

# **APTA Safety, Security, Emergency Management and Advisory Services Programs Update**



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# SAFETY and ADVISORY SERVICES

# APTA Conferences and Meetings

## Recently Held



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## Upcoming



To Register for the Safety & Risk Seminar go to:

<https://www.apta.com/conferences-events/safety-risk-management-seminar/>

*Early Bird reg. ends this Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>!*

# Battery Electric Bus (BEB) Safety and Thermal Events

- BEB Safety and BEB-related thermal events have become very important and relevant, with more of these types of events occurring in the US
- APTA held a discussion and “lessons learned” on this topic, with a presentation from CT DOT re: a recent thermal incident at the Safety Coordinating Council meeting prior to EXPO
- Plan to hold a session on this topic at the Safety and Risk Seminar in December 2023



# Monthly Safety Spotlight Webinars

- Monthly Webinar Series taking place 3rd Thurs of every month from 2-3pm ET
- Discuss major safety issues in the public transit industry, including:
  - Safety Management Systems and Transit Worker Assaults;
  - Safety and Security Certification;
  - FTA and FRA rulemakings;
  - Bus and Rail Collisions and Data Collection (NTD)
  - Usually have at least one guest speaker (i.e. FTA, FRA, OLI, NTSB and others)
- APTA Member Organizations please contact Brian Heanue at [bheanue@apta.com](mailto:bheanue@apta.com) for the MS Teams invite and members are encouraged to forward it to interested peers.

# Safety-related Standards Update

- **Safety and Security Certification Recommended Practice (RP)**
  - In conjunction with FTA's Handbook
  - Finalizing this document right now
  - Approved by the ISSWG working group, held final meeting with group in mid-Nov to finish the document and hope to have it out for public comment & publication soon
  - Hope to publish in early 2024



# Update: FTA Transit Standards Development Program

- On August 4, 2023, FTA announced the selection of a multi-organizational team led by the APTA to carry out the new FTA Standards Development Program (SDP).
- APTA is partnering with the University of South Florida's Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR).
- Kickoff meeting took place and first step is “needs assessment” for Standards in the public transportation industry.
- Industry “Lens” Partners Include:
  - Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO).
  - Center for Transportation & the Environment (CTE).
  - Community Transit Association of America (CTAA).
  - National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)
  - ENSCO
- Hope to eventually create a Safety-standards WG out of this at APTA.





# Safety, Security and Emergency Management Awards Program

- Annual APTA Safety & Security Awards Program
- Large interest over past year and some very innovative applications were submitted in 2023
- New Award category in 2023: Emergency Management
- 2024 awards program application site will open in Jan. 2024 (and close in Mar for Bus & Apr for Rail)



# Peer Reviews



- Conducted with Subject Matter Experts from throughout Public Transportation
- Provide findings and recommendations to Senior Management, including best practices
- Conducted 30+ peer reviews nationally and internationally from 2019-2023 on topics such as:
  - Safety, security, and emergency management;
  - Operations;
  - Maintenance; and
  - HR, procurement and customer service
- Please go to <https://www.apta.com/member-resources/member-benefits/peer-review/> if you'd like to schedule an APTA peer review.

# Safety Audits

- APTA bus and rail safety audit programs allow transit agencies to:
  - Prepare for State Safety Oversight Agency (SSOA) and/or FTA audits;
  - Meet APTA Industry Standards; and
  - Continuously improve system safety
- Based on SMS-based criteria in the PTASP final rule and National Safety Plan
- Activities include: Review of the Agency's PTASP, use of a comprehensive checklist, an application of APTA industry standards/RPs, and a review of best practices
- Over 20 transit agencies in the program, including bus, rail and commuter rail
- To sign up, please go here: <https://www.apta.com/research-technical-resources/safety-security/apta-safety-management-audit-programs/>



# Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS)

- **Serve as the Lead for the TRACS Cyber and Data Security Systems (Cybersecurity) Subcommittee**
  - Subcommittee has a monthly meeting virtually, met in June in-person/hybrid
  - Meeting again in early Dec. (Dec. 7-8) to full flesh out & develop report
  - Have led this subcommittee consisting of transit agencies, SSOs and State DOTs for about a year now
  - Hope to have the final report out with recommendations in 2024

# Collaboration with Outside Groups: CUTR, OLI, FTA, FRA and NTSB

Collaboration with outside transit safety-related groups, including:

- Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR)
- Operation Lifesaver, Inc. (OLI)
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)



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# SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

# Security Standards Update



If you would like to join one of APTA's  
Security Standards Working Groups,  
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# Public Safety Initiatives

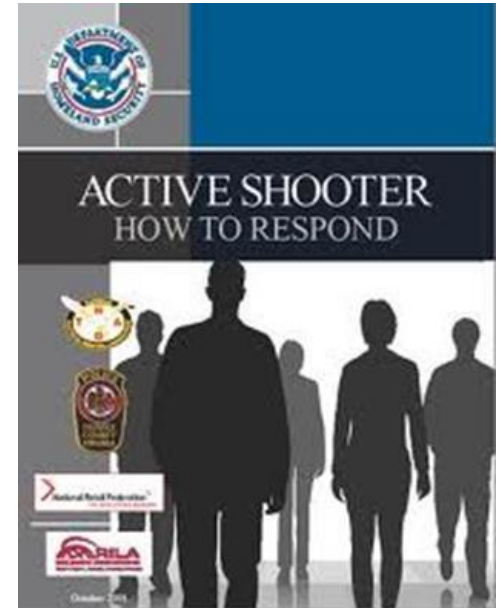
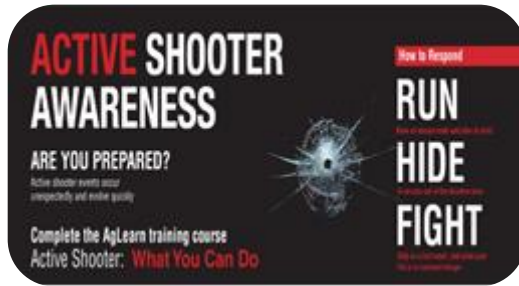




# TSA/APTA Security & Emergency Management Roundtable



# ACTIVE SHOOTER WORKING GROUP AND EXERCISES



# Cyber Security



# Human Trafficking Awareness & Training

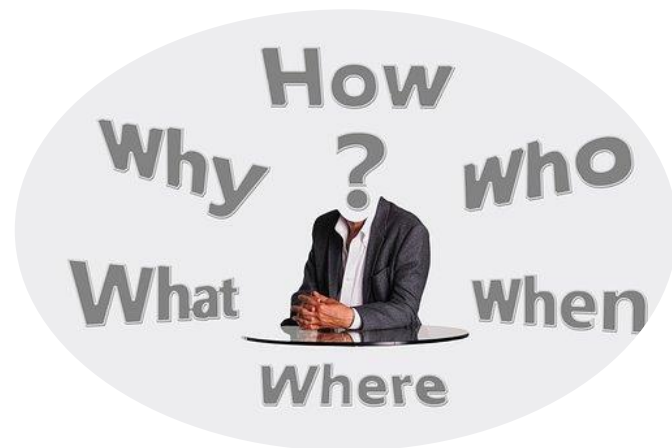


# Rail Safety and Operation Lifesaver Inc.



# Information Sharing

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(PT) and Over-the-Road  
Bus (OTRB) Information  
Sharing and Analysis  
Center (ISAC)





# Surface Transportation Security Advocacy



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# QUESTIONS ?