

MTI receives Community Partnership Recognition award from VTA

Researchers Dr. Frances Edwards and Dan Goodrich provide expert emergency management training to agency

San José, Calif., March 16, 2017 — On March 2, 2017, the [Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority \(VTA\)](#) presented the [Mineta Transportation Institute](#) with their Community Partnership Recognition award. Specifically, VTA recognized the efforts of MTI Research Associates, Dr. Frances Edwards and Mr. Dan Goodrich for the expert training they provided to VTA on emergency management.

“We are recognizing the Mineta Transportation Institute for being a valued community partner. VTA reached out to MTI to educate VTA on its roles and responsibilities in the event of a wide scale emergency or disaster. The MTI Instructors brought multiple decades of Emergency Management and Security experience to VTA and provided a depth of knowledge of the four phases of Emergency Management: Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery. VTA continues to partner with MTI to deliver quality Emergency Management Education to its employees,” said San José Mayor Sam Liccardo and VTA Board of Directors Vice Chairperson.

Dr. Edwards, Deputy Director of MTI’s National Transportation Safety and Security Center, and Mr. Goodrich bring decades of experience in emergency management to their work with transportation agencies. Their most recent research, [Emergency Management Training for Transportation Agencies](#), identifies best practices in providing training courses to adults, with a particular emphasis on the effectiveness of interactive training materials.

MTI congratulates Dr. Edwards and Mr. Goodrich for the impactful work they do in ensuring that our transportation agencies are prepared to effectively respond to emergencies. The partnership between MTI and VTA is a valued one and the Institute looks forward to continuing this positive relationship.

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At the [Mineta Transportation Institute](#) (MTI) at [San Jose State University](#) (SJSU) our mission is to increase mobility for all by improving the safety, efficiency, accessibility, and convenience of our nation's' transportation system through research, education, workforce development and technology transfer. We help create a connected world.

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