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## MTA REACHES OUT TO ITS OWN EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS IN ACKNOWLEDGING IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

The MTA Board has joined the National Safety Council and the Society for Safety Engineers in proclaiming June as National Safety Month and has chosen "Safety Matters Most" as its theme.

Throughout the month, MTA employees and Metro System passengers will receive helpful tips on maintaining workplace, community, home and driving safety - and administering first aid. Useful information will be distributed in the form of calendars, signs and banners. Employees also will be encouraged to wear a specially designed lapel pin with a safety logo. In addition, hard hats with stickers emblematic of safety will be worn by construction workers.

"The safety of our passengers has been and always will be the number one priority of this agency," said Interim MTA CEO Linda Bohlinger. "By displaying "Safety Matters Most" banners from all MTA buildings we are sending a strong message to the people who work for us and whom we serve on a daily basis that their welfare is of prime concern. This agency will not be satisfied until each and every one of our passengers and employees feels completely safe, secure and comfortable."

To a large extent that goal is already being accomplished, according to a preliminary MTA report recently released. Most of the more than 30,000 MTA customers surveyed report experiencing a sense of feeling safe and secure when utilizing the Metro System, which includes Metro Buses, the Metro Red Line subway and light rail Blue and Green lines.

"Safety is a way of life at the MTA," Bohlinger added.

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