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### MTA Police Officers' Quick Response Helped to Save the life of a Sick Passenger on Metro North Railroad

#### *Officers on Train Due to New MTA Security Initiative*

MTA Police announced today that a quick response by two MTA Police Officers saved the life of a sick passenger suffering a possible cardiac arrest on board a Metro North train at the Southport Station in Connecticut yesterday. Officers Leonard Pomposello and Kenneth DeGeorge of the MTA K-9 Unit responded to help passenger Lee A. Colpi, who was unresponsive and slouched on his side. The officers immediately checked his vital signs, called for help and located a doctor onboard who administered CPR that helped the passenger to regain consciousness.

"This is a perfect example of the MTA Police patrolling our railroads to offer help and security to our customers," said Kevin J. McConville, Chief of MTA Police. "Our Directed Patrol Strategy is designed as a counterterrorism initiative, but it will help deter crimes of all kinds and provide better safety all around. I commend Officer Pomposello and Officer DeGeorge for their quick thinking that helped to save the life of a commuter."

On March 21, 2007, Mr. Colpi was traveling with his wife Ann Colpi on the Metro North train when she noticed that Mr. Colpi had a pale white and blue skin tone color and his face was locked in position. She yelled for help and Officers Pomposello and DeGeorge responded immediately to help her husband. The officers checked Mr. Colpi's vital signs noting a weak pulse and immediately requested an ambulance. Both officers located Dr. Robert Rouch and a registered nurse, Carol Pisano, who were traveling on the same train. Both health professionals offered CPR to Mr. Colpi, who regained consciousness before he was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, for further evaluation.

Officers Pomposello and DeGeorge are part of the K9 Unit 14 and active members of the Directed Patrol Strategy announced yesterday by the MTA and State and Federal law enforcement agencies.