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State Coordinator's Message – 2010 Operation Lifesaver Utah Annual Report

Another year has passed and OL Utah has finished its annual report. While statistics do not tell the entire story, data in the report provides good information for us to evaluate what happened in 2010. Table 1 shows the highway-rail grade crossing and trespass incidents for both the United States and Utah. Utah's rank in 2010 for highway-rail grade crossing incidents was 15th best and for trespass incidents Utah was 14th best. We are consistently in the best 15 states most every year. The statistics below does not include TRAX light-rail data, but does include FrontRunner commuter rail numbers for Utah.

Table 1 – 2010 Crossing and Trespass Statistics					
	Crossing Collisions	Crossing Fatalities	Crossing Injuries	Trespass Fatalities	Trespass Injuries
National	2,012	261	835	450	389
Utah	11	3	5	2	0

Source: Federal Railroad Administration

Table 2 shows the number of OL presentations given and the number of people who received those presentations by category. Reporting is extremely important to our program to show our safety partners the marvelous work that our volunteers perform in Utah. Reporting for 2010 was a great reporting year, but there is room for improvement. Please remember to report presentations within 10 days of giving them.

Table 2 – 2010 OL Presentations in Utah		
Category	Presentations Given	Presentation Recipients
Pre K Headstart	19	448
K-8 Grade	171	21,845
High School	3	18
Drivers Education	461	14,511
School Bus Drivers	85	1,142
Commercial Buses	2	25
Professional Drivers	3	65
Law Enforcement	2	47
Emergency Responders	3	73
Miscellaneous Adult	64	1,559
Totals	813	39,733

Source: OL Utah 2010 Annual Report

In 2010, the OL Utah booth was represented around 42 times reaching approximately 10,329 people. Special thanks to all of our presenters and safety partners for the success we had in 2010!

Reporting OL Presentations and Booths

I want to provide a friendly reminder about reporting the presentations that you give. Everyone should have a login, password, and certification number to report his or her presentations and/or booth work. As you know, reporting should occur within 10 days of the presentation or booth event. The only exception is if you are giving your first presentation and waiting on the paperwork to get your certification number, login and password.

If you are a certified presenter and do not have your login and password information, you may go to the following link http://oli.org/community/forgot_password.php and enter your email address to obtain the information or call Jayzel Lazares at 800-537-6224. Jayzel will get your login and password to you so that you can report the presentations and booths.

OL Utah Booth Update

Operation Lifesaver Utah was busy as ever attending public events all over Utah and displaying our booth. Operation Lifesaver Utah has attended the following for the first and second quarters of 2011:

- Model Train Show on January 28 and 29, 2010 in Lehi
- Safe Kids Safety Fair on February 25 and 26, 2011 in Sandy
- Hostlers Model Train Show on March 4, 5, and 6, 2011 in Ogden

- Zero Fatalities Safety Summit on April 12 and 13, 2011 in Salt Lake City
- Utah Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association on May 2, 2011 in Sandy
- National Train Day on May 7, 2011 in Ogden
- Utah Trucking Association Conference on May 12, 2011 in St. George
- Safe Kids Day Fair on May 14, 2011 in Ogden
- Safe Kids F.I.T. Fair on May 21, 2011 in Kaysville
- Utah Asian Festival on June 11, 2011 in Sandy

Approved Video List for 2011

The following list of Operation Lifesaver films are approved for use with the appropriate audiences as listed. Only approved Operation Lifesaver videos and images are part of an Operation Lifesaver presentation. In addition, many Operation Lifesaver Public Service Announcements can also be shown. They can be found at www.oli.org

Operation Lifesaver Approved Film List 2011			
Film	Year	Minutes	Audiences
Are You in Control?	2008	11:10	Grades 4-8
Bryon's Last Day	1997	12:00	Grades 7 & Above
Decide Smart, Arrive Safe	2005	18:00	School Bus Drivers
Final Answer	2000	18:30	Driver Education and Adults
It's Your Choice	2000	9:22	Driver Education and Adults
Look To Live	2008	10:20	Driver Education and Adults
Roll Call	2000	9:22	Law Enforcement
Sleddin' The Right Track	1999	12:30	Snowmobilers
Sly Fox And Birdie	1992	10:00	Grades K-3
Stay Alive When You Drive	2009	14:00	Professional Drivers
The Bus Stops Here	2006	11:00	Transit and Motor Coach Drivers
The Difference Starts With You	2010	2:50	Operation Lifesaver Volunteers
Tracks Are For Trains	2001	8:00	Grades 2-4
You Don't Know Tracks	2002	18:18	Driver Education and Adults
Your Safety First	2002	10:30	Emergency Responders

Operation Lifesaver, Inc. Home Page Named an Official Webby Award Honoree for 2011

WASHINGTON, DC, April 15, 2011 - The home page <http://www.oli.org> of Operation Lifesaver, Inc., the U.S.-based nonprofit rail safety education organization, was named a 15th Annual Webby Awards Official Honoree in the category of Best Welcome/Home Page.

“We are pleased with this recognition, because we redesigned the www.oli.org website late last year to reach new audiences in our mission to prevent tragic deaths and injuries around train tracks,” said Operation Lifesaver President Helen M. Sramek. “Our goal with the home page design was to use videos, photographs and stories of real families to ensure that visitors come away with a safety message,” noted Sramek.