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Given the tragic and horrible mass murder at VTA's operations center last month, SMCTA should make plans in case such an event occurs here. SMCTA should also make plans in case it happens at Caltrain's CEMOF or similar facility.

Without getting into any specific politics; we don't live in such a perfect world. It is plausible such incidents will increase in frequency. Samtrans and Caltrain should take appropriate steps to ensure Continuity of Service in such an event. These "steps" should be coordinated with the Sheriff's Department, Caltrans, the Highway Patrol, and other railroads such as ACE, BART, and the Union Pacific. Such plans should include everything between mass shooters, sarin attacks (eg, the Tokyo Subway Attack), homeless mobs, organized terrorism and nuclear war. This could include everything from armed security to 4-day workweeks and new equipment to reduce job stress. More pay certainly helps, as does having a larger and diverse workforce.

These efforts would work well with larger disaster planning efforts for earthquakes, fires, flooding and so forth.

Money should be appropriated to studying this problem accordingly.

Sincerely,
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