

MTA Opens Memorial Fund for Sniper Victim Conrad Johnson



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Maryland bus operator Conrad Johnson.

(Oct. 30, 2002) MTA has established a memorial fund in memory of Maryland bus operator Conrad Johnson, who was standing in the door of his bus, Oct. 22, when he was gunned down by a sniper.

Two alleged snipers have been arrested and are awaiting trial, but the tragedy they left in their wake will affect the families and loved ones of the victims for years to come.

Johnson, 35, leaves a widow and two sons, ages 15 and 8. His employer, Ride On Transit, says he was a friendly, dependable and dedicated bus operator who will be greatly missed by his co-workers.

A neighbor described Johnson as a fervent football fan, weightlifter and "real family man. He loved his boys. He was always taking care of them, doing things for them."

MTA's Conrad Johnson Memorial Fund, which was initiated by Crossroads Depot Division 2 Operator Florence Henry, Assistant Transportation Manager Joe Brown and Division Transportation Manager Diane Frazier, will benefit his widow and sons.

Employees may make contributions by sending checks made out to the fund to the Northrum Grumman Federal Credit Union at mail stop 99-PL-3 or by making a direct deposit to the fund at the Credit Union office on the Plaza Level at MTA Headquarters or at any operating division.

Donations will be accepted through Dec. 1, 2002, in order to present the check to the family in time for the holidays.

For more information about the memorial fund, contact Florence Henry or Joe Brown at 922-7728 or Sheila Badji at 922-7222, or any operating division manager.

Contributions in memory of any of the sniper victims also can be made to The Victim's Rights Foundation, Attn: Sniper Victims' Fund, 814 West Diamond Ave., Suite 200, Gaithersburg, MD, 20878.

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