Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department

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Dramatic Rise in Crimes and Quality of Life Issues Involving Homeless on Metro System

- **November 2021** – Passenger fatally shot in head execution style then shot at responding deputies at Wilmington Metro Station.
- **January 2022** - A woman was attacked and killed at a bus stop near Union Station.
- **January 2022** – Passenger pushed onto tracks by homeless person at Willowbrook Station
- **February 2022** - Homeless man cut in half by train after sleeping on tracks
- **March 2022** – Female patron was sexually assaulted at a train station.
- **April 2022** – Female patron was sexually assaulted at a train station.
- **April 2022** - Person pushed on tracks by homeless person, suffered head trauma
- **April 2022** – Deceased homeless person rode on train for 6 hours.
- **May 2022** – Patron intentionally set on fire twice by a homeless person while riding a train.
- **May 2022** – Female patron was sexually assaulted at a train station by transient.
Crime Trends on Metro System – LASD Area

Part 1 Crimes

- 306 (2019)
- 328 (2020)
- 345 (2021)
- 416 (Projected 2022)
TSB Map of Part 1 Crimes - 2022
TRANSPORTATION OR HOUSING?
TRAINS ARE FOR TRAVEL NOT HOUSING
Operation Safe Travel

• Unveiling Operation Safe Travel

• *Operation Safe Travel* will be a multi-layered approach to conduct targeted operations along the system.

• Every passenger deserves to travel safely to their destination

• Our goals:
  • Commuter Safety
  • High visibility patrol
  • Homeless outreach
  • Early intervention
Operation Safe Travel – Resources

County-wide crime problem requires department-wide response

- Sheriffs Response Team (SRT)
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST)
- TSB Special Assignment Team (SAU)
- Mounted Enforcement Detail (MED)
- Narcotics Bureau (NARCO)
- Major Crimes Bureau (MCB)
- Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB)
- Operation Safe Streets (OSS)
- TSB Detective Bureau (DB)
- Aero Bureau (AB)
- TSB Transit Mental Evaluation Team (TMET)
- TSB K9
- Human Trafficking Detail
- Reserve Forces
- Sheriffs Intelligence Unit (SIU)
Operation Safe Travel – Our Commitment to Metro Riders

• We hear you

• We are here for you

• On June 1st Operation Safe Travel will begin with the goal of removing individuals from living on our transit systems.
Operation Safe Travel

• Safe Travel Tip Line
  • Community and riders are encouraged to report any Metro specific non-emergency concerns to

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