



AMTRAK POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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A photograph of an Amtrak Police Officer in uniform, wearing a black cap and a tactical vest, standing in a crowd. The officer is seen from the back, looking towards a group of people. The background is slightly blurred, showing other passengers and a station environment.

# **Our Mission**

***Protecting “America’s Railroad”***

# **Our Vision**

***Professionally safeguard Amtrak employees, passengers, patrons and infrastructure through partnerships and best practices while displaying respect and pride.***





## Message from the Chief



I am proud to present the Amtrak Police Department (APD) 2015 Annual Report. This report highlights the department's activities throughout the year, which included many important events and achievements.

During 2015, the APD experienced retirements, new hires, promotions and many members reaching significant service milestones. We began a healthy habits campaign that included a walking challenge and developed a stretching video to help prevent strains and sprains.

A new records management system (RMS) was selected, a newly constructed locker room for female officers in New York was delivered, plans to relocate the NCC were finalized, a field office at the Springfield station opened, and we launched the virtual command center.

The APD New England Division experienced record snow falls, but members came to work every day. Department members responded to numerous spontaneous demonstrations in many of our major cities.

APD members were certified as Operation Lifesaver trainers, conducted grade crossing and trespasser awareness and enforcement throughout the nation, received tactical training, refreshed our FTO program, developed the Professional Communications Course using our own members as source matters experts, developed an FTO program for sergeants, developed crowd control training and a new firearms course of fire, delivered Operation RAILSAFE training in many cities, participated in tabletop exercises with local, state and federal partners, conducted active shooter training for APD members, Amtrak and station employees as well as shop owners and custodians, conducted a review of all three Canadian border crossings with Amtrak Emergency Management and Corporate Security, Via Rail and Transport Canada staff, joined the FBI in reopening the investigation of the 1995 derailment of the Sunset Limited in Arizona, and participated in a railroad shooting competition and K-9 event.

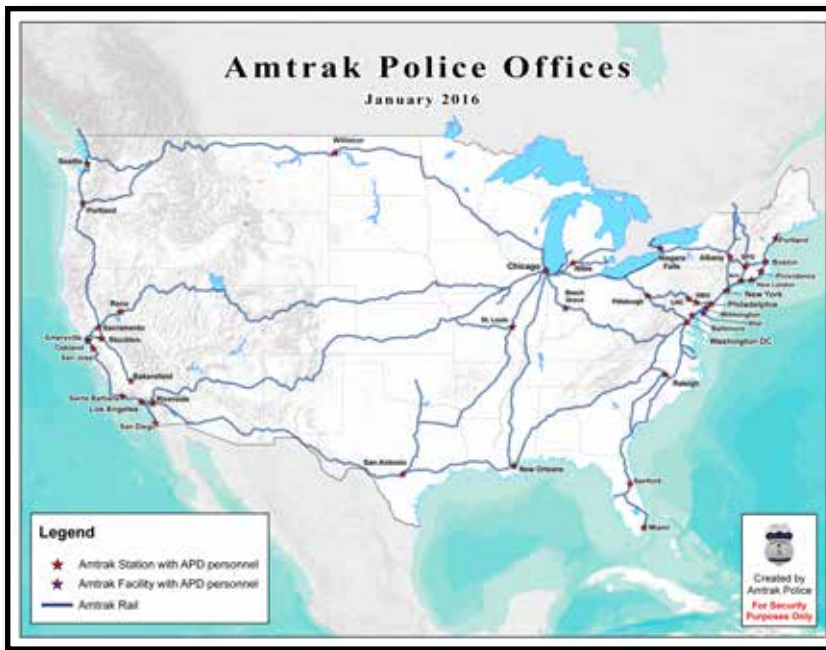
We celebrated our administrative staff and communications officers and are appreciative of our valuable civilian staff members. Our Police Explorer cadets participated in many events and APD members participated in Super Hero Month and a Make-a-Wish for a young boy in the NEC. We hosted the annual awards ceremony and Officer of the Year event and were recognized at the annual PSSAs.

Our response to the derailment of Train 188 was recognized by the Amtrak Board of Directors and CEO; members also responded to the derailment of Train 55 and were valuable members of the first responder team.

We planned for the papal visit (the largest National Special Security Event in history) in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. The APD participated in funerals for fellow fallen officers, Amtrak employees, APD retirees, and our own K-9 members. The APD recently completed an assessment for re-accreditation through CALEA. We surged with our many partners throughout the year and after the terrorist attacks in Paris.

I am proud of the department's accomplishments and look forward to the future.

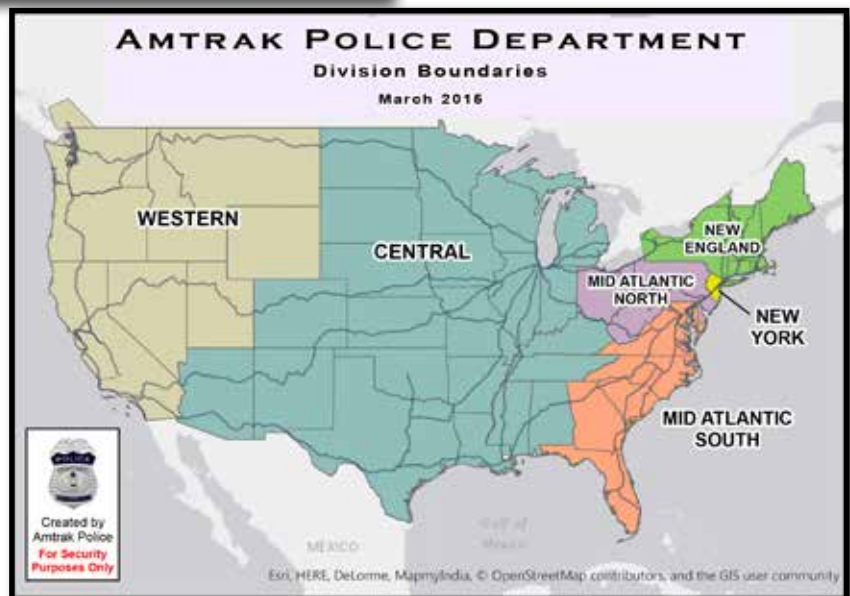
Chief Polly Hanson  
*Amtrak Police Department*



APD is responsible for ensuring the safety of over 30 million passengers traveling to over 500 destinations in 46 states including the District of Columbia and Canada. Amtrak's Northeast Corridor operates more than 2,200 trains on weekdays, transporting three-quarter of a million commuter passengers between Washington, D.C., and Boston, MA.

Amtrak operates 15 long distance routes over an 18,500 mile network serving 39 states and the District of Columbia. Long distance trains are the only intercity passenger rail service in 23 states and 223 communities.

APD partners with local and regional law enforcement agencies to provide a police presence at a majority of Amtrak stations and along the rights-of-way. APD's K-9 teams and Special Agents work in conjunction with the Transportation Security Administration to conduct random passenger baggage screenings and patrol high-risk areas of critical infrastructure. APD Patrol Divisions and Special Operations Unit Officers also conduct proactive patrols of passenger trains.

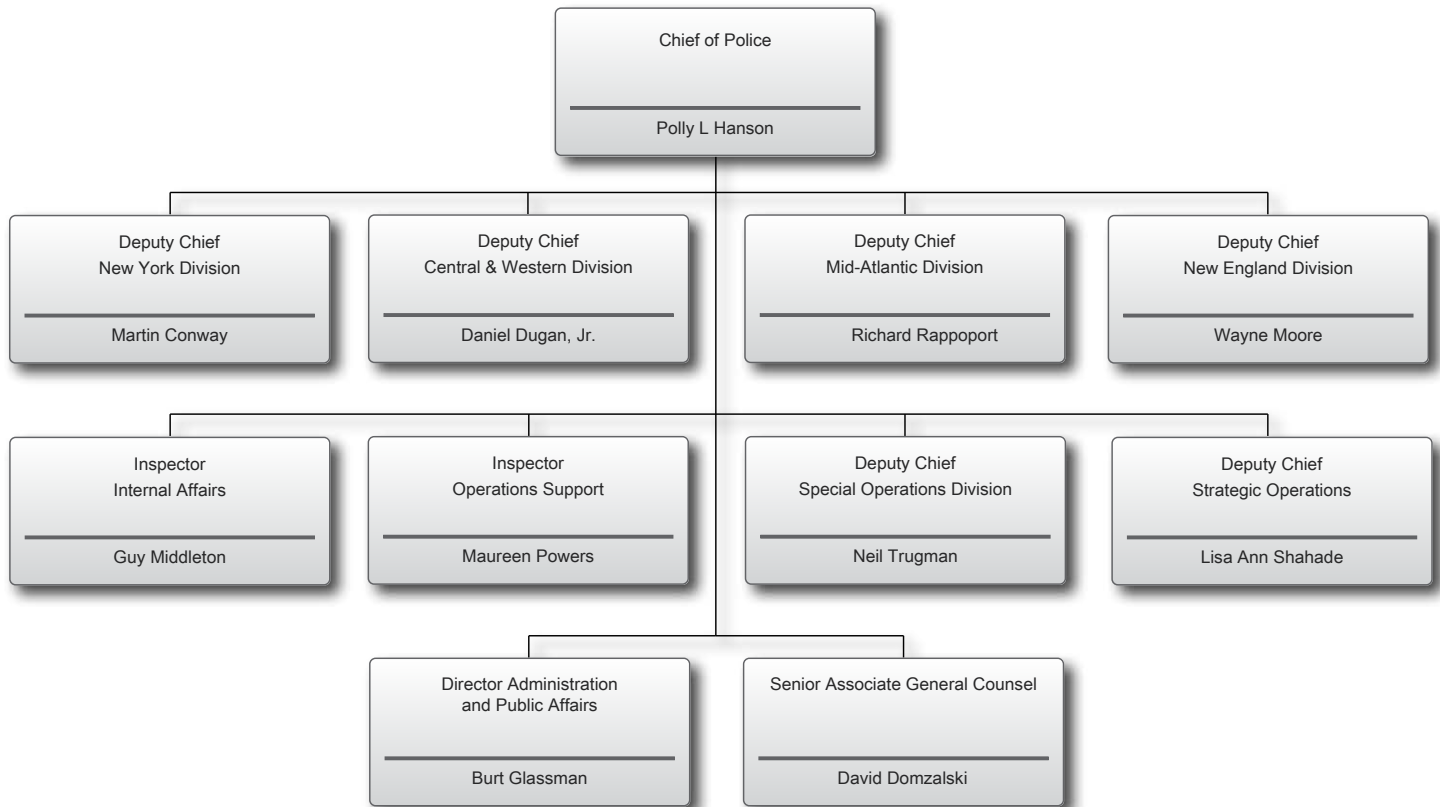


APD Detectives are located throughout the nation and are responsible for investigating major crimes, assisting with locating missing persons, following up on train accidents and providing aid to passengers aboard disabled trains.

The Detectives also serve on inter-agency task forces to combat specific types of crime which threaten homeland security.



# Organizational Chart & Demographics



## Sworn Demographics as of 9/30/2015

	Male	Female	Total	
Asian	7	0	7	2%
Black/African American	65	14	79	18%
Hispanic/Latino	31	6	37	8%
White	279	26	305	70%
<b>Two or more nationalities</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Sworn Staffing FY2011 - FY2015

Sworn Staffing as of Sept. 30, 2011	404
Hired in FY2012	55
Ended Tour of Duty in FY2012	(24)
Sworn Staffing as of Sept. 30, 2012	435
Hired in FY2013	48
Ended Tour of Duty in FY2013	(29)
Sworn Staffing as of Sept. 30, 2013	454
Hired in FY2014	16
Ended Tour of Duty in FY2014	(32)
Sworn Staffing as of Sept. 30, 2014	438
Hired in FY2015	17
Ended Tour of Duty in FY2015	(34)
Sworn Staffing as of Sept. 30, 2015	421

## Current Staffing

		Sworn	Civilian	Total
Chief of Police		3	1	4
Director Admin & Public Affairs		0	6	6
DC Strategic Operations		2	2	4
Operations Support		12	23	35
Patrol	New England	60	1	61
	New York	82	9	91
	Mid-Atlantic	66	10	76
	North			
	Mid-Atlantic	46	4	50
	South			
	Central/Pacific/ Southwest	65	2	67
Special Operations	Intel	41	1	42
	K-9	50	7	57
Total		427	66	493



## New Hires

Staff Hired in FY 2015			
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location
Amaral	Scott	Police Officer	New London
Baliko	Alan	Security Officer	Bear
Boddie	Jabari	Security Officer	CNOC
Donaher	Patrick	Police Officer	New Haven
Donovan	Kevin	Police Officer	Philadelphia
Fernandes	David	Police Officer	Boston
Girouard	Michael	Police Officer	New London
Han	Kevin	Police Officer	Chicago
Hathaway	Stephen	Police Officer	Boston
Hulshizer	Seth	Police Officer	Harrisburg
Jedlo	Michelle	Police Officer	Chicago
Kosich	Keith	Communications Officer	Philadelphia
Lyons	Brittany	Police Officer	Boston
MacIsaac	Shannon	Police Officer	New Haven
Marley	Ryan	Police Officer	Philadelphia
McMenamin	Adrian	Police Officer	Philadelphia
O'Brien	Jeremy	Police Officer	Chicago
Stevens	Shawn	Police Officer	New York
Tankson	LaRoyce	Police Officer	Chicago
Woods	Steven	Police Officer	Chicago



### **APD Participates in Chemical Weapons Exercises**

The APD (New England Division) NED participated in a series of chemical weapons attack exercises in Boston, MA. The workshops were designed to test the readiness and response capabilities of emergency personnel who would be responding to the threat of a chemical agent being released into the Boston transportation system, including South Station. Boston was the second city in the nation to install a chemical detection system, which has been operational since 2002.

The workshops, held over a period of several months, were hosted by the MBTA and MassDOT and were designed to evaluate the notification, communication, response and coordination capabilities of all emergency responder agencies. The workshops were broken into different phases and allowed Amtrak Police and other agencies to evaluate and modify existing response plans and protocols.

Captain Lewis Best, Sergeant Josh Roberts and Investigator Ted Oliver attended a workshop to discuss the notification process if chemical detection systems are activated at South Station.

### **DEA Provides Training to APD**

On January 21, seventeen officers from various field offices of the NED attended a course in drug identification, which was hosted at the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Boston Office. Two DEA forensic chemists provided training on how to identify common illegal drugs used by abusers and gave instruction on how to utilize field testing kits. In addition, training was provided on how to prepare testing results for criminal cases.

Training was also provided on methods to avoid cross-contamination and the hazards of handling dangerous drugs, as well as methods of concealment in luggage and other compartments.



### **APD Promotes Safety at Railroad Hobby Show**

On January 24-25, members attended the Amherst, Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show. APD K-9 Sergeant Jim Forsyth with his canine Spirit, K-9 Officer James Domachowski with his canine partner Cruz, and Officers Robert Hanson and Stephanie Kuska attended the event, which is one of the largest hobby shows in New England. The event was hosted at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds in West Springfield, MA. There were over 18,000 guests and volunteers including over 3,800 exhibitors.

The APD Officers provided an interactive display promoting railroad safety to the event attendees. Ticket sales from this event have raised over

\$750,000 for local charities and scholarships since 1991.

### **Division Weathers Record Snowfall**

Early in 2015, over six feet of snow fell on the NED. These back-to-back Nor'easter storms broke records for snowfall amounts. APD officers throughout the division were on high visibility patrol in all stations, responded to trains stranded without HEP, and transported crew members when roadways became impassable.

### **APD Supports Coast Guard Museum Event**

On February 5, APD officers attended an event hosted by the National







Coast Guard Museum Association at Union Station in New London, CT. The event honored the first 100 donors to the museum project, which is dedicated to the history of the maritime service and set to open in 2018.

The event also celebrated the new ownership of the station. The building was purchased by James Coleman, a member of the Museum Association, in January and will also serve as the future entrance to the National Coast Guard Museum. There were over 150 attendees of the event including former U.S. Coast Guard Commandants Admiral Robert J. Papp and Admiral James M. Loy. The National Coast Guard Museum is expected to cost more than \$80 million and will bring new life to the City of New London and potentially increase Amtrak ridership.



APD New England Division officers present at this event included Sergeant James Moran, K-9 Officer Brian Cozzolino, Officers Tom Miskell, James Hanf, Mike Wodecki, Brian Harrington, Sandra Iannuccillo, and Peter Whittaker.



## APD NED Battles Winter

Officers assigned to the NED undertook huge challenges from late January into February, with snowfall amounts exceeding eight feet. February almost set an all-time record for snowfall in Boston and throughout New England.

The MBTA, which transports over 1.4 million passengers daily, suspended subway, bus and commuter rail service during the height of the storms, and the commuter rail system continued to operate at only 62% service, as crews assisted by the National Guard continue digging out rail lines and switches. As a result, APD Officers were faced with daily overcrowding issues in NED Stations with canceled commuter rail trains. Severe temperatures also hampered recovery efforts.



## APD Responds to Derailment in Southampton Yard

On March 10, APD officers from the Boston field office responded to a derailment in Southampton Yard. An MBTA commuter train had derailed and struck an Amtrak catenary pole bringing a wire down and causing damage to the catenary system. At the time of the accident, the commuter train was not carrying passengers and there were no injuries reported from the incident. Although power was shut down in the rail yard, Amtrak service on the Northeast Corridor was not disrupted.

## Field Office Opened in Springfield

APD opened a field office located at the Amtrak Springfield Station. This new office is used by officers assigned to the Knowledge Corridor.

## NED Officers Recognized

Officer Clifford Tucker, from the APD New Haven Field Office, was presented with a



## New England Division



plaque from the Guilford, CT, Cub Scout Pack 472 in appreciation of his delivery of an Operation Lifesaver presentation to the group. The Cub Scout Pack members were extremely grateful and receptive to the highway-rail grade crossing safety and rail trespass prevention information.

Officer Tucker worked with the Connecticut Department of Transportation to set up this event, which included a train ride to and from Guilford, CT, on an Amtrak

Shoreline East train, a tour of the New Haven train station, and the Operation Lifesaver presentation. Officer Anna Boyer, also from the New Haven Field Office, was recognized recently after completing 10 years of service with the APD.



### APD Assists the USSS

The NED assisted the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) during VIP visits in Boston, related to the opening of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Senatorial Studies at the campus of the University of Massachusetts. The President of the United States, First Lady and Vice President were in attendance with a host of public figures and dignitaries including members of Congress.

Due to multiple motorcades, the USSS requested numerous holds on rail and mass transit service near several venues for the VIP visits. APD coordinated directly with the motorcades to limit the hold times necessary resulting in minimal rail service disruptions.

### Kudos for NED Officer

An Amtrak customer called the NCC to advise a supervisor of the excellent customer service provided by Officer Alexandre Vilardo on March 31 at South Station in Boston, MA.

The woman reported that her son has learning difficulties and is on the Autism spectrum. She further explained that he suffered a minor panic attack while at South Station and Officer Vilardo showed excellent patience, compassion, and understanding while assisting her son in getting the help he needed.



### Officer Credited for Providing Assistance

K-9 Officer Ben Whelan was recognized with a customer service award for his actions and attention to duty while dealing with a mentally challenged adult male, who was missing from a group home and in need of immediate medical attention. Officer Whelan observed an individual from a prior missing person report at South Station and completed both NCIC and local police department checks on the individual with negative results. Officer Whelan was persistent and requested that the subject's residence home be contacted. The missing man was then transported to Massachusetts General Hospital for medical treatment.





### APD Participates in Super Hero Month

As part of "Super Hero Month," Officers Peter Whitaker and Michael Wodecki visited with students at the Marieville Elementary School in North Providence, RI, and the Greenbush Elementary School in West Warwick, RI. The officers read several super hero books to the children and spoke about the Amtrak Police Department. They also distributed conductor hats, APD junior police stickers, pencils, and Operation Lifesaver bookmarks.

### Air Support for Operation RAILSAFE

On May 1, the NED deployed personnel on three separate flight missions to support Operation RAILSAFE. APD officers partnered with the Massachusetts State Police and the New York State Police and flew over Amtrak rail lines and facilities throughout Massachusetts, from the Vermont border to Rhode Island and in upper New York from Rochester to Albany.



### APD Helps Safeguard 2015 Boston Marathon

The NED participated in months of planning in preparation for the 119th Boston Marathon. The race drew over 36,000 participants and was a massive security undertaking.

APD NED maintained a high visibility surge in the days before and after the race and was augmented by support from the Special Operations Unit and K-9 teams. APD personnel maintained a very strong visible presence on board trains, on platforms and in stations.

There was an APD desk at the command center at the Boston Police Department, and the MACC (Multi Agency Command Center), which served as unified command center for all tactical operations,

intelligence, investigative services and emergency response agencies. There were over 260 personnel assigned to the MACC. This year's marathon was a great success with no major incidents reported, and the APD was recognized for our strong presence.

### APD Participates in Preparathon

APD Officers recently participated in National Preparathon Day events at Amtrak stations in Providence and Boston. Officers passed out security and crime prevention tip cards and joined representatives from Amtrak Emergency Management and Corporate Security, the American Red Cross, FEMA and MEMA.



### APD Hosts OLS in Boston

On May 20, APD Detective Mike Lee and Officer Peter Whitaker teamed up with the MBTA Transit Police and MBTA Safety Department officials and hosted an Operation Lifesaver (OLS) Day at South Station in Boston. Officers distributed OLS material and APD security and crime prevention tips to the riding public.



### Air & Water Support for Memorial Day Surge

During the Memorial Day surge, APD deployed personnel in the air and on the



water throughout the NED.

Investigator Chris Hogan and Officer James Hanf were assigned to U.S. Coast Guard vessels and maintained high visibility around the railroad bridges in CT. Officer Marcus Gangemi flew with the Massachusetts State Police Air Wing along the Downeaster route and along the Northeast Corridor to the RI border.

Officer Rob Hanson flew with a second Massachusetts State Police helicopter crew from the VT border along the Knowledge Corridor and to the NY State Line. Detective Mike Smith patrolled the railroad right of way in upper state NY.

### **APD Participates in Level Crossing Awareness Day**

On June 3, APD participated in National Level Crossing Safety Awareness Day throughout the NED. In Connecticut, high visibility coverage was deployed at various crossings for enforcement and general safety awareness. Officers also distributed Amtrak safety tip cards.

Officer Thomas Miskell conducted an Operation Lifesaver presentation to a group of fifty children from the Friendship Charter School and Nathan Hale Elementary School, when they visited New London Union Station.



### **Officers Visit an Elementary School in Rhode Island**

Officers Peter Whitaker and Sandra Iannuccillo and K-9 Officer Peter McDonagh, along with his canine partner Duke, recently visited with students at the Greenbush Elementary School in West Warwick, RI.

The officers delivered presentations on train safety, followed by a K-9 demonstration outside by Officer McDonagh and Duke.

### **APD Leads Bunker Hill Day Parade**

On June 15, Officer Jonathan Kalnicki led the first responder division of the Bunker Hill Day parade held in Charlestown, MA. The parade has been a tradition since 1786 and commemorates the Battle of Bunker Hill, which was fought on June 17, 1775.



### **New CETEC Center in Boston**

On June 26, Amtrak hosted the grand opening of the new CETEC (Centralized Electrification and Traffic Control) Operations Center. Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer DJ Stadtler cut the ribbon at the ceremony.

The center was completely renovated with sixteen new work stations and state-of-the-art technology upgrades.

The renovation project began in May 2013, when all NED dispatching was moved to an off-site location, which is now utilized as a back-up dispatching center. APD will utilize the command center along with operational management staff during special events and major incidents.

### **APD Safeguards Sailfest 2015**

APD had a strong presence at the 38th annual Sailfest, which was held from July





10-12, in New London, CT. Sailfest is southeastern Connecticut's premier summertime event, which attracts over 300,000 people during the three-day festival and showcases one of the largest fireworks displays in the northeast. The event takes place on the streets and at the waterfront of downtown New London, adjacent to the Amtrak station and right-of-way. Multiple stages are used for free entertainment on one side of the tracks, while a large carnival with amusement rides is located along the opposite side of the tracks at the waterfront.

APD Officers maintained high visibility at three grade crossings and along the right-of-way to assist with crowd control, and train movement through the area. The NED was augmented with support from the APD

Special Operations Unit and utilized the Mobile Command Center to coordinate train movement and activities with railroad operations and outside agencies. New London Chief of Police Margaret Ackley praised the APD officers who were assigned to this event for their assistance to the New London Police Department.

### Son Follows in Father's Footsteps

Amtrak Police Officer Stephen Lucke pinned his son at a recent ceremony following his son's graduation from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy, after completing 22 weeks of training.

Officer Brad Lucke was sworn in as a new officer of the Burrillville Rhode Island Police Department. He also graduated from Bridgewater State College with a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice.



### New Officers Graduate FLETC

On August 31, four new APD Officers graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, GA.

The FLETC Class #515 graduates are Officers Brittany Lyons, David Fernandes, Michael Girouard and Patrick Donaher, who are all assigned to the NED.

In addition to the APD Officers, Class #515 consisted of federal

uniformed officers from the National Marine Fisheries Services, the US Mint, the US Supreme Court, Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Protective Service and the Department of Defense.

### Officer Recognized for Lifesaving Efforts

On September 15, Officer Marcus Gangemi received a commendation from the MBTA Transit Police for his lifesaving actions on March 15, 2015. Officer Gangemi and MBTA Transit Police Officers were on high-visibility patrol inside South Station when they were notified of an unconscious person in the men's rest room.

The officers found a man on the floor who had suffered from a heroin overdose and showed no signs of life. They immediately began



administering CPR. While an MBTA Officer administered chest compressions, Officer Gangemi used a bag valve mask to ventilate the victim.

A short time later Boston EMS arrived on the scene. The victim regained consciousness after continued CPR efforts and a Narcan injection. The victim survived and was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital for treatment.



### APD Safeguards Road Races in Providence

On September 20, APD officers assisted with crowd control at Providence Station during the Annual CVS Health Downtown 5K Road Race. The event, which begins at Providence Station Park, attracted over 10,000 runners along with spectators. The race course ran through the downtown streets and finished in front of the Amtrak Providence Station and the Rhode Island State House.

On September 27, APD officers also assisted with crowd control at the Color Run 5K Road Race, which started in front of Providence Place Mall and finished at the Amtrak Providence Station Park. This unique run drew 6,000 participants wearing white T-shirts. Throughout the course

of the road race, runners traveled through four archways that discharged a colored powder as they passed underneath.

### VIA Rail Visit With APD

On September 21-22, representatives from VIA Rail Canada spent several days with members of the NED. The NED works in strong partnership with VIA Rail, which operates passenger trains across Canada and maintains infrastructure for Amtrak trains traveling to and from Montreal and Toronto.

Director of VIA Corporate Security & Police Service Peter Lambrinakos and VIA Rail Police Service Senior Investigator Fern Breau have been tasked with creating a uniformed police department for their national rail system. Mr. Lamrinakos is a recently retired Chief Inspector with the Montreal Police Service and Mr. Breau is retired from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

During their visit they observed APD K-9 operations and passenger screening, and discussed best practices for future steps in establishing a VIA Rail Police Department.



### Train 55 Derailment

On October 5, APD Officers from the NED and Special Operations Unit responded to the Train 55 derailment in Northfield, Vermont. The train was traveling from St. Albans, Vt., to Washington, D.C., when it partially derailed.

The track where the incident occurred is owned and maintained

by the New England Central Railroad. A total of 102 people were on board – including 98 passengers and four crew members. Five cars of the train jumped the tracks, including the locomotive and





the lead passenger car, which fell down a ravine and into a thickly wooded area.

APD established a command post at the Northfield Police Department and worked closely with Amtrak Operations, the Northfield Police and Fire Departments, Vermont State Police, and emergency response agencies including the Red Cross, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), and the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

Entrance to the scene was difficult and required land to be cleared and an access road to be created to remove the locomotive. The damaged equipment was eventually removed by heavy equipment and transported on a low boy trailer through the town of Northfield, which created numerous road closures.



### **APD Participates in 19th Annual Blue Mass**

On September 28, Officer Thomas Miskell of the New London Field Office and a member of the APD Pipes and Drums Band took part and played pipes as part of the honor guard group at the Diocese of Norwich Blue Mass in Norwich, Connecticut.

The well-attended event is held for law enforcement officers and their families. Officer Miskell represented APD in the Honor Guard group along with other law enforcement agencies including the Connecticut State Police, Norwich PD, Groton PD, CT Department of Corrections, and East Hartford PD.

### **After Action Meeting for Train 55**

On November 30, an after action meeting was held at the Northfield Fire Department in VT, for all agencies that responded to the train 55 derailment.

Through mutual aid, numerous agencies responded to the scene along with APD NED and Special Operations Unit officers. All passengers were evacuated and transported within 100 minutes of the crash and a week-long equipment recovery operation followed with numerous road closures.



The meeting was hosted by the Amtrak EMCS Department and all agencies that responded to the incident were invited to review and debrief the entire incident response and management with Amtrak Operations and Safety Departments.

Representatives from Northfield, VT Fire and Police and other local fire departments, local EMS units, Vermont State Police, NTSB, Red Cross and other local and state agencies were in attendance. APD received high praise for their efforts during the duration of the incident. The accident is still under investigation by the NTSB.

### **Operation RAILSFAE Air Support in New England**

The APD New England Division in partnership with the Massachusetts State Police Air Wing utilized their regular air support missions during the Christmas - New Year holiday season to help safeguard passengers, employees and Amtrak's critical infrastructure.





### Air Support for APD New York Division

On January 28, four members of the APD New York Division (NYD) participated in aerial patrols of Amtrak property in the New York City area. These aerial patrols provided by our local enforcement partners are an excellent resource in providing security of our properties that are difficult, if not impossible, to patrol by vehicle.

Investigator Louis Coiro and Investigator Cal Scott flew with the NYPD Aviation Unit and patrolled Sunnyside Yard, Hell Gate Bridge and sections of the Empire Service right-of-way.

Police Officers Ed Ward and Michael Chiappone flew with the Westchester County Police Department Aviation Unit and patrolled the Empire Service right-of-way north of New York City.

### NBA All Star Game Comes to New York

On February 11, in preparation for the NBA All Star Game weekend held in New York from February 13-15, the APD NYD hosted a meeting with partner law enforcement agencies to discuss pickpocketing, as well as other crime and conditions related to the event.

APD Inspector Ken Metz, Captain Kevin O'Connell and NYD CID attended the meeting. Also present were supervisors and detectives from several NYPD units, MTAPD and New Jersey Transit Police Department. NYPD gave a presentation on pickpockets and all agencies shared intelligence information related to that crime. The head of security of Madison Square Garden also delivered a presentation on credentialing for the event and tips on how to recognize confiscated event tickets.



### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in New York

On March 4, Chief Hanson along with members of the APD NYD celebrated the opening of the newly renovated woman's locker room with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The locker room was completely gutted and rebuilt and the renovation also included new lockers and furniture. Sergeant Rose Noll coordinated the project for APD. Although the work took several months to complete, the finished product was well worth the wait.

### Law Enforcement Explorers in New York

On March 4, APD New York Division Law Enforcement Coordinators, Officers Jennifer Acosta and Jean Dorcelly took several NYD Explorer Post cadets on a tour of the Penn Station Control Center where they saw firsthand how rail service is coordinated in and out of Penn Station. Law Enforcement Career Exploring is open to young men and women from the 6th grade to 20 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of Law Enforcement. The NYD Explorer Post members also recently volunteered at a food distribution event in Newark, NJ.





## APD Commended for Assistance

In a letter to Chief Hanson, Erik Grosos, Senior Advisor at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) commended members of the APD for their assistance.

On March 5, Delta Airlines Flight #1086 landed at New York's La Guardia Airport and skidded off the runway into an embankment adjacent to the East River. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries to passengers or crew members.

Subsequently, a contingent of APD personnel from both the New York and Washington, D.C., assisted in transporting the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder from the accident scene to the NTSB lab in Washington, D.C.



## Meet the Professionals Night

On March 23, APD Officers participated in the NJ Police Community Affairs Officers Association / Morris County Freeholders & Department of Law & Public Safety Law Enforcement Career Development Course "Meet the Professionals Night." The students enjoyed meeting APD Officers and learning about the agency.

## APD Responds to Building Explosion in NYC

On March 26, NYPD requested the assistance of additional explosive detection

canine teams to conduct sweeps of the scene of an explosion and building collapse in the East Village of Manhattan, NY.



## Commissioner Bratton Visits Penn Station

On April 25, New York City Police Department Police Commissioner William Bratton was at New York Penn Station to travel on Amtrak.

While at the station, the Police Commissioner met K-9 Sergeant Robert Smith and his canine partner Jake in the Acela lounge.

## Officer Completes Criminal Investigation Course

Officer Joseph Nativo completed and graduated the New York Police Department's Criminal Investigation Course.

This 3-week program, held from April 13 - May 1, covers a diverse array of topics such as: Counterterrorism, Investigative Report Writing, Latent Prints, Subpoenas, Surveillance, Search Warrants, Forensic DNA, Special Victims, Identity Theft, Postal Inspector, Real Time Crime Center, Interviewing/Interrogation, etc. There were a total of 92 students who attended this highly coveted training.



## Patrolling the Empire Line

On June 6, members of APD NYD Patrol, Special Operations Unit and K-9 units teamed up to patrol the Empire Line between NYPS and the George Washington Bridge. This area in Manhattan is prone to trespassers who use the right-of-way as a shortcut between residential neighborhoods and to access areas used for fishing and picnics along the Hudson River.



## Kudos to New York Officers

In a letter to Chief Hanson, a passenger expressed his thanks for the professional manner displayed by Investigators Kevin McCandless, Adam Peterkin, Calum Scott and Officer Claudio Benavides while they assisted him and his wife after they were victims of a scam at New York Penn Station. Due to the hard work of all

the officers involved, the criminal was arrested.



## Officer Shawn Stevens Graduates NYPD Academy

On July 2, Officer Shawn Stevens was one of over 800 police officers graduating from the NYPD Police Academy. The graduation ceremony, held in Madison Square Garden, was led by Police Commissioner William Bratton.

This was the first NYPD Recruit Training Class to attend at the new NYPD Police Academy training facility. Officer Stevens is a proud veteran of the U.S. Army and served with the National Guard in New York Penn Station before joining the Amtrak family.

## Officers Attend Career Day

On July 3, Officers Jennifer Acosta and Jean Dorcelly attended Career Day at the 2015 Law Enforcement Explorer Academy at Fordham University in the Bronx. The officers shared information on employment with the Amtrak Police Department as well as the APD Explorer program.



## NYD Explorers Visit Philadelphia

On July 5, Officers Jen Acosta and Jean Dorcelly took 11 members of the NYD LE Explorer post on a field trip to Philadelphia. Some, if not most, of these young people had never been outside of New York City. It was a great experience for the entire group.

## Officers Visit the Spectrum School in New York

On July 16, Officers Will Gonzalez and Jennifer Acosta and K-9 Officer Rene Mercado, along with his

canine partner Linda, visited the Spectrum School P94M, located at 55 Battery Park Place, New York, NY.

Eminessa Gonzalez is a special education teacher at the school and works with students with autism, and speech and language difficulties. This summer, her class is focusing on a theme of community helpers and requested a visit from Amtrak Police Officers to speak on safety, the dangers of trespassing on the railroad, and specifically requested a K-9 Officer to visit as well.

The children were very excited when the officers arrived and appreciated everything they had to share with the class.







## APD Explorers Graduate Academy

On August 19, five of the NY Division's Explorers graduated the 2015 Law Enforcement Explorer Academy. The academy is an intense three-week para-military training experience.

Explorers attended classroom instruction for two full weeks on the campus of Fordham University, and then received hands-on training during a six-day camping trip in upstate NY. The graduation ceremony was held at NYPD headquarters and hosted by Police Commissioner William Bratton.



## Papal Mass at Madison Square Garden

On September 25, as part of the 2015 Apostolic Journey of Pope Francis to the United States, the Pope conducted a Mass at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

With a crowd of over 20,000 in attendance and the close proximity to New York Penn Station, the APD was an integral part of the event's extensive protective detail.

A command center was established inside the station, Amtrak K-9 teams provided explosive screening of all Amtrak and NJ Transit trains that entered New York Penn



Station while the Pope was in Madison Square Garden, and officers enhanced patrols, on board trains, and along the right-of-way.

## NY Officer Recognized by CBP

On November 24, Officer Timothy Proudman was recognized by U.S. Custom and Border Protection (CBP) for excellent police work performed on October 28.

Earlier in October, CBP had sent the APD NY Division a BOLO for a subject who illegally entered the U.S. at a port in RI. The man was a Turkish national, and a crew member of a ship in port. He had fled the vessel and was believed to be heading to NY.

It was almost a month later when the subject was in NY Penn Station and Officer Proudman recognized him from the BOLO. With the assistance of Officer Wesley Fontana, the subject was taken into custody and turned over to U.S. CBP.





### **NYPS Customer Safety Fair**

On December 3, APD participated in the NY Penn Station Customer Safety Fair. This day-long event was held in partnership between Amtrak, Long Island Rail Road and New Jersey Transit. Safety and security brochures were handed out and videos were displayed at the APD table to educate customers on ways to make their travel safer and more secure.

### **Officers Save Man's Life**

On December 12, Officers William Fordham, Shawn Blakely and Aviv Citron, and Sergeant Joseph Nativio

responded to a restaurant in NYPS to a report of a patron who had collapsed.

A man was found on the floor and was unresponsive. He had stopped breathing and no longer had a pulse. The officers performed CPR, maintained an airway and utilized an AED to assess the man's condition. A shock was recommended and administered, and soon after, a pulse was detected.

The officers continued rescue breathing and monitored his pulse. While awaiting the arrival of EMS, the man began to breathe on his own again. He was taken to the hospital for further treatment and expected to recover.



### **Operation RAILSAFE at NYPS**

During the NY Division's Operation RAILSAFE on December 18, the National Guard set up the DRASH tent, which was used as the command post for the operation.

Members of APD, MTAPD, New Jersey Transit PD, PAPD, NYPD, National Guard, TSA and NY State PD participated in the joint effort at NYPS. Prior to the operation, commissioners from the NY State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and high-ranking officials from NY State Police attended a pre-op briefing and toured Penn Station.



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### **Captain Lee O'Brien Completes Training Program**

On January 16, Captain Lee O'Brien graduated with the 367th School of Police Staff and Command from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. The training program was hosted by the Philadelphia Police Department and consisted of 6 weeks of intensive leadership training.

### **APD Explorer Cadet's Activities**

On March 18, Officer William Clifton, six APD explorer cadets and a chaperone traveled to Washington,

D.C. to meet Representative John Lewis. During their visit, the congressman shared his personal memories of experiences from the front lines of the civil rights movement in the United States.

On April 8, APD Explorers from the NY Division, traveled with Officers Jennifer Acosta and Jean Dorcely to meet the Philadelphia Explorers group. The New York cadets were greeted by Officer Clifton and the Philadelphia Explorers for a tour of 30th Street Station and the NCC. They also participated in mock arrest scenarios, and a class session on safety.



### **APD Detective Delivers OLS Presentations**

On April 23, Detective Jeremy Kosmac participated in an Operation Lifesaver presentation at the Hope for Hyndman Charter School in Hyndman, PA. The presentation was delivered to 245 students in response to multiple requests from the citizens of Hyndman, after a local teenage boy was struck and killed by a train in November 2014.

30-minute sessions were scheduled, and material was adjusted to accommodate all students Kindergarten through 12th grade, with a focus on railroad safety and the importance of staying clear of the right-of-way. The 9-12 grade presentations also emphasized the gravity of associated criminal

offenses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania once caught trespassing, delaying/damaging railroad equipment, or endangering passengers and crew.

Other presenters included CSX Manager Community Affairs and Safety Jason Bishop, and CSX Special Agent Royce Capehart. The program was facilitated by Hyndman Charter School Principal Erich May.

### **A Special Encounter with an APD Detective**

On May 1, Detective Jeremy Kosmac attended the Amtrak National Train Day event held in Toledo, OH. The event ran for two days, with Friday night held as a charity function and Saturday open to the general public. This year's event brought in approximately 7,000 attendees from the surrounding area.

On Friday night, four very special guests, Lillyanne, Vivian, Tyler, and Spencer Trejo, along with

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their parents Michael and Kathleen attended the event. The Trejos were honored guests via the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The young railroaders were presented with hats, courtesy of Amtrak Customer Service, and Amtrak Police shoulder patches from Detective Kosmac.

The kids were treated with the opportunity to sit in the engineer's seat and sounding the horn of a parked locomotive, but Lillyanne (far left in the picture) was shy about boarding the equipment. Seeing this, the Detective tapped her on the shoulder, and brought her and her dad back to his police car. Shyness quickly disappeared as she discovered the controls for the lights and siren, while seated on dad's lap on the passenger side of the vehicle.

The whole family was extremely thankful for the efforts of Amtrak, and seemingly even more so by the surprise encounter with an Amtrak Police Detective.

### **PPD Contributes to APD Cadets' Educations**

On May 6, Philadelphia Police Department Lieutenant Brian Sprowal visited APD Police Explorers to deliver a college tuition donation to Cadet Donnell Price. PPD had previously donated to Cadet Aaron Zamichieli's tuition.



### **APD Officers Receive Highest Honor**

On March 27, Pennsylvania State Police Sergeant Robert Bemis had stopped on Interstate 81 for a vehicle fire. As the Sergeant approached the disabled vehicle with his fire extinguisher, his patrol vehicle was hit by a passing motorist. The collision pushed the patrol vehicle into him and threw Sergeant Bemis eight to ten feet off the ground.

APD Sergeant Robert Cameron and Detective Charles Crandall had been traveling on the same highway and witnessed the entire incident as it occurred. They immediately activated their vehicle's emergency lights and blocked traffic in both southbound lanes. Leaving their vehicle, they found Sergeant Bemis lying on the ground. He was unconscious and bleeding profusely.

The APD officers checked the injured victim's vital signs and began providing first aid. Detective Crandall called 911, while Sergeant Cameron retrieved a fire extinguisher and attempted to stop the vehicle fire.

Detective Crandall stayed with the victim, who had regained consciousness and begun answering questions, and continued efforts to stabilize Bemis' condition, while shielding him from the fire. Sergeant Cameron assisted with care for the injured Sergeant until EMS and Fire personnel arrived at the scene.

Thanks to the efforts of both Sergeant Robert Cameron and Detective Charles Crandall, Sergeant Robert Bemis survived his injuries from that day. At the Pennsylvania State Police Department Awards Ceremony held in Harrisburg, PA, on May 29, both APD officers were recognized for their selfless and heroic actions with the presentation of the Pennsylvania State Police Outstanding Citizenship Award. The officers have also been awarded the Amtrak Police Department Silver Star Medal.



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### **APD Detective Attends Memorial Service**

On April 17, Detective Jeremy Kosmac attended the Allegheny County Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service. The event is held to remember all law enforcement officers who have fallen in the line of duty, but especially those from the Allegheny County, PA, area.

The event took place at the ACLEO Memorial Park on the North Shore, near Heinz Field in Pittsburgh.

Officers from municipal, county, state, transit, and railroad agencies attended the service. A large group of members of the public also attended to pay their respects to the fallen, and to thank the officers who protect them on a daily basis.

### **APD Flag Raising at 30th Street Station**

On May 26, the APD flag was raised at 30th Street Station and joined the group of armed services flags proudly displayed on the 29th Street side of the building.



### **Protecting Amtrak is a Family Affair**

On June 11, Officer's David Krass and Kevin McMullen visited the Harford County Sheriff's Office Southern Precinct in Maryland and were given a tour of their facility.

The Northeast Corridor runs through approximately 18 miles of the southern portion of the county and has three critical bridges that cross the Gunpowder, Bush and Susquehanna Rivers. It is also home to the U.S. Army's Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Captain Jonathan Krass, commanding officer at the Southern Precinct (and the cousin of Officer Krass), stated, "Anytime we can be of assistance to our allied agency partners don't hesitate to give us a call."



### **APD Supports Unveiling of Veterans Locomotive**

On June 29, Amtrak Police supported the unveiling of the new Cities Sprinter (ACS-64) veterans locomotive at the Amtrak maintenance facility in Wilmington, DE.

U.S. Senators Tom Carper and Chris Coons, Congressman John Carney, and Amtrak Senior Vice President/Chief Government Affairs & Corporate Communications were on hand at the event to speak to the crowd of about 200 Amtrak employees.

The unveiling of the locomotive was the latest effort in Amtrak's collaboration with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to aid military veterans.





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### **Papal Visit to Philadelphia**

From September 26-27, Pope Francis visited Philadelphia to participate in several large public events, which culminated in a Papal Mass held on the Ben Franklin Parkway.

Hundreds of thousands of visitors traveled to the city via public transportation to gather in Philadelphia for these events, which had a major impact on operations at Philadelphia's 30th Street Station.

The APD participated in the intensive security planning process and was an integral part of the event's extensive protective detail.

On conclusion, the operation was considered a major success with no major incidents and no injuries to APD personnel.



### **Explorers Receive Kudos**

APD Mid-Atlantic North Explorer Cadets at 30th Street Station, under the direction of Officer William Clifton, were complimented by members of Emergency Management & Corporate Security and Customer Service for their efforts to assist passengers during the busy Thanksgiving travel period.

### **Captain O'Brien Graduates FBI Academy**

On December 11, Captain Lee O'Brien was among the 230 law enforcement officers who graduated from the FBI National Academy

Program at Quantico, VA. The 262nd Session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 47 states.

Included in the class were members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 27 international countries, four military organizations, and two federal civilian organizations.



### **Kudos to Officer Michael Evans**

On December 24, the Lancaster News published an article that was described as a long overdue public thank you to the APD, Amtrak Police Officer Michael Evans, and Amtrak lost-and-found personnel for their outstanding service after a passenger lost his wallet while traveling in November.

The passenger stated in his letter to the newspaper, "I cannot say enough about the helpfulness and caring shown by Amtrak Police Officer Michael Evans at the Lancaster Station. He suggested a person I should call, gave me his business card, and contacted the coffee shop proprietor about my lost wallet. Twice in the next two weeks, he recognized me, once at a convenience store and once at the train station, and asked if I had heard anything."

Three days after he lost his wallet, a Harrisburg Amtrak police officer called to tell him the wallet had been found on the train. When he picked it up the next day, nothing was missing.

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### **APD Assists during Events in D.C.**

In preparation for President Obama's 2015 State of the Union Address on January 20, APD worked closely with Secret Service and U.S. Capitol Police on issues related to the security of critical infrastructure surrounding WAS and the area of the Capitol. Amtrak officers also maintained heightened security at the station throughout the event.

The 2015 March for Life held in Washington, D.C., on January 22, saw large numbers of people coming through Washington Union Station, from charter buses as well as trains, carrying signs and

banners, and gathering for the event. All was peaceful throughout the day, and capacity crowds were seen in all areas of the station. Amtrak officers in high-visibility uniforms worked effectively to control the masses and offer assistance to the traveling public.

### **Empire Signing Event at WAS**

On January 29, APD officers were on hand when WAS hosted a signing event for the Fox television series "Empire." Cast members Jussie Smollett (Jamal Lyon) and Bryshere Y. Gray (Hakeem Lyon) signed DVDs for approximately 1,200 fans.

### **The Power of Partnership**

While traveling on the Silver Star to attend the Florida Police Chiefs Association annual conference, former Deputy Chief Rappoport observed a lone woman getting off the train late at night in Southern Pines, NC.

It looked dark and lonely in that area, but as the train pulled off the Deputy Chief observed two officers standing on the platform a short distance away. That event prompted him to correspond with their Chief and share his thoughts of "how reassuring it must have been for that woman to look up and see two police officers on the platform!" The Deputy Chief continued on in his note to thank them for their support.

Southern Pines Police Department Chief of Police Bob Temme's response was an excellent example of the support that Amtrak and the APD received from our partner agencies, and is well worth sharing.

"Thank you for taking the time to share your positive observations about the Southern Pines Police Department. The Town of Southern Pines is keenly aware of the value Amtrak brings to our community and the role we can play in making our downtown and train depot safer.

Our department has made crime prevention a priority and an attempt to be visible when passengers are arriving and departing. Additionally, we have a program in place where Amtrak customers who are leaving their vehicles in our free parking areas to travel by train can contact the Southern Pines Police Department and we will check their vehicles while they are traveling.

We have installed cameras in the train depot and around the depot that can be monitored by all our officers in their vehicles and by our dispatch center."



## Mid-Atlantic Division South

### Detective Volunteers for Special Olympics

Detective Hugh Krasin, along with other Amtrak employees, volunteered to support the Special Olympics Florida Miami-Dade County Track and Field Games 2015 held on March 1.

This Special Olympics event brings together upwards of 600 Special Olympians participating with thousands of volunteers attending year after year. In 2003, at a Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL, Special Olympics selected this program as one of the top three all-volunteer programs in the United States. Volunteer escorts accompany Special Olympic athletes to their events, cheer them on, and act as their companion for the day.



### APD Tours Private Rail Car in WAS

On April 4, Amtrak Police Officers Durm, Campbell, Dux, and Welch of the Mid-Atlantic South Division received a private tour from the owner of an original 1925 Georgia Rail Road Pullman train car during its stay at WAS.

During the tour, the officers provided the owner with information on the Amtrak Police Department's mission and how to contact APD, as well as other departments, while traveling throughout the country. The owner expressed her appreciation for APD and shared that WAS is her favorite location to bring her rail car for private events.

### Protecting Baltimore Station

Patrol, K-9, and Special Operations units from Baltimore and Washington, D.C., safely protected Baltimore Penn Station during protests held on April 29.

### Kudos to APD Officers

In a letter to Chief Hanson, BG Jarosław Stróżyk, Defense, Military Air and Naval Attaché with the Embassy of the Republic of Poland extended his thanks for excellent security service that Amtrak provided during the Police Deputy Minister's travel on an Amtrak train on May 20.

He especially appreciated Special Agent Thomas Milam and Police Officer Kiet Dang's level of professionalism and commitment to the engagement.



### APD & Metro Transit Joint Operation

On July 7, the 10th Anniversary of the London subway bombings, the APD Mid-Atlantic South Division performed a joint surge operation with the Metro Transit Police at WAS.

### Sergeant Graduates

#### Training

On July 10, Sergeant Dawn Gilliana graduated from the Montgomery County Police Department's Leadership Program. Captain Art Jacobsen was also in attendance.





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### **APD Protects ARTSCAPE 2015**

ARTSCAPE 2015, America's largest free arts festival, featured over 150 fine artists, fashion designers, crafts people, visual art exhibits, outdoor sculpture, art cars, photography, live concerts and shows on outdoor stages, various family events and food vendors.

The APD, Baltimore City Police and Fire Departments, and Maryland Transit Administration Police Department members were on hand during the event, that was located immediately outside of Baltimore Penn Station, and provided for the safety and security of the public.

The weeks of planning and coordination paid off as the three-day event, which took place from July 17-19, attracted an estimated 350,000 people during its duration (many of whom used Amtrak as the most convenient mode of travel from neighboring cities), and occurred without any major incidents.

### **Sergeant Delivers Unique Safety Training**

On September 2, APD Sergeant Kevin Dauphin, along with Lieutenant Virginia Fedor from the Gallaudet University Department of Public Safety delivered a presentation to students at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD) covering off-campus safety tips.

The students involved were selected for an off-campus internship program and are normally dropped off at WAS before taking public transportation to their internship sites.



Sergeant Dauphin has been doing this type of safety presentation with Lieutenant Fedor for the past eight years and delivers the information to the students using American Sign Language.

### **APD Helps Spread Holiday Cheer**

For the fifth consecutive year, the APD was an active participant in the Kindertime Toy Drive. On December 22, police, fire, and correctional officers from across Maryland, met at the ABC2News (WMAR-TV-BAL) television studio and formed a motorcade that stopped at the Kennedy Krieger Institute, Ronald McDonald House, and other non-profit organizations to visit children at each location.

This effort to spread holiday cheer was described as a major success by organizer Pete O'Neil as it gathered and distributed over 75,000 toys and gifts. Welcomed with warm smiles and cheers by the Baltimore community, the one-day event has become a coveted detail in the APD Baltimore field office. This year's participants included Officers David Krass and Oliver Askew.



## Central & Western Divisions



### APD Officers Certified as OLS Presenters

Investigator Douglas Balk, Sergeant William Miarecki, Officer Susan Venturelli, Investigator Michael MacDonald, K-9 Officers John Nies and Alex Cardenas, Investigator William Haupers and K-9 Officer Robert Moore of the APD Central Division completed training to be certified as Operation Lifesaver presenters.

### New Officer Joins the Ranks in Chicago

New hire Michelle Jedlo started her employment with APD on March 23, and started the Cook

County Sheriff's Police Training Academy on April 6. After completing the ten-week course of study, she embarked on her field training at CHI.



### APD Partners on Successful Deployment

Amtrak Police Officers performed a joint enforcement/familiarization operation with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Transit Enforcement Unit at the San Diego, Solana Beach, Oceanside and San Juan Capistrano Stations. The deployment was successful with numerous passengers commenting how great it was to see law enforcement at the stations and on board trains.

### APD Ride-Along

Officer Yasmine Samalya conducted a ride-along with 17-year-old senior student Vanessa Barrientos from Santa Fe High School, located in Santa Fe Springs, CA, a neighboring city of Los Angeles. Vanessa's senior project was to observe and write about the day-to-day activities of a law enforcement officer.

### APD Officers Attend Memorial Service

Detective Jake Mumford and Captain Jim Martino represented APD and were among the thousands of law enforcement personnel at San Jose Police Officer Mike Johnson's funeral held on April 2. The 14-year veteran was shot and killed by a suspect in the line of duty on March 24.



### APD Supports Amtrak Train Day in Chicago

On May 9, Amtrak Train Days officially kicked off at CHI. During the event, attendees visited the Amtrak Exhibit Train, and toured the Amtrak Experience, a dynamic exhibit that includes interactive elements and informative graphics.

Additional interactive elements included the Chuggington Kids Depot, an Excursion Train, a VIP Train Tour and "Hard Hat" Tour, and the Joseph Szabo Control Center Tour.

Sergeant Michael Stoltz and his canine partner Ryder were visited by many participants including Connor and his mother Christine, who snapped a photo to remember the event. The day was a great success.

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### APD Partners with San Diego County Sheriffs

On June 3, APD participated in an Operation Lifesaver/enforcement exercise held in Old Town, San Diego. San Diego County Deputy Sheriff Edward Macken, Amtrak Officer Matt Rockey and General Manager of the San Diego & Imperial Valley Railroad and the Ventura County Railroad Matt Domen participated in the event.

### Chicago Blackhawks Rally

On June 18, a parade and rally was held celebrating the Chicago Blackhawks 2015 Stanley Cup Championship win. The events took place just north of CHI with an estimated attendance of two million spectators. A significant increase in Metra ridership related

to this celebration impacted greatly on Union Station operations.

Members of the Chicago APD field office, along with Metra Police, BNSF Police, Chicago Police, and Federal Air Marshals were on hand to ensure the traveling public was safe and orderly. The APD Officers were complimented by numerous sources for their part in handling the crowds with professionalism and dedication to duty.

### Credentials and Certificates Presented

Captain Joe Gorman presented credentials to Officer Michelle Jedlo, who recently graduated from the Cook County Police Academy, Life Saving Award certificates to Police Officers Gerald Gustavson, Camille Damiani, and an Officer of the Month certificate to Jamie Acosta.



### Joint Operation in Klamath Falls

On June 23-25, a joint railroad operation was conducted in Klamath Falls, OR. The law enforcement agencies involved in this detail included Amtrak Police, Union Pacific Railroad Police, BNSF Police and the Klamath Falls Police Department. The focus of the operation included visiting several locations with high trespasser activity and established transient camps, as well as conducting high visibility patrols of the Amtrak station and platform.

Traffic enforcement was also conducted at multiple high-traffic grade crossings in Klamath Falls. The detail was conducted during peak activity times, which encompassed the arrival and departure of Amtrak trains. Klamath Falls Police Chief David Henslee dedicated two officers each day to support the detail.

### APD Participates in Galesburg Train Day Event

Investigator Douglas Balk participated in the Amtrak Train Days events at the Galesburg Railroad Festival, held on June 27-28. Balk patrolled the right-of-way and tracks to protect the event participants, and assisted at the Operation Lifesaver table by handing out materials and answering questions about Operation Lifesaver, APD, and Amtrak.

### Western Division Welcomes Captain Jeffry

On July 14, members of the Western Division's Bay Area welcomed newly promoted Captain Lawrence "Lars" Jeffry in a brief ceremony at the Oakland Amtrak offices.





### National Night Out in Illinois

On August 4, APD Officers Scottie Haupers, Alex Cardenas, and Oscar Catalan worked along with the Blue Island Illinois Police Department during their neighborhood National Night Out event. This is the first time Blue Island moved the National Night Out location from their police station to a neighborhood recreation center. Investigator Haupers conducted a short Operation Lifesaver (OLS) presentation. Officers Cardenas and Catalan provided a K-9 demonstration and all three manned the OLS table. Blue Island has a significant amount of rail traversing their town and will be an OLS targeted area for school presentations.



### Safety Enforcement/Education Event

On August 28, a safety enforcement/education event was performed in both Indiana and Michigan along the Amtrak main line from Michigan City, to Three Oaks, MI, as part of the Indiana Railroad Safety Week.

A total of 12 law enforcement departments participated, with 16 officers and supervisors patrolling crossings and along the right-of-way. Twenty trespassing and traffic warning citations were issued, which included warning citations for stopping on tracks, trespassing on the right-

of-way, and disregarding rail traffic control devices. Participating agencies included Amtrak, NICTD, CSX, CN, Michigan City, Long Beach, Michiana, Grand Beach, New Buffalo and Three Oaks Police Departments, the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, and Pokagon Tribal Police.

### California Operation Lifesaver

State Coordinator, California Operation Lifesaver Nancy Sheehan-McCulloch sent a note to Chief Hanson recognizing Detective James Martino for his participation in a Safety Blitz in Davis, CA, on November 12. Ms. Sheehan-McCulloch said, "Jim's participation and cooperation was invaluable and key to the success of this crucial rail safety event."

The outreach focused on bike and trespass safety while addressing grade crossing issues as needed during the blitz. Prior to the implementation of the safety blitz, Detective Martino provided pre-blitz scouting of Davis, which was instrumental in the evaluation and identification of blitz locations and areas of focus.



During the safety blitz, between 800 and 1000 people were reached with the See Tracks, Think Train rail safety message.

Ms. Sheehan-McCulloch stated that Detective Martino made a great suggestion of how to reach bicyclists in a bicycle-friendly city bisected by train tracks by creating a "bicycle tag" that could be hung on bikes parked throughout the city, including the Amtrak station. California Operation Lifesaver created the bike tag and it was utilized with success in the Davis Safety Blitz.

# Special Operations Division

## Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism Unit

The Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism Unit, more commonly called the Amtrak Intelligence Team (AIT) is a nationally recognized unit providing investigative, analytical and response capabilities to the APD. The purpose of the unit is to provide a dedicated intelligence capability to the APD to prevent any act of terrorism and to support and conduct investigations and support the APD patrol divisions.



(L-R): AIT Analysts Angela Barton and Terry Angel.

The unit is composed of seven full-time detectives, one part-time detective, one fraud investigator, two full-time analysts, one captain, and one inspector. The AIT is deployed across the country based upon ridership, crime activity, and threat potential. The majority of these assets are within the Northeast Corridor (NEC), but have access to resources nationwide. The unit has five detectives deployed full-time to FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Chicago. One detective is full-time at the National Joint Terrorism Task Force (NJTTF), and one splits his time between the DVIC in Philadelphia, the NJ ROIC and Delaware Fusion Center. One detective is part-time in Boston.

The AIT produces daily terrorism/crime/threat reports called the Morning Report on week days, a weekly analytical report called Rail Watch, and Spot Reports. Threat assessments are conducted on VIPs deemed a high-level or specific target while traveling by train. In 2015, the AIT produced 44 Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs), all of which were cleared/closed, and one was entered into EGuardian.

The VIP Program is overseen by the AIT Captain who also coordinates standards and reporting requirements for all APD territorial detectives. The AIT also produces an Intelligence Segment for each APD Divisional Operation Plans during special events. Other agency BOLOs, Bulletins and threat information are also reviewed by the AIT and, when appropriate, disseminated within APD for officer safety and investigative purposes. AIT reports are often re-disseminated by other federal agencies and within the greater Intelligence Community by TSA, DHS and the FBI.

AIT personnel staff outside agency command posts for various high-level, special security events such as July 4, the Annual State of the Union Address, the 2015 Papal Visit and other events of national significance. These command posts are with the FBI, US Secret Service, Philadelphia Police Dept., Metropolitan (DC) Police Department, US Capitol Police and various national and state and local fusion centers in addition to APD Command Post operations.

Each AIT member holds a federal security clearance and has access to classified information from within the Intelligence Community. The AIT participates, staffs and teaches at APD's Operation RAILSAFE Training Outreach program, participates in Operation RAILSAFE surge operations and coordinates the annual Detective/Investigator's Conference. In addition, members of the AIT also provide both uniformed and plain clothes support to the various patrol divisions during surge and heavy-ridership events.

## Special Operations Unit (SOU) - Eastern Regions

Training programs were delivered by SOU to APD officers and personnel from outside agencies.

- Rail tactics training (internal): 10 APD Patrol officers
- Rail tactics training (external): 320 officers/agents from four different agencies
- Active shooter response: 57 APD Patrol officers
- CDU training: 44 APD members
- Patrol rifle course: 60 members of APD Patrol
- Firearms qualifications: 30 members of APD Patrol

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### Special Event Surge Operations

SOU supported Patrol in all department-wide surge operations and in addition deployed to:

- Boston, MA - Super Bowl Parade
- New Orleans, LA - Mardi Gras
- Chicago, IL - St. Patrick's Day Events
- Lorton, VA-Sanford, FL - Auto Train to support Bike Week travel
- New London, CT - Sailfest
- Albuquerque, NM - Southwest Chief
- Boston, MA - Boston marathon
- Baltimore, MD - Baltimore riots
- Philadelphia, PA - Train 188 derailment
- Washington, D.C.-NYC-Philadelphia, PA - Papal visits
- Burlington, VT - Train 55 derailment
- Herman, MS - River Runner

Baggage Screening with TSA	Operations	Trains	Passengers Screened
New York	86	598	6,222
Philadelphia	48	404	2,568
Washington, D.C.	108	458	6,283
Total	242	1,460	15,073

Activity	2015 Total	
<b>Train Rides</b>	<b># Rides</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Long Distance	525	885.5
State Supported	651	827
NEC Regional	691	826.5
Acela	967	1,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,171</b>	<b>3,062.5</b>
<b>Protective Moves</b>	<b>2015 Total</b>	
VIP Tier 1 Train Ride Details	120	
Celtic	76	
<b>Train Boardings</b>	<b>2015 Total</b>	
Combined	9,485	
<b>Right-of-Way Checks</b>	<b>2015 Total</b>	
Total	3,004	



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### Western Division SOU Operations

Activity	2015 Total
Train Rides	273
Train Boardings	1,107
Accomplishments	2015 Total
Deployments	6
VIP Moves	1
Special Investigations	4
Training	2015 Total
External	3
Internal	3
Arrests	2015 Total
Felony Warrants	13
Misdemeanor Warrants	7
Felonies	12
Misdemeanor	2

Drug Seizures	Total lbs.
Methamphetamine	17.4
Heroin	4.4
Marijuana	11

## Special Operations Division

### **SOU Meets French Mayor and Member of Parliament**

Deputy Chief Trugman, Captain Deborah Myers, Special Agent Taniqueka Harvey, K-9 Officer Dennis Welch along with his canine partner Aziz, and Intelligence Analyst Angela Barton met with Mr. Alain Chretien, Mayor of Vesoul, France, and member of the French Parliament.

Mr. Chretien was traveling the United States to address issues such as public emergency management and security.



### **Rail Tactics Training**

On July 14-15, APD Special Agents Brent Walsh and David Brooks provided Rail Tactics training to Metro Transit Police Department officers at the Amtrak Ivy City rail yard located in Washington, D.C.

### **APD Captain Speaks at Conference**

From November

3-5, 2015 Captain Jim Cook attended the National Fusion Center Association's annual training conference in Alexandria, VA.

The National Fusion Center Association represents the interests of state and major urban area fusion centers, as well as associated interests of states, tribal nations, and units of local government, in order to promote the development and sustainment of fusion centers to enhance public safety; encourage effective, efficient, ethical, lawful, and professional intelligence and information sharing; and prevent and reduce the harmful effects of crime and terrorism on victims, individuals, and communities.

The National Fusion Center Association annual training event is a key forum for designated state and major urban area fusion centers to receive training and technical assistance and to exchange best practices to support capabilities of the National Fusion Center Network.

On November 5, Captain Cook addressed the conference attendees to explain the Amtrak Police Department's role in the intelligence community and the overall role of the APD in the law enforcement community.

### **Homeland Security Secretary Speaks at WAS**

On November 25, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson spoke at Union Station in Washington, D.C., saying there was no credible intelligence about a terror plot against the U.S.

Before boarding his train ride home for the Thanksgiving holiday, the Homeland Security Secretary



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spoke to reporters outside the station with the visible support of members of APD SOU, K-9 and Patrol, other local partner law enforcement agencies, and the Department of Homeland Security.

These reassurances came as ISIS had promised more terrorist strikes in the wake of the Paris terrorist attacks, and after President Obama had recommitted to supporting France in a meeting with French President Francois Hollande.



### Captain Cook Earns Master's Degree

Captain Jim Cook completed a Master of Arts Degree in Security Studies at the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security on December 18.

During the 18-month online and in-residence program, Captain Cook collaborated with homeland security officials from across the nation on current policy, strategy and organizational design challenges. He wrote a thesis titled, "Beating the Red Gold Rush: The Impact of Copper Wire Theft on Homeland Security."

Thirty-one CHDS students earned degrees at the graduation ceremony in Monterey, California. They represent a snapshot of the homeland security profession, including professionals from the fields of homeland security, emergency management law

enforcement, the fire service, military, public health and academia.





### K-9 Sergeant Retires from Service

Mid-Atlantic South K-9 Sergeant Micah Jones retired from the United States Air Force on April 12, after serving his country for 21 years. Sergeant Jones served in the Security Forces Career Field, starting as a Security Forces member and retired as the Superintendent of Training and Resources. He enlisted after graduating high school in 1994, was on active duty for six years and a reservist for 15 years. While on active duty, Sergeant Jones was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base (AFB), Las Vegas, NV, and Howard AFB, Republic of Panama.

During active duty, he deployed to numerous locations including Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, and Columbia. While stationed at Howard AFB, he was one of the last American service members to leave the Republic of Panama.

Sergeant Jones was honorably discharged from active duty, joined the United States Air Force Reserves, and became a member of the 459th Security Forces Squadron, Andrews AFB, Maryland. He held many positions in the unit including Squad Leader, Unit Deployment Manager, Supply NCOIC, Training NCOIC, Superintendent of Operations and Superintendent of

Training and Resources. During his 15 years in the 459th, Sergeant Jones deployed to Puerto Rico, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Iraq, Ireland, and Japan.

Asked what his biggest accomplishments were during his military career he stated that he proudly served in the United States Air Force and protected his country and its assets, no matter what soil his boots landed on. He was honored to stand by and fight alongside his two-legged and four-legged brothers and sisters in service.



### Passing of Retired APD Canine Hardy

On April 21, retired Amtrak Police canine Hardy was sadly put to rest by his handler/owner Officer Michael Bosch after developing cancerous tumors in his lungs. Unfortunately his health deteriorated quickly, but he did not suffer.

Hardy served the APD from September 2005 until he retired on April 4, 2008 and was the APD's last dual purpose canine. He graduated the Philadelphia Police Canine Academy and was certified in explosives detection, patrol apprehension and tracking.

Hardy had a small movie role when he appeared in the movie "The Happening" directed by M. Night Shyamalan. The movie included several scenes filmed inside 30th Street Station in 2007, and was later leased in 2008. Hardy can be seen at the 15-minute mark of the movie.

On May 29, during a memorial event held in the roll call room in 30th Street Station, Officer Michael Bosch was presented a portrait of retired Amtrak Police canine Hardy.



### APD NED K-9 Teams Participate in Training

The NED K-9 Teams participated in three days of training at multiple sites in Boston. Captain Deborah Myers and K-9 Trainers Ken Kelleher and Melton Hawks trained the Vapor Wake Detection teams at South Station.

In addition, the teams participated in joint training with the Federal Protective Service K-9 teams and conducted building searches in the McCormack Federal Building and Courthouse. The K-9 teams also conducted vehicle and terminal searches at the Route 128 Station.

### APD K-9 Highlighted by Auburn University

In Washington Union Station on July 28, Officer Tavarus Cockrell and Captain Myers were interviewed by members of Auburn University for their production of an NCAA halftime public service announcement and a news package specific to vapor wake detection.

Officer Tavarus Cockrell Video:

<https://youtu.be/n8Wafn17lo>

Captain Myers Video:

<https://youtu.be/0Lq15J-Zva8>



### Joint K-9 Training Exercise

On August 24-25, five APD K-9 teams participated in a two-day training exercise in RI, hosted by the Providence Police Department and the Army National Guard. Twenty-six K-9 teams from RI, MA, and CT trained at the Providence maintenance-of-way base and at the Quonset Point Air National Guard Station.

Teams received familiarization training to rail hazards and conducted explosive searches in the railroad environment, on Amtrak trains, in buildings and on airplanes. The National Guard also flew the teams onboard Blackhawk helicopters to provide them with acclimation within that environment.

APD K-9 teams included Sergeant James Forsyth and Spirit, Officer Paul Saraiva and Tally, Officer Tracy Turner and Holt, Officer Stanley Gibson and Eros, and Officer James Domachowski and Cruz.

### K-9 Sergeant Participates in White House Forum

On October 6, K-9 Sergeant Karen Schrof attended a forum at the White House, which brought together dozens of partners including medical and public health associations, educational groups, federal agencies and emergency management organizations to discuss the "Stop the Bleed" campaign.

This campaign is being launched to teach the public how to help prevent victims of traumatic injuries



from bleeding to death, by encouraging bystanders to push hard and apply pressure on wounds sustained by individuals in accidents or at mass casualty scenes until first responders arrive.

The forum served as a follow-up to a roundtable meeting held by a National Security Council interagency workgroup this past April to discuss how best to empower bystanders at emergency scenes. The group selected bleeding as a key focus area because of how common the problem can be in everyday emergencies like vehicle accidents. It also has been a concern during natural and man-made disasters, such as tornadoes and mass shootings.

Examples cited during the April gathering include the Boston Marathon bombing and the shooting rampage at the Washington, D.C. Naval Yard as occasions where civilians aided bleeding victims by using their own T-shirts,

belts or other pieces of clothing to help stem the hemorrhage until professional aid arrived.

The White House hopes that the "Stop the Bleed" message will catch on and become as easy to remember as "Stop, Drop and Roll" and "See Something, Say Something."

### Supreme Court Justice Visits with APD K-9

On October 22, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor took time to stop and visit with Officer Robert Solomon-Billings and his canine partner Pal (left) and Officer Kenneth Wolf and his canine partner Teddy. Justice Sotomayor was at the Claremont College in Pomona, CA, to address the student body and answer questions.



Amtrak K-9 teams were on hand at the event to assist the U.S. Marshall's Office explosive K-9 team with conducting a sweep of a 60,000 square foot auditorium, which seats over 2,400 people. Justice Sotomayor was pleased to have the K-9 teams there for her safety and said she travels on Amtrak often enough to know all the Amtrak K-9 teams on the East Coast.

### Passing of Retired APD Canine Wolfy

Retired APD canine Wolfy, who had worked along with Officer Robert Moore in the Chicago Division,

passed away on September 22, after battling cancer. Wolfy was a female German Sheppard (badge #62) and was the first TSA canine assigned to Chicago in August 2009.

Officer Robert Moore and Wolfy were assigned to numerous details throughout their career as an explosives detection team, which included:

- 2009 – G8 Summit in Pittsburg, PA
- 2010 – Winter Olympics to Seattle, WA / Portland, OR
- 2010 – Blackhawks Stanley Cup victory parade
- 2010 – Chicago Marathon
- 2011 – K-9 Surge in NC
- 2011 – Chicago Marathon
- 2012 – Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC
- 2012 – Chicago Marathon





- 2013 – Blackhawks Stanley Cup victory parade
- 2013 – Chicago Marathon
- 2013 – Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans, LA
- 2014 – Chicago Marathon

Moore and Wolfy also participated in agency assists that included Transportation Security Administration VIPR Operations and the Federal Protective Service Operation SHIELD.

Wolfy retired in March 2015. Wolfy will be missed and remembered by her entire Amtrak family.

K-9 Surges
State of the Union Address
Memorial Day
Boston Marathon
Bin Laden Anniversary
Chicago Marathon
Fourth of July
Labor Day
September 11
Thanksgiving
Holiday/New Year
September 11
Paris Attacks
Papal Visit

New Teams
Officer Sousa and D
Officer Eib and Blic
Officer Trinkleback and Camiel
Officer Fisher and Ascha
Officer Petrofsky and Nano

Canine Retirements
Jude
Levi
Ella
Eva
Logan
Hank
Lex
Ryder
Jack
Cruz

K9 Reassignments
Tyson
Buddy
Ellie
Vixen

New Canines
Bogi
Andi

## Special Events



### 2014 Amtrak Police Officer of the Year

On May 12, Officer Shawn McClister was recognized as the 2014 Amtrak Police Department Officer of the Year at a ceremony held in Washington, D.C.

McClister has been employed with the Amtrak Police Department since April 29, 2013, and is currently assigned to the Mid-Atlantic North Division in Philadelphia. He started his law enforcement career as a police officer in June of 2008, with the Tullytown Borough Police Department in Pennsylvania.

In addition to his patrol duties, Officer McClister actively participated in the Anti-Crime Unit, where he worked in plain clothes

conducting investigations.

Officer McClister was awarded Officer of the Month for January and August 2014, and is the recipient of nine letters of commendation, a Life Saving award and a Distinguished Unit Citation award. His outstanding work supporting law enforcement efforts of the APD, which included numerous arrests to combat illegal drug use and trafficking, and preventing a potential suicide, earned him recognition within the department.

Amtrak Police Chief Polly Hanson and Amtrak Board Member Albert DiClemente presented the prestigious Officer of the Year award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

"Officer McClister has consistently and diligently performed the best police work possible through exemplary service and dedication to duty," said Chief Polly Hanson. "We are extremely proud to count Shawn among the Amtrak Police Department's finest."



### Respect and Reflection

On May 12, Amtrak Northeast Regional Train 188 derailed in northeastern Philadelphia. There were approximately 238 passengers and five crew members on board. Unfortunately, eight passengers lost their lives and many others suffered serious injuries.

Amtrak Police, first responders and officials from the city of Philadelphia, and Amtrak senior management immediately rushed to assist passengers and

render aid. Members of the APD remained on scene, working around the clock throughout the days that followed as the ongoing response to the event continued.

On May 26, a moment of respect and reflection was held in Philadelphia for members of the APD who responded to the Train 188 incident. Attending staff took the opportunity to speak to the group and share their thoughts and appreciation.



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Officer Connie Saddler, APD peer support and Michelle Monzo, APD CIT (Crisis Intervention Techniques) were also present.

"I want to personally express my thanks for everything you did, how you served, and how you gave of yourself during our response to Train 188," said Chief Hanson to the group.

Inspector Maureen Powers, Captain Lee O'Brien, Captain Gary Heller, FOP President David Pearlson and Deputy Chief Neil Trugman all continued the praise and respect in their comments that followed.



### Railroad Police Shooting Competition

On August 18, four members of the Amtrak Police Department had a strong showing at the Railroad Police Shooting Competition held at the Southwest Iowa Law Enforcement Training Center in Council Bluffs, IA. The competition included police department members from UP, BNSF, CN, CP, and Amtrak.

Sergeant Robert Underwood, Detective Charles Crandall, and Police Officers Charles Stefanowicz and Kevin Snowden competed in a pool of 16 top shooters firing both marksmanship and tactical courses.

Detective Crandall Placed second overall in marksmanship and he and Officer Stefanowicz placed second overall in the team marksmanship challenge. The team of Sergeant Underwood and Officer Snowden took third overall in the tactical shoot competition.

### Officer Horton Participates in Heroes Parade

APD Officer Gladys Horton was invited to be part of the Sacramento, CA, Hometown Heroes Parade on September 11, to honor Anthony Sadler, Alek Skarlatos and Spencer Stone. The three men were hailed as heroes for helping stop a terrorist plot on August 21, on board a Paris-bound high-speed train.



### 2015 Papal Visit

Pope Francis visited the

United States for the first time from September 23-27, with events conducted in Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and New York that included motorcades, private and public events throughout Amtrak's Northeast Corridor culminating in a public mass held at the Ben Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia, PA. The entire visit was declared a National Special Security Event (NSSE) and security for the event was under the direction of the United States Secret Service (USSS).

Starting in May, numerous planning meetings and event activities strengthened communications and interpersonal relationships with internal and external partner agencies. APD Papal deployment missions were conducted to ensure a safe and secure environment for passengers using Amtrak's Northeast Corridor before, during and after the Papal Events.

APD supported various VIP movements that included Vatican Staff and Papal luggage. Amtrak K-9 teams provided explosive screening of all Amtrak and NJ Transit trains that entered New York Penn Station while





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the Pope was in Madison Square Garden.

Amtrak Police Department representation was maintained at five APD Command post locations, the USSS JIC/MACCs for each event, the FBI IOC/JOC and various EOC locations. Representatives at Command Centers moved with the Papal venue



changes and the Amtrak Operations CNOC command post remained live throughout the entire six-day period.

During the Papal visit, the Amtrak Police Department began using the Virtual Command Center (VCC) to coordinate information internally and with external agencies. The VCC is a real-time, collaborative tool that facilitates shared situational awareness and event/incident management. VCCs foster single and or multi-agency collaboration and allow users to share and report incidents, necessary intelligence resources, such as suspect



profiles, maps and floor plans, and event schedules. APD had over 1,200 users from 61 different agencies monitoring our Virtual Command Center and relaying information to their respective agencies. APD will continue using the VCC in the future, and work with the FBI to develop new tools and ways to use the platform.

The entire operation was considered a major success with no major security incidents or security breaches reported in any location and no injuries to any APD personnel.



### **APD Helps Make a Wish**

On October 16, Amtrak partnered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to create a special memory for Honorary "Conductor" Himmy onboard Acela Express 2166. APD members showed their support for Himmy by traveling along with him on the train and meeting him along the route from Washington, D.C., to Philadelphia.

### **PSSA Awards for APD Members**

During the Amtrak President's Service and Safety Awards, two APD groups received recognition for their efforts. The APD National Safety Committee was recognized as the "Safety Committee of the Year" for their work throughout the year implementing initiatives that played a role in reducing injuries in the department.

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In 2014, the committee pursued a number of initiatives including the holster refresh pilot program that provided safer holsters to all officers, an injury re-enactment process for examining incidents to identify best practices and risk reduction, the APD "Effective Safety Interactions" video and an ongoing safety communications effort within the department, all of which were recognized as effective safety tools.



The APD Operation RAILSAFE Team was recognized with an award for "Achievement" for their efforts to expand the program and for developing curriculum and implementing the Operation RAILSAFE training program. This training program works to strengthen coordination and integration between APD first-responder partners by sharing information about Amtrak, general railroad safety, intelligence collection and dissemination, terrorism in a transportation environment, and arriving at the scene of an incident.



### APD Supports "Rokerthon 2"

Al Roker, the weather anchor on NBC's Today Show, recently set the Guinness World Record for the fastest time to report the weather from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, during what was dubbed "Rokerthon 2."

To complete this record-breaking feat, Roker used numerous forms of transportation including Amtrak, and APD was there to assist. In a note sent to Chief Hanson, Amtrak Principal Marketing Specialist Jerome Trahan expressed his thanks for the department's assistance and said, "The NBC Today Show crew (including Mr. Roker,) marveled at how smoothly the entire production went and what a pleasure it was to work with Amtrak. Having an APD presence on board, in WAS for the early AM Live shots, as well as coordination up and down the NEC (pre & post production,) provided an extra level of comfort for the crew and ensured the safety of the entire production."



### APD Promotional Ceremony

On December 2, the Department held two concurrent promotional ceremonies in Philadelphia and Chicago to recognize recently promoted employees. Captains Kevin O'Connell and Mark Matthews and Sergeants Barry Durm, Kii Sullivan, Brian Sporrer, Daryl McIntosh, James Domachowski,

Dean Costopoulos, Ali Sulemani, Rosaura Piedra, Robert Sowder, Susan Venturelli, Alissa O'Connell, Anthony Knox, Joseph Nativo, Frank McBride, Shawn Bradshaw, Michael Bosch, Joel Bui, William Battista and Joseph Harper were joined by command staff and family to be recognized and to celebrate their accomplishments at both events.





## Environmental Initiatives

# 2015 Earth Day Fair

### APD Environmental Initiatives

In April of 2015, APD headed efforts to develop environmental awareness by leading a cross-functional team that included Amtrak Environment & Sustainability, Media Relations, and Marketing to conceptualize, plan and deliver Earth Day events at Philadelphia 30th Street Station and Washington Union Station.

APD coordinated the fifth consecutive Earth Day Fair at Philadelphia's 30th Street Station. Environmental organizations participated and the event fostered partnerships between

Amtrak, the Environmental Protection Agency (Region III), and numerous other local environmental agencies.

These fairs feature Amtrak among a group of agencies and small businesses that share environmental educational material, and promote environmental programs or products. Through our sponsorship and participation in these events, Amtrak demonstrates a responsiveness to environmental issues and concerns that are important to our passengers, employees, and the public.

APD continued to foster a relationship with the Earth Day Network by facilitating Amtrak's participation in the third consecutive Earth Day event held at Washington Union Station.

APD also participated in a committee to assist in the development and production of the Amtrak Environment & Sustainability Department CY2014 Sustainability Report.





# Administration & Public Affairs

## Communications Initiatives

Safety and Crime Prevention Awareness Print Publications:

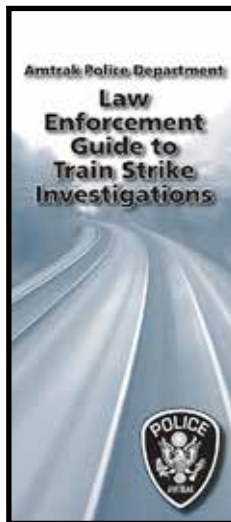
APD collaborates extensively with our internal partners to heighten awareness and increase rail travel safety. In 2015 APD created posters, cards and brochures highlighting crime prevention tips and Amtrak security, including:

### Posters:

- Active Shooter Response
- Acela & Amfleet txt-a-tip
- Sprains & Strains

### Cards:

- I'm Nosey
- Ebola Facts
- Active Shooter Reference
- Operation RAILSAFE
- APD Authority
- Carriage of Passengers
- Media Notification Card
- New Baggage Policy
- Grade Crossing Safety
- Traveling Armed
- Victim-Witness Information



### Brochures:

- Law Enforcement Guide to Train Strike Investigations
- Sailfest Guide
- Recruitment
- Papal Visit Guides

### Other projects included videos:

- K-9 Tactical First Aid
- Tactical First Aid Refresher Videos
- Papal Visit Videos

APD also partnered with Amtrak Marketing to establish a section on the home page of the amtrak.com website that is easier for passengers to find information about the APD and related security information.



### New Member Joins the Administration and Public Affairs Team

APD Administration and Public Affairs welcomed Tina Austin to its team in Washington, D.C. She is veteran of the United States Navy, where she served fourteen years as an air traffic controller during which she earned her Control Tower Operators License, 7220.1 (FAA Pink Card) and Facility Watch Supervisor qualification.

Tina assists with all aspects of the Police Administration and Public Affairs Division including human resource management, finance and technology. She is also a point of contact for general questions regarding APD's active duty members and requests for APD public affairs tokens.

# Department Awards

## Officer of the Month

### January

Erik Vanderfange  
Noel Molina  
James Shieder

### February

Laboy Roberto  
Murphy Errol  
Aviv Citron  
Francisco Rodriguez  
Sean Gallagher  
Veronica Phelan-Noble

### March

Karen Schrof  
Steven Zucchi  
Kii Sullivan  
Michael MacDonald

### May

Christopher Hogan

### August

Michael MacDonald  
William Gonzalez  
Charles Crandall  
Frank McBride  
Daniel Moser  
Ali Sulemani  
Douglas Balk  
William Haupers  
James Domachowski

### September

Joseph O'Keefe

### October

Michael MacDonald  
Ali Sulemani  
Andrew Shahade  
Timothy Proudman  
Jonathon Longini

### November

Andrew Shahade  
Carlos Juarez  
George Gernon  
Charles Stefanowicz  
Michael Evans  
Roman Malec  
Ashlee Fisher

Sean Campbell  
Ryan Tullar

### December

Michael Smith

## Life Saving Award

Sean Campbell  
William Fordham  
Matthew Lindeman  
Joseph Tizcareno  
Frank McBride  
Thomas McCormick  
Ted Tsinaroglou  
Michael Morrissey  
Luis Laino  
Douglas Antoian  
Douglas Begor  
Shawn McClister  
Anthony Switek  
Christopher Abbott  
John Petrosky  
Gregory Zujus  
Michael Lambert  
William Gonzales  
Roman Malec  
Ryan Tullar

## Customer Service Award

Oliver Askew  
Shaunta Bond  
Sean Campbell  
Jerry Coleman  
Kiet Dang  
Michael Erwin  
Edward Flores  
William Gonzalez  
Gerald Gustavson  
Micah Jones  
Iris Legge  
Matthew Lindeman  
Jodie Marriot  
David Neves  
Christopher Schabert  
Brian Sporrer  
Michael Stoltz  
Alexander Vilardo  
Benjamin Whelan  
Christine Wiebusch

## Distinguished Unit Citation

Gregory Abramopaulos  
Jamie Acosta  
Douglas Antoian  
Oliver Askew  
Shaunta Bond  
Richard Byrnes  
Michael Chikar  
Mark Chite  
Louis Coiro  
Bryan Fernandez  
Edward Flores  
Jerome Gray  
Tracy Hart  
Kurt Kosterlitzky  
Jonathan Longini  
Benjamin Loomer  
Kevin McMullen  
Jake Mumford  
Joseph Nativio  
Connie Saddler  
Anthony Saritson  
Calum Scott  
Philip Van Nuys  
Susan Venturelli  
Michael Wauhoph  
Christine Wiebusch  
Andre Winston  
Kenneth Wolf  
Jerome Gray  
James Shieder  
Brian Sporrer  
Shakeeta Williams

## Exceptional Achievement

Marcus Gangemi  
Micah Jones  
Justin Narducci  
Joseph O'Keefe  
Terrence Reddington  
Joshua Roberts  
Michael Szczawinski

## Silver Star Medal

Robert Cameron  
Charles Crandall

## Officer of the Year

Shawn McClister

## Meritorious Service Medal

Robert Solomon-Billings

# 2013 - 2014 Budget & Expenditures

Division / Unit	Account	(\$k) Actual
<b>New England</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	<b>409</b>
	Wages Straight & Overtime	4,166
	Benefits	2,350
	Non-Labor Expense	356
	Total New England	7,281
<b>New York</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	<b>407</b>
	Wages Straight & Overtime	7,151
	Benefits	3,642
	Non-Labor Expense	321
	Total New York	11,521
<b>Mid-Atlantic</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	<b>468</b>
	Wages Straight & Overtime	9,931
	Benefits	4,904
	Non-Labor Expense	529
	Total Mid-Atlantic	15,832
<b>Central/West</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	<b>490</b>
	Wages Straight & Overtime	5,280
	Benefits	2,869
	Non-Labor Expense	476
	Total Central/West	9,115
<b>Special Operations</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	<b>1,040</b>
	Wages Straight & Overtime	7,642
	Benefits	4,451
	Non-Labor Expense	2,016
	Total Special Operations	15,149
<b>Chief, Operations Support and NCC</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	<b>1,859</b>
	Wages Straight & Overtime	1,921
	Benefits	2,033
	Non-Labor Expense	3,859
	Total Chief, Operations Support & NCC	9,672
<b>Total Amtrak Police Department</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	<b>4,673</b>
	Wages Straight & Overtime	36,091
	Benefits	20,249
	Non-Labor Expense	7,557
	<b>Total Amtrak Police Department</b>	<b>68,570</b>
	<i>FY'13 Training Expense included in above</i>	1,527
	<i>APD budget variance favorable against original FY'13 budget</i>	6,472





### **Pitching in to Assist the NCC**

The National Communications Center (NCC) experienced serious issues when the roof began to leak from melting snow and rain. Everyone available immediately pitched in to control the situation, minimize the damage, and keep the NCC operational by either moving computer equipment, shoveling snow from the roof,

or by performing the most important duty of maintaining dispatch duties during the related chaos of controlling the leak and cleaning up the mess.

Working as a team, everyone pulled together and contributed to successfully keeping the NCC on line throughout this potentially damaging event.



### **National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

The week of April 12 – 18, was "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week," when the nation recognized the dedicated men and women who answer Americans' calls for help at emergency communications centers across the country. These call takers and dispatchers provide the first critical contact for those in need of emergency services.

"National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" was formally established in 1994 when then-President Clinton signed the official bill that permanently set aside the second full week in April to recognize the men and women in this great profession.

On April 15, Communications Officers in the NCC were formally recognized for their professionalism, dedication to duty, and for ensuring that all officers of the APD safely complete their tour of duty. As a small token of appreciation, each of the Communications Officers was presented with a mug displaying the logo "Amtrak Police NCC – Protecting America's Railroad One Call at a Time."

### **CALEA Mock Assessment**

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) process continues to serve as a blue print to ensure that the APD is on the forefront of establishing and maintaining 21st Century law enforcement best practice policies and procedures. As such, APD continues to maintain its accredited status through an ongoing accreditation process.

CALEA conducted an initial on-site assessment and APD received accreditation in December 2012. CALEA reaccreditation examinations occur once every three years.

On June 15-17, CALEA assessors conducted a mock on-site assessment in preparation for the department's CALEA reaccreditation. Conducting a mock assessment is a vital part of the preparation process for a re-assessment examination. The CALEA mock assessors were Chief Carl Schinner of the La Plata Police Department in Maryland and Ms. Pamela McKay, Personnel Director of the St. Mary's

County Sheriff's Office in Maryland. Both Chief Schinner and Ms. McKay are seasoned CALEA Assessors and have conducted numerous assessments of police agencies across the nation.

A variety of inspections were conducted that included prisoner temporary holding and processing, evidence control, equipment preparation and staff inspections in the MADS, MADN, and NY divisions. Interviews with staff covering numerous agency functions such as critical incident response, patrol, training, internal affairs, personnel, and finance were also conducted.

Chief Schinner and Ms. McKay reported that the department was well prepared for the upcoming CALEA reaccreditation assessment.



### **CALEA On-site Assessment**

In December 2015, assessors from CALEA conducted an on-site assessment of the Amtrak Police Department. APD's CALEA assessors were Mr. Russ McElwee and Major John Grainger. Mr. McElwee is a retired Captain from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and has served as a CALEA Assessor since 2002. Major Grainger, Assistant Chief of Police, has served with the Goose Creek Police Department for 21 years and has been a CALEA Assessor since 2008.

Over a three-day period, the assessors examined compliance records from all APD Divisions and conducted specific on-site reviews of the Mid-Atlantic South Division at Washington Union Station, the New York Division at New York Penn Station and the Mid-Atlantic North Division at Philadelphia's 30th Street Station.

The CALEA assessors reported to Chief Hanson that APD's assessment was a huge success. The assessors further stated that they will be recommending re-accreditation for APD to the CALEA Commission. APD will receive its re-accreditation commission at the April 2016 CALEA conference held in St. Louis, MO.

### **Implementation of TrakStat**

The first nationwide CompStat in existence was implemented by Operations Support, a.k.a TrakStat. Information from TrakStat is provided to the field on a daily basis to aid in determining deployment and strategies to combat crimes and is the most accurate and timely since the implementation of I/Leads in 2009. The current efforts to extract the same data from CAD will further enhance our knowledge and enable Operations Support to provide information to the field.

### **Response to Ebola Virus Outbreak**

Operations Support gathered information about the virus and assisted in creating safety notices, and researched, purchased, and delivered protective safety equipment (gloves, masks, respirators, Tyvek suits, contamination containment and decontamination equipment, etc.) to prepare APD personnel in the event there was an employee and/or passenger stricken with the virus.

### **Relocation of the NCC**

The National Communications Center (NCC) ceiling failed from water leaks in the building's roof and required an emergency move. The call center was disassembled, moved and fully functioning within four days, all while never missing a call from field personnel. The NCC was moved from its original location to the training room and then to the current location in the old CETC theatre area, which included improved conditions and updated furniture.

## **APD Event Planning**

A great deal of benchmarking , researching, working with procurement and vendors went into improving the APD promotional process, which was handled and managed from the creation of the statement of work to delivery of the promotional ceremony. This was just one of the numerous events/conferences that Operations Support managed from start to finish, including Police Week, IACP, APD-U, and numerous internal/external training courses.

## **National Events**

Equipment was ordered and provided to support the Papal events and Super Bowl. During the Super Bowl, areas were identified that needed additional communications coverage (repeaters, equipment, etc.) to aid in officers contacting the NCC. Any/all shortfalls were addressed and alternative communications was obtained if unable to correct. An Operations Plan template was created and continues to be used for all communications sections of Operations Plans.

## **Vehicles**

Operations Support exchanged, outfitted, leased, purchased, delivered, picked up, and worked with Amtrak automotive, GSA, and numerous vendors to deliver vehicles to the field on short timelines with limited resources available. A new decal package was developed for vehicles, and is awaiting final approval prior to implementation. A great deal of research was and is being conducted to assist in standardizing the APD fleet program which will present a professional vehicle fleet while being fiscally sound. Additionally, bicycles were purchased for the NED bike unit.

## **Uniforms**

Research was conducted to provide new uniform shirts and correct uniform sizes were collected from administrative field personnel to order, purchase, and deliver new hi-vis shirts, new security officer uniforms, hi-vis traffic vests, light hi-vis raincoats, and current duty uniforms for each unit (patrol, SOU and K-9).

## **FATS Training**

An area for the FATS training system in Philadelphia was created, and staff assisted with the purchase of trailers in New England and D.C. Staff researched and purchased additional FATS training systems for each division. Video scenarios for the FATS systems were created in the railroad environment that will be used by all APD personnel.

## **Train 188 Incident Response**

During the Train 188 incident and follow up, the entire unit worked tirelessly to ensure all APD personnel were properly outfitted, fed and relieved. Food and supplies were acquired from local businesses, and staff worked with internal and external partners to deliver APD personnel and other first responder agency personnel anything they needed/required including food, water, safety equipment, caution tape, vehicles, uniforms, relief, chairs, tables, and shelter. Staff also cleaned areas, and moved tents to provide from the elements for Amtrak staff at the scene of the incident.

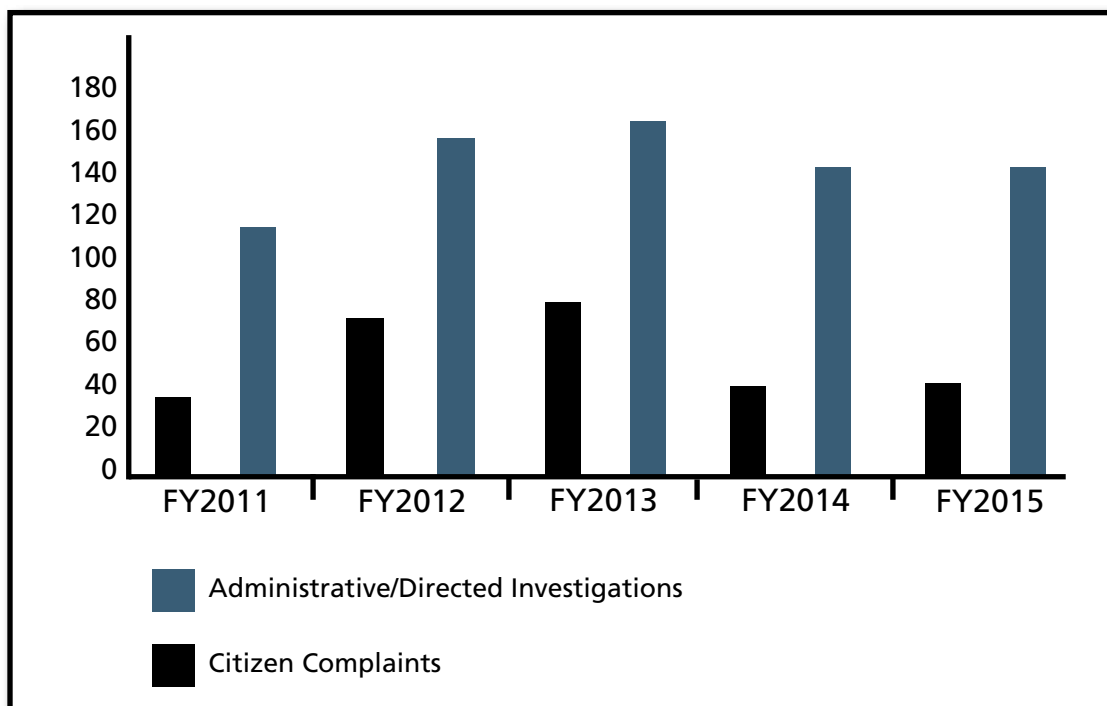


The integrity and reputation of any police agency is its most valuable asset. Transparency and impartial treatment builds confidence and trust in an agency's ability to fairly and impartially serve and protect those they serve. The APD Office of Internal Affairs is a key spoke in the cog, which drives APD in its mission of making a positive difference in the protection and security of America's railroad community. The Office of Internal Affairs upholds the agency's standards of integrity and professional responsibility and oversees administrative investigations relating to the conduct of departmental personnel. Internal Affairs records and investigates all allegations of misconduct by APD employees generated from within the Department or outside sources.

In Fiscal Year 2015, the APD investigated one hundred and eighty-one (181) complaints against police personnel. Seventy-seven percent (77%) of the complaints were citizen complaints, and the remaining twenty-three percent (23%) were internally generated investigations by management personnel, or through the Amtrak Ethics and Compliance Hotline and/or the Amtrak Office of Inspector General.

## Investigations by Type

Type	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Administrative/Directed Investigations	34	72	78	41	40
Citizen Complaints	109	154	162	141	141



The Amtrak Police Department did not experience a significant change in the number of complaints received in Fiscal Year 2015 (181 complaints) compared to Fiscal Year 2014 (182 complaints).

## Disposition Classifications

The following disposition classifications are utilized by the APD Office of Internal Affairs:

1. No Data Entered: The complaint is still under investigation.
2. Administrative Closure: The complaint lacks sufficient information to conduct a follow-up investigation or was handled informally at the request of the complainant.
3. Exonerated: The investigation revealed that the actions taken by agency personnel were justified, lawful and proper.
4. Not Sustained: The investigation failed to discover sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegation(s) made.
5. Policy Failure: The allegation made is true, however; the action of the officer was consistent with department policy.
6. Sustained: The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove some or all of the allegations made in the complaint.
7. Unfounded: The investigation indicated the alleged act(s) did not occur.

Disposition	Count	% of Total
No Data Entered	10	6%
Administrative Closure	64	35%
Exonerated	25	14%
Not Sustained	35	19%
Policy Failure	1	1%
Sustained	26	14%
Unfounded	20	11%

## Awards/Commendations

In addition to receiving and investigating complaints against personnel, the Office of Internal Affairs maintains record of commendations issued to Amtrak Police Officers.

A total of 283 awards / commendations were issued to officers in Fiscal Year 2015. These include letters of appreciation and praise, Officer of the Month recognition, Customer Service, Life Saving and Distinguished Unit Awards.



## Grade Crossing Enforcement/Awareness

On February 13, Officers Rob Hanson and Cliff Tucker from the Springfield Field Office and Officer Stephanie Kuska from the New Haven Field Office conducted Grade Crossing Enforcement and Safety Awareness along the new Knowledge Corridor in Western Massachusetts.

The officers covered grade crossings in communities between Springfield and Deerfield, MA, along with officers from local jurisdictions. The officers informed motorists of the dangers of grade crossings and trespassing on railroad property.

The officers also distributed several hundred Operation Life Saver (OLS) flyers to motorists over a four-hour period at various grade crossings utilized by the Vermonter Service.

## APD Participates in Southampton Yard Safety Fair

On June 25, APD officers attended the annual Amtrak Southampton Yard Safety Fair, held in Boston. The event, which included information on employee safety, preparedness, protective equipment and benefits, was well attended by Amtrak employees.

Representatives from Boston EMS and APD spoke with employees and distributed safety awareness brochures.



## APD Participates in "Schools Out Celebration"

On June 27, Officer Robert Hanson partnered with Deerfield, MA, Police Department at the "Schools Out Celebration." The event, which was hosted at the Yankee Candle Village, was attended by approximately 1,500 participants.

Officer Hanson provided safety information to kids and adults attending the event. Numerous schools in the Deerfield area border the railroad tracks and were part of the initial APD OLS outreach related to the Knowledge Corridor service launch. Deerfield Police have been a strong partner to APD prior to the service beginning with heavy enforcement and safety efforts focused around the area.

## National Night Out in Illinois

On August 4, APD Officers Scottie Haupers, Alex Cardenas, and Oscar Catalan worked along with the Blue Island Illinois Police Department during their neighborhood National Night Out event. This is the first time Blue Island moved the National Night Out location from their police station to a neighborhood recreation center.





Investigator Haupers conducted a short OLS presentation. Officers Cardenas and Catalan provided a K-9 demonstration and all three manned the OLS table. Blue Island has a significant amount of rail traversing their town and will be an OLS targeted area for school presentations.



## NYD Participates in National Night Out

On July 5, Officers Jennifer Acosta and Iris Legge attended the 2015 Highland Park National Night out in New Jersey. The officers delivered OLS information along with APD safety information to the crowd.

The children at the event were given Amtrak bags filled with crayons, coloring books, Junior Conductor hats, stickers and much more. This was APD's fourth year participating in this event.

## APD Participates in Touch-A-Truck Event

On August 1, Officers Clifford Tucker and Nathaniel Rufful, along with K-9 Officer Joseph Agnellino and his canine partner Roxy attended a Touch-A-Truck event held at the Saint Vincent de Paul School in East Haven, CT.

Touch-A-Truck is an event where kids of all ages can touch, feel, sit, "drive," and honk trucks of all kinds.

These events are ideal for young children, and provide an opportunity for police departments and emergency response agencies to be on-hand to distribute safety and emergency preparedness information.

The APD officers presented OLS material and safety brochures to more than 750 attendees. The officers also promoted railroad safety with the OLS train banner, and interacted with children and their parents.



## Officers Participate in CT National Night Out

On August 4, Officers Clifford Tucker and Stephanie Kuska attended the Meriden, CT, National Night Out, held at Hubbard Park. The event was attended by over 2,000 attendees, who received OLS material and APD safety information from the officers. APD has participated in this event for the past nine years.

## Detective Promotes Railroad Safety

On July 20, Detective Jim Martino attended the 2015 K-9 Competition and Public Safety Awareness Event, hosted by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office and the City of Stockton, at the arena in Stockton.

At the safety fair, the detective set up an OLS table and spoke with attendees about railroad safety. Approximately 400 people attended the event.





## Detective Participates in FL National Night Out

On August 4, Detective Hugh Krasin joined with the Broward Sheriff's Office and the City of Deerfield Beach, FL, to observe their 32nd National Night Out Against Crime.

The detective staffed a table and shared information about railroad safety and the APD.

## Operation Lifesaver Safety Train

On August 26, OLS sponsored a safety train that operated in Stockton, CA, on the Union Pacific Railroad. Several members of the media, local and regional transit officials and trainers from

various organizations were invited to ride on the train.

Detectives Pete Van Nuys and Jim Martino and Officer Gladys Horton participated in the event, along with law enforcement officers from the BNSF, UP, and Stockton Police Departments.



Twenty three right-of-way trespassers were contacted with 11 being cited, and 16 individuals cited for traffic violations.



## APD Detective Attends OLS Event

On September 7, Detective Hugh Krasin attended the "Wings and Wheels" event held at the North Perry Airport in Pembroke, FL.

The detective shared information about the Department and OLS with members of the public attending the event.

## APD Promotes Safety at Halloween Town

On October 23, Officer Thomas

Miskell participated in "Halloween Town" on City Pier in New London, CT. This city-sponsored event is designed to provide a safe environment for children to trick-or-treat and drew in over 2,000 children along with their parents.

Officer Miskell conducted an OLS presentation and handed out coloring books that promote railroad safety awareness.

Other participating groups included the New London Police and Fire Departments, U.S. Coast Guard Academy Cadets, U.S. Navy Sea Cadets, the Connecticut National Guard, New London Girl Scouts, the Hygienic Arts Studio and the New London Main Street Group.





### **APD Participates in Safety Campaign**

On October 27, APD New England Division members collaborated with the Federal Railroad Administration and the Northampton, MA Police and Fire Departments to conduct a grade crossing safety campaign at the Damon Road railroad crossing in Northampton, MA.

The Damon Road location is one of the busiest crossings on the Knowledge Corridor, with thousands of cars crossing the tracks daily.

This safety initiative followed a recent accident, which involved a vehicle

striking a freight locomotive, and the submission of a formal request from local mayors to state officials and MassDOT seeking to increase passenger rail service along the Connecticut River rail line in western Massachusetts.

Local media partners also participated in the event, during which over 400 vehicle operators were provided safety material by the APD officers.

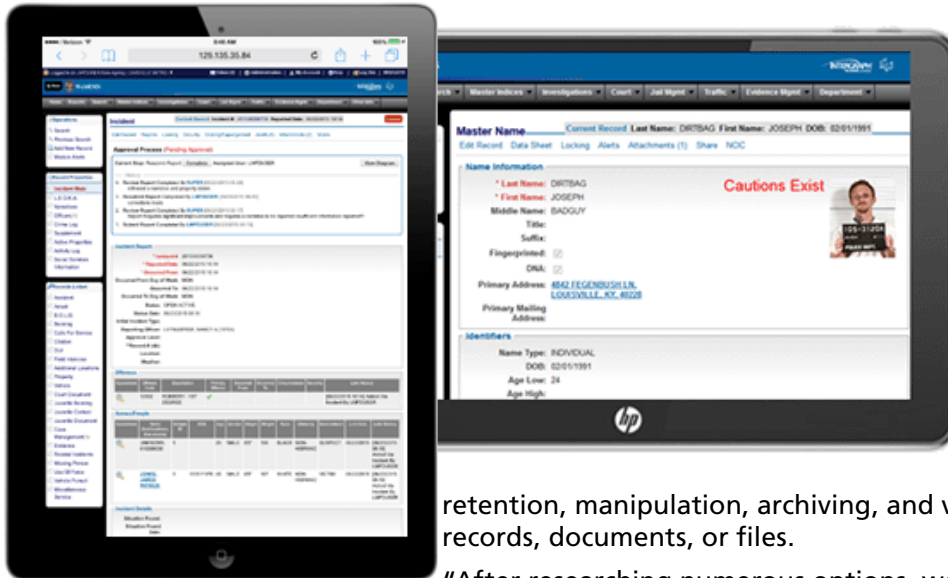
### **OLS Presentation in West Haven, CT**

On November 9, Officer Clifford Tucker delivered an OLS presentation to students at the University of New Haven in West Haven, CT. K-9 Officer Joe Agnellino and his canine partner Roxy also assisted with a K-9 demonstration to over 100 students.





# Implementation of New Initiatives



## New RMS for APD

As the first major project under the title of Captain Law Enforcement Systems and Criminal Justice Information, Captain Kevin O'Connell will be leading a national team of department members of all ranks to implement a new records management system (RMS) for the APD.

RMS is an agency-wide system that provides for the storage, retrieval,

retention, manipulation, archiving, and viewing of information, records, documents, or files.

"After researching numerous options, we have selected the InPursuit system from the Hexagon Corporation as the department's new records management system," said Captain O'Connell. "I believe the use of this new technology will assist our department members in making intelligent, data-driven decisions and improve the department's overall law enforcement capabilities."

There are several reasons why the department requires a new system.

The current ILEADS system used by the department has been "sunsetting" and will no longer be provided with further upgrades by the developer.

There have been many advances in technology since that system was developed and we require a more capable and advanced system to meet our records-management needs.

The RMS offers many new features and functions.

It is a web browser and cloud-based system, which will eliminate the need for a CITRIX connection, and it will also allow direct access from any device, whether it be a desktop workstation, laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

The RMS includes a Field Based Reporting module, which will allow the user to work off-line with automatic updates occurring when connectivity is established.

This results in no lost work or "down time" due to connectivity issues. Spelling and grammar check functions are also included, along with easy uploading of videos and pictures.



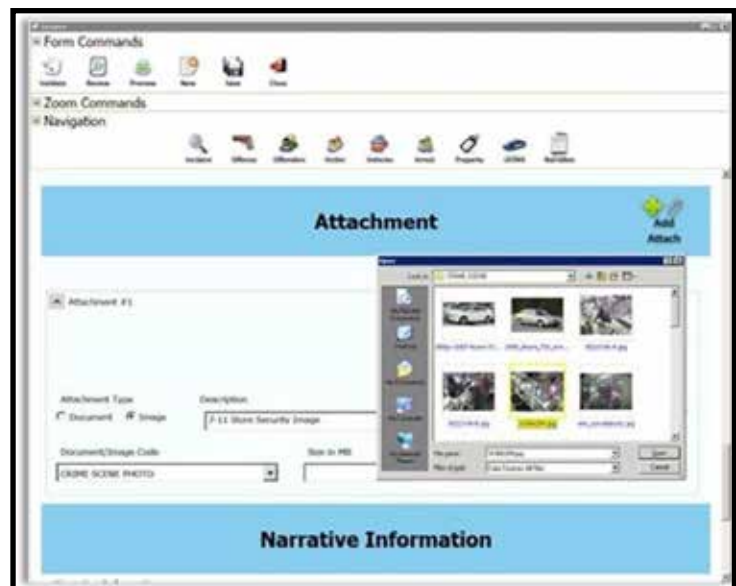
# Implementation of New Initiatives

The new RMS system is both flexible and configurable with features that include:

- No need for a CITRIX connection;
- Robust features for automated alerts & notifications on RMS activity;
- No client browser or OS dependencies;
- Supports Android, Apple iOS, Windows operating systems;
- Cloud deployable;
- Analytical and reporting tools to support agency operations;
- Automatic notifications of new information and changing information based on WebRMS data capture;
- Process and manage evidence;
- Manage arrest processing, charging, and release workflows;
- Field Base Reporting allows work to be conducted offline and transmits inputted data when an internet connection is available.

The “Go Live” target date for the new system is set for December 2016, and personnel from each reporting location will be asked to participate as Core Team members to help in design review and testing.

Multiple training sessions will be scheduled 8-10 weeks before startup in selected reporting locations to ensure that each district has more than enough trainers to facilitate the implementation of the new RMS system.



## Promotions

- Police Officer William Battista promoted to Sergeant - Philadelphia, PA
- Police Officer Michael Bosch promoted to Sergeant - Philadelphia, PA
- Police Officer Sean Bradshaw promoted to Sergeant - Philadelphia, PA
- Police Officer Joel Bui promoted to Sergeant - Philadelphia, PA
- Police Officer Kevin Conway promoted to Sergeant - New York, NY
- Police Officer Dean Costopoulos promoted to Sergeant - Chicago, IL
- Police Officer James Domachowski promoted to Sergeant - Boston, MA
- Police Officer Barry Durm promoted to Sergeant - Washington, D.C.
- Police Officer Joseph Harper promoted to Sergeant - Philadelphia, PA
- Sergeant Lawrence Jeffry promoted to Captain - Oakland, CA
- Police Officer Anthony Knox promoted to Sergeant - New York, NY
- Sergeant Mark Matthews promoted to Captain - Philadelphia, PA
- Police Officer Francesco McBride promoted to Sergeant - Philadelphia, PA
- Temp Sergeant Daryl McIntosh promoted to Sergeant - Baltimore, MD
- Police Officer Joseph Nativo promoted to Sergeant - New York, NY
- Police Officer Alissa O'Connell promoted to Sergeant - New York, NY
- Police Officer Rosaura Piedra promoted to Sergeant - Chicago, IL
- Police Officer Robert Sowder promoted to Sergeant - Beech Grove, IN
- Temp Sergeant Brian Sporrer promoted to Sergeant - Baltimore, MD
- Budget Analyst Rosslyn Spriggs promoted to Sr. Executive Assistant - Washington, D.C.
- Police Officer Ali Sulemani promoted to Sergeant - Chicago, IL
- Police Officer Susan Venturelli promoted to Sergeant - Chicago, IL
- Police Officer Kii Sullivan promoted to Sergeant - Washington, D.C. (transferred to Sanford as Detective)

## Retirees

- Police Officer Bert Augmon, Jr. - Springfield, MA
- Police Officer Wallace Ballou - Washington, D.C.
- Sergeant Lawrence Benson, Sr. - Wilmington, DE
- Police Officer Richard Beynon - Harrisburg, PA
- Communications Officer Patricia Boylan-Jones - Philadelphia, PA
- Detective Stephen Chambers - Sanford, FL
- Detective John Clayborne - Albuquerque, NM
- Sergeant Lawrence Griffin, Chicago, IL
- Lieutenant William Hurd - Baltimore, MD
- Sergeant Michele Page - Chicago, IL
- Sergeant Lynwood Pollard - New Haven, CT
- Police Officer Eduardo - Los Angeles, CA
- Detective Steven Ulrich - Albany, NY





## Officer William Kervin Retires

On January 2, current members of the APD New England Division (NED) and retired members including Robert Smith, Ron Stachowski and Steve McGovern, gathered at Southampton Yard to congratulate Officer William Kervin on his retirement.

Officer Kervin started his 38-year police career in 1976, when he became a CSX Special Agent. He worked with the CSX CID Unit in Boston until he joined APD in 2000. Officer Kervin was a Defensive Tactics Instructor, mentored new recruits, and assisted with the FTO program throughout his APD career.

## Jim Edwards Retires

On Wednesday, January 7, members of the APD family and friends gathered in Philadelphia to celebrate Lead Financial Analyst Jim Edward's retirement.

Jim started his career with Amtrak in December of 1973 as an R&I Clerk, then became a Lead Accounting Clerk, and later, a Senior Accountant, before joining the APD in December 2001 as Director, Business Operations.

Jim left the APD for a short period while he worked in the Finance Department as a Senior Financial Analyst for several years, but fortunately returned to APD in July 2010 as a Senior Administrative Specialist.



## Sergeant Michele Page Retires

Sergeant Michele Page retired from the APD on March 31, after 23 years of service.

While in Chicago for meetings, Mr. Boardman took time to congratulate Sergeant Page, thank him for his service, and presented him with a challenge coin.

## Communications Officer Celebrates Anniversary

Communications Officer Judy Holmes was recognized for 15 years of service with Amtrak. Judy is also the National Crime Information Center (NCIC)/Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN) trainer for the Department.



## Sergeant's 25-Year Anniversary

On March 11, Inspector Kathleen Harasek recognized Sergeant Tony Epps' 25-year anniversary as an APD officer during a meeting of the Washington Union Station Redesign Team.



## Lieutenant William Hurd Retires

On April 14, Amtrak Police FOP MD Lodge 127F members of the Baltimore District held a special roll call in recognition of Lieutenant William Hurd's 35 years of distinguished service with the APD and presented him with a plaque. Lieutenant Hurd started with the APD in April 1980, was promoted to Sergeant in 1987 and to Lieutenant in 1994, and received numerous awards throughout his career. He also served as the MADS Firearms Coordinator and was on the APD Pistol Team. Lieutenant Hurd retired on March 11.

## Officer Bert Augmon Retires

Officer Bert Augmon, who was assigned to the Springfield, MA Field Office of



the New England Division, retired May 22, after completing 35 years in law enforcement. Officer Augmon completed 13 years of service with APD. Prior to joining the department he served for 22 years with the University of Connecticut Police Department and retired as a Sergeant. Officer Augmon was honored for his service to APD at Police Week in Washington.



## Sergeant Lynwood Pollard Retires

On June 12, active and retired members of the APD NED gathered in Guilford, CT, to congratulate Sergeant Lynwood Pollard on his retirement from the department after over 33 years of dedicated service.

Throughout his career, Lynwood was recognized with letters of appreciation from within the department, Amtrak Operations, customers, and outside law enforcement agencies. In 2004, he received the President's Service and Safety Award for Sustained

Excellence. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2000 and for many years he was assigned to the NED Criminal Investigations Unit, which he later supervised, in addition to the New Haven Field Office.

## Communications Officer Patty Boylan-Jones Retires

On June 26, an event was held at 30th Street Station in Philadelphia to celebrate the retirement of Communications Officer Patty Boylan-Jones. Patty left the APD after 33 years of service.

She started her law enforcement career in Ocean City, NJ, where she was the first female officer hired by their department in 1974. Patty began her career with the APD in 1982 as a patrol officer in the Philadelphia Division, after graduating from Gwynedd Mercy College. Patty



## Milestones

was also assigned to CID and she worked as a Sergeant in the National Communications Center for eight years. She also served as an Administrative Officer for the Captain of the Training Unit and the Operations Support Unit before her final assignment in the NCC.

Patty was a member of the Amtrak Police Pistol Team, the Officer of the Month committee, the Safety Committee and she served as a First Aid/CPR Instructor for eleven years. Patty received the Officer of the Month award three times during her career.



### **Officer Aguilar Retires**

Officer Rogelio "Roger" Aguilar officially retired from the APD on July 24 and was recognized at a gathering in Chicago Union Station.

Officer Aguilar began his career with the APD on October 15, 2001, and worked as a K-9 handler and an Investigator. He was awarded a 10-year Safety Award and recognized as Officer of the Month in December 2009.

Prior to joining the APD, he worked for the Chicago Aviation Police, the Chicago Housing Authority Police and the Highwood Police Department.

### **Captain Reaches 30 Years of Service**

On September 2, Captain Cliff Cordani was recognized and congratulated for reaching the major career milestone of 30 years of service.

Captain Cordani started with the APD as an officer on July 14, 1985, and was promoted to Captain in May 2006.



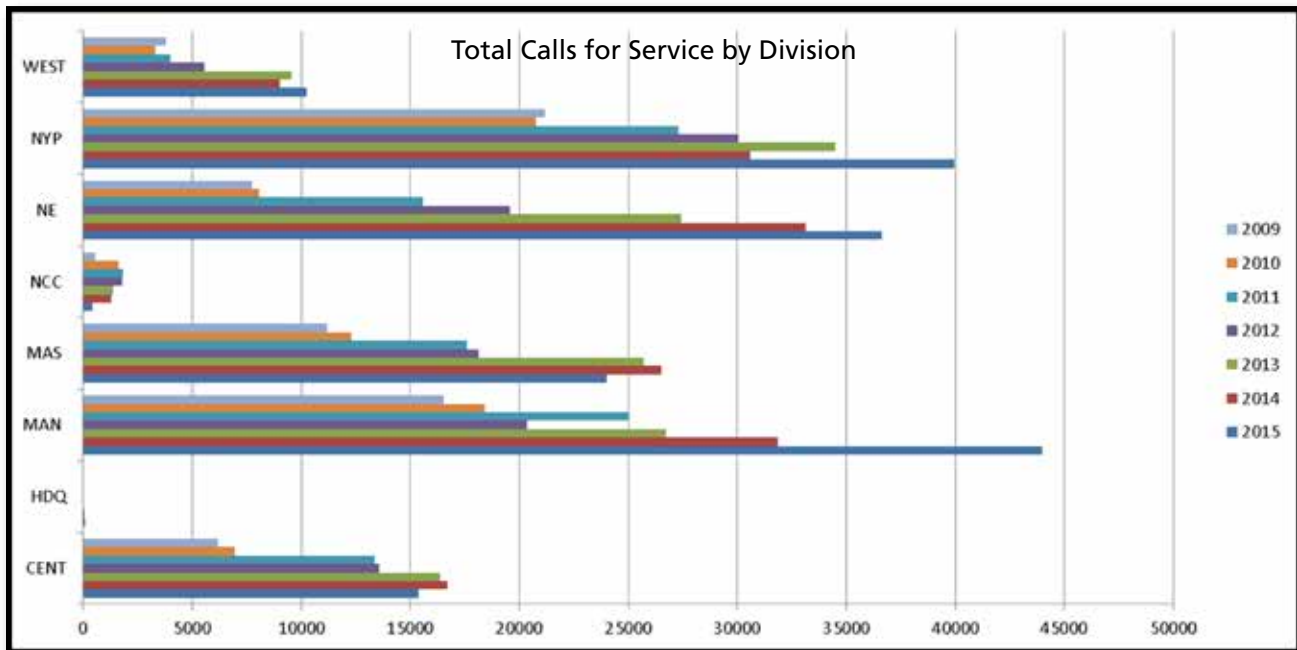
### **Sergeant Reaches 35 Years of Service**

On September 9, APD Central Division members celebrated the 35-year anniversary of Sergeant William Miarecki.

Sergeant Miarecki was hired as a patrol officer on August 16, 1980, and promoted to sergeant on November 4, 1987.



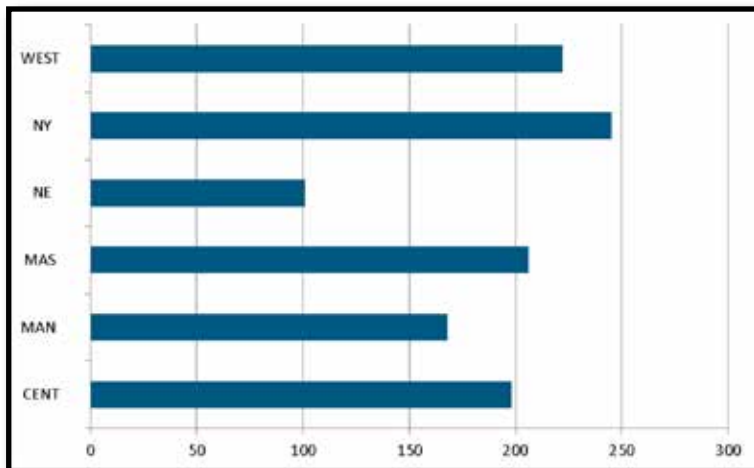




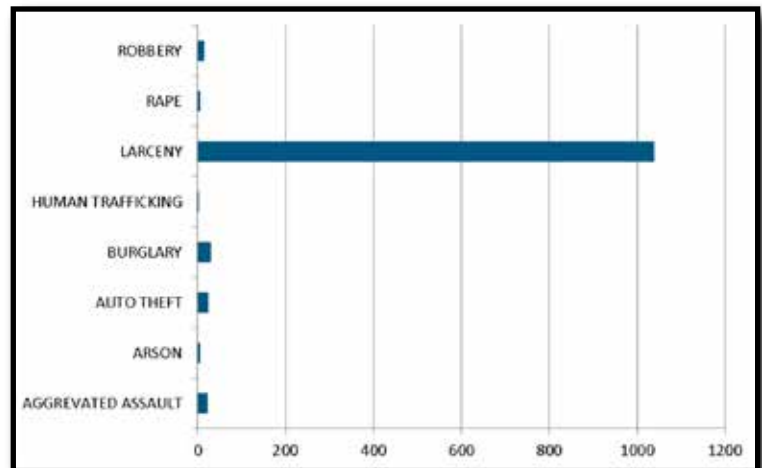
Calls for Service							
Field Office	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
K-9	0	0	2,767	12,959	18,630	18,127	25,579
CIU	457	487	209	239	356	480	1,234
DET	2,617	2,172	2,742	3,224	5,878	5,675	5,820
IA	13	25	6	13	31	64	115
INTEL	10	209	7	5	19	1	47
NCC	682	1,579	1,771	1,762	1,351	1,186	255
SOU	361	608	3,139	2,066	2,673	2,316	2,810
PATROL	62,922	66,314	94,035	88,754	112,565	121,239	136,703
TRN	9	9	3	25	33	42	129
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,071</b>	<b>71,403</b>	<b>104,679</b>	<b>109,047</b>	<b>141,536</b>	<b>149,130</b>	<b>170,692</b>
Division	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
CENT	6,186	6,969	13,352	13,566	16,386	16,707	15,381
HDQ	0	0	0	0	0	50	115
MAN	16,538	18,434	25,031	20,339	26,720	31,863	44,001
MAS	11,201	12,292	17,593	18,135	25,713	26,535	24,001
NE	7,726	8,051	15,587	19,593	27,408	33,128	36,636
NY	21,158	20,767	27,300	30,065	34,473	30,598	39,950
WEST	3,788	3,297	4,001	5,578	9,542	9,026	10,231
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,135</b>	<b>71,437</b>	<b>104,691</b>	<b>109,052</b>	<b>141,599</b>	<b>149,185</b>	<b>170,731</b>

# 2015 Crime Offense Statistics

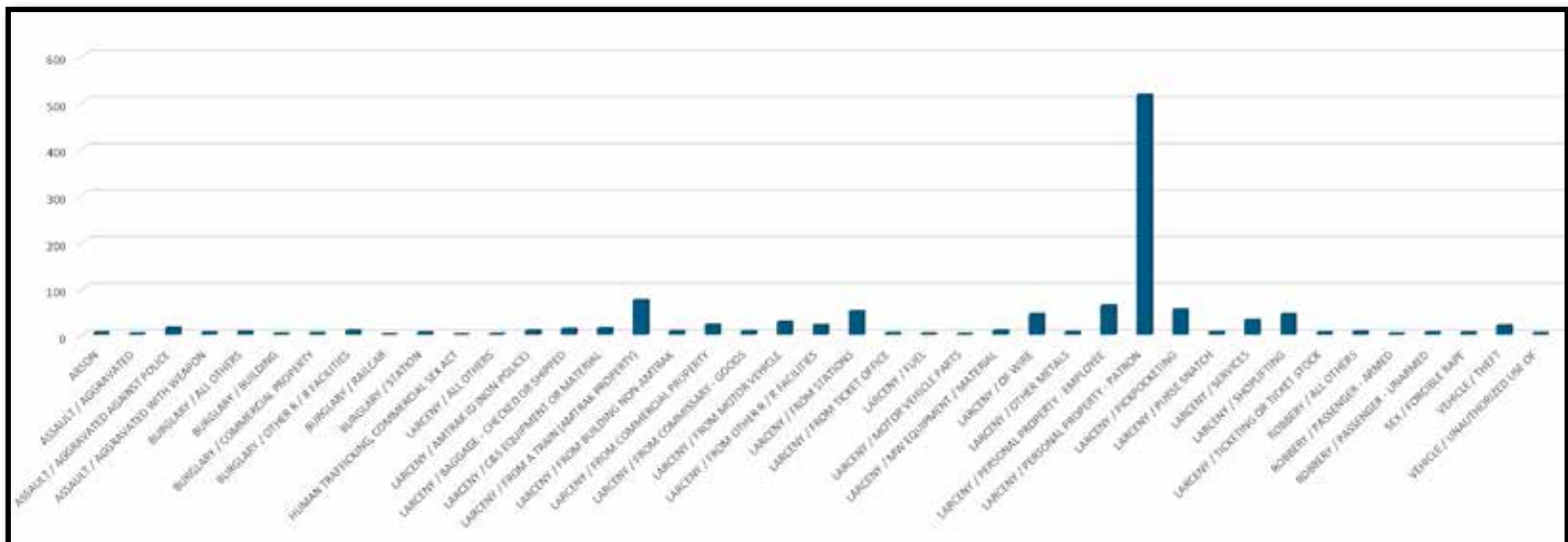
Part 1 Crime by Division



Part 1 Crime by Category



Part 1 Crime by Charge



## Crime Prevention/Safety



### Air Support for Operation RAILSAFE

On March 11, the anniversary of the 2004 terrorist attack in Madrid Spain, APD coordinated an Operation RAILSAFE deployment. Activities included air patrols of the right-of-way throughout the rail system.

The New England Division, in partnership with the Massachusetts State Police, flew with the State Police Air Wing for Operation RAILSAFE deployments and as needed for random patrols of the railroad in Massachusetts. In early March, two separate missions were flown in Eastern and Western Massachusetts. Officer Robert Hanson flew from the

Vermont State line to Springfield along the Knowledge Corridor. Officer Michael Szczawinski flew in a separate mission covering the Downeaster Line from Haverhill to North Station and along the Northeast Corridor from South Station to the Rhode Island state line.

### APD on the Northern Border

Deputy Chiefs Wayne Moore and Dan Dugan met with law enforcement colleague Chief of Security Operations and Oversight for Transport Canada Mark Labelle and reviewed security procedures for Amtrak passengers traveling from Vancouver, BC, to Seattle, WA.

Transport Canada is responsible for transportation policies and programs. It promotes safe, secure, efficient and environmentally responsible transportation.



### FBI Announces Reward for Information

On April 10, Chief Hanson attended a press briefing held by the FBI at their Phoenix field office to announce a \$310,000 reward for information leading to an arrest for the sabotage of the Amtrak Sunset Limited train that derailed in the Arizona desert on October 9, 1995.

Before the derailment, the saboteurs pulled more than two dozen rail spikes, pried the tracks apart and ran a wire across the gap to bypass the electronic warning system.

Several notes signed by "Sons of the Gestapo" were left

at the scene, which investigators at the time thought may have been a ruse to mislead them. During the press event Chief Hanson stated, "If you think back to 1995, the kind of information that somebody might have had to possess to do the derailment in the manner in which they did might suggest a familiarity with railroads."

### Operation RAILSAFE - Labor Day Surge

The APD New England Division utilized air and water support at various times over the Labor Day weekend to help safeguard passengers, employees and the critical infrastructure as part of Operation RAILSAFE.

Officers flew missions with the Massachusetts State Police Air Wing and partnered with the U.S. Coast Guard to conduct high-visibility patrols of Amtrak bridges along the CT shoreline.





## Crime Prevention/Safety



### APD Partners with HIDTA on Large Drug Bust

In the afternoon of October 8, members of the HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas) team and APD Detective Madhu Kurup made contact with a passenger traveling on train 6(8).

The passenger raised suspicions based on indicators consistent with individuals transporting drugs.

After a consensual search, approximately 47 pounds of crystal methamphetamine, with an approximate street value of 1.3 million dollars, were found. The subject was subsequently arrested and transported to jail.

### Thanksgiving Air Support in NED

The APD New England Division, in partnership with the Massachusetts State Police Air Wing, utilized air support during the Thanksgiving holiday surge to help safeguard passengers, employees and Amtrak's critical infrastructure.

Flight missions were flown along the Downeaster route, the Northeast Corridor right-of-way between South Station and the RI border, and over the Knowledge Corridor between Springfield, MA, and the VT state line.



### Additional Passenger Screening in NED

The APD New England Division utilized extra passenger screening and high-visibility patrols in stations throughout the division during the Thanksgiving holiday surge.

### Homeland Security Secretary Speaks at WAS

On November 25, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson spoke at Union Station in Washington, D.C., saying there was no credible intelligence about



a terror plot against the U.S.

These reassurances came after ISIS had promised more terrorist strikes in the wake of the Paris terrorist attacks.



### Amtrak Blog - Interview: Cruz the K-9's Top Safety Tips

On November 23, Amtrak Public Relations posted a story on the Amtrak Official Blog, which featured retired APD Canine Cruz and highlighted important railroad security and safety tips for passengers and patrons.

# Specialized Training

## Operation RAILSAFE Training Update

The Operation RAILSAFE training program strengthens coordination and integration between Amtrak Police partners (e.g. emergency responders, host railroads, transit agencies, law enforcement officials, municipalities, etc.) and improves the safety and security of passengers, employees, and infrastructure from acts of terrorism. The Operation RAILSAFE program included:

- Refreshed curriculum;
- A new four-hour short course and one-hour web-based training program;
- Classes held in Miami, FL; Los Angeles, CA; New Orleans, LA; Greensboro, NC; Philadelphia, PA; Portland, OR; Boston, MA Sacramento, CA; Providence, RI;
- 350+ Participants;
- 175+ Agencies.



### RAILSAFE Training Hits the Sunshine State

On February 4-5, the Operation RAILSAFE training program arrived in Miami, FL. Hosted by Detective Krasin, partners from Amtrak EMCS, Operation Lifesaver, and agencies including Miami-Dade and Florida East Coast Railway Police Departments, Florida Highway Patrol, Federal Air Marshall

Service, Broward County Sheriff's Office and the Miami Dade County Office of Emergency Management participated in the two-day training program.

### Los Angeles Operation RAILSAFE Training

Operation RAILSAFE training was conducted in Los Angeles, CA, on February 18-19.

The program was delivered at the MTA building adjacent to Los Angeles Union Station with Chief Polly Hanson, Captain Robert Ortiz, Sergeant Stephen Samoncik, Detective Glenn Rambo, Officer Noah Walls, Deputy Chief Dan Dugan, EMCS Emergency Manager Dave Albert and members of partner agencies from the Los Angeles area in attendance.



### Captain's Cohort in Washington, D.C.

February 26-27, Amtrak Police captains and inspectors from across the country gathered in Washington, D.C., for a Captain's Cohort organized by Captains Scott Oncay and Jim Cook.

On the first day of the cohort, the gathered commanders received a day-long training session from Eric Daigle, a renowned legal expert in police litigation. Mr. Daigle is currently the Executive Director of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association



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and has served as the federally appointed monitor of police departments in Oakland, CA, and Seattle, WA, during their time under consent decrees with the Department of Justice. Command staff received intensive training on policies and procedures, use of force investigation, and internal affairs.

On the second day of the cohort, the staff participated in discussions with Lee “Tip” Wight, the Vice-President of the National Fusion Center Association and the current Executive Director of the Washington Regional Threat Analysis Center. Later in the day, the staff met with intelligence personnel from the Department of Homeland Security to discuss current and emerging threats.



### **Active Shooter Training in Chicago**

Active shooter training was delivered to Amtrak employees during Block Training every Tuesday morning in Chicago. Investigator Doug Balk and Officer Ali Sulemani instructed the classes.

### **Detectives & Investigators Conference**

March 10-12, APD detectives and investigators from across the country gathered in Orlando, FL, for a training conference.

The detectives received instruction on fraud investigations, sex crime investigations, various Amtrak Police administrative

policies, data mining in the Amtrak reservation system, and an introduction to the use of the LInX Law Enforcement Information Exchange regional information sharing system supported by the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS).

Additionally, officers received a four-hour certification course from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) on how to respond and assist on comprehensive investigations involving rail accidents. The training received from the NTSB was well received, particularly by the detectives and investigators who routinely respond to accidents involving Amtrak trains.



### **Training for new Software System**

APD staff received training on the new IVIEW virtual mapping incident response software system for Washington Union Station. Developed by TSA, this system will allow three-dimensional imaging and awareness for both active events and training. APD hopes to expand this system to include other locations in the future.



### **Captain's Cohort in April**

The April Captain's Cohort was hosted by Captains Cliff Cordani and Robert Ortiz.

During the first session, Kyle Lamb, a retired Special Forces Sergeant Major with over 21 years in the U.S. Army and over 15 years on a Tier One team, provided a leadership development course. Mr. Lamb covered areas including leadership decision making, what makes a great, good, poor and dangerous leader, training, among other topics.

In the afternoon, the cohort traveled to Wilmington, DE, and was given a presentation and tour of the Mid-Atlantic CETC operation by Senior Train Dispatcher Michael Veltri, which covered the territory controlled by the Mid-Atlantic CETC and how trains are dispatched and controlled through the CETC systems.



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The group was given a presentation by Jay Gilfillan, assistant general road foreman, and an instructor at the High Speed Rail Training Center, which trains all conductors, assistant conductors, and engineers for Amtrak. Jay explained the roles of train crew members, road foremen, and train masters, as well as the training of conductors and engineers. He also spoke to the federal laws governing railroad engineers at accident scenes.

The cohort concluded with a tour of CNOC by Senior Manager of System Operations Marty Popoloski. Topics covered were Crew Management Services (CMS), Mechanical Desk operations, CNOC East and West Operations Desks along with the role of the System Operations Duty Officers (SODO's), and the CNOC Customer Service Desk.

### Edison Operation RAILSAFE Training

On June 10-11, the NYD hosted an Operation RAILSAFE training class in Edison, NJ. Participants came from partner agencies at the local, state and federal levels and included two representatives from the county medical examiner's office.

Excellent presentations were made by Inspector Ken Metz (Arriving on Scene), Inspector James Rice (Intel/Counterterrorism), Amtrak EMCS Regional Manager Gary Hearn (Safety) and Amtrak's Barbara Petito (Operation Lifesaver).



The second day of training included tabletop exercises involving active shooter and suspicious package on a train scenarios. Overall the training was a great success and received excellent reviews from the participants.



### NED Hosts RAILSAFE Training in Boston

Operation RAILSAFE training was provided in the New England Division on June 24-25 at the MBTA Emergency Training Center. Attendees from the Boston and MBTA Transit Police Departments attended the training along with representatives from local police departments on the Northeast Corridor in MA.

Deputy Chief Wayne Moore organized the training session and participated along

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with Captain Tracie McCain, Director of Police Administration & Public Affairs Burt Glassman, Amtrak Regional Emergency Manager Steven Frutchman, and Lead Program Specialist Operations Safety Barbara Petito.

Operation RAILS SAFE training provides safety and awareness training for partner agencies when working in the railroad environment. The program also provides instruction and enhances the response and management of critical incidents by first responders in an effort to protect the employees, and passengers and the infrastructure during such incidents and from acts of terrorism.

APD presentations were made by Inspectors Jim Rice and Kathleen Harasek, and Captain Lewis Best. The attendees were also given a tour of the MBTA emergency training facility which is located near South Station and is available for use by the APD and all regional first responders.



### **APD Utilizing New Training Center in Boston**

APD is now utilizing the MBTA Emergency Training Center in Boston for K-9 team training. The state-of-the-art regional training facility is located next to South Station and is available 24/7 for first responder agencies, bomb squads and regional tactical teams. The center was built through DHS grants and allows federal, state and local agencies to operate in a real transit environment.

Teams are put to task with audio and lighting distractions, which include crowd noise, train and subway sounds, screaming crowds,

gunshots and explosions. Smoke can be injected throughout the facility, and all exercises can be recorded and instantly critiqued in classrooms.

### **APD Launches New Training Initiative**

On August 10, APD members delivered the pilot of the Professional Communication Course (PCC) to members who gathered in Philadelphia from locations throughout the country.

This course is designed to enhance communications and possibly de-escalate contacts. Elements of several APD courses and additional information was brought together to create modules that provide officers with opportunities to role play various scenarios.

The scenario-based training program developed by Detective Erik Vanderfange, Sergeants Sharon Patterson, Tony Epps, and Jude Garden, Captain Scott Oncay, Lead Communications Specialist Jim Lewis, and Deputy Chief Lisa Shahade is a comprehensive professional verbal and nonverbal communications course that will assist in resolving customer interactions, and reduce the escalation of force.



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### APD Recertifies Screening Teams

Special Operations Unit Sergeant Mark Matthews held a two-day training class in Boston to provide instruction to screening teams. This training qualified officers with annual certification to operate the Multi- Mode Threat Detector Machine (MMTD), a portable threat detection system used during passenger baggage screening for the detection and identification of explosive materials.

### Stretching for the APD

Sergeants Rose Noll and David Baumann, Special Agent Gary Weatherspoon, Officers Connie Saddler, Jean Dorcelly, Cameron Dux and Mike Miller, along with Lead Communications Specialist Jim Lewis and Deputy Chief Shahade, partnered to create a video to introduce a stretching program to the department. APD physical fitness coordinators and defensive tactics instructors also provided input on which stretching exercises should be highlighted and in the development of the script.



Increasing flexibility through stretching is one of the basic tenets of physical fitness. It is common for athletes to stretch before and after exercise in order to reduce injury, relax muscles, increase range of motion, and increase performance.

The video was distributed for viewing via PowerDMS and was accompanied by a series of associated roll call room posters that outline the steps of each stretching exercise.



### APD Members Graduate Firearms Training

Eight officers graduated the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) Firearms Instructors Course FITP 601 held at Cheltenham, MD, on October 30.

The 225-acre Cheltenham facility is located 15 miles from downtown Washington, D.C., and offers approximately 20,000 law enforcement officers, from over 76 agencies in the metropolitan area the opportunity to maintain their firearms and vehicle operations skills, as well as, broaden and formalize their knowledge and skills associated with contemporary law enforcement responsibilities.

Sergeants Kevin Dauphin, Greg Zujus, and Rich Byrnes, Special Agents Ron Ramsey, David Brooks, and Marc

Deslandes, Detective Madhu Kurup and Officer Adrian Little attended the intense two-week course at the Cheltenham facility beginning October 16.



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Special Agent Brooks was the recipient of the FLETC “most wanted” award. This award is presented to the student voted by his classmates as the person who would be most wanted by his peers as a back-up on the street. FITP 601 is the second class of APD instructors certified by FLETC for our new firearms program.



### **Professional Communication Course Delivered in New England**

On November 12, New England Division command staff and supervisors participated in the APD Professional Communication Course held in Groton, CT. The course was presented by Sergeant Jude Garden and Officer Terrence Reddington and is designed to strengthen verbal and nonverbal communication skills to assist in resolving customer interactions with the most positive, safest outcomes possible, and

hopefully reduce the escalation of force.

### **MoveSmart Training**

November 18-19, APD launched MoveSmart training in Los Angeles. Detective James Martino conducted classes for all patrol, K-9 and Special Operations Unit officers over the two days.

Officers were shown various techniques to reduce strain on the lower back and shoulder muscles and hopefully reduce injuries at work and at home. All officers in the APD will go through this training over the next few months.



### **RAILSAFE Training in Providence**

Operation RAILS SAFE training was provided November 19-20, at the Providence, RI, Police Academy. Deputy Chief Wayne Moore provided opening remarks and the training session was organized by Captain Tracie McCain.

Staff from the Providence Police Department, TSA and FRA attended the training along with

representatives from local departments along the Northeast Corridor in Rhode Island.

The training is designed to strengthen the coordination and integration between the APD and partner agencies during railroad incidents and to improve the safety and security of passengers, employees and infrastructure from acts of terrorism. APD presentations were made by Inspector Jim Rice and Captains Lew Best and Tracie McCain.

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