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TSA Recognizes Chief Lambert for his Exceptional Commitment to Security in Mass Transit

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County ranked in the top 5 percent of nationwide systems.

HOUSTON – The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has recognized Chief Thomas Lambert, senior vice-president for Public Safety and chief of police for the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, for his outstanding devotion to security within the mass transit sector.

Lambert's dedicated efforts have made the transit authority one of the nation's most effective transit security programs, with METRO continuously ranking in the top 5 percent of security ratings of all assessed mass transit systems and, at times, ranking highest of all. TSA Administrator Kip Hawley presented Lambert with a certificate of appreciation for his tireless work to secure mass transit and for his involvement in the TSA Transit Policing and Security Peer Advisory Group.

“Chief Lambert's exemplary leadership and devotion to duty fostered a commitment to security that pervades management, law enforcement and employees at all levels,” Hawley said. “These proactive efforts earned recognition by the TSA to the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas as a Carrier of Distinction for superior performance in security program development, planning and execution.”

Since mid-2006, Lambert has tirelessly sought to elevate security in mass transit and passenger rail systems nationally. As chair of the Transit Policing and Security Peer Advisory Group, he leads more than a dozen professional colleagues from systems around the nation in a forum dedicated to assisting TSA in developing effective security strategies, operations and programs. His continuing selfless commitment has ensured the success of this forum in advancing timely, practical and enduring solutions to security challenges.

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