

RESOLUTION NO. 2005 – 113

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT ASSISTED THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT POLICE DURING THE RECENT ORANGE ALERT DECLARED BY THE DEPT. OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

WHEREAS, on Thursday, July 7, 2005, in response to a terrorist incident targeting public transit in London, England, the Department of Homeland Security raised the national terror alert level from yellow (elevated) to orange (high) for mass transit properties; and

WHEREAS, the RTA Transit Police Department called upon local law enforcement agencies for assistance in meeting the law enforcement responsibilities created by the heightened alert status; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Dept., and the Police Departments of Beachwood and Cleveland provided the assistance of their canine explosive detection units for the protection of various RTA properties: and

WHEREAS, the Police Departments of Brecksville, Shaker Heights, Westlake, Brookpark and Parma provided assistance by conducting special patrol details of transit properties within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Police Departments of Cleveland, Shaker Heights, Brookpark, East Cleveland, Parma, Westlake, and Cleveland Heights assisted the Transit Police in development of a regional transit security strategy in direct response to the heightened terror alert; and

WHEREAS, the generous contributions of these law enforcement agencies and the mutual cooperation between the Transit Police and these entities ensured that the RTA system was capable of meeting the need for increased security measures during the period of the Orange alert;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1: That the most sincere appreciation of the Board of Trustees is hereby extended to the Police Departments of the cities of Cleveland, East Cleveland, Shaker Heights, Brookpark, Parma, Westlake, Brecksville, and Cleveland Heights, and to the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Dept. and the Ohio State Highway Patrol for their time, experience, dedication, and commitment in assisting the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority in implementing the Orange Alert heightened security measures.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and execution by the president of the Board.

Adopted: August 23, 2005

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer