



MEDIA ADVISORY

May 17, 1994

MTA STAGES BUS--RAIL ACCIDENT ON BLUE LINE TO PROMOTE RAIL SAFETY

- WHAT:** The MTA will stage a mock disaster drill on the Metro Blue Line, involving a Blue Line train and a school bus simulating a collision. Various agencies will provide emergency response, and will transport the "injured", including 35 students from Stephens Middle School in Long Beach, to four local hospitals.
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, May 18,
10:00 A.M.**
- WHERE:** Metro Blue Line tail track on Pacific Avenue between 8th and 9th Streets in Long Beach
- PARTICIPANTS:** Long Beach Fire Department
Long Beach Police Department
Los Angeles County Fire Department
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
William Logan Stephens Middle School
Long Beach Community Hospital
Long Beach Memorial Medical Center
Saint Mary Medical Center
Pacific Hospital
Superior Ambulance
Adams Ambulance Inc.
Bowers Ambulance Service
L.A. County Coroner's Office

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VISUALS: Thirty-five students from Stephens Middle School will have make-up applied to appear to be injured. The school bus will be turned on its side. Additional adult volunteers will play victims on the train. Police, fire, rescue and medical agencies will respond, extricate the victims, establish a triage at the site, and transport the "most injured" to four local hospitals, where they will be "admitted".

DIRECTIONS: Take the Long Beach Freeway (710) south to the Downtown exits, take 6th Street exit to Cedar Avenue, turn left. Proceed two blocks, turn right on 8th. Pacific Avenue is the next street.

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