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(May 3, 2002) The civil disturbances that broke out on the streets of Los Angeles ten years ago tested the region's mass transit system as never before. The SCRTD, predecessor agency to the MTA, was called upon to assist local and state officials, law enforcement agencies, firefighters and other emergency response organizations, including the California National Guard. The work of the men and women who drove, maintained and dispatched buses and trains, often in the face of great danger, was a proud moment for the agency.

In the stories presented here, *metro.net* hopes to recapture those tense moments through the recollections of some of those who were involved. These articles were written by the MTA's Transit Operations Correspondent Interns – **Amy Howell**, **Eric Rapp** and **Christina Esparza**. Amy Howell coordinated the coverage. --*Bill Heard, Editor*

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