Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

Safety & Security Update
Fall 2026

Transit Police Department

Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

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Part 1 Crimes

(Felony Offenses)

	Jan-Aug 2024	Jan-Aug 2025	Jan-Aug 2026	% Change from 2025
Homicide	0	0	0	--
Sexual Assault	1	1	1	0%
Robbery	26	33	31	6%
Felonious Assault	18	22	10	54%
Burglary	0	0	0	--
Larceny/Theft	78	54	89	64%
Auto Theft	5	6	6	0%
Arson	4	4	0	100%
Total	**132**	**120**	**137**	**14%**

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Crime Data Overview

Total decrease in Part 1 **violent** crimes: 33%*

- Homicide
- Sexual assault
- Robberies
- Felony assaults



*As of August 31, 2026

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Quality of Life Crimes

(Misdemeanor/ Lower- Level Offenses)

	Jan-Aug 2024	Jan-Aug 2025	Jan-Aug 2026	% Change from 2025
Misconduct on Public Transit (smoking, loitering, fare evasion, etc.)	12	10	36	*260% *due to increased visibility and enhanced Code of Conduct
Aggravated Disorderly Conduct	7	10	9	10%
DC/DC Intoxication	31	57	42	26%
Open Container	57	93	56	40%
Trespassing	85	70	83	18%
Soliciting	0	0	0	--
Total	**192**	**240**	**226**	**5%**

Patrols

Geographic Saturation Strategy

- Identify trends/hotspots
- Concentrate visibility/deployment to known problem areas
- Include problem shelters in daily patrol schedules
- Specialized units/uniform officers in plainclothes details
- Adjust Co-responder teams to address need for evening resources



System Checks by Officers/Monthly Average January – August 2026		
Coach Checks	Train Checks	Station Checks
3,978	8,406	17,217
497/mo.	1,051/mo.	2,152/mo.

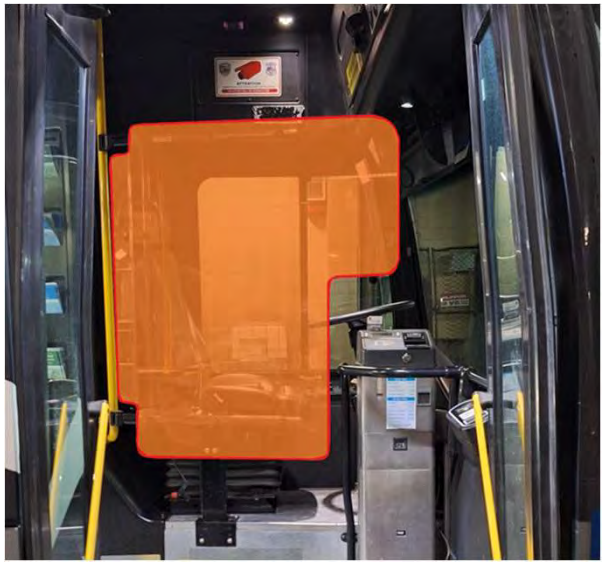


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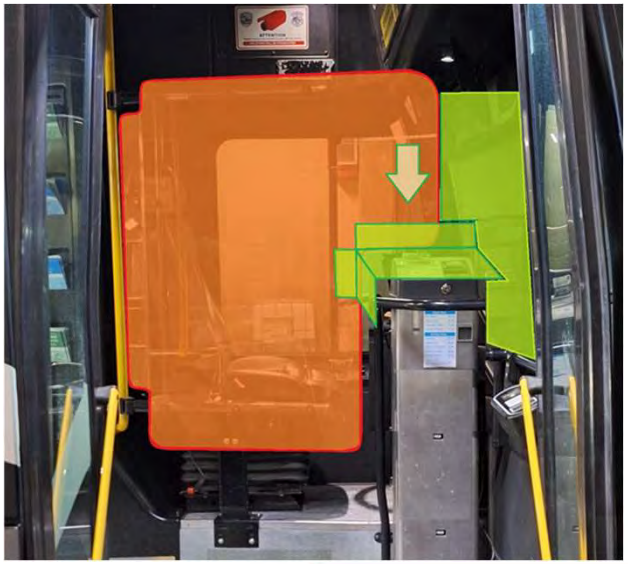
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Bus Operator Barriers

Old



New



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Partnerships

Downtown Cleveland Inc (DCI)

- Tower City, downtown area uniform patrols/plainclothes details
- Command Staff attends monthly safety/security meetings with business owners, law enforcement partners



Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD)

- Targeted patrols at high-risk schools
- Public Square patrols during school dismissals
- Real-time views of Public Square
- Command Staff co-leads monthly meetings with CMSD/City of Cleveland

Increased Command Staff Visibility



- Chief and Command Staff post at stations, platforms, ride buses and trains
- Road patrols, monitoring of shelters
- Increased participation at community engagement events

GCRTA Code of Conduct

- Updated July 2026
- Posted internally and on www.riderta.com/codeofconduct
- Signage installation throughout system
- Lists expected standards of behavior
- Transit Police personnel training in process
- GCRTA personnel training at 80%
- Addresses non-destination riding



Suspension/Expulsion Procedure

- Enacted with Code of Conduct
- Public outreach/education underway
- Training for Transit Police Officers is currently in process to ensure consistency and fairness in implementation
- Enforcement covers criminal/non-criminal prohibited conduct
- Restricts access based on nature/severity of offense(s)
- Notices of suspension will be issued by Transit Police
- Violation of suspension may result in criminal trespass citation/arrest if criminal violations exist
- Appeal process
- Paratransit uses its existing suspension/appeal procedure

Safety Tips for Riders



- Text 216 575 EYES (3937)
- Save Transit Police Dispatch phone 216 566 5163
- Know train/bus number
- Be aware of surroundings/avoid sleeping on GCRTA vehicles
- Maintain control over personal belongings while waiting/riding
- Move to another seat/engage operator if someone/something causes concern or suspicion

Questions

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