



Colonel John E. Gavrilis accepts the National APTA Gold Award for Rail Safety and Security on behalf of all the hardworking men and women of the MTA Police Force from Administrator Paul Comfort.

## **Maryland Department of Transportation's MTA Wins National APTA Gold Awards for Rail Safety and Security**

The Maryland Department of Transportation's Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) recently received the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) 2016 Gold Awards for Heavy Rail Security and Light Rail Safety.

The MTA was the security winner for its Zone Enforced Unified Sweeps (ZEUS)

program at APTA's 2016 Rail Conference. The MTA is one of the safest transit systems of the top 12 transit agencies in the country, with the lowest Part I crimes on its system for 2014 and 2015. The ZEUS program helped contribute to an 11 percent reduction in these crimes from 2014 to 2015. Also, the MTA had a 49 percent drop in Part I crime since 2007.