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| **Wednesday, November 14, 2012 121114-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Channel 4 Follow-Up Report on Metro Crime**  **Channels 2/9 Follow-Up Report on Metro Crime**  **Procurement Posting** |
| **Channel 4 Follow-Up Report on Metro Crime**    Channel 4 is working on a news story today about Metro safety in the wake of last week’s rape on a Metro bus. This morning, staff noted that from January through October this year, we are averaging 1.2 serious crimes per 1 million bus riders. Overall, Part I crimes (murders, rapes, assaults, burglary, theft, grand theft auto and arson) on the Metro bus and rail system so far this year total to 1,114. Most of them involve theft and robberies of cell phones, which are up about 41 percent mirroring a nationwide trend. There has been one murder and three rapes including last week's rape. Media Relations staff told Channel 4 that we have carried nearly 400 million riders in 2012. And by comparison, so far this year the City of Los Angeles has experienced more than 87,000 part one crimes. Still, staff told Channel 4 that Metro and Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department (LASD) are concerned about any crime. They are all serious. LASD is targeting problem areas with a special Bus Riding Team and other programs. We also encourage the public that if they see something, say something, and for riders to please be aware of their surroundings, keeping cell phones, I-pads, other electronic devices and purses close at hand.Stories should air this afternoon and evening.  **Channels 2/9 Follow-Up Report on Metro Crime**    Channels 2/9 are also following up on last week's rape on a bus in Culver City. A story may air this afternoon and evening. A reporter interviewed Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department (LASD) Commander Pat Jordan, Metro Deputy CEO Paul Taylor and Metro Media Relations staff.    **Procurement Posting**  Solicitation for Natural Gas Hedging Consultant (RFP)  Metro’s financial advisor, Public Financial Management, has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a natural gas hedging consultant to provide advice on our natural gas hedging program. The procurement process blackout period is expected to run from November 14, 2012 through January 11, 2013. During the blackout period any inquiries concerning this solicitation must be directed to our financial advisor, Craig Hoshijima (213) 489-4079, at Public Financial Management. | |
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