



# NEWS

## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

April 18, 1995

### **MTA INAUGURATES TRANSIT COMMUNITY-BASED POLICING FOR SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES**

- WHAT:** The MTA announces the deployment of a 15 officer transit community-based policing program in a 30 square mile section of South Central Los Angeles.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, April 19, 1995  
10:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** The Challenger Boys and Girls Club  
5029 S. Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles
- PURPOSE:** To mark the first deployment of the new transit community-based police program. The program is funded by a \$1.1 million Federal grant.
- PARTICIPANTS:** L.A. County Supervisor and MTA Director Yvonne Burke  
L.A. City Councilman Rita Walters  
MTA Transit Police Department Chief Sharon Papa
- VISUALS:** The 15 member community-based police detail, led by South Central resident Sgt. J.T. Willis, will conduct a ceremonial first roll-call. Following the brief roll-call, Sgt. Willis will order the officers to their vehicles, parked in view of the stage, for the first deployment to their neighborhood patrol areas.
- Mock-ups of Red and Blue Line rail cars  
Crenshaw High School Band
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