

What's New in Bus Safety and Security

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ABA Represents Private Companies

- Over 3600 members
- Over 800 Bus Operators
- Tour Operators
- Suppliers to industry (manufacturers, etc.)
- Destinations (CVB's, Hotels, Motels, Casinos, Museums, etc.)

The Intercity Bus Industry

- Around 3200 bus operators
- #1 mover of people (over 860 million in the U.S. and Canada)
- 200 million more than airlines
- Exceeds Amtrak's annual load every 2 weeks
- Serve over 4000 U.S. Communities in scheduled service, and just about all others

The Industry

- A network of small businesses
- 90% have fewer than 25 buses
- 75% have fewer than 10 buses
- Every bus supports 5 jobs

ABA Member Services

- Advocacy before Congress, Federal and State Governments
- Information: Publications
- Grant Assistance
- Regulatory Assistance
- Affinity Programs
- Marketplace

Bus Industry Safety Council

- Over 100 members, safety, operations, vendors, Federal and State enforcement
- 3 standing Committees (Vehicle Maintenance, Driver Training/Communications, Regulatory)
- Assist ABA in developing safety and security policy

Council Initiatives

- Motorcoach Emergency Evacuation Procedures
- ADA Safety Tips
- NATMI Certification

Security Initiatives

- \$30M for Intercity Bus Security
- \$10M FY 2005
- ABA/UMA Grants: Operation Secure Transport I (\$1.8M)
- Operation Secure Transport II (\$900K)

Operation Secure Transport I

- Self-paced Training Package for Drivers, Maintenance Personnel, Terminal Employees, Managers, Crisis Response
- Over 1000 distributed
- 10 Train-the-Trainer Sessions
- Leader's Guide, Student Guide
- DVD, VHS

Operation Secure Transport II

- Update Operation Secure Transport I
- Create Security Plan Template
- Destinations Module

#1 Safety issue

- Getting the bad guys off the road