



GCRTA Transit Police Safety & Security Committee





Transit Police Mission

- “... to provide a safe and orderly environment within the transit system.”





Transit Police Authority/Jurisdiction

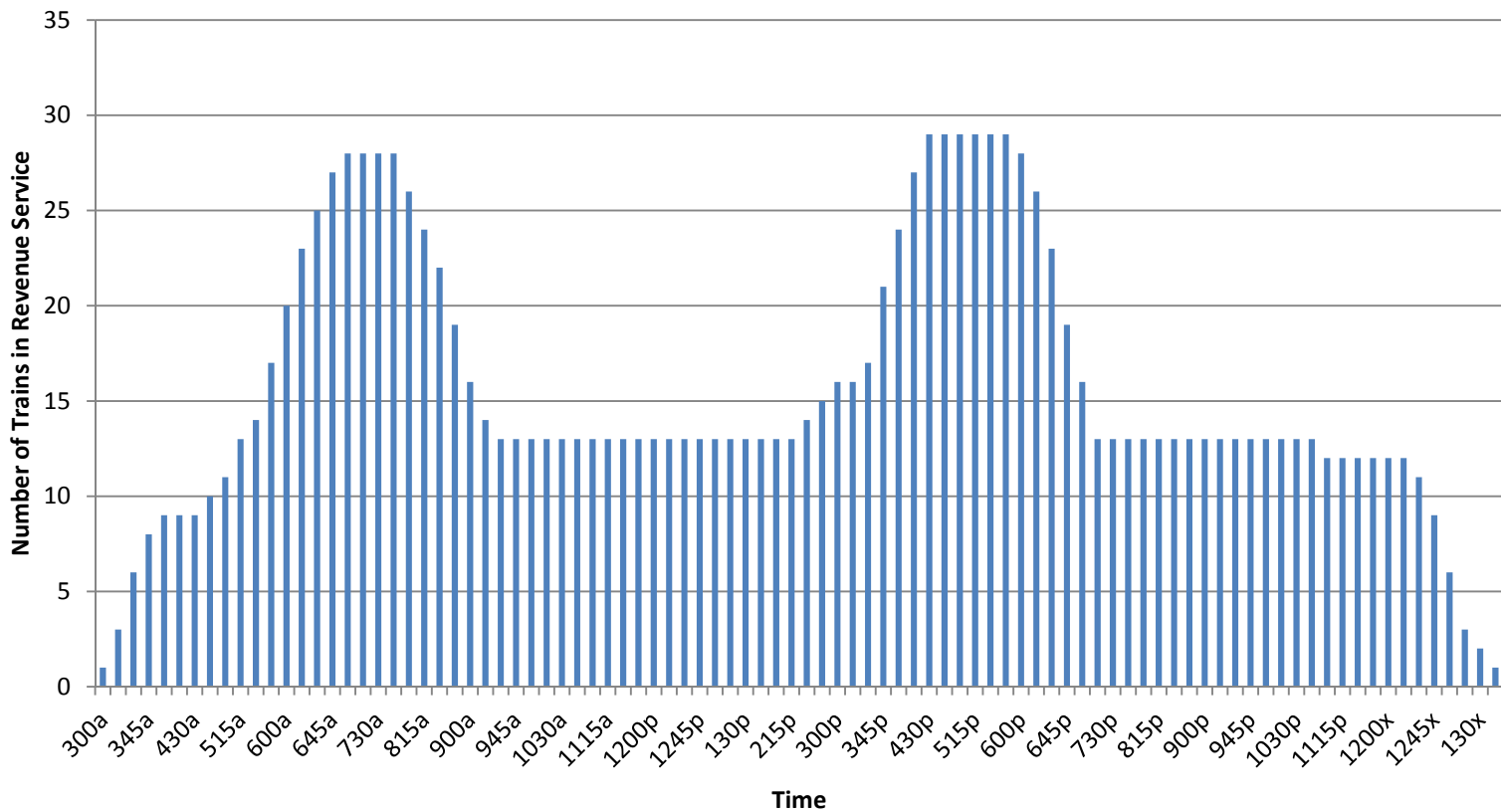
- Same authority as any Peace Officer in the State of Ohio
- Jurisdiction is on RTA property which includes:
 - 34 Light Rail Platforms
 - 18 Heavy Rail Platforms
 - 40 Healthline Platforms
 - 11 Park–n–Ride Transit Centers
 - RTA buses and trains
 - Areas of Joint Jurisdiction





Revenue Trains - Weekday

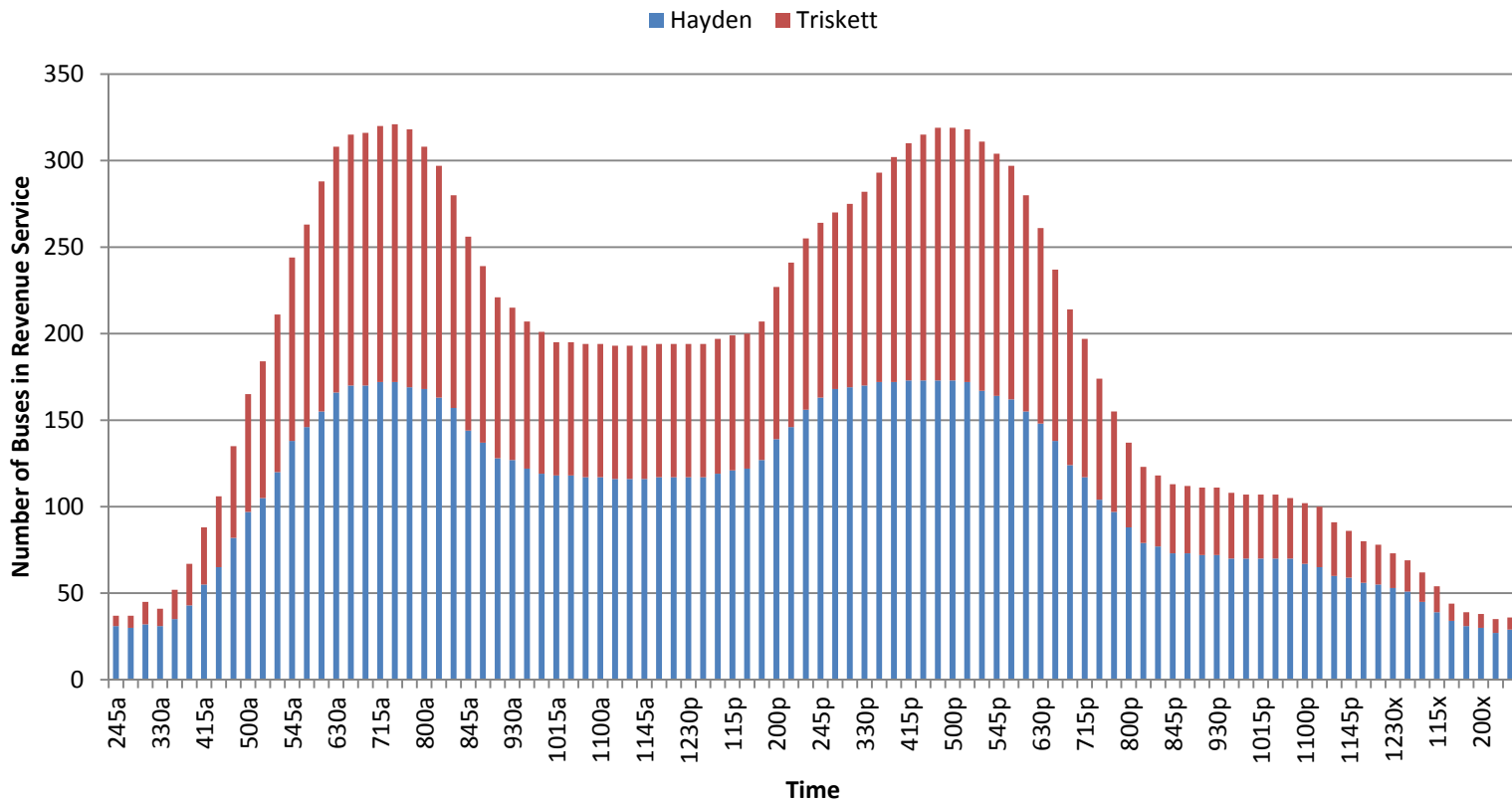
Trains in Revenue Service (weekday)





Revenue Coaches - Weekday

Buses in Revenue Service (weekday)





2013 TP Annual Budget

\$12.5 million budget

- 108 Sworn State Certified Peace Officers, including 7 Explosive Detection K-9 Teams
- 30 Full-time Equivalent Fare Enforcement Officers
- 14 Civilians
 - 9 Dispatchers
 - 5 Other Security & Administrative Staffers





Areas of Focus – Over the Past Year

- Electronic Devices
- Operator Assaults





iPhone Thefts: 'Apple Picking' on the Rise

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Smart Phone Thefts on the Rise on Mass Transit

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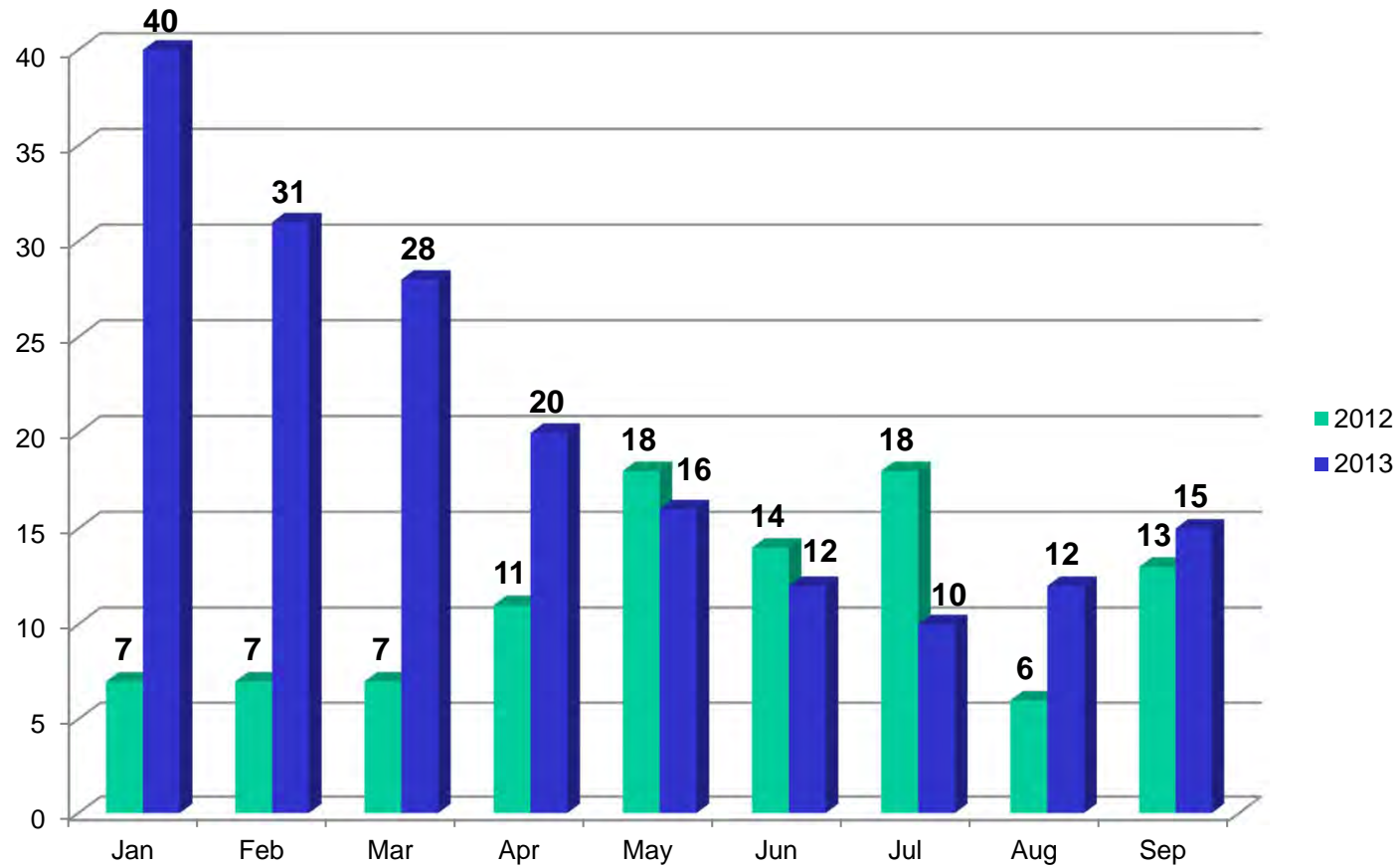
2013 Electronic Devices

- 184 incidents of electronic device theft/robberies through Sept 30th
- 62 incidents solved
 - 20 adult arrests
 - 44 juvenile arrests



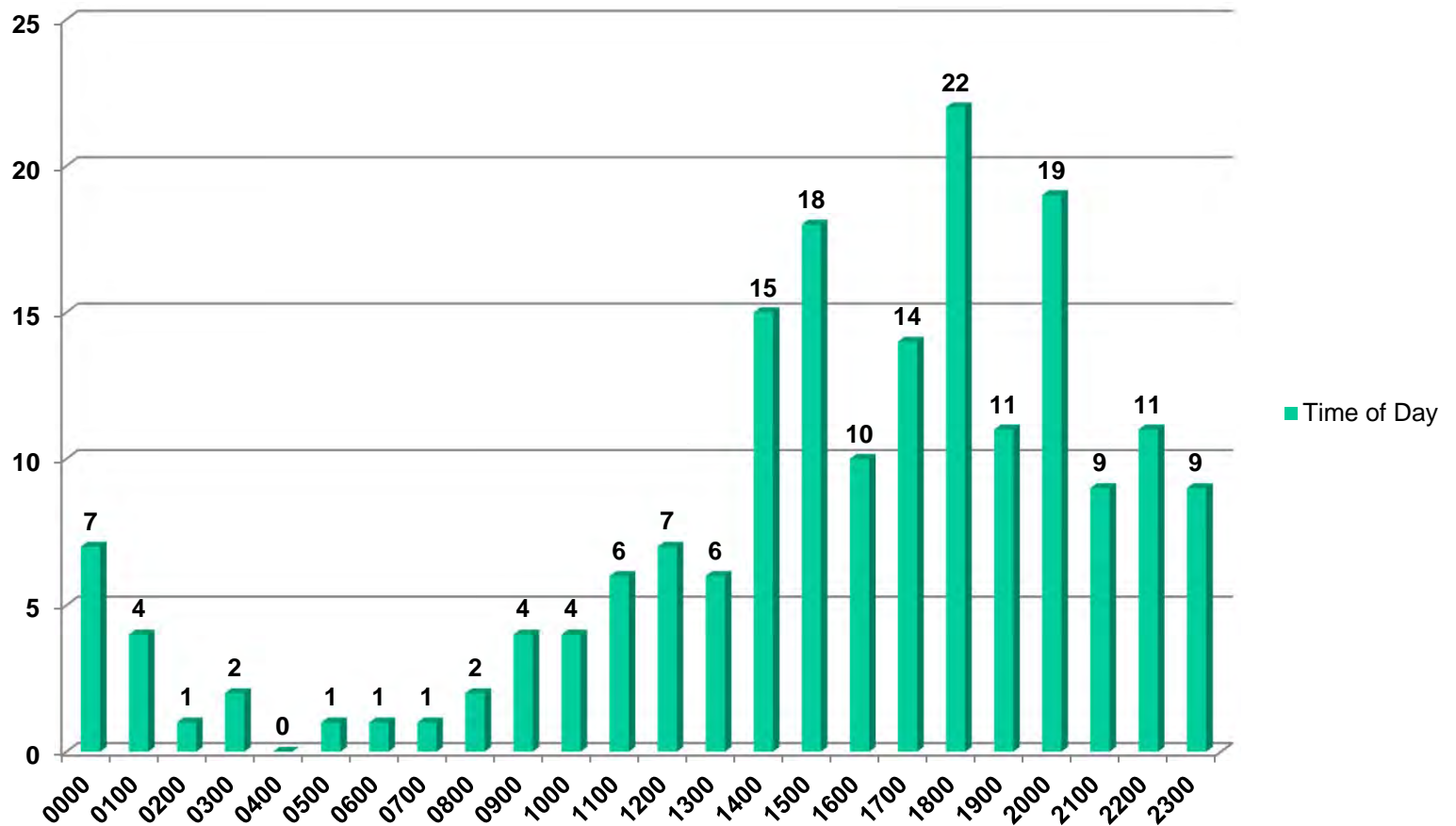


Electronic Devices by Month



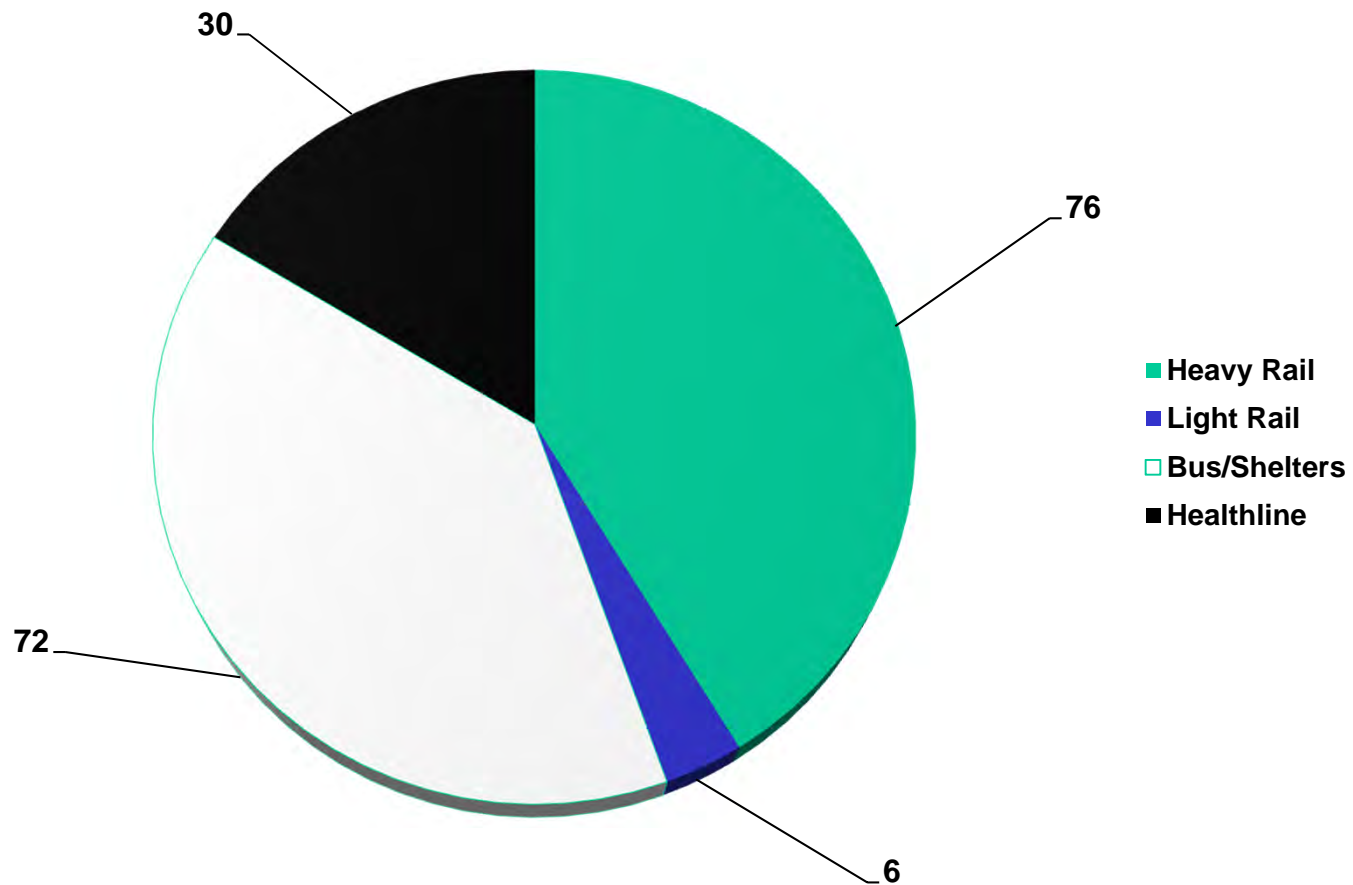


Electronic Devices by Time of Day





2013 Electronic Devices by Location





Remedies/Actions

Protect Your Electronic Device

- Remain aware of your surroundings
- Keep small electronic devices concealed when not in use
- When using an electronic device, avoid sitting or standing near doors of rail cars or buses
- Register your device with your manufacturer and keep a list of the serial numbers of your devices
- If your device is taken, report the theft to RTA Transit Police immediately at (216) 566-5163

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- Signage throughout Stations and on Transit System
- Announcements on the Public Announcement System
- Transit Police Officer visibility and follow-up





Operator Assaults

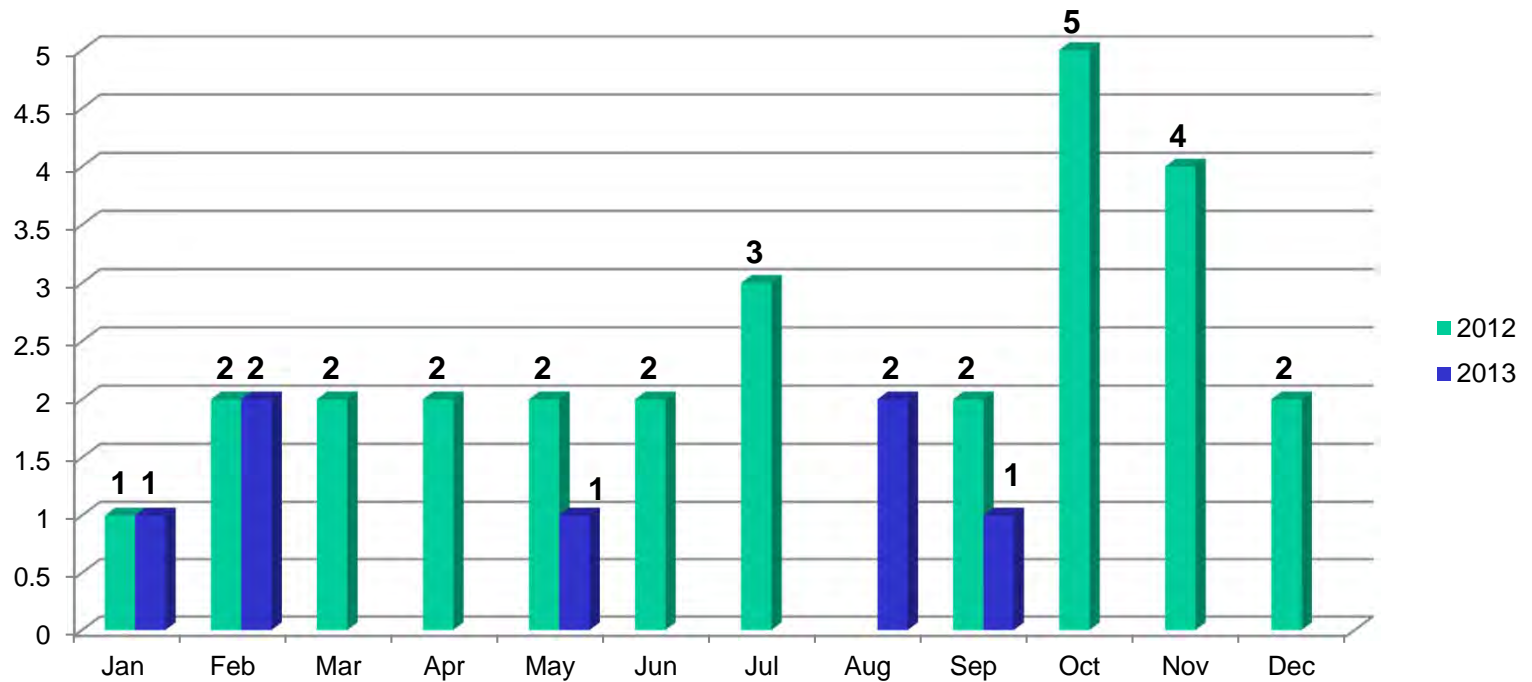
Ohio Revised Code 2903.13 Assault.

- (A) No person shall knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to another or to another's unborn.





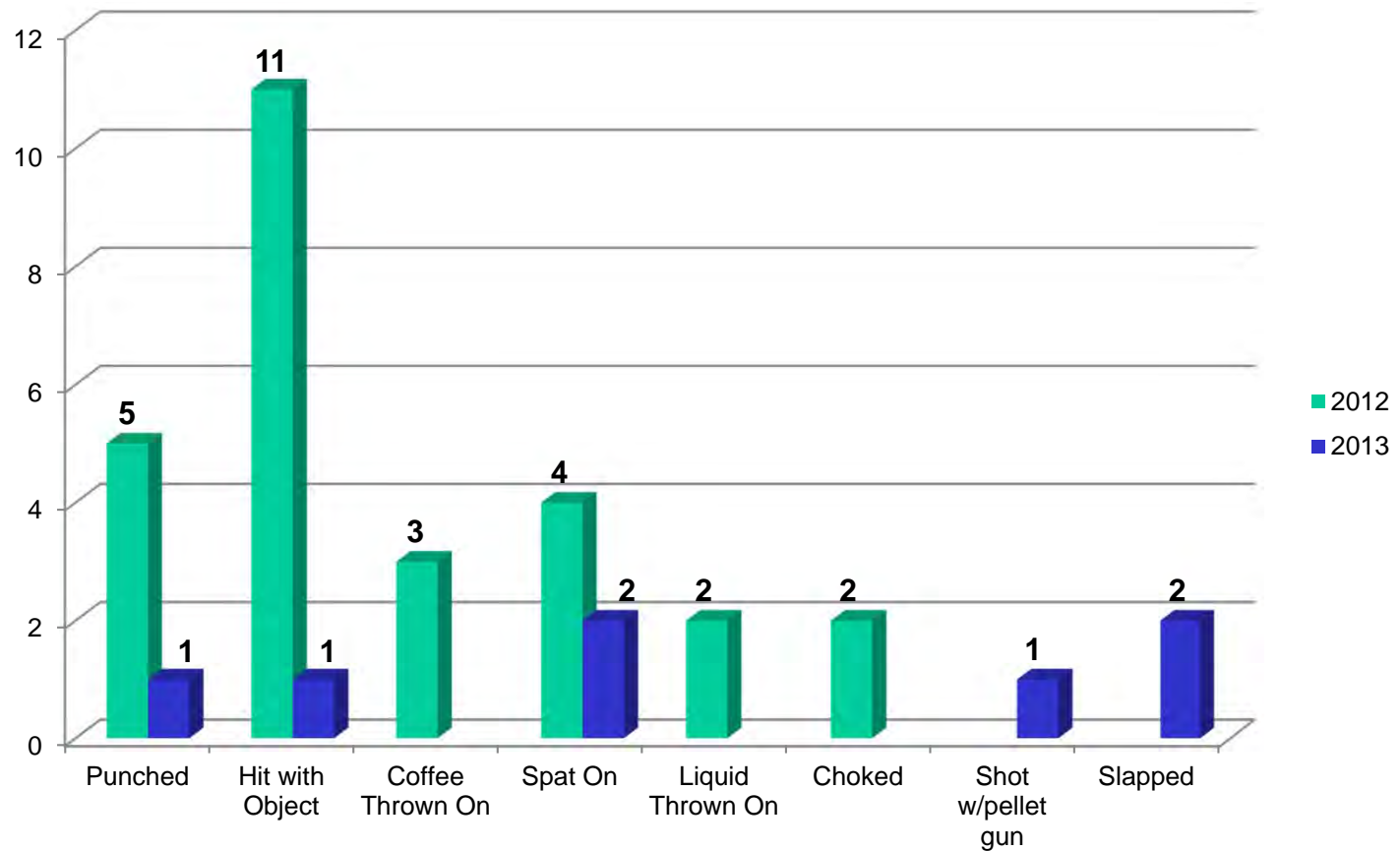
Operator Assaults



- Operator Assaults for entire year of 2011 were 9
- Operator Assaults for entire year of 2012 were 27
- Operator Assaults year-to date 2013, are 7



Operator Assaults by Type





TCRP

SYNTHESIS 93

Practices to Protect Bus Operators from Passenger Assault



A Synthesis of Transit Practice

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TCRP Survey Findings

- Passenger assaults of Bus Operators continue to be a significant concern.
- The most challenging problems are verbal threats and harassment.
- The second most challenging problem is spitting.





TCRP Survey Primary Contributing Factors

- Fare Enforcement
- Intoxication
- Drug use
- Other Rule Enforcement
- Juvenile Disorder
- Mental Illness





TCRP Survey Most Effective Countermeasures

- Video Surveillance
- Operator Training
- Officer Presence and Patrols





GCRTA Countermeasures

**Respect your RTA
bus & rail operator.
It's the law.**

Interfering with
the operation of
a bus or train
is a **felony**.

(OCR Sec.2909.04)



RTA will prosecute
offenders to
the fullest extent
of the law.

- Signage/Video Surveillance
- Operator Training
- Officer Presence and Patrols
- Amended City of Cleveland Ordinance
- MGT/ATU/FOP Collaborative Efforts





Comments or Questions?

