





FTA Publishes De-Escalation Training Resource Directory

The <u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law</u> amended the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) requirements at 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d), by adding requirements related to deescalation training.¹

Agencies that:

- are required to have an Agency Safety Plan (ASP) in place under the PTASP regulation (49 CFR Part 673),
- receive 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 funding, and
- serve one or more large urbanized areas (an urbanized area with a population of 200,000 or more)



must ensure that their agency's comprehensive safety training program includes de-escalation training for maintenance personnel, operations personnel, and personnel directly responsible for safety.

To support transit agencies as they manage the ongoing risk related to assaults on transit workers using Safety Management System (SMS) principles and methods, FTA launched a <u>De-Escalation Training Resource Directory</u>. This directory includes publicly available resources from bus transit providers, rail transit providers, State Safety Oversight Agencies, State Departments of Transportation, FTA, and various transit trade groups.

De-escalation training is one component of a multi-faceted SMS approach to transit worker safety. For more information on measures transit agencies can take as part of their approach to transit worker safety, see FTA's webpage for <u>Using Your SMS to Protect Transit Workers from Assaults</u>.

Please email FTASafetyPromotion@dot.gov if you find any broken or outdated links in the De-Escalation Training Resource Directory.

If you would like to add de-escalation training resources to this directory, please complete the <u>De-Escalation Training Resource Directory Form</u>.

FTA recently updated the Agency Safety Plan (ASP)

Directory with seven new ASPs and six updated ASPs. This directory contains publicly available transit agency ASPs as a resource. FTA has not assessed whether any of the plans meet applicable statutory or regulatory requirements. This directory is provided for technical assistance only.

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