

MTA to Train 600 Managers and Supervisors in Alcohol and Drug Policies

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(June 12, 2002) Over the next month or so, some 600 MTA managers and supervisors of "safety-sensitive" employees will receive training in how to maintain an alcohol- and drug-free workplace.

The mandated training is in line with recent changes in federal drug and alcohol regulations for the transit industry. At the MTA, safety-sensitive employees include bus and rail operators, mechanics, service attendants, armed security officers and any employees who are required to drive or dispatch vehicles that carry paying passengers.

"As a leader and partner in the national transportation substance abuse prevention campaign," says CEO Roger Snoble, "the MTA is committed to operating and maintaining an alcohol-free and drug-free workplace."

The four guiding principles of the MTA's Alcohol and Drug-Free Work Environment Policy, Snoble said, are deterrence, detection, rehabilitation and enforcement.

The principles are intended to encourage employee participation and compliance, while ensuring a fair and consistent application of the policies for all employees.

The training, to be conducted by a team of experts, will include the impact of drug and alcohol abuse on society and industry, MTA and federal requirements, prohibited behaviors, education and training, drug and alcohol testing.

The first session is scheduled from 7 until 11 a.m., Monday, June 17, in the RRC lunchroom. The final scheduled session is from 1 until 5 p.m., Thursday, July 11, in the Windsor Conference Room, 15th floor of MTA Headquarters. Eight sessions are scheduled, thus far.

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