

POLICING MASS TRANSIT

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To Sandi and Emily

PREFACE

This book is a comprehensive examination of the topics needed to insure the public's safety while using mass transit. Not only will law enforcement professionals and students find it a useful reference, it is also of benefit to transit managers and planners who need to incorporate safety and security design into a mass transit system.

The first section of the book discusses the foundations of creating a systematic approach to safety and security. The initial chapter establishes the community orientation needed for creating a stakeholder-vested transit system. From that foundation, an examination of information management and planning finish the discourse on the elemental portions of creating a total system.

The next section divides mass transit into its basic components of buses, light rail, and fixed locations/stations. Each component requires consideration of unique or specialized issues.

Finally, the last section covers specific topics of concern, such as terrorism, youths, gangs, mentally ill, homeless, and other pertinent areas of interest to both transit policing and system management.

Policing Mass Transit is a book well-suited to students, planners, transit managers, and law enforcement officers. It is a comprehensive approach to designing a safe, secure, and desirable mass transit system.

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