

Security Resources for Mass Transit Systems

- **Baseline Assessment for Security Enhancement (BASE):** Designed to establish a security standard for individual system security programs and assess progress. This free, voluntary comprehensive review of security programs focuses on multiple categories identified by the surface modal transportation communities as fundamental for a sound security program. For more information contact tsa.masstransit@tsa.dhs.gov
- **Counterterrorism Guides:** Counterterrorism guides for mass transit are available, and thousands have been requested. These pocket-sized, full-color publications provide security tips and reminders for surface transportation professionals: tsa.masstransit@tsa.dhs.gov
- **Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC):** An electronic, trusted ability to exchange and share information on physical and cyber threats. The center collects, analyzes, and disseminates alerts and incident reports, as well as sector-specific intelligence products, and helps the government understand sector impacts. To request access to this free service, contact st-isac@surfacetransportationisac.org
- **Intermodal Security Training and Exercise Program (I-STEP)/Exercise Information System (EXIS):** An intermodal transportation security exercise program for our nation's transportation sector network communities. It helps surface transportation entities test and evaluate prevention, preparedness, and ability to respond to threats, and facilitates public/private sector partnerships. An important piece of the I-STEP program, EXIS is an online resource available to stakeholders to help them design and implement effective exercise programs independent of TSA-sponsored I-STEP activities. For more information, visit <https://www.tsa.gov/for-industry/training>
- **Mass Transit Standards:** TSA collaboration with APTA has resulted in several APTA-published standards for public transit. For more information, visit www.apta.com
- **Public Awareness Campaigns:** For information on personalized templates for three awareness campaigns (*Not On My Shift; 8 Signs of Terrorism; HOT Cards*), visit or contact TSA.masstransit@tsa.dhs.gov
- **Stakeholder Conference Calls:** TSA-hosted monthly stakeholder information sharing teleconferences for the transit security community from across the US to discuss current threats, issues, and best practices related to mass transit and passenger rail security.
- **Regional Alliance Including Local, State, and Federal Efforts (RAILSAFE):** TSA supports Amtrak Police and law enforcement officers from federal, state, local, rail, and transit agencies deploying at passenger rail and transit stations and along the right-of-way to exercise counterterrorism and incident-response capabilities. This coordinated effort involves activities such as heightened station and right-of-way patrols, increased security presence onboard trains, explosives detection canine sweeps, random passenger bag inspections, and counter-surveillance. For more visit: <https://police.amtrak.com/index.php/operation-railsafe>
- **TSA Mass Transit Website and Email Address:** for general information and inquiries, email tsa.masstransit@tsa.dhs.gov
- **Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR) Teams:** Teams of armed and well-identified agents patrol high-threat areas at unpredictable times. VIPR teams work with local security and law enforcement officials to augment existing security resources, provide a deterrent presence and detection capability, and introduce an element of unpredictability to disrupt potential terrorist planning or operational activities. <https://www.dhs.gov/blog/2016/11/29/tsa-job-vipr-team>