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Executive Director’s Message – 2022 Utah Operation Lifesaver Annual Summary

The first newsletter of every year usually discusses the wonderful work of our safety partners and volunteers. However, the Utah Operation Lifesaver Annual Appreciation and Award Dinner has yet to be scheduled and held. This is due to a very long winter. It appears that every time we hold the event in March, we get a snowstorm. However, expect the Appreciation and Award Dinner to be scheduled for May. Hopefully we will have good weather by then to travel to the event.

Therefore, in this newsletter the number of presentations and community events that have been reported by Utah Operation Lifesaver volunteers to the National Rail Safety Alliance website is shown. The presentations given and the number of people who received those presentations by category are shown in Table 1. Reporting is extremely important to our program to show our safety partners the marvelous work that our volunteers perform in Utah. Please remember to report presentations and booths by the end of each month. All our presentations are reported to the National Rail Safety Alliance website at www.nrsainc.org

Table 1: 2022 Utah Operation Lifesaver Presentations

Audience Category	Presentations Given	Presentation Recipients
Pre-Kindergarten/8 th Grade	4	161
Driver’s Education (Online)	10,202	10,202
Driver’s Education (In person)	417	9,971
School Bus Drivers	16	126
First Responders/Law Enforcement	0	0
General Adult	25	665
Professional Drivers	10	209
Totals	10,674	21,334

Source: Utah Operation Lifesaver, April 2023.

In 2022, the Utah Operation Lifesaver booth was represented **21** times reaching approximately **15,805** people. We are finally starting to get back to pre-COVID-19 events. Special thanks to all our volunteers and safety partners for the success we had in 2022!

Utah OL Booth Update

Thanks to all those who participated in the booths sharing the Utah Operation Lifesaver rail safety messages. Utah Operation Lifesaver attended the following events during the first quarter of 2023.

- The Ophir, Tintic & Western Model Train Show at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi on January 6 and 7, 2023.
- The Kanab Train Show at Kanab Center Ballroom in Kanab on February 10 and 11, 2023.
- The Hostlers Model Railroad Festival at Ogden Union Station in Ogden on March 4, 5, and 6, 2023.
- The Hawaii State Driver and Traffic Safety Education Fair at Aloha Stadium on March 25, 2023.



Photo: Assistant Director Walt Webster and Tim Booth of the Tooele Technical College volunteering at the Ophir, Tintic & Western Model Train Show at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi.



Photo: Executive Director Vern Keeslar discussing rail safety with students at the Hawaii State Driver and Traffic Safety Education Fair at Aloha Stadium.