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**Abstract (300 words maximum):**

This presentation will report the preliminary findings of a research project funded by the Office of Crime Prevention, the WA Public Transport Authority, the City of Armadale, the City of Gosnells, the City of Joondalup and the City of Swan. The research project used an action research method based on soft systems techniques to support the collaborative design of integrated crime prevention strategies for rail environs. The project was repeated in four locations identified as being problem exemplars. PATREC researchers from Curtin University of Technology and Edith Cowan University began this research project in October 2005 and will complete the project by November 2006.

The initial impetus for the project arose from concerns about incidence and responses to 'anti-social behaviour', especially by young people, in and around rail stations (see the presentation at the PATREC forum 2005 for more details). The purpose of the research project is to develop collaboration between organisations, each with different priorities and goals, to design a process to facilitate:

- o Improvements perceptions of safety by rail users
- o Identification of strategies and joint activities that enable disparate organisations to work together in mutually supportive ways such that each organisation can achieve its goals better
- o Implementation of these strategies and activities within existing budgets, plus very small amounts of 'seeding' money

The presentation will present the four case studies with preliminary findings, recommendations, and suggestions for future research. It will briefly outline the methods used and report on the obstacles to effective collaboration that were identified as part of the research, and how these were overcome.