is a fire on a Metrobus, the driver is always the first person responsible for putting it out. But if the driver is unable to, it's a good idea for you to know where Metro stores the fire extinguishers.



Fire extinguishers are kept throughout the bus.

They are:

- behind or under the driver's seat



Fire extinguishers are kept throughout the bus.

- Inside the front door under the passenger side seat.

Bus safety and security features

Protective wheel devices



When someone cuts across the path of the bus.

Metrobuses are equipped with protective wheel devices to sweep people out of harm's way if they fall under the rear wheels of the bus. The guards are attached to the back right wheel. Their curved shape acts like a wing, pushing whatever is caught out of the way by lifting it outward from the path of the bus.

Onboard video cameras



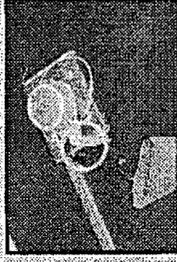
Cameras on Metrobuses ensure your safety, and also provide valuable information in case of an accident or criminal investigation. Approximately 100 Metrobuses have the onboard cameras, and all buses will be equipped with the video cameras in the future.

Fire safety



Metrobus seats and carpets are flame retardant and fire resistant.

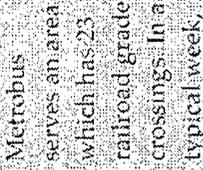
Metrobus seats and carpets are flame retardant and fire resistant to help eliminate the danger of flash fires.



In case of a fire, the system will put out the fire and prevent it from restarting.

Compressed natural gas (CNG) buses are equipped with a fire suppression system which protects against engine fires. In case of a fire, the system puts out the fire and prevents it from restarting.

Railroad grade crossing safety



Metrobus drivers stop at all railroad grade crossings.

Metrobuses drive over grade crossings more than 5,200 times.

In accordance with federal safety regulations, Metrobus operators stop at all railroad grade crossings.

To ensure your safety, Metrobus operators have been thoroughly trained in railroad rights-of-way safety practices in cooperation with CSX, the National Transportation Safety Board, the National Safety Council and Operation Lifesaver.

Schedule a free safety presentation

Metro safety officers are available to speak to community groups, schools and individual companies about Metro safety. To schedule a free safety presentation, please call

202-962-1057

Metro, the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Transit Administration want you to be prepared for emergencies.



American Red Cross
of the National Capital Area



TOGETHERWE PREPARE

In today's world, it's more important than ever to be prepared for emergencies. They can occur quickly and without warning, so planning is a crucial first step toward a calm and effective response. Metro, the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Transit Administration have created this brochure to help you prepare for emergencies regardless of where you are when they occur.

KEY INFORMATION

Metro:
202-637-7000 (TTY 202-638-3780)
metroopensdoors.com

Metro Transit Police:
202-962-2121 (to report emergencies)

American Red Cross of the National Capital Area:
redcrossnca.org

U.S. Department of Homeland Security:
ready.gov

My emergency phone number:

Family emergency phone numbers:

Out-of-state contact:
Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Emergency meeting place:

Give a copy of this brochure with the information listed above to every member of your family.



American Red Cross
of the National Capital Area



PLANNING

Contact information

Plan how your family will stay in contact if separated by an emergency:

- Make sure people close to you know how to reach you and vice versa.
- Designate an out-of-state friend to be the contact point for your family. In an emergency, it may be easier to call long distance as local phone lines may become overloaded.
- Write this information on the back of this brochure. Keep it current and keep it with you.

Meeting place

- Identify a location outside your neighborhood where your family can

meet if your home is affected or the area is evacuated.

Alternate modes of travel

- Take time now to learn alternate routes and ways to get where you need to go. There are often multiple ways to reach a destination via Metro. Our Web site (metroopensdoors.com) can help you with The RideGuide, Metrorail and Metrobus timetables and system maps.
- Keep a local map with you in case you need to walk or take another form of transportation.

Information

- If there's an emergency, check our Web site, metroopensdoors.com, for current information about service

changes, station closings, etc. Or call 202-637-7000 (TTY 202-638-3780).

- For more information on how to prepare your family, home and business for emergencies, visit the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area at redcrossnca.org and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security at ready.gov.

Prepare and practice

- Ask your employer if there is an emergency plan for your workplace and incorporate it into your personal plan.
- Occasionally review, update and practice your preparedness plans.

RESPONDING

On a train

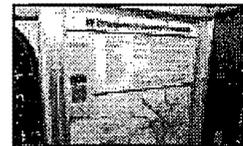
- Locate the emergency intercom at either end of the car. Use it to report suspicious activity or unattended items to the train operator.



Be sure to provide the operator with the rail car number (displayed on the front of the intercom).

- If the train stops, follow the operator's instructions quickly and calmly.

- In an extreme emergency when you must evacuate the train without the operator's assistance, follow the emergency procedures posted next to the center emergency doors.



On a station platform

- Familiarize yourself with all the exits at the stations that you use in case you ever have to take a different exit.
- Locate the emergency intercoms on specially marked pylons. Use them to

report suspicious activity or unattended items to the station manager.

- Listen for station announcements and follow instructions quickly and calmly.



On a Metrobus

- Follow the bus operator's instructions. Emergency exit procedures are listed on windows, ceiling escape hatches and on doors.

To report an emergency in the Metro system, call Metro Transit Police at 202-962-2121 or call 911.



Metro Transit Police

Bus - Rail - Parking Lot - Metro Facilities - Others

Crime Report

February 2013



	2012		2013	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Part I Crime				
Aggravated Assault	12	22	9	19
Arson	0	0	2	2
Burglary	0	0	0	0
Homicide	0	*0	*0	*0
Larceny	43	73	30	56
Larceny (Snatch/Pickpocket) ***	87	180	46	101
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	10	2	3
Attempt Motor Vehicle Theft	1	4	0	1
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	22	65	42	93
<i>Total</i>	169	354	131	275
Part I Crime by Location				
Bus	10	25	15	33
Rail	137	269	104	204
Parking Lots	12	39	7	21
Metro Facilities	2	5	2	6
Bus Stops	5	13	3	11
Others**	3	3	0	0
Part II Offenses by Location				
Bus	25	52	42	74
Rail	140	273	60	123
Parking Lots	35	68	49	70
Metro Facilities	7	13	3	7
Others	56	127	82	142
<i>Total</i>	263	533	236	416
Enforcement Efforts				
Arrests	202	385	102	233
Citations/Summonses	360	781	392	715
Calls for Service	4,646	9,706	4,912	10,484
Fare Evasion	215	478	264	521
Written Warnings	76	186	84	138
TVC's	937	1,908	-	-



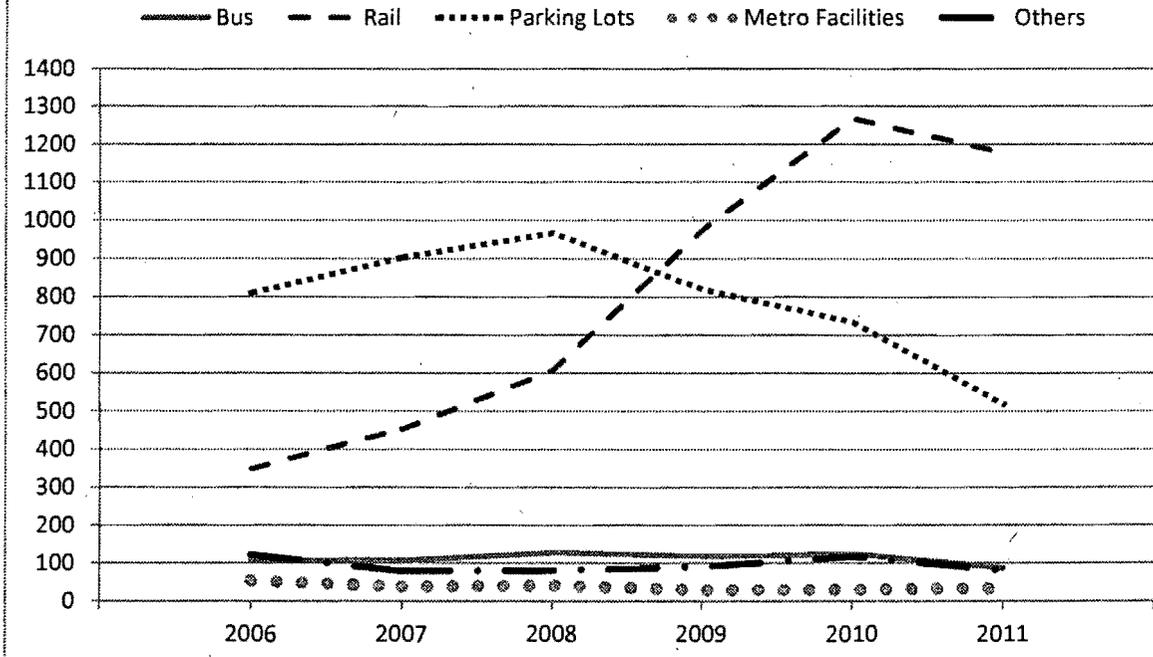
Metro Transit Police Department Five-Year Crime Report 2007-2011

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Part I Crime					
Aggravated Assault	106	92	94	136	108
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	5	2	0	5	1
Homicide	*1	0	*1	*1	*1
Larceny	739	864	811	925	791
Motor Vehicle Theft	166	181	152	129	83
Attempt Motor Vehicle Theft	117	101	79	65	43
Rape	1	0	1	3	1
Robbery	445	581	894	1,007	871
Total	1,579	1,821	2,031	2,270	1,898
Part I Crime by Location					
Bus	107	127	118	124	87
Rail	453	606	975	1,267	1,177
Parking Lots	903	966	819	733	519
Metro Facilities	38	41	29	30	34
Others	78	81	90	116	81
Part II Offenses by Location					
Bus	338	497	452	425	344
Rail	1,949	2,140	2,589	2,376	2,339
Parking Lots	1,219	1,206	858	848	641
Metro Facilities	131	88	156	101	84
Others	858	1,198	813	1,100	913
Total	4,495	5,129	4,868	4,850	4,321
Enforcement Efforts					
Arrests	1,526	1,733	1,993	2,008	1,922
Citations/Summonses Issued	4,708	6,229	6,531	6,628	7,020
Calls for Service	66,103	59,181	57,617	59,711	63,712
Fare Evasion	2,387	2,905	4,699	4,101	4,506
Rail Part I Crime per Million Riders					
	2.17	2.76	4.46	5.82	5.61
Parking Lot Part I Crime per Million Riders					
	4.38	4.40	3.74	3.37	2.31
Bus Part I Crime per Million Riders					
	0.79	0.95	0.91	0.95	0.61

This report includes all crime reported to Metro Transit Police on Bus, Rail, Parking Lots, Metro Facilities, and Others. The category of 'Others' includes bus stops, crime reported to local jurisdictional police departments taken on Metro property and any other miscellaneous location where the Metro Transit Police were involved and a report was generated.

*In accordance with the *Memorandum of Understanding* established with the Metropolitan Police Department, incidents of homicide are reported to the FBI directly by the Metropolitan Police Department.

Part I Crime By Location



The Examiner

WASHINGTON

Local: Crime

Crime in Metro parking lots hits record low

May 6, 2013 | 9:00 pm

1 Comment



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Metro's latest crime statistics contained good news for those who park their cars in Metro's garages.

Crime in Metro's parking facilities hit a record low in the first three months of 2013, down 79 percent since 2010, with thieves stealing 64 percent fewer cars, 76 percent fewer objects inside cars and 90 percent fewer parts from cars.



Crime in Metro's parking facilities hit a record low in the first three months of 2013. (Photo: Examiner file)

"The greatest success in our crime reduction strategies has been the sustained, incremental improvement in parking lot crimes," officials said in a report prepared for Metro's board.

Metro had 37 crimes in parking facilities in the first three months of 2013, compared with 63 a year earlier. Metro's parking facility crime rate was less than one crime per million riders for January through March.

Metro has made a special effort to reduce parking lot crime in the last few years. Employees patrol garages in utility vehicles, monitor lots from observation towers and track down and arrest people suspected of stealing multiple cars. The agency is also spending millions to put about 4,000 new cameras in its parking facilities and rail stations to watch out for crime and security threats. And last year the agency provided SmarTrip cards to police departments of neighboring jurisdictions to allow them to enter Metro's lots easily to patrol for thieves.

Popular in Crime

- 1 Crime jumps at D.C. elementary schools
- 2 Stupid Crimes: BB gun, bucket list, second life
- 3 Residents asked to submit statements in H Street deli murder
- 4 Missing Person: 12-year-old Frederick girl went out - and never came back
- 5 Two dead after shootings during violent night in the District

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The drop in parking lot crime drove an overall decline in crime on the transit system over the same period last year, from 7.03 serious crimes per million riders to 5.74. Metro saw 401 crimes in January, February and March, meaning it's on target to meet its goal of fewer than 2,000 crimes for the year, according to the report. - Liz Essley

From WashingtonExaminer.com



Obama's favorite gun control lawyer bumped off 'fast-track' to Supreme Court



Huffington Post denounces 'George W. Obama'



David Amerson, Phillip Thomas and Bacarri Rambo give Redskins a glimpse of what...

From Around the Web

Ford debuts impressive liftgate technology in new C-MAX Hybrid (Ford)

10 Cheapest Places to Live in America (Kiplinger)

8 affordable classic cars beloved by retirees (Bankrate)

The Return of Hot Flight Attendants (Mevio)

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