

## **Office of Safety & Security Highlights**

### **2nd Quarterly Meeting of 2008 (January – March)**

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

<i>Part I &amp; Part II Crime Statistics for 2nd Quarter</i>		
	January – March 2008	January - March 2007
Part I	48	36
Part II	22	21

- ☐ There were 48 Part I and 22 Part II crimes for the period of January through March of 2008. There were 36 Part I and 21 Part II crimes recorded in same period for 2007.
- ☐ Staff held a meeting with the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD), Legal Bureau and Police Operations Bureau, with Miami-Dade Transit's (MDT), Office of Safety & Security (OSS) and Wackenhut to focus on a revision of Miami Dade County Ordinance 30B, specific to MDT.
- ☐ An observant, MDT bus operator encountered an individual wearing a bus operator uniform that entered a bus at the Omni Bus Terminal and did not pay his fare. The bus operator asked him if he worked for MDT and he said he did, however, he could not produce any identification. He was told to leave the bus, but was detained by the City of Miami Police and Miami-Dade Police. The subject appeared to be in need of medical treatment and was taken to the Crisis Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital. A follow-up interview with the subject revealed that he had purchased the uniform at a dry cleaner's auction.
- ☐ MDT participated in an emergency evacuation drill with the Miami-Dade School Board Police Department. The drill simulated the evacuation of Persons with Special Needs (PSN) and was conducted at various locations throughout the county.
- ☐ Safety and Security staff met with representatives from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) concerning their participation in an upcoming drill with the City of Miami Police Department on April 15, 2008 and our next "Public Awareness Campaign" on April 16, 2008.
- ☐ Due to a mainframe system failure in April 2007, an interim database was developed in April 2007; however, bus accident data, in the interim system, is not current. Metrobus Busway accident statistics are not available for the first quarter 2008.
- ☐ Safety staff is continuing safety oversight of MDT construction projects (US1 Busway) and adjacent construction projects (US1 FDOT Fiber Optic Project, Infinity Project, Axis Project).
- ☐ There were no FDOT reportable accidents/incidents at MDT Metrorail/Metromover from January through March 2008.
- ☐ There was 1 fatal accident/incident at MDT Metrobus from January through March 2008.

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- On March 29, 2008, at approximately 7:55 pm, a human body was lying in the middle of the street, on NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 67<sup>th</sup> Street, when a Metrobus proceeded over the body and dragged it approximately 1500 feet. The person was pronounced dead at the scene by Miami-Dade Fire Rescue units.

MDPD and MDT OSS are currently investigating this incident.