

2022 APTA Mobility Conference

FTA Update: Transit Worker Assault

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Agenda

- Transit Worker Assault Data
- Transit Worker Assault and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- FTA's Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative
 - Federal Funding
 - Training Opportunities
 - Additional Resources



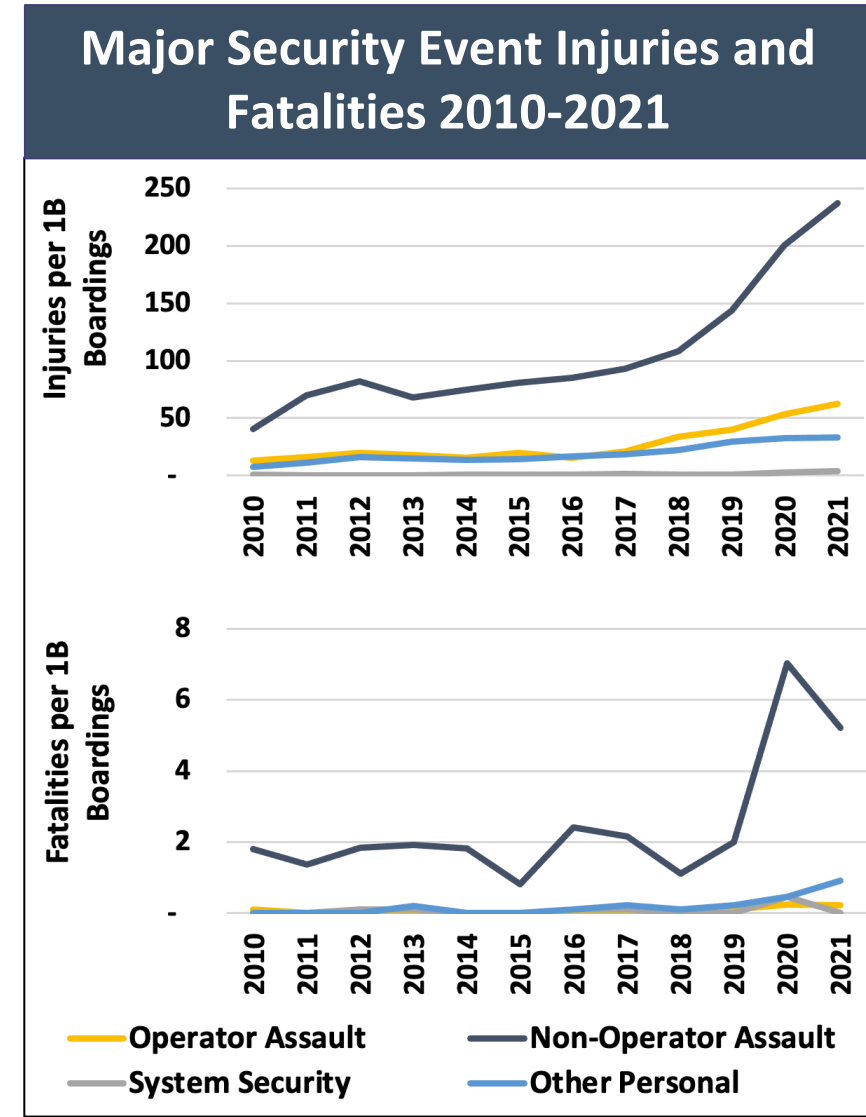
Transit Worker Assault Data

- Rates of operator assaults and other major security events have increased since 2010
- Rates of injuries and fatalities due to all major security events have also increased
- Average annual percentage increase:

Operator assaults	+18%
All other assaults	+20%
Personal security events	+17%

Data Source: National Transit Database, 3/3/22

Includes all major security events (including burglary, larceny, theft, and robbery). Excludes suicides.



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

FTA published a Dear Colleague Letter on February 17, 2022 to set deadlines for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Public Transportation Agency Safety compliance (PTASP) requirements. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements include:

- Engaging frontline workers in Agency Safety Plan development and the agency's SMS
 - Includes requirements for a Safety Committee, for some agencies
- Requirement for de-escalation training
- Risk reduction program to reduce worker assaults that includes safety performance targets
- Safety set-aside

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also requires transit agencies to report data on assaults on transit workers to the National Transit Database (NTD)

- FTA is revising NTD reporting requirements to reflect this requirement

For more information, visit transit.dot.gov/BIL

Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative

- Transit worker and rider safety is a top priority for the Biden-Harris Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation
- FTA's 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



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Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative: Federal Funding

Section 5307 and 5311 funding

- Planning and capital expenses to prevent operator and passenger assaults
- Purchase of vehicles with security features such as operator shields
- Public transportation safety and security operating assistance projects (for urbanized areas with population of less than 200,000 and 5311 recipients)

Section 5337 State of Good Repair Grants

- Projects to maintain security equipment and systems in a state of good repair
- Projects must be included in the Transit Asset Management Plan

Section 5339 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities

- Capital funding to purchase buses, bus facilities, and bus-related equipment
- Includes operator compartment shields and other equipment to improve worker safety



Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative: Federal Funding

COVID-19 supplemental funding and supplemental COVID-19 funds for security operating expenses

- Operating expenses and activities that improve safety and security
- Capital expenses for safety and security projects (*if requirements related to furloughs are met*)

FTA safety research programs

- Safety Research and Demonstration Program
- Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Demonstration Grant Program



Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative: Training Opportunities

Offered by the National Transit Institute (NTI):

Assault Awareness and Prevention for Transit Operators

- 13,000+ participants to date
- **Can be used to meet the de-escalation training requirement**
- [Direct Delivery](#)
- [Train-the-Trainer](#)
- [Video training course](#) available 24/7

Violence in the Transit Workplace

- 2,600+ participants to date
- [Train-the-Trainer](#)
- [Video training course](#) available 24/7



Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative: Training Opportunities

Participant Reviews:

- *“Very good reinforcement of proven de-escalation techniques”*
- *“Provides practical examples of challenges operators face, and the solutions are excellent”*
- *“Great learning activities”*

Course Registration: Contact NTI at 848-932-1700 or nti_info@nti.rutgers.edu

Questions about FTA safety training offerings: FTASafetyPromotion@dot.gov

Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative: Resources

- Visit FTA's [Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative](#) website for webinars and resources
- For more information about the Initiative, contact FTASystemSafety@dot.gov



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