

In re:

MARC RIDERS ADVISORY

COUNCIL MEETING

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was held on Thursday, March 19, 2007, commencing
at 4:35 p.m., at 441 North Capitol Street,
Northwest, Washington, DC, before Kim Brantley,
Notary Public.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 MARC RIDERS ADVISORY COUNCIL:

3 LYNDA CLARKE, Chairperson

5 MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION:

6 Office of Customer Information

7 GAYLE MORAN

8 CHERON VICTORIA WICKER

10 MARC Representatives:

11 RONALD JACKSON - Penn/Camden Line

12 DEBORAH FOSTER - Brunswick Line

13 DAVID FREDERICK - Brunswick Line

14 LAURENCE GROSS - Brunswick Line

16 ALSO PRESENT:

17 CAPTAIN BILL COLLINS

18 SERGEANT LEWIS JONES

19 BRIX, Explosive Detection Canine

20 TRANSIT RIDERS ACTION COUNCIL

21 Christopher Field

P R O C E E D I N G S

1
2 MS. CLARKE: Welcome everybody. I
3 guess we'll start our meeting of the MARC Riders
4 Advisory Council. The only thing I'm going to say
5 is I thank goodness for those of you who are here.
6 I was beginning to feel like Gayle and I were
7 going to have this by ourselves and have the dog
8 just do a demonstration for us, and we would be
9 real smart and everybody else wouldn't know
10 anything.

11 MS. FOSTER: Then you could act it out
12 for us at the next meeting.

13 MS. CLARKE: Thanks Deborah. Do we
14 have a sense of what's happening with getting our
15 E-mail address posted?

16 MS. MORAN: I thought it was. There is
17 a reference to the committee and it gives names of
18 members.

19 MS. CLARKE: I went online.

20 MS. MORAN: It lists all the members
21 and it gives all the information about today's

1 meeting.

2 MS. CLARKE: I'll double check it.

3 MS. MORAN: And that is part of the MTA
4 Internet site that gives that information.

5 MS. CLARKE: So we will check on that.
6 What about the pins and badges and stuff? What's
7 happening with those?

8 MS. MORAN: You know, I forgot about
9 that. They were supposed to have been done by
10 today but my assistant wasn't in today.

11 MS. CLARKE: Well, we will blame your
12 assistant.

13 MS. MORAN: I'm not sure that they are
14 done. Oh, one hold-up, that's it. One hold-up is
15 that there are a couple of people who are chairing
16 more than one subcommittee, and we asked them to
17 designate which subcommittee they wanted listed,
18 because we can't list both. It's just too much.

19 MS. FOSTER: Why do we have any
20 individual chairing more than one?

21 MS. MORAN: I think there's two and

1 they have not responded so they were being held
2 up.

3 MS. CLARKE: Do you know who they are?

4 (Brief pause.)

5 MS. CLARKE: There were a couple of
6 people who are not going to be here. We're losing
7 one of our members. Harriet's going to Alaska.
8 A little bit of a long commute from the MARC.

9 MS. MORAN: So I will have to check on
10 what we have and I will E-mail him tomorrow.
11 Because we wanted his preference. Our thought was
12 if we don't have his preference we will just
13 discuss what we want.

14 MS. CLARKE: Figure out which committee
15 has the fewest people on it and we can make that
16 the designation. And the only other thing that's
17 definitively old business that I was going to
18 bring up is the attempt to adopt bylaws, which I
19 think is kind of a wasted effort, because we don't
20 have a quorum.

21 One of the things I was thinking about

1 is whether I was going to ask Ron, do you think --
2 could we send out bylaws, and I am going to raise
3 the points that you raised because I think they're
4 good ones, can we send out the bylaws and have
5 them adopted by E-mail. Can we put something in
6 the bylaws that allows us to do that? I mean, in
7 this day and age, it's like if you can't get
8 everybody together, can you have an agreement by
9 E-mail?

10 MR. JACKSON: It might be a violation
11 of the Open Meetings Act.

12 MR. FIELD: I remember that while the
13 law recognizes a vote by telephone, it does not
14 recognize a vote by E-mail. I'm not a lawyer,
15 but --

16 MS. CLARKE: I think Ron's opinion is
17 the technically --

18 MR. JACKSON: Well, you can do it, but
19 I think it's a violation of the law.

20 MS. CLARKE: Until we get our numbers
21 down to a membership of fifteen, because we seem

1 to be pretty good at getting maybe eight people
2 together. Anything beyond that is really hard.
3 So what we may have to do is really work at the
4 next meeting to encourage at least eight people to
5 show up.

6 MS. MORAN: Could we send the bylaws
7 out with a form that says ballot and then say
8 "approved" --

9 MS. CLARKE: I think Ron's point is it
10 has to be done by public --

11 MR. JACKSON: Yes we have to comply
12 with the Open Meeting Act. The Open Meeting Act
13 says for a quorum you have to have --

14 MS. MORAN: Half plus one.

15 MR. JACKSON: Yes, fifty percent. So
16 in our case, we would have to have -- how many
17 people do we have? What, sixteen?

18 MS. CLARKE: Well, if you take out the
19 two people that are no longer with us, then we
20 have seventeen people.

21 MR. JACKSON: So we would have to have

1 nine.

2 MS. FOSTER: Are we sure this is the
3 best time for meetings, still. It seems like
4 everybody agreed on it at one point.

5 MS. CLARKE: I'm not sure there is ever
6 going to be a good time, to be perfectly honest.
7 I think that -- you know, I had the idea of maybe
8 trying to do something, an alternate like every
9 other month make it a different day. I don't know
10 if that will make any difference. But we are
11 going to have it a different day next month,
12 because we're trying to get Mr. Winterfeld, the
13 MTA administrator, who wants to come. So we're
14 trying to fit it into his schedule and I have
15 asked for either, you know, a Tuesday, Wednesday
16 or Thursday, because that is generically better
17 for everybody. So, as soon as we get a handle on
18 what his availability is, we will schedule it.
19 And we will see if we can get more people to show
20 up, and if we can -- if it turns out that more
21 people can show up on a different day, I have

1 absolutely no problem with changing it or with
2 alternating every other, even months it's one day
3 and odd months it's another. But I want to keep
4 us having an invested interest, and actually
5 participating and if people don't show up, it
6 doesn't do any good. So, we will work on that.
7 And I think what Ron had suggested is -- and one
8 of the things I think I'm going to do is I'm
9 sending out an E-mail on Monday and I am going to
10 send it to everybody because I don't want it to
11 feel put upon at the moment. So if when you get
12 the E-mail, don't be offended, but I'm going to
13 send an E-mail saying that we have been -- we have
14 had certain members of the council have not
15 attended for more than two consecutive scheduled
16 meetings, and that -- that we feel that that means
17 that there is -- without some kind of input, you
18 know, as to why they're not coming or that they're
19 not coming or whatever, something, and that we
20 feel that that shows a lack of interest and, you
21 know, we don't want anybody to continue to be on

1 the council if they're really not interested in
2 participating. I will do it more nicely than
3 that. But I basically just want people -- if they
4 can't be involved any more, that's fine, and I
5 just want to know so that we can get the committee
6 to make -- I'd rather have it be fifteen people
7 and people that will show up and be active than to
8 have it at seventeen people and have to build a
9 quorum and have people never show up.

10 MS. FOSTER: Well, if we can ever adopt
11 the bylaws.

12 MS. CLARKE: Well, yes, that's the
13 problem. We can't adopt the bylaws, until we can
14 maybe get the number down and then we can adopt
15 the bylaws.

16 One of the points that Ron suggested,
17 and I'm relying on him as our legal expert, so to
18 speak --

19 MR. JACKSON: Well, actually the state
20 has to do that.

21 MS. CLARKE: That's true. He suggested

1 that we have the quorum "consisting of a majority
2 of the members of the council and then except as
3 otherwise provided under the bylaws and provisions
4 of the general laws and regulations of the state
5 of Maryland the business will be considered by
6 this council at meetings at which the required
7 quorum is not present," but only a motion can --
8 well, anyway, I'm actually not going to sit here
9 and try to read this, because I'm not reading well
10 today.

11 I'll put this out to all of you and I
12 will do what I am hoping will be a final version
13 of our bylaws and I will get it sent out so before
14 our next meeting. We will encourage everybody to
15 read it, get back to me with anything else and
16 hopefully we will get the quorum and we can adopt
17 this. So, okay? Sorry I'm such a bumbling idiot
18 today. I started out wrong by oversleeping,
19 almost missed the very last train I could possibly
20 take in. So it's been one of those days. I
21 think, since we have the captain here and the dog

1 and we have our special guests, so we would
2 like -- I'd like you guys to go ahead and, you
3 know, whatever kind of presentation you want to
4 give to the few of us that are here, we will
5 really appreciate it.

6 MS. MORAN: If I could add something
7 first. You all asked for some presentation on
8 safety and security on trains, and the MARC staff
9 arranged for Maryland Transit Police to come today
10 and talk about the security angle and to bring an
11 explosive-sniffing dog with them. So this is the
12 security piece. There is another piece that we
13 will do later, probably on a train, of having you
14 break a window to get out in emergencies and do
15 that sort of thing. But this is the security half
16 of the safety on the trains.

17 MS. FOSTER: It's interesting, because
18 we had security on our train today, on the
19 Brunswick line.

20 MR. COLLINS: There was a lot of
21 security. I'm going to speak about that.

1 MS. FOSTER: Okay.

2 MS. MORAN: Glad you came.

3 MR. COLLINS: I just want to thank
4 Gayle and everyone for inviting us to the meeting.
5 I'm Captain Bill Collins. I'm commander of our
6 investigation special -- I'm sorry, tactical
7 division that encompasses our criminal
8 investigation, Internal Affairs investigation,
9 background investigation for prospective
10 applicants that we hire in the police department.
11 The tactical end of things is the motor service
12 patrols the MARC lots. Mainly it's traffic
13 enforcement. It involves Sergeant Jones and his
14 crew. It's Sergeant Jones and three officers who
15 are TSI qualified canine handlers, and they're all
16 bomb-sniffing dogs, explosive detection dogs. And
17 I'm going to let him speak on a few issues
18 regarding canines in a minute.

19 What I'd like to do, I prepared some
20 notes about some of the things the police
21 department's involved in. Some of this directly

1 involves MARC; some of it doesn't. So if I get
2 off track or it's something you really don't --
3 aren't interested, just let me know and I will
4 move on. But I just wanted to let you know that
5 regarding special efforts for Homeland Security,
6 our terrorism mitigation response policy is
7 constantly updated, and that's our policy and our
8 standard operating procedures manuals, how we
9 respond to, you know, a terrorist event, you know,
10 God forbid it happens on one of our properties,
11 but everything is in writing for our officers and
12 our command staff and it's laid out for us. So we
13 feel like we would be ready if something did
14 happen. Both our chief and our deputy chief have
15 received F.B.I. secret security clearances which
16 allows them to receive information that maybe at
17 my level I wouldn't have, and it's disseminated
18 accordingly. The chief and the deputy chief both
19 participate in the ATAC executive board meetings
20 and also the Northeast Corridor for rail security,
21 and that's kind of hooked up, which you saw this

1 morning. We have a weekly COMSAT process, and
2 it's a very intensive meeting where we review all
3 the crime stats from the following week. All the
4 commanders come to the meeting, so the north
5 district commander and the southern district
6 commander and me in investigations come and we
7 look at what's happened on the system and how we
8 can delegate manpower to address, you know, our
9 hot spot stations or anywhere we're seeing an
10 upswing in crime. I missed COMSAT today to come
11 to this meeting so I appreciate you're inviting
12 me.

13 MS. MORAN: We can arrange for you to
14 come more often. Let us know.

15 MS. CLARKE: It's an open door, any
16 time you want to come.

17 MR. COLLINS: But everything that is
18 involving security on our modes of transportation,
19 bus, light rail, metro, as well as MARC is
20 discussed at COMSAT. So like I said, on MARC
21 there is a lot of time vandalisms and theft on our

1 parking lots. We're well aware of that and if the
2 stations are close enough to Baltimore that
3 they're in our patrol districts then our patrol
4 people are made aware of that and we set up
5 details accordingly. We maintain one officer that
6 stays at West Baltimore MARC during the morning
7 and evening hours for the people who are going to
8 work and then coming home.

9 At Odentown we have kind of seen the
10 upswing in vehicle-related incidents, so we have
11 maintained an officer there. Penn Station we're
12 very active there. The guys ride in and out of
13 there on the light rail train and walk through the
14 station. Our dogs go there quite often. We also
15 do something that Colonel Gabrielius (phon)
16 brought to MTA several years ago. They sent
17 myself and the lieutenant up to New York and
18 watched them do operation Hercules, and this was
19 in response to 911, and the thrust of it was after
20 911, the main problem the police department faced
21 was gridlock in trying to get a concentrated

1 number of officers to the Trade Center, you know,
2 for assistance what Zeus is, we stole what New
3 York does and renamed it Zeus, we stayed in the
4 Greek vein and renamed it Zeus as opposed to
5 Hercules, and the acronym for that is Zone
6 Enforcements Unified Sweeps, and this is driven by
7 COMSAT and hot spots where we identify stations
8 where we're having trouble, we will pull together
9 eight or nine police officers along with canine
10 and one of my detectives. The officers rally at a
11 point that's in close proximity to the target
12 station and they run sirens from point A to the
13 target station. Once there, the canines assist
14 with sweeping the parking lots. What it's
15 centered on the Israeli ring theory where you want
16 to make safe all the areas into where you're going
17 to work. So there are three zones, a hot zone, a
18 cool zone and a place where we're actually going
19 to work. So the dogs are incredible for that. We
20 do vehicle searches. Being explosive detection
21 dogs, we want to make sure there are no secondary

1 devices out there. Mainly it's a show of force
2 for anybody who may be planning a terrorist event.
3 Like I said, it's done on a random basis. We call
4 in probably prior an hour to, the lieutenants pull
5 it together to make arrangements, the officers
6 meet and then they go do operation Zeus. It's
7 been very popular with our patrons and we continue
8 to do them on a regular basis, and we have done
9 them on MARC, which you saw today wasn't Operation
10 Zeus, but it was very close to it. And I got the
11 orders from Maryland State Police and I'm going to
12 speak on what happened today and why they're doing
13 that. We maintain a program called Officer on
14 Board. My sheets a little dated. There's over
15 two hundred participants in Officer on Board and
16 what it is, MARC will allow a police officer, a
17 fully certified police officer, federal or state
18 municipalities to ride MARC pretty much for free.
19 The officer has powers of arrest and at times they
20 have made arrests on our trains, whether you know
21 it or not. Mainly it's a minor thing, you know, a

1 drunken disorderly person who is cause for a
2 disturbance. If an officer is on there, he will
3 pretty much interdict it, and when the train gets
4 to the next municipality, he calls for the
5 officers to meet and turns the arrest over to
6 them. Like I said, there is well over two hundred
7 officers involved in that and it's a program I
8 hope that we could depend on.

9 For light rail, I don't know if anybody
10 rides light rail, but we have introduced fare
11 inspectors on light rail and their main
12 responsibility is to check tickets, and it frees
13 our officers up to do other things. We're not in
14 the business of checking tickets any more. The
15 fare inspectors do that. And the officers are
16 free to do actual police work. We partnered with
17 Baltimore city and the Maryland Department of
18 Transportation Authority. For quite a while we
19 were dependent on them for their canine facility
20 but we have become more and more independent on
21 that. We recently acquired a command bus, and

1 it's a full-sized bus, and it's outfitted in the
2 latest in communication technology. So if there
3 was a major incident somewhere on MTA property,
4 the bus would respond there and we would be able
5 to talk directly to the Maryland state police or
6 the federal police or Baltimore police or whoever
7 would be involved in the incident. So it gives us
8 one location that we could depend on to maintain
9 communications, which is key to handling any type
10 of police incident. Of course we have a daily
11 roll call for all our officers, and at that point
12 anything that we brought up that's Homeland
13 Security related, if we get teletypes from the
14 federal people in regards to anything that's going
15 on, that's disseminated down the chain of command
16 to our lieutenants who actually handle roll call
17 and it's read out to the officers, so they're made
18 fully aware of what's going on in the world and
19 what to look for. All our officers have been
20 issued PP biohazard kits. Again, if anything
21 biohazard would happen, our officers would be able

1 to perform for a while, you know. The suits
2 wouldn't allow us to stay there, you know, for a
3 long time, but we think the suits would allow us
4 to, you know, evacuate the station and get
5 everybody safe and then, you know, the other
6 officers would come in who are better suited.
7 For an initial event we're outfitted for that.

8 We have also been outfitted with Nextel
9 phones. In case our communication does, you know,
10 have any type of failure, we still maintain
11 communication. And there is 24/7 command. There
12 is a supervisor on duty, you know, somewhere with
13 the MTA police, you know, 24/7.

14 So the accomplishments we have had is
15 the chief has constantly reorganized the police
16 department and he's reorganized it for -- to react
17 to what's out there in the world and make us, you
18 know, more effective. All the officers carry
19 forty caliber pistols. We used to carry nine
20 millimeters. The forty caliber is a little larger
21 caliber and it's allowed us to stay up with what

1 the criminals are carrying on the street. So we
2 feel we're well protected by what we carry. We
3 shoot twice a year, once in the daytime and once
4 in the evening, so the officers have to score a
5 minimum of seventy to stay proficient. If they
6 don't score seventy, they are not allowed to keep
7 their handgun and they go for training until they
8 meet the score, remedial training.

9 We outfit our cars with defibrillators.
10 In case there is some kind of cardiac event, the
11 officers can respond to whatever station and we
12 have been trained to assist someone in distress.
13 The chief was very instrumental in getting our own
14 training facility, so we hold our own in-service
15 training classes. It's a three-day class, and
16 it's mandated by PTC, which is the Maryland Police
17 Training Commission. So every officer, some time
18 during the course of a year, has to go to a
19 three-day course, whether updated on use of force,
20 legal issues, Homeland Security issues, anything
21 out there in the world. It's like a refresher

1 course, and they do have to maintain a score of
2 seventy before they successfully pass. In the
3 past we were dependent to go to other departments
4 for that, and there are times you go there and
5 you're learning their agenda, what's important to
6 them. But since we have our own facility now, we
7 are able to dictate what that agenda is going to
8 be and it's all points that are relevant to
9 Transit.

10 We recently acquired something called
11 Skywatch, and what it is, it's a small vehicle,
12 per se, and it's towed on the back of a car. On
13 the vehicle is a small office that two guys can
14 fit in. It elevates to about twenty-five, thirty
15 feet. I'm not sure if it's twenty-five or thirty
16 feet. We deployed it at the Ravens games and a
17 lot of the Oilers Games, and like I said, through
18 COMSAT, when we develop a hot spot on a parking
19 lot, we put it out there. It elevates to thirty
20 feet, and like I said it's a good vantage point
21 for anybody to keep an eye on the parking lot to

1 combat vehicle-related theft. And it's also a
2 good deterrent in regards to Homeland Security
3 issues. You know, we can see quite a ways in the
4 thing and the sound is very high, it's very
5 impressive when it's deployed.

6 MR. JACKSON: DC metro has one at
7 Greenbelt now.

8 MR. COLLINS: Yes, it was bought with
9 federal funds. We went through Maryland security
10 and we were able to secure it through them. So we
11 use it a lot at sporting events. We are going to
12 deploy it to a lot of parking lots. The
13 vehicle-related incidents involving MARC at
14 Odentown, I'm sure it will make an experience down
15 there. The chief also was able to get something
16 for us called a shoot/don't shoot simulator, and
17 it's a huge TV screen, probably as big as this
18 section of the wall here (indicating). It's a
19 training piece. The officer is given a
20 computerized handgun and on the screen he is
21 thrust into a situation where he has to make a

1 decision, should he shoot or should he not shoot.
2 His performance is critiqued by our training
3 staff, and, like I said, it's a real nice piece.
4 We also maintain out of my shop something called
5 grid, that's a gang-related incident database. I
6 am sure anybody who just read the newspaper this
7 past weekend is well aware of the growing gang
8 problem in Baltimore city and especially down here
9 in Washington. What we have done is partnered
10 with Baltimore city and some of the surrounding
11 jurisdictions, anybody our officers identify as a
12 gang member, we obtain their photograph and all
13 their identification. We put it in grid and it's
14 a computer bank thing, a databank in a computer
15 where we can easily, you know, add, and our
16 supervisors have access to it, so it's an
17 investigative tool if we are looking at gang
18 members for one specific incident. Recently we
19 have been able to allow victims to come in and
20 we're able to localize kind of anybody that we
21 believe may have been involved in the incident.

1 The person sits there, hopefully makes a positive
2 I.D. on anybody we have on grid.

3 We have also been able to tap into the
4 Baltimore city gang-related incident database, and
5 like I said, we have access to -- I think now we
6 have two to three hundred people in the grid, but
7 Baltimore city probably has thousands. So like I
8 say, we're trying to combat the gang problem as
9 well as we can. One of my detectives is
10 specifically delegated to gang problems, and we
11 send her to all the conferences that are, you
12 know, in the area. So she stays as current as she
13 can. We have partnered up with everybody possibly
14 in regards to training. We have done table tops
15 for exercises at Camden Yards regarding, you know,
16 possible terrorist or simulated terrorist acts, so
17 the supervisors take part in this and hopefully a
18 table top exercise gets you prepared for the real
19 thing.

20 Our chief has traveled extensively.
21 He's been to Israel and London to identify best

1 practices in the transit world. Our command staff
2 attendant went to the Madrid bombing lessons,
3 learned at a forum, and that was here in
4 Washington in 2004. We have attended numerous
5 symposiums, and we have taken part in hands-on
6 drills specifically related to our system, and we
7 have left our metro system out on numerous
8 occasions and we have simulated terrorist attacks
9 there, biohazard, and we have partnered up with
10 the military, the state police, the medical world
11 to actually get hands-on experience at handling
12 something like that. Just so you are aware, MARC,
13 you know, for instance, we handle approximately
14 twenty-six hundred, twenty-six thousand commuters
15 a day. We have three lines as you are well aware,
16 Brunswick, Camden and Penn, two hundred miles of
17 track between West Virginia, Maryland and
18 Washington D.C., fifty MARC stations. There's
19 three in West Virginia, one in Washington D.C.,
20 and forty-six in Maryland. We have a hundred and
21 twenty-two rail cars with thirty-five locomotives,

1 and as I mentioned, our motor officer, our
2 motorcycle officer patrols the lots on a daily
3 basis and again she shows up for basically parking
4 problems and any type of moving violations that
5 may go on.

6 We also have -- let me just get to the
7 MPA police. The MPA police is comprised of two
8 hundred and thirty-three people at this point.
9 There is a hundred and forty-four sworn members
10 with eighty-three civilians. The civilians would
11 encompass security guards, fair inspectors, police
12 communication officers, our dispatchers, our
13 administrative staff and a couple temporary
14 contractual people we have. The police
15 department, although we're not a huge police
16 department, we have partnered up with Baltimore
17 city, Baltimore county, Anne Arundel county,
18 Frederick county, Howard County, Maryland
19 Department of Transportation Authority, Amtrak,
20 and John Hopkins security. What I mean by that
21 is, we have MOU's with all those people. So we

1 have memorandums of understanding that allow us
2 concurrent jurisdiction there in those
3 jurisdictions. We have arrest powers in Anne
4 Arundel county and Frederick and the counties that
5 I mentioned. Counties that we don't have MOU's
6 with, we maintain a good rapport with them.

7 MPA maintains a Heat Squad. There was
8 a complaint that came through my office the other
9 day with regard to a train that goes from Silver
10 Spring to Martinsburg, West Virginia. The person
11 said there is a tremendous amount of drinking and
12 rowdy behavior on the train. It's in the evening,
13 7:30 in the evening, and it's very difficult for
14 us to get to Silver Spring to have any enforcement
15 on the train, because obviously the lion's share
16 of our authority and facilities are in Baltimore.
17 But I called MDTA and talked to Corporal Down
18 there and they are going -- MDTA maintains ten
19 officers. They call it their Heat Squad, and if
20 you ride MARC, you probably ran into them or
21 occasionally saw their officers on the train.

1 Montgomery county police, we're attempting to
2 arrange an MOU with their department, but like I
3 said, you know, we have had something happen in
4 Montgomery county. They have stepped up to the
5 plate and immediately handled it for us. We
6 maintain contact with them and occasionally send
7 an officer down to something, depending on what it
8 is, but we do get all the written reports, so
9 we're well aware of what's going on in the other
10 counties.

11 What you saw today is a joint
12 initiative with the Maryland state police, and
13 today for instance, we had the initiative -- and
14 this is called the counter terrorism operational
15 plan for Homeland Security Rail Safety, and today
16 we worked at -- just bear with me a second.

17 (Brief pause.)

18 We worked at BWI Airport, Aberdene
19 station, Metropolitan Grove and Laurel, and what
20 the Maryland state police have done, like I said
21 they brought us into this initiative along with

1 the municipalities where the station is -- the
2 stations lie. These coincide with specific dates
3 and things that are gone on in the world, so we
4 had one on Wednesday, March the 21st, and that
5 coincided with Iraqi Independence Day. The feds
6 felt that there may be -- if there was any
7 catalyst for terrorist events there may have been
8 a reason to kick something like that off. There
9 was another one on Monday, April the 2nd, and that
10 was the beginning of Passover. The one today,
11 April the 19th, was the anniversary of the
12 Oklahoma City bombing and there is going to be
13 another one on May 14th and that's the Founding
14 Day for Israel. The objective of this thing is
15 for the Maryland state police to work in unison
16 with the state Fire Marshall's office. The
17 Maryland state police, the Maryland Transit
18 Police, us, Amtrak police, Aberdene police to
19 perform Homeland Security operations in an effort
20 to secure and protect Maryland's railway systems.
21 These operations are attempts to direct terrorist

1 activity and criminal activity that may support
2 terrorism. So at 5:00 o'clock in the morning
3 Sergeant Jones and I were up at Aberdene station.
4 There were plainclothes people who just circulated
5 around the MARC station asking questions,
6 basically saying "Hi, how are you, have you seen
7 anything that you felt was suspicious?" If
8 anything was reported, it was recorded and it will
9 be looked into.

10 The dogs did a perimeter search
11 involving all the vehicles there, platform
12 searches. We searched the whole station, and like
13 I said the uniformed officers there were just a
14 show of force, so that's what you saw this
15 morning. Like I said, this is the third one and
16 there is one more planned.

17 MS. MORAN: Do you get on at
18 Metropolitan Grove?

19 MS. FOSTER: No, actually Monacacy.

20 MR. COLLINS: I've never met anyone who
21 actually got on at Monacacy. Nice to meet you.

1 to a junk yard and they scrap it and there is
2 quite a bit of money in it because, like I said
3 the converters do contain platinum. The Baltimore
4 county police, and I am hoping the rest of the
5 jurisdictions, filed a suit. They have introduced
6 legislation for the next session where they're
7 going to make catalytic converters part of the
8 precious metal -- part of the language to charge
9 for precious metal theft, and --

10 MS. MORAN: Before I would have asked
11 why, but it's interesting.

12 MR. COLLINS: The penalty would be more
13 than a catalytic converter. I think five hundred
14 dollars is the threshold, which is as to a felony
15 or misdemeanor. Once they push it up over the
16 five hundred dollar range, we're going to have a
17 little more persuasion to stop this. Hopefully
18 District Attorneys are going to be able to get
19 lengthier jail terms on this. That's the only
20 thing we have seen on this. We know the drinking
21 is a problem.

1 MS. FOSTER: That's the thing I wanted
2 to raise. It's not just this meeting. It's not
3 so much the people partying on the train. I know
4 on my line I have not had a problem with people
5 getting out of line, but I also sit in the quiet
6 car for that reason. But when people are getting
7 out of the cars and they're leaving the parking
8 lot, and I have never, ever seen an officer, and I
9 get off the train and I am sitting there for
10 twenty minutes because I am waiting for the
11 commuter bus to come, and I have never seen an
12 officer there when I have gotten off the train,
13 and I think our concern is is there a way to have
14 someone patrolling the lot and watch the people as
15 they get off the train and get in their cars to
16 make sure they're not staggering or stumbling.
17 We have no recourse if somebody appears drunk.
18 What do we do? I'm not going to get into a fight
19 with a man if he -- I might say something to him,
20 but I'm not going to get here him.

21 MR. COLLINS: Yes, the police

1 department shares your concerns in regards to
2 that. Like I said, the only thing that we can
3 really interdict at this point are the stations
4 that are within our patrol sectors. So as far as
5 any outlying areas, like Monacacy would be, there
6 is not enough of us to go all the way up there.
7 I would get my local jurisdiction involved -- you
8 know, I don't know if you can petition MARC to
9 continue on with their plans to introduce
10 legislation to prohibit drinking on the cars. I
11 mean, it's one thing on Amtrak because they have
12 club cars and you're paying eight bucks a beer.
13 You're not going to bank them down like you do
14 when you are bringing them on yourself. We work
15 details going up to Martinsburg as well as
16 Perryville on those two lines, specifically
17 regarding drinking on trains, and our officers
18 have reported back that there is quite a bit of it
19 going on.

20 MS. MORAN: Is that on the Penn Line?

21 I thought it was only on Brunswick.

1 MR. FREDERICK: It's Perryville.

2 MS. FOSTER: Brunswick, they do it.

3 You hear about it, but they don't get crazy like
4 on the Penn Line. I heard it's crazy on the Penn
5 Line.

6 MR. COLLINS: Like the line going up to
7 Perryville and as well as the Brunswick line, and
8 we're kind of handcuffed, because there is no law
9 to prohibit drinking on the train, and it's only
10 if someone drinks to excess and becomes disorderly
11 that we have a chargeable offense that we can hang
12 our hat on. The traffic, you know, end of it
13 you're absolutely correct, you know. I would not
14 want my wife and kids having to leave a parking
15 lot where people are stumbling drunk.

16 MS. FOSTER: And I have seen people --
17 I haven't seen people stumbling drunk, but I have
18 seen people peel out of that parking lot, and I
19 don't know if it's because they're over anxious
20 drivers, but I've seen people not even stop at the
21 stop sign to turn the corner, about usually the

1 bus drivers don't, which is something that bugs
2 me, too, but I'm just concerned because I don't
3 know who knows people are and thank goodness I
4 don't drive from there, because I'd be scared to
5 death.

6 MR. COLLINS: It's my understanding the
7 legislation supports curtailing drinking on our
8 system, for the MARC system. My advice would be
9 to contact the local jurisdiction. Right now
10 there is a program that we participate in where we
11 pick a location and we stop everybody and those
12 who aren't properly wearing a seatbelt can be
13 issued a citation. If MMP could do that, Clickit
14 or Tickit, the officers can look to see if they
15 are in any way intoxicated. There are initiatives
16 out there that specifically combat that, and as
17 you well know, there are intoxicated driver
18 checkpoints. Whether they would see it as a
19 problem where they would want to do something, you
20 know, on that level would be, you know, their
21 decision. Like I said again, I would contact your

1 local jurisdiction and say that you see it as a
2 problem and petition them for some type of
3 assistance.

4 MS. FOSTER: Okay, thank you.

5 MR. FREDERICK: You mentioned that you
6 work with the Amtrak police.

7 MR. COLLINS: Yes.

8 MR. FREDERICK: For the Brunswick line
9 and the Camden line that run on CSX property, how
10 involved do you guys get with their communications
11 with their -- because, like, it's their property.
12 Obviously they would be the ones that handle
13 security online. Do you guys get involved with
14 helping them out in terms of their own property
15 and things like that?

16 MR. COLLINS: Yes, absolutely.

17 Recently there was a vandalism at Dorsey Station
18 where some switching equipment was damaged, signal
19 equipment, actually. CSX went out and took the *
20 report, but we were able to supply them with
21 intelligence that we had about some graffiti

1 incidents. It may pan out to limiting it down to
2 some suspects. But CSX talks to us all the time,
3 and we are in the process of trying to set
4 something up, I don't have my notes, but the
5 southern end of the things where some kids were
6 putting debris on the track. And we're arranging
7 something with CSX to work a plainclothes detail
8 in the vicinity hoping to nab these kids. Several
9 years back we worked at the same location and the
10 kids were throwing rocks at the trains. The
11 officers stopped the train. They had to
12 coordinate with CSX. They stopped the train.
13 They saw the kids in the woods. The kids ran but
14 they left behind their bookbags. The officers got
15 the bookbags, read the names, went to the house.
16 The parents waited for the kids to get home. They
17 were questioned and then they were appropriately
18 charged. So we partner up as much as we can with
19 Amtrak and CSX.

20 MS. MORAN: Can we ask some questions
21 about the dog?

1 MR. COLLINS: Yes. This is Sergeant
2 Lew Jones. We work together and I'm going to let
3 Lew speak about the canine and what he went
4 through for training, and I can turn it over to
5 him.

6 MS. CLARKE: Take it away.

7 MR. JONES: I was speaking -- is it
8 Ron, correct?

9 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

10 MR. JONES: For the benefit of those
11 who weren't here, in November 2005 the Maryland
12 Transit Police along with Boston Transit were the
13 first three agencies to work with Homeland
14 Security, the transportation security
15 administration and receive canines through them
16 that are used in our transit facilities. They
17 started with airports and they deal with dogs who
18 are used to being around people and they fit well
19 into our program. We have to be able to be around
20 people. We go to school for ten weeks in Texas,
21 San Antonio, Texas, at Lackland Air Force Base,

1 which is considered one of the top three canine
2 schools, however they're ranked, but somewhere in
3 the top three in the world, with the Shoetown
4 (phon) Program in Germany, the Royal Canadian
5 Mounted police and the Royal Lackland Airport
6 being the top three. So we're getting some of the
7 best trained dogs in this country, obviously, and
8 in the world.

9 After ten weeks of school at Lackland
10 Air Force base, we return to our home ports. In
11 this case we return to Baltimore, and we do
12 acclamation. We get the dogs used to being around
13 subway trains and light rail trains and the people
14 in the system, elevators, escalators, things that
15 they weren't familiar with, being just trained for
16 looking explosives. So we do that for ten weeks
17 and we introduce them to finding things that we
18 put out for them in our facilities. At that
19 point, some time after the ten weeks, TSA sends an
20 instructor, evaluator, from Texas to our
21 facilities and tests those here, so that you are

1 not getting a dog that can just perform in a
2 sterile environment in Texas. We know that these
3 dogs perform, and perform well here in Baltimore
4 and anywhere that we take them. We try to go to
5 as many places as possible, that way the dogs are
6 very familiar with it. Any scents in this room,
7 like the scent of the carpet or the glue that
8 holds it down, you know, we want our dogs to be
9 familiar with that. So we take them as many
10 places as possible and train with them. We are
11 required to get four hours of what's called sniff
12 time training a week. So that doesn't mean that I
13 go in the pen from 8:00 o'clock to 12:00 o'clock
14 for training. That would not be sniff time.
15 It's only if -- if we set a problem up and run it,
16 my dog in a four-hour period might only get twenty
17 minutes of sniff time because other dogs had to
18 work it as well.

19 So we train five days a week, every
20 day, and we go to the light rail, the subway
21 stations, bus divisions and get on buses. We go

1 to Camden Yards, MARC and train there. Federal
2 Protective Service police and some other community
3 units around also train with us and train there.
4 Maryland Transportation Authority who we
5 actually -- one of our four dog teams has a
6 Maryland Transportation Authority police officer
7 with a dog that's assigned to us, and he goes out
8 to MARC stations and checks them. So you may see
9 one of the dogs up there. One of them belongs to
10 us, but he's up in the MARC stations checking the
11 MARC stations, the parking lots. I know that that
12 officer comes in at 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 o'clock in
13 the morning, different days of the -- different
14 times and different days of the week to start his
15 day, every day. That's rough. But that's what he
16 does. And then he has to try to -- after he
17 checks cars on parking lots and things like that,
18 he has to try to get his training. So it's a
19 relatively long day. It's a lot of work, but it's
20 very enjoyable. If you love dogs, if you like
21 animals, this is the thing you want to get into.

1 If you are not in love with animals and dogs, then
2 this may not be the right place for you. Our
3 dogs, we're on call, supposed to be able to
4 respond within forty-five minutes from our
5 residence to the transit system. It's part of the
6 requirements with the memorandum of understanding
7 with TSA. We have take-home vehicles because of
8 that. That truck, if you see our trucks around,
9 the truck doesn't belong to me. That truck
10 belongs to this dog. When he goes, it goes. If
11 he ain't going, it doesn't move. But they're
12 specially designed and equipped for the dogs.
13 They have kennels in the back of them that help
14 keep them safe, you know, it keeps them from being
15 bounced around, rolled around, things like that.
16 They have a heat pro system on them with -- it has
17 a temperature sensor built into this system that
18 will, if it gets reset to temperature, mine is at
19 ninety degrees. If it gets to ninety degrees in
20 the truck, the rear windows go down and the horn
21 starts beeping to notify anybody, hey there's a

1 dog here that may need some help, get somebody to
2 help him. And we don't go too far from our
3 vehicles. We are actually required by Lieutenant
4 Colonel to check on our dogs every fifteen minutes
5 anyway, because he loves dogs, too, himself and
6 he's heard, there have been horror stories, things
7 happen in this world and he heard of one, and he
8 said, I want the dogs protected. Let's get what
9 we have to get to protect them. And it's just --
10 it's a great joy to do this job, and you see so
11 many improvements and leaps and bounds with the
12 dogs and the dog teams. They tell us that it
13 takes about two years for us to be at a top notch
14 level, and I have got about a year and a half in.
15 I've got a couple of other dog teams under me, and
16 I can see them following the same curve, you know,
17 that I was -- learning curve that I was on, and
18 you are watching them, and, then you sit there and
19 you remember, oh, I remember when I used to have
20 that problem and here's what we can do to fix it
21 and you get through it in no time. We have,

1 again, working with transportation, security
2 administration, we have resources that we could
3 call them. We have cell phone numbers for the
4 people who teach down there, and they will try to
5 help you over the phone right away. We are
6 evaluated once a year. You have to score
7 ninety-five or above to keep --

8 MS. FOSTER: Wow.

9 MR. JONES: Yes, this is a bomb. This
10 isn't drugs. If somebody goes out there with a
11 bomb sniffer and you miss drugs, yes, you wish you
12 catch all the body guys, but you don't. We have
13 to catch a bomb. We have to score ninety-five or
14 better. We have done challenges where they have
15 hidden it in the ceilings. I came in the first
16 time. They hid it in the light and I'm going back
17 and forth. My dog is going back and forth on the
18 wall. And I am like what are you trying to show
19 me. I ain't figured it out. All the sudden he
20 went back in the center of the room and sat down
21 and I gave him his toy, and the dog sat down and

1 the inspector said, "Where is the bomb?" And I
2 said, "I don't know but he found it." And I
3 looked up and it was in the light fixture. So
4 they work for a toy called a comb, and the dog
5 works for his toy. Any questions?

6 MR. JACKSON: Didn't one of them
7 escape? He was walking down the street and one of
8 the Baltimore city cops found him.

9 MR. JONES: Yes, but he was captured,
10 right around Cold Springs.

11 MS. FOSTER: What constitutes a team?

12 MR. JONES: A dog and a handler. Our
13 dogs work one on one. We know them best, and we
14 take our dogs home with us and we have to be able
15 to respond within forty-five minutes. So it
16 wouldn't be that another person was handling this
17 dog, I would take him. I mentioned earlier to Ron
18 that in the military -- I believe I mentioned
19 this, in the military, those dogs may be used by
20 more than one handler, but in police work, one
21 handler handles one dog.

1 MS. FOSTER: So then in the situation
2 where you are talking about the dog got away, the
3 dog was on his own, if somebody had picked up the
4 dog, would the dog have reacted as a stranger to
5 him or would the dog have been just a dog?

6 MR. JONES: He would have been just a
7 dog. Our dogs are not -- one thing the TSA
8 requires and will not allow us to do is train them
9 to be attack dogs, because if you start training
10 them in that and you get out into the world and --
11 we don't want dog bites. You know, we're talking
12 around subway stations and I was on a platform
13 today at Aberdene. I was on the platform at
14 Dorsey a few weeks ago; a lot of people around
15 him. And my dog just -- all he wants to do is see
16 if he can find something so he gets his toy.
17 It's a game for him. So he's not -- we don't want
18 him thinking about, "Well is this somebody I'm
19 supposed to bite?" We don't want that in mind.
20 You know, that's not something that's in his mind.
21 And I have a granddaughter who is two, going to be

1 three soon, and a grandson, and they live with me,
2 so he's good around people. I trust him around my
3 children -- I mean my grandchildren. So if I
4 wouldn't trust him -- if I could trust him with
5 them, you could trust him.

6 MR. COLLINS: The TSA provides -- the
7 incident you're talking about, the TSA provides
8 for us to install home kennels in the area. It's
9 a concrete area with a fenced-in base. The dog
10 that got loose, unfortunately we're not sure if it
11 was negligence on the handler's part or if
12 somebody came in and opened the cage and let the
13 dog go. But all the cages now are padlocked and
14 the dogs actually have a tag, and if anyone finds
15 a dog, they're instructed to call our police
16 communication officer and hold the dog and when
17 the officer gets there, he collects the dog. It
18 was an unfortunate incident. It was embarrassing
19 for the department. We are glad we got the dog
20 back.

21 MS. CLARKE: Are most of the dogs

1 German Shepherds? Do you have other breeds?

2 MR. JONES: TSA goes out and purchases
3 the dogs. The dogs that I know that they use are
4 Shepherds, German Shepherds, Belgium Malamuts,
5 Labs. They actually have a program where they
6 breed their own Labs, Vesoulis, which is like a
7 short-haired dog, like a Pointer. They use Golden
8 Retrievers and we have a dog who's basically --
9 and I don't mean anything negative by this, but
10 he's a mixed breed, a mut, and it's a very good
11 working dog. He's very small. When they went to
12 buy him in Germany, I was speaking with the person
13 who bought him, and he buys all the dogs, and he
14 says the man walked up, and just like you see a
15 Shepherd with a lamb around his shoulders, he
16 walked up with the dog around his shoulders and he
17 says, "I know he doesn't look like much, but he's
18 got a heck of a nose," and he showed him -- he
19 started him working and one of our handlers has
20 that dogs. It's a mix between a Lab and Border
21 Collie. Well Labs have very good noses for this

1 work; Border Collies have great energy.

2 MS. MORAN: They're smart, too.

3 MR. JONES: All dogs are smart and the
4 combination of the two made for a good working
5 dog.

6 MR. JACKSON: How long will he work?

7 MR. JONES: It depends on the dog.
8 Just like us, when our health starts going, that
9 makes us consider retirement. In his case, the
10 average that they try to get is seven to nine
11 years old. We get them at approximately two years
12 old, so you're hoping to get five to seven years
13 of work out of them. I use the word work, but --
14 I don't want to misrepresent anything here. For
15 these guys, this is play. It's going out. "I
16 need it, I get my toy."

17 "Good, let's do it again," you know,
18 and if we walk into -- if I walk near a bus or a
19 train, he wants to pull and go on there because he
20 knows that's where we go to play.

21 MS. FOSTER: It's interesting that they

1 do it for play as opposed to food. You think a
2 treat maybe, but they just want to play.

3 MR. JONES: There are departments that
4 use food. I know that ATF uses food rewards.
5 One of the strongest reasons that we don't want to
6 use them in our systems is, Ron earlier said
7 something about bottles flying around and hitting
8 him in the ankle on the subway trains. We
9 intentionally, when we go in the train and search,
10 we intentionally look for trains that have not
11 been cleaned, because we want our dogs to go up,
12 just smell the food in their normal course of
13 searching and not worry about eating and keep
14 moving on. If we were using a food reward and we
15 were searching for a real threat and I am going
16 through a subway station, and here's a McDonald's
17 bag and my dog stops and starts sniffing that
18 really hard, am I thinking is this food or is
19 there a bomb in a McDonald's bag? So we don't use
20 food in our case.

21 MS. MORAN: Can they smell guns or

1 bullets? Some agencies teach that. TSA does not.
2 TSA's philosophy, again it started with airports,
3 was that you are not going to bring down an
4 airplane with just the amount of explosive that's
5 in a bullet, and therefore they use a little bit
6 larger quantities. He could actually smell it.
7 Will he sit -- which is his response, to tell me
8 he found something? No, he won't, because if he
9 finds -- we call that trace, small quantities, we
10 tell him, no, let's go, and we keep him moving
11 until he finds larger quantities.

12 MS. MORAN: In your daily activity
13 you're not going to be finding a lot of
14 explosives, so how is he rewarded?

15 MR. JONES: We actually train every
16 day, so we put out explosive aids, things that
17 they would know are the odor they're looking for
18 and so he does find something every day.

19 MS. MORAN: Okay, okay.

20 MR. JONES: Well five days a week,
21 Monday through Friday is what we happen to work.

1 If I come in on weekends, like I'll be working the
2 baseball games this weekend, so we will be out
3 there and sometimes I might have something that
4 can, you know, let him do that. And for him, it
5 doesn't have to be a toy. A dog wants
6 companionship. That's the number one thing they
7 want. So if I were to search this room, all
8 during it, I'm like good boy, good boy and you're
9 petting him and hugging him and praising him.
10 It's not always about a toy. It's "I want my
11 Daddy to love me." Gosh, I'm getting ready to
12 tear up here, because that's all he wants is Daddy
13 to love him. He's my child.

14 MS. FOSTER: Is he always that mellow
15 when he is not working?

16 MR. JONES: My dog is. Not all dogs
17 are. Just like people, I'm very fortunate to have
18 a well behaved dog.

19 MR. COLLINS: They do two things: They
20 train and they respond to live calls, and when we
21 mentioned training, TSA allows a certain amount of

1 funding and we built a magazine bunker. It's two
2 large metal enclosures that house quantities of
3 explosives, and when they train, they take six or
4 seven of the aids out, and they hide them on our
5 conveyances and then the dogs have to find them.
6 So they continually have, you know, their nose
7 stays sharp.

8 MS. FOSTER: Are you allowed to tell us
9 his name?

10 MR. JONES: His name is Brix, B-r-i-x,
11 and I have looked on the computers and I have
12 asked everybody what it means, and the only thing
13 I can find with the word Brix is a -- it's a
14 French term for measuring something to do with
15 wine, but the guy who bought him, said "No, I
16 don't know what it means." Well he's from
17 Frankfurt, Germany. It might mean Fido. I don't
18 know.

19 MR. COLLINS: We have one the other
20 dogs in the program, the handler actually had to
21 learn German. The dog only understood German.

1 MS. FOSTER: I was wondering about
2 that.

3 MR. COLLINS: He had to learn whatever
4 commands were used. He had to learn German words
5 for them.

6 MR. JACKSON: What happens when he
7 retires?

8 MR. JONES: When he retires, we had to
9 sign paperwork when we received him and explain
10 how that works. The dog first belongs to the
11 Department of Defense, but the way it works is in
12 somewhat of a reverse order. I would request to
13 keep him. My department has to agree to that.
14 After my department agrees to that, then Homeland
15 Security, TSA, has to agree for me to keep him.
16 After that, the Department of Defense has to agree
17 to it. If they all agree, then I get to keep my
18 dog. Ninety-nine point something percent of the
19 time, everybody is going to allow you to keep your
20 dog. I would imagine, and no one told me this, I
21 would imagine where you might say no, on a dog

1 that's retiring, is has this dog bit anybody. If
2 this dog has been biting people and you put him
3 out here and that dog bites somebody else, no
4 matter what, MTA and TSA and DoD are going to be
5 somehow liable and that would be something they
6 would consider.

7 MR. JONES: Again these dogs are
8 trained not to bite, and we have never had a bite.
9 I'm not saying it won't happen. I'm going to be
10 honest with that. It doesn't happen, throughout
11 the country, through TSA and they have over three
12 hundred dogs out in the country right now and they
13 expect to get way higher than that. There have
14 been dog bites here and there. Somebody runs up
15 to a dog the wrong way or does something wrong.
16 It can happen. My job is to keep him short so he
17 doesn't do anything, keep a leash short so if he
18 tries to do something, I can stop him. That's my
19 job.

20 MR. COLLINS: It depends on the dog.
21 I've had a dog my whole life since -- I'm fifty,

1 and probably from when I was eight up, that dog
2 does not like me. I don't know why. But he will
3 growl and --

4 MR. JONES: He just growls at you.

5 MS. CLARKE: Well, thank you.

6 MR. FREDERICK: I have a quick
7 question. If you are out in public like today
8 when you guys were going the sweeps at the
9 stations, were like people taken aback like, okay
10 there is a dog out?

11 MR. JONES: There is something wrong.
12 That's the first question, is something wrong, and
13 then -- I'm not afraid to speak, so what usually
14 what I did at the station is when a crowd of
15 people were waiting to catch the train, I'd step
16 up and introduce myself, Sergeant Jones with the
17 Maryland Transit Administration Police Force. I'm
18 here today in a joint Homeland Security operation.
19 It's just visibility and deterrents. We're out
20 here just to prevent things. Also we're asking
21 you and reminding you that you are are our eyes

1 and ears. There are more of you than us. Please,
2 if you see something suspicious or any activity,
3 please report it to us. That is one thing I want
4 to leave you with today also. Please, if you see
5 something, report it. If you see a bag sitting in
6 the corner over there, get someone's attention
7 someone point it out. We were training at
8 Lexington Market. We had a bag sitting empty,
9 because we wanted the dogs to walk past it, smell
10 it keep going so they knew every bag didn't have
11 something. We had people pick up the bag. Two
12 took it to the station, and one was looking in it
13 like, hey, what can I get? And I was right there
14 to see it. And I was like, hey, what are you
15 doing? If you see something, one, don't pick it
16 up, and then report it, please.

17 MR. COLLINS: There was a whole focus
18 of what they do in operation Hercules in New York
19 city and what we do here with operation Zeus is
20 random and we are hoping that the terrorist
21 organizations do is counter surveillance on our

1 properties and they see this operation and they
2 may think, twice, they can't count on they may
3 show up. That's the same thing with the dog.
4 When they are not responding to a call, we try to
5 keep them out in the system so as many people see
6 them as possible.

7 MS. CLARKE: Thank you, all three of
8 you. We really appreciate it.

9 MS. CLARKE: He's a big dog.

10 MR. JONES: Yes, he's the biggest one
11 we have. He's eighty-six pounds.

12 MS. CLARKE: I'm not going to do
13 anything with our Subcommittee reports today
14 because it's getting late, and because there's
15 hardly anybody here. But the only thing I do want
16 to find out is whether for the next meeting in
17 may, if we can reschedule it instead of the 19th,
18 just the people who were here, the dates that
19 we're leaning towards, either Thursday, May 10th,
20 Wednesday the 16th, or Tuesday or Wednesday the
21 22nd or 23rd, I'm going to send an E-mail out I

1 think -- I think actually Gayle already sent this
2 out earlier today I think.

3 MS. MORAN: Yesterday.

4 MS. CLARKE: I guess it was yesterday.
5 What we need to do is just kind of get a consensus
6 and we will try to, you know, accommodate the
7 majority of people.

8 MS. MORAN: And I need to know soon,
9 because the administrator has those four dates
10 held until we get back to them and tell them when
11 you all complete with them.

12 MS. CLARKE: So I will tell you that
13 they're all fine for me. I don't know if all of
14 you probably have to go back and check your
15 calendars.

16 MS. FOSTER: Everybody except the 27th.

17 MS. CLARKE: If you can get back to
18 Gayle tomorrow.

19 MR. JACKSON: The 22nd is bad for me.
20 My daughter is graduating from high school, can't
21 miss that.

1 MS. CLARKE: Good for you and her. I
2 think unless anybody else has something they want
3 to talk about. We will adjourn so we can try to
4 catch trains.

5 MR. FIELD: I will say the Transit
6 Riders Action Council has three bills. Last I
7 heard, they were awaiting the governor's
8 signature.

9 MS. CLARKE: That's great. We will
10 come up to speed with some of these other things
11 at the next meeting and we will have everybody
12 here.

13 MR. FREDERICK: If we are lucky we will
14 have a quorum. And maybe we will have Cheron --

15 MS. MORAN: Cheron is here.

16 MS. CLARKE: Cheron, we will get some
17 more information from you about what we can do
18 about helping you -- helping you do what you do.
19 I know you are working hard at it.

20 MS. FOSTER: And just FYI, Paul Witt
21 Whittiker is a very goal-oriented,

1 results-oriented person, so it would behoove the
2 group to convince as many people as possible to
3 come so he will want to continue to be supportive
4 of the council.

5 MS. CLARKE: Thank you. Words cannot
6 be better said. Unfortunately it's on ears that
7 are already here. And if anybody knows anybody,
8 you know -- I mean, there are some people that we
9 know why they're not here, and it's -- most people
10 sent E-mails. Unfortunately a lot of them were
11 like, oh, I just can't make it today. But there
12 are a few people who had very definitively
13 legitimate reasons. So hopefully we can get
14 everybody else here next time and thank everybody
15 for coming one more time.

16 MR. COLLINS: Thanks for inviting me.

17 MS. CLARKE: Truly, you are welcome to
18 come back any time you want.

19 MS. CLARKE: I think we will probably
20 have a continued conversation about the alcohol
21 things.

1 (Time Noted: 5:39 p.m.)

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