Comprehensive Security & Policing Principles Strategy

A consistent and reliable law enforcement presence is necessary to assure the safety of Metro's patrons and employees. Metro has developed a comprehensive security and policing principles strategy. To maximize effectiveness, the law enforcement team's primary focus will be to address crime, disorder and reducing the system's vulnerability to terrorism. Metro's internal security force will assume fare enforcement and CCTV monitoring duties, and the private sector security officers will be positioned at stations and facilities.

The key services required as part of the Metro safety and security mission are:

- Addressing Crime and Responding to Calls for Service or Incidents requires sworn law enforcement officers who have full powers to detain and arrest and to use force as required to provide this mission element.
- Providing a Visible Security Presence on the Metro system as a deterrent to crime and disorder, as well as the other critical incidents like terrorist attacks. This service could be provided by law enforcement personnel, but may also be provided by well-trained and well-managed private security personnel.
- Enforcing Fare Compliance on the Metro system, as well as enforcing Metro's customer code of conduct. Providing this service does not require law enforcement sworn personnel and will be performed by Metro security.
- Protecting Metro's Critical Infrastructure Providing critical infrastructure protection requires a combination of law enforcement personnel and Metro security.
- Providing Security for Metro Facilities and Operations through private security units that patrol the various Metro facilities and provide a visible security presence for those facilities.