



Metropolitan Transportation Authority

State of New York

Mr. James S. Oddo
President, Borough of Staten Island
10 Richmond Terrace
Staten Island, NY 10301

Dear Mr. Oddo,

Chairman Joseph Lhota has directed me to respond to your letter regarding MTA police coverage at the Staten Island Rapid Transit System, in particular the Ferry terminal

I am currently in the process of evaluating the appropriate size of this department as well as the deployment of the MTA officers. While this process is underway I am assigning additional officers to directed patrol in Staten Island, as well as K-9 officer when available. A new K-9 class consisting of two sergeants and seven police officers should complete their training in Stormville, NY, and graduate in December. Then I will have more K-9 officers available for deployment. My records indicate two officers assigned to our District 9 office are qualified to carry long guns. I will make certain training available immediately for more officers to be qualified.

Our officers work closely with the NYPD to provide reciprocal coverage in the areas of the ferry terminal and individual stations

I hope this letter helps to reassure you of our commitment to serving the community of Staten Island. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this issue I can be reached at my email address: OMonaghan@MTAPD.ORG.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Owen Monaghan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Owen Monaghan
Chief of Police