

Safer Transport Team



The Safer Transport Teams were introduced in 2002 to:

- **provide public and driver reassurance**
- **reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour on public transport**

Structure

Richmond STT comprises of

1 Inspector

3 Police Sergeants

6 Police Constables and

18 Community Support Officers



The teams are funded by TFL (Transport for London)

Current priorities:

- **Shene School - Routes 33 & 337 and surrounding areas**
- **Teddington School – Routes 681/281 bus stops and adjacent businesses**

Priorities are discussed and agreed at a Joint Transport Action Group. These are jointly chaired by the Safer Transport Command and Community Safety Enforcement and Policing Team at TFL. They are attended by STT's, TFL, BTP and other key stakeholders.

What else do we do?

- Weekly bus-stop briefings
- Passenger surveys
- Bus garage surgeries
- Revenue Protection operations on buses
- Revenue Protection operations with BTP and SW trains
- Support Borough based and London wide campaigns
- Transport related investigations
- Schools and youth engagement

PCSOs have also adopted a ward and a bus route each; establishing a Key Individual Network on their routes and liaising with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.



Achievements:

London wide - Crimes committed on and around the entire bus network in 2008/9 were reduced by **18%**. There are now just **12 crimes per million passenger journeys**.

Locally the STT have been involved in:

- Enrolment week at Richmond upon Thames College
- Richmond Borough Council Activate Events
- National Personal Safety Day
- Cross Border patrols
- A station block in support of the London Week of Peace
- European Level Crossing Awareness Day
- Operation Safe Bus

The team made a number of arrests following a screening arch operation at Richmond Railway Station in November and have made over 20 other arrests in the last 6 months, ranging from criminal damage to assaults.

Richmond upon Thames | Community Safety Partnership

As you are all aware - the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) involves various agencies working together to reduce crime and disorder within the Borough.

One of the sub-groups of the CSP is the **Safer Transport Group** which is chaired by the police and has members from LBRuT staff; BTP; SW Trains; Richmond upon Thames College, Bus companies; Public Carriage Office and TFL .

Together we meet quarterly and agree an action plan for the year involving a number of our partners:

Safer Transport Group Action Plan for 2009/2010

1. To find solutions to issues identified through Environmental Visual Audits. (EVA's)
2. Reduce crime and ASB involving college students on public transport
3. Run a series of partnership reassurance/crime prevention exercises on buses
4. Support Network Rail 's European Level Crossing Awareness Day at Mortlake on 25th June 2009.



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