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## Top Brass Launch MTA's Multi-Year Safety Program

(Nov. 2, 2001) The MTA's top brass gathered, Thursday, to set the course for the agency's new multi-year safety campaign.

CEO Roger Snoble – who introduced himself as the Chief Safety Officer – led the group, which included deputy CEOs John Catoe and Alan Lipsky, Chief Financial Officer Dick Brumbaugh and division executive officers.



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The MTA's new safety campaign began with a seminar and workshop session attended by the agency's leaders.

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During an almost six-hour meeting, MTA leaders heard presentations from the DuPont safety consultants and conducted a workshop. They set the direction for the safety campaign and worked to develop the principles for management's role in the campaign.

In early December, a similar meeting will be conducted for deputy executive officers and other mid-level managers who will be responsible for conducting the day-to-day campaign.

The safety program will affect every employee, both at Headquarters and at the operating divisions. Goals include developing an injury-free workplace, improving on-the-job safety and cutting lost-time accidents.

In FY 2000, the MTA lost some 96,000 days of work due to lost-time injuries. In FY 2001, that figure rose to 108,000 work days, the equivalent of 415 full-time employees. This fiscal year, the agency will spend \$59 million on workers compensation claims – a figure that far exceeds such expenditures by comparable transit agencies.

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