
11. TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

11.1. NRTA SECURITY

The NRTA is a participant in the Massachusetts State Transit Security Awareness Program called '*Transit Watch.*'

A Safety/Security Committee has been appointed to actively address potential threats and vulnerabilities to avert security breaches and enhance the reality and perception of security on the transit system.

The area is surrounded by a six-foot chain link fence. The NRTA Bus Garage is located on Airport property that is secured.

All employees have at least one security responsibility - to serve as the eyes and ears for the system and report all security issues. They are expected to report immediately to the manager on duty. Immediate and appropriate action will be taken and all incidents will then be reported to the Safety/Security Committee for action. The NRTA conducts formal reviews of security incidents as a matter of agency policy.

The Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development agency, Southeast Homeland Security Council through the US Department of Homeland Security have established a network to share security information applicable to the southern part of Massachusetts.

The NRTA received Department of Homeland Security funding for hardening transit operations to protect against terrorist attacks. This funding was used for a back-up generator, TARR training for Supervisors and Drivers, Hazardous Material clean-up kits (go-bags), bodily fluid kits and associated training, and an identification badge system.

Future plans include the purchase and installation of security cameras at the NRTA's bus garage and on all revenue vehicles.

Not all information pertaining the NRTA's security plan is able to be released into a public document.

Emergency Management

The NRTA is a member of the Nantucket Emergency Preparedness Committee and work closely with the Fire and Police Departments in planning and implementing elements of emergency preparedness as it relates to transportation. The NRTA was recently charged with developing an emergency transportation plan for Nantucket. The committee is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, which includes the NRTA and the use of its vehicles in emergency situations. An agreement between the Nantucket Health Department and the NRTA has identified the NRTA Bus Garage as an Emergency Dispensing Site for information dissemination and medication distribution to

the general public. The Health Department will utilize the bus garage as a dispensing site and on a seasonal basis and utilize NRTA buses to transport individuals from information sites to dispensing sites and back. The NRTA is included in the Town of Nantucket's new radio system structure that will enable departments and NRTA to communicate with each other during emergency situations.

The NRTA has requested funding to purchase radios for the Town of Nantucket's new radio system structure.

11.2. AIRPORT SECURITY

In addition to the security improvements involved with the construction of a new terminal building, the Airport has spent significant funds to improve the perimeter fencing to better deter the infiltration of wildlife onto the primary airfield. This fencing project was completed in the Bunker area last year for \$400,000 through the Federal Aviation Administration. The Airport has also installed a gate monitoring system and an advanced IP camera system to monitor the gates and various areas of the airport and terminal.

Additionally, there is careful monitoring on a daily and weekly schedule of all fuel deliveries, storage and fuel trucks, as well as week long syllabus based training program for all summer employees and new hires. This program covers fueling, driving techniques and testing and ramp procedures.

11.3. STEAMSHIP SECURITY

Current Department of Homeland Security regulations actually prohibit the disclosure of the SSA's U.S. Coast Guard-approved vessel and terminal security plans without a "need to know". Written permission must be obtained from the TSA Administrator or the Secretary of Transportation. Since 2001, the SSA has had to put in place additional security and screening measures in order to comply with applicable Federal regulations. Some of the more obvious improvements at the terminals have been additional fencing and pre-boarding areas with canopies or shelters for passengers. Continual planning efforts concerning transportation security will identify and address security problems and/or weaknesses to continually make improvements.

Emergency Management

During an emergency evacuation event, the United States Coast Guard will utilize the SSA and Straight Wharfs for evacuation of the island. The SSA will need to have further discussions with the Island's public safety officials about their role in an emergency management situation. In an emergency, the SSA would use all available resources to assist Nantucket. The SSA currently gives priority passage for vehicles, such as utility company vehicles or fire trucks that are responding to an emergency on Nantucket. Extra trips could be arranged, if necessary. Further coordination with local officials and understanding of the SSA capabilities are during an emergency event is needed.