

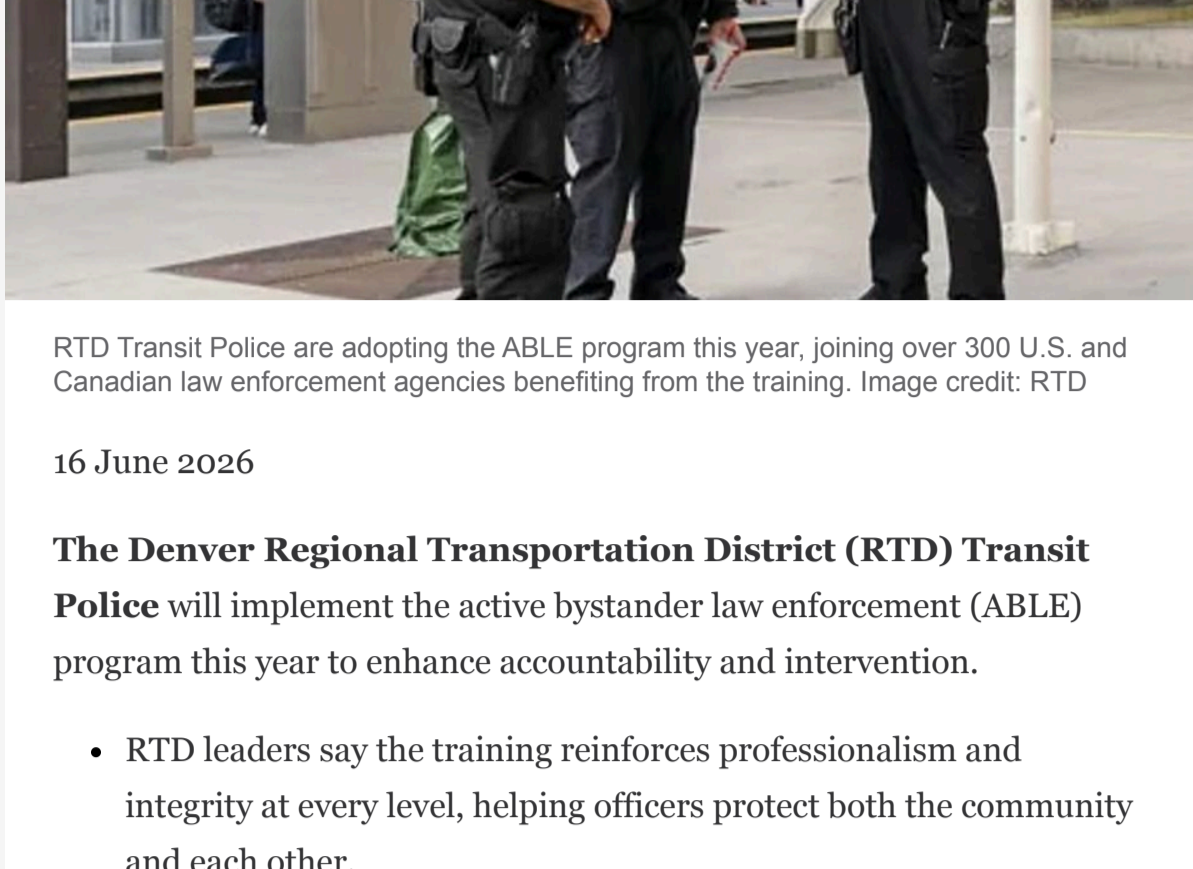
# Public Transportation ISAC Over the Road Bus Intelligence Awareness Daily Report (OTRBIAD)

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This edition features persistent challenges in public safety and transportation security, and continued efforts from authorities to address these challenges.

## Denver RTD enhances policing with ABLE program



RTD Transit Police are adopting the ABLE program this year, joining over 300 U.S. and Canadian law enforcement agencies benefiting from the training. Image credit: RTD

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**The Denver Regional Transportation District (RTD) Transit Police** will implement the active bystander law enforcement (ABLE) program this year to enhance accountability and intervention.

- RTD leaders say the training reinforces professionalism and integrity at every level, helping officers protect both the community and each other.

**Why it matters:** ABL empowers officers to prevent mistakes and misconduct, fostering a culture where every officer can voice concerns and support each other.

- Officers learn to intervene effectively, reducing the risk of errors and promoting well-being.
- The program is rooted in research from the Georgetown Law Center, emphasizing prevention and health.

**What's next:** Four Denver RTD officers will undergo ABL training this summer to become certified instructors.

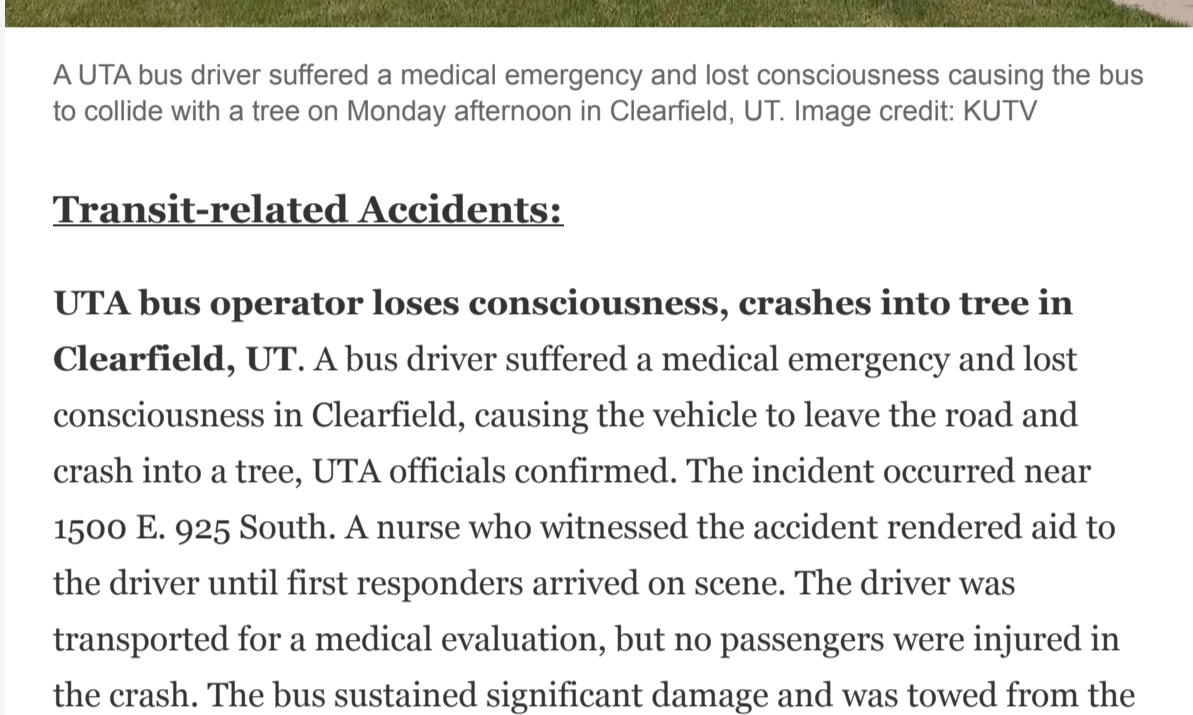
- The four officers will lead training sessions for other officers by the end of 2026, with annual refresher courses.
- Other Colorado agencies have already adopted the ABL program including the Colorado State Patrol, the Attorney General's Office, and the Denver Police Department.

**The backdrop:** Originating from the [Ethical Policing is Courageous \(EPIC\)](#) program launched by the New Orleans Police Department in 2014, ABL expanded post-2020 in collaboration with Georgetown University Law Center.

- Over 300 law enforcement agencies have embraced ABL across the U.S. and Canada.

Read full articles [here](#) and [here](#).

## Recent transit-related incidents



A UTA bus driver suffered a medical emergency and lost consciousness causing the bus to collide with a tree on Monday afternoon in Clearfield, UT. Image credit: KUTV

### **Transit-related Accidents:**

**UTA bus operator loses consciousness, crashes into tree in Clearfield, UT.** A bus driver suffered a medical emergency and lost consciousness in Clearfield, causing the vehicle to leave the road and crash into a tree, UTA officials confirmed. The incident occurred near 1500 E. 925 South. A nurse who witnessed the accident rendered aid to the driver until first responders arrived on scene. The driver was transported for a medical evaluation, but no passengers were injured in the crash. The bus sustained significant damage and was towed from the scene. Read full article [here](#).

**Pickup truck driver hospitalized, could face DWI charges after train crash in Selma, NC.** A pickup truck driver in Selma faces serious charges, including possible DWI, after turning onto railroad tracks while a train was incoming late Monday night. State troopers responded to the crash on Lizzie Mill Road. A pickup truck hauling a large trailer turned south onto the railroad tracks, and the truck was struck head-on by a northbound freight train. The pickup truck driver was transported to the hospital and faces possible charges. Several CSX freight and Amtrak passenger trains were forced to stop while crews investigated, cleared the tracks, and then tested the crossing guards. Read full article [here](#).

**Person struck by Norfolk Southern freight train in Kingston, CO.** Emergency crews responded Monday afternoon after a person was struck by a Norfolk Southern freight train near Kingston. The incident occurred at between Kirby Park and the Black Diamond Railroad Bridge over the Susquehanna River. Norfolk Southern freight train 13Z traveling southbound struck a person who was on the tracks in the area of railroad milepost 689. The condition of the person has not been released. Read full article [here](#).

### **Transit Worker Assaults:**

**Five people arrested after attack against MBTA police officer at restaurant in Boston, MA.** Five people were arrested after several fights broke out following a disturbance at a Boston restaurant Monday evening. An MBTA transit officer was called into Estella's Restaurant on Temple Place for an incident. The transit police officer witnessed one person kick another person in the head and immediately intervened. Several other people ganged up on the transit police officer, prompting several other transit officers and Boston police officers to get involved. Two people were arrested in connection with the initial disturbance, and three others were taken into custody when additional fights broke out in the area surrounding the restaurant. Read full article [here](#).

### **Transit Crime:**

**Suspect killed a woman before boarding a bus and then being shot to death by police officers in Washington, DC.** A woman being shot and killed in NW D.C. Tuesday morning led to the suspect escaping via Metrobus and eventually being killed by an officer on that bus, according to DC Police. The deadly bus shooting unfolded after a man armed with a long gun shot and killed a woman in the 3600 block of Wisconsin Avenue NW and then jumped on a Metrobus bus at Porter Street NW. Investigators quickly identified the bus the suspect boarded before following the bus. Police pulled the bus over in the 4000 block of Wisconsin Avenue. While police were clearing passengers off the bus, the suspect reached into a bag, produced a firearm, and pointed it at officers. Despite multiple warnings to drop the weapon, two officers were forced to fire on the suspect resulting in his death. Officers and passengers were uninjured. Read full article [here](#).

**1 killed, 2 injured on Hotard charter bus in Bessemer, AL.** A Hotard charter bus was carrying 40 security guards back to New Orleans from work at a weekend music festival in Tennessee. The bus was parked in a Walmart parking lot in Bessemer when a fight broke out between the three fellow passengers. The driver attempted to intervene and was uninjured. One victim was transported to a local hospital in serious condition and later died at the hospital. The conditions of the two additional stabbing victims were not released. The suspect was arrested near the scene. A second bus transported the passengers to their destination in New Orleans. Read full article [here](#).

## Other News of Interest

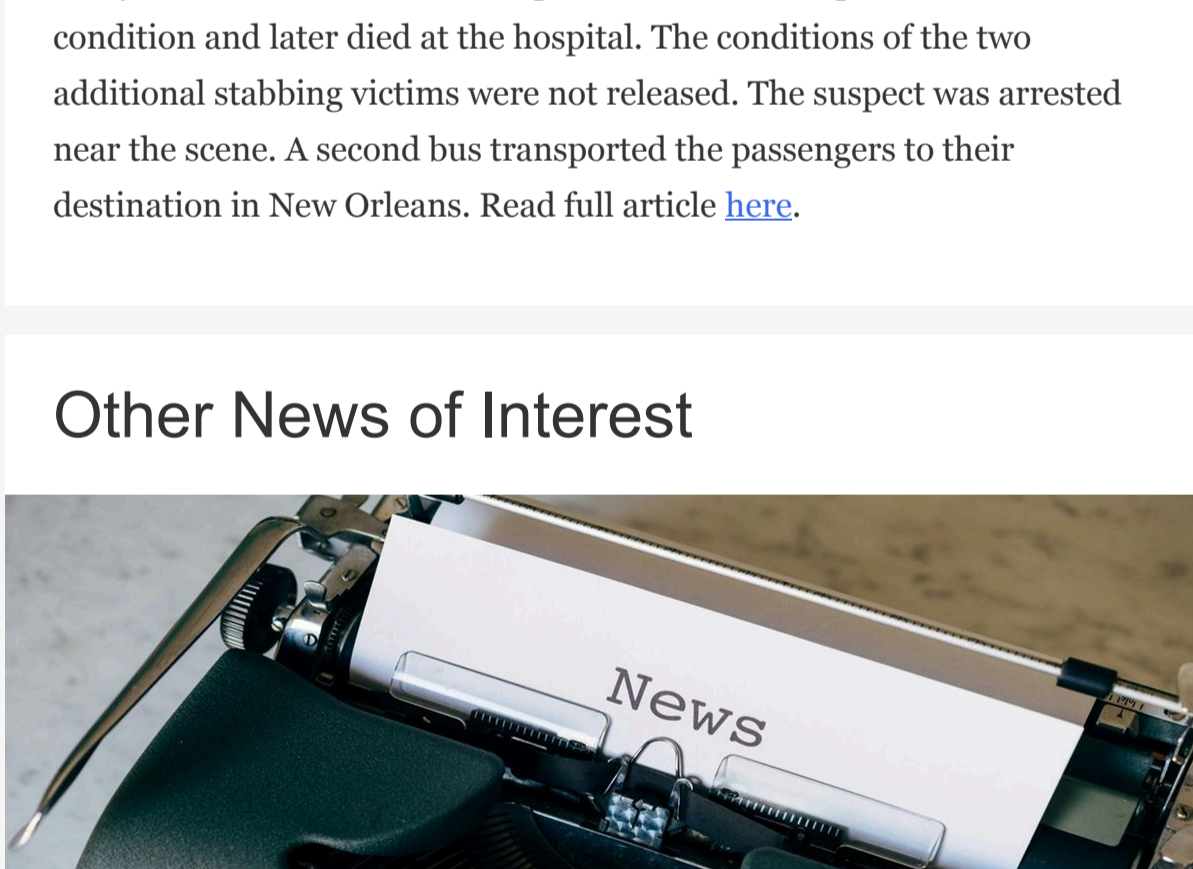


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### **National Security News:**

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### **Global Transit News:**

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