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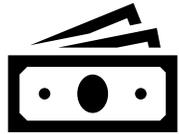
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Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative Overview

- Transit worker and rider safety is a top priority for the Biden-Harris Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- The [FTA Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative](#) provides information and resources to help transit agencies prevent and address crime in their systems to protect transit workers and riders.





Funding Resources

- [Federal funding](#) is available for transit agency use to prevent and address crime, including:
 - Section 5307 and 5311 funding
 - COVID-19 supplemental funding
 - FTA State of Good Repair Grants Program
 - FTA Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program

Additional funding is available through [FTA safety research programs](#).

Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative FTA Funding Sources

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The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) largest formula program, the [Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program](#) (Section 5307) supports public transportation in urbanized areas with populations greater than 50,000. One of the Section 5307 program goals is to support public transportation by investing in crime prevention, public transportation safety and security equipment.

Section 5307 recipients may provide funding for the following types of safety and security projects:

- Planning efforts that address rider or employee safety, including public transportation safety plans and crime prevention reviews.
- Capital projects, including the construction of new facilities or the rehabilitation of existing facilities to promote increased sightlines, improved passenger queuing, etc. The purchase of vehicles with unique security features, such as driver shields, are also eligible.
- Crime prevention and security projects, including but not limited to:
 - Increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system;
 - Increased camera surveillance of an area in or adjacent to a public transportation system;
 - Installing emergency telephone lines in or adjacent to a public transportation system to contact law enforcement or security personnel; and
 - Intelligent transportation systems designed to improve the safety of the transit system.
- Public transportation safety and security operating assistance projects (for urbanized areas with a population of less than 200,000) that include, but are not limited to:
 - Staff salaries for personnel exclusively involved with security;
 - Contracts for security services, including those with police departments; and
 - Any other operating projects intended to increase the safety and security of an existing or planned public transportation system, such as funding contracts or salaries of crisis intervention specialists.

FTA Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program (Section 5311) provides formula funding to States for areas with a population of less than 50,000. Similar to Section 5307 funding, Section 5311 can fund a variety of planning, operating and capital expenses, which can be used to support the prevention of driver and passenger assaults on rural public transportation systems.

COVID-19 supplemental funding provided through the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act](#), [Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act](#) and the [American Rescue Plan Act](#) may be used for operating expenses and activities that improve the safety or security of the transit system, including those in large, urbanized areas. Capital expenses for safety and security projects are eligible if all applicable requirements pertaining to furloughs are met.

FTA State of Good Repair Grants Program (Section 5337) can also assist with funding capital security projects, including security equipment and systems. These projects must be included in a Transit Asset Management Plan.

FTA Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (Section 5339) provides capital funding for the purchase, rehabilitation, construction or lease of buses, bus facilities and bus-related equipment. This funding can be used to purchase driver-compartment shields and other equipment that improves the safety or security of passengers or employees.

FTA supports research and technology projects to advance safety. Since 2015, FTA has awarded \$40 million dollars for 27 projects through its [safety research programs](#).

Questions? Interested agencies are encouraged to visit the [FTA website](#) and contact your [FTA Regional Office](#).

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Training Resources

- The National Transit Institute (NTI) offers two relevant courses and train-the-trainer courses:
 - Assault Awareness and Prevention (AAP) for Transit Operators
 - Violence in the Transit Workplace (VTW): Prevention, Response and Recovery

Related Trainings

National Transit Institute (NTI) Course Catalog

The mission of the National Transit Institute (NTI) is to provide training, education and clearinghouse services in support of public transportation and quality of life in the U.S.

- [NTI Course Registration](#)

Assault Awareness and Prevention for Transit Operators (Direct Delivery)

The virtual Assault Awareness and Prevention for Transit Operators (Direct Delivery) course provides transit bus operators with prevention strategies necessary to reduce the likelihood of assault incidents.

- [Course Webpage](#)
- [Course Video](#)

Assault Awareness and Prevention for Transit Operators (Train the Trainer)

The virtual Assault Awareness and Prevention for Transit Operators (Train the Trainer) course is designed to provide transit agency instructional staff with the support necessary to deliver the Assault Awareness and Prevention course within their agencies. Each registered participant will receive an electronic instructor package that will include an instructor guide, course slides, instructor notes and the participant workbook.

- [Course Webpage](#)

Violence in the Transit Workplace – Prevention, Response and Recovery (Train the Trainer)

The goal of this course is to provide transit agency instructional staff with the support necessary to deliver the Violence in the Transit Workplace – Prevention, Response and Recovery course within their agencies. Prevention methods covered include implementing system and personal security measures, recognizing and reporting the warning signs of potentially violent behavior and using effective interpersonal skills for dealing with different types of people. Response strategies focus on self-preservation and the importance of accurate reporting. The recovery module addresses the stress associated workplace violence and what employees can do to address the impact of it on themselves and co-workers.

- [Course Webpage](#)

Violence in the Transit Workplace – Prevention, Response and Recovery (Direct Delivery)

The goal of this course is to provide participants with knowledge and skills to prevent, respond to and recover from workplace violence. Prevention methods covered include implementing system and personal security measures, recognizing and reporting the warning signs of potentially violent behavior and using effective interpersonal skills for dealing with different types of people. Response strategies focus on self-preservation and the importance of accurate reporting. The recovery module addresses the stress associated workplace violence and what employees can do to address the impact of it on themselves and co-workers.

- [Course Video](#)



The recorded versions of the AAP and VTW courses are on the [FTA Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative webpage](#).





Other Resources & Questions

- The *Accessing and Using Safety and Security Event Data guide* reviews how to access NTD Safety and Security data to support a transit agency's safety performance measurement activities and benchmarking efforts.
- For more information about the initiative, contact: FTASystemSafety@dot.gov.

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Accessing and Using Safety and Security Event Data

FTA's National Transit Database Safety and Security Event Data

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) [National Transit Database](#) (NTD) is designed to support local, State, and Regional planning efforts and help governments and other decision-makers make multi-year comparisons and perform trend analyses. The NTD captures information on Safety and Security (S&S) events, including individual major event reports from urban agencies with more than 30 vehicles in maximum service and all agencies providing rail transit service. These agencies also submit monthly non-major event summary reports for each mode they operate. The [NTD S&S Policy Manual](#) defines S&S data collection requirements.

Accessing Safety and Security Event Data

On a monthly basis, FTA publishes three S&S data files. The files include data for S&S events occurring three months before publication and earlier. FTA adjusts data presentation to preserve historical consistency in data definitions and support benchmarking efforts. To access the S&S files, click on the links below:

- **[Safety & Security Time Series:](#)** Includes major and non-major S&S event annual totals, including injuries and fatalities; presents data by agency and mode. Users can download the file directly from the [FTA website](#). (See [screenshot to the right](#).)
- **[Safety & Security Major-Only Time Series:](#)** Includes only events meeting a major event reporting threshold, as determined by event thresholds for the associated year. Users can download the file directly from the [FTA website](#).
- **[Major Safety Events:](#)** Presents individual event records for events comprising the Safety & Security Major-Only Time Series for years 2014 to present. To access the Major Safety Events dataset landing page, click [here](#). Next, click the Export button and select a file format for download. (See [screenshot to the right](#).)




For questions regarding file access or download, contact NTDHelp@dot.gov.
For questions regarding safety performance measures, contact PTASP-TAC@dot.gov.

Note: S&S data is subject to change based on ongoing FTA validation and revision activity.

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Transit Worker Safety RFI

- On September 28, 2021, FTA announced a Request for Information (RFI) soliciting public input on potential transit worker safety mitigations in two areas: rail transit roadway worker protection and **transit worker assault prevention.**
- The deadline to submit comments is **November 23, 2021.**



Questions?



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