At TriMet, we are dedicated to providing a safe and secure transit system for our riders, employees and the community. Because we provide more than 100 million rides each year, this involves partnerships, smart use of resources—and you.

**A DEDICATED POLICE DIVISION**

The Transit Police Division provides a daily visible presence on TriMet. Officers patrol the transit system, conduct missions and enforce TriMet Code. They track issues, monitor trends and develop strategies and tactics to deter and prevent crime. Sometimes they will be riding on buses and trains in plain clothes. Other times, several officers in uniform will team up to increase visibility. The Transit Police canines, highly trained for explosives detection, will quickly sniff through vehicles, transit centers and platforms, keeping riders and employees safe while deterring terrorism. Transit Police officers interact with riders and others in our community, connecting people with community services and assistance.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIPS**

Our partnerships increase your safety. All incidents on the TriMet system are coordinated through the regional 9-1-1 system, allowing the closest available unit—whether with Transit Police or the local law enforcement agency—to respond. Officers from the local agencies also team up with our Transit Police officers for patrols on and around our system, allowing them to get a better understanding of TriMet operations and providing more safety for you. TriMet also works with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to better secure the transit system. From security strategies, to special missions and grants that help us increase security tools, this collaboration makes your ride safer.

"The Transportation Security Administration is proud to partner with TriMet as they continue to dedicate themselves to a secure transit system. Our combined efforts heighten safety for riders and the communities TriMet serves." — Mike Irwin, Oregon Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration

**MORE EYES, MORE SECURITY**

In addition to our Transit Police officers, we have contracted security personnel and TriMet supervisors who are out riding on our buses and trains throughout the system and patrolling TriMet property. They are a resource for riders offering assistance and directions, while also providing a visible presence that discourages disruptive and inappropriate behavior.
TECHNOLOGY ADDS PROTECTION FOR YOU

We have more than 4,400 cameras throughout the TriMet system. All our transit centers, platforms, elevators, trains and buses are equipped with cameras. They deter criminal activity by helping to identify, catch and prosecute those who do wrong on our system. The video from the cameras is also used to discourage people who may file false claims against the agency or our employees. In addition to cameras, intrusion alarms and high-tech systems alert us and police if someone enters a restricted area such as the Robertson Tunnel. Trespassing in these areas is unsafe and illegal.

INCREASING SAFETY BY DESIGN

Fare-required rail platforms and zones discourage loitering. Using physical crime prevention concepts in the design and renovation to transit centers and platforms increases your safety. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) uses open sightlines to reduce hiding places, landscaping to define station boundaries and enhanced lighting so you can see and others can see you.

IT’S OUR SYSTEM

Keeping the transit system safe means we need your help too. Be vigilant. Be aware of your belongings, your surroundings and the people around you. If you see someone or something suspicious, say something. Alert the operator, another TriMet employee, transit security personnel or call 9-1-1. MAX and WES trains have up to four emergency intercoms to reach the operator. TriMet also has a Code of Conduct for riding that includes paying fare, moving from seats designated for seniors and people with disabilities, keeping the noise down, making room for other riders, not smoking and not being disruptive. Please respect the ride and the people that provide it. Treat our buses, trains, stops and stations like you would your own property. We appreciate your help. This is our transit system and together we can keep it safe.

PROTECT YOUR STUFF BY DOING YOUR PART

When car break-ins increase in the community, they increase at our Park & Rides. We patrol and monitor the lots at our transit centers but car break-ins can happen quickly. Do not leave any belongings visible in your car. Put items in the trunk or use a cargo cover in the back of your vehicle. And, please make sure you lock your car before you leave.

REPORTED CRIME ON TRIMET REMAINS VERY LOW

TriMet is a safe system, and the number of crimes reported by riders is very low. Out of the 100.7 million rides we provided on our buses and trains in 2014, customers reported 436 crimes on board or at a stop or station. That’s one crime in about every 231,000 rides, or less than two incidents per day. Of the 436 crimes, 275 were thefts including items lost or left behind that were never turned in to our Lost & Found. (A good reminder: When riding, please keep track of your belongings!).

Learn more about TriMet’s security efforts at trimet.org/security