



*Antelope Valley Transit Authority*

# ***Press Release***



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## **Transit Authority stays focused on safety, reminds public to do the same**

LANCASTER – In the wake of U.S. military capture and killing of Osama Bin Laden, public transportation systems across the country remain one of the possible targets for terrorist activity. The Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) has focused on additional measures of security for their passengers, drivers, and the general public.

Staff and the AVTA Board want to advise customers that although AVTA has increased security training for our drivers and provides full time Deputy and K-9 service, we feel it is important to remind our passengers to remain vigilant regarding any suspicious activity or unattended packages, briefcases, backpacks, purses, etc.

AVTA provides local transit service, Dial-A-Ride service, and commuter service to downtown Los Angeles, West San Fernando Valley, and Century City. According to AVTA's Executive Director, Julie Austin, "Our buses provide nearly 10,000 rides each day to hundreds of locations. We ask that if our passengers 'see something, say something'. Please report anything suspicious to your driver."

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