

General Talking Points In Support of Lynch #13 Training Amendment

- This amendment will strengthen the current training requirement in H.R. 1401 by requiring the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a survey of the satisfaction of workers regarding the effectiveness and adequacy of the training programs.
- Security training remains an important issue to the Nation's front-line surface transportation workers.
- Shortly after 9/11, the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) conducted a survey of its members and found that 80% reported that their employers had not provided them with any security training.
- In a subsequent survey in the fall of 2005, approximately 60% of ATU members remained untrained in emergency preparedness and response.

- Teamsters and AFL-CIO representatives have testified before Congress that security training is “virtually non-existent” and involving little more than a ten minute video and a pamphlet.
- This amendment will ensure that future training is more than a video and a pamphlet.
- I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.