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SAN JOSE – In light of the gruesome attack on a New York subway train, VTA is increasing transit patrol visibility on the light rail system, aboard trains and at light rail stations throughout Santa Clara County.

Although there have been no specific threats to the VTA system, the Sheriff's Office Transit Patrol is ensuring that the riding public not only *is* safe on board, but also *feels* safe and confident to ride public transit.

Two Explosive Ordinance Device (EOD) canines regularly available to VTA will be patrolling the system randomly throughout the week. We ask passengers and passersby not to engage with the bomb-sniffing dogs and to allow officers to complete their surveillance without interruption. We do not expect this extra security visibility to interfere with transit service.

Again, this increased security visibility is not being done in response to any threat, but to ensure the riding public feels safe aboard the light rail system.

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