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State Coordinator's Message – 2012 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 2012. Table 1 shows the highway-rail grade crossing and trespass incidents for both the United States and Utah. Utah's rank in 2012 for highway-rail grade crossing incidents was 14th best and for trespass incidents Utah was 14th best. We are consistently in the best 15 states most every year. The statistics below now includes UTA TRAX light-rail and FrontRunner commuter rail numbers for Utah.

Table 1 – 2012 Crossing and Trespass Statistics					
	Crossing Collisions	Crossing Fatalities	Crossing Injuries	Trespass Fatalities	Trespass Injuries
National	1,953	270	917	442	405
Utah	12	4	3	2	5

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 2012 was a great reporting year, but there is room for improvement. Please remember to report presentations within 10 days of giving them.

Table 2 – 2012 OL Presentations in Utah		
Category	Presentations Given	Presentation Recipients
Pre K Headstart	10	208
K-8 Grade	81	19,507
High School	31	993
Drivers Education	544	17,234
School Bus Drivers	103	1,289
Commercial Buses	3	49
Professional Drivers	15	232
Law Enforcement	2	17
Emergency Responders	2	60
Miscellaneous Adult	169	4,382
Totals	960	43,971

Source: OL Utah 2012 Annual Report

In 2012, the OL Utah booth was represented around **48** times reaching approximately **35,921** people. Special thanks to all of our presenters and safety partners for the success we had in 2012!

OL Utah Receives FRA Grant

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced more than \$200,000 in grants to 12 state Operation Lifesaver programs including Utah for a variety of rail crossing safety and anti-trespassing public education projects and public service announcements (PSAs) around the country.

“Our OL state coordinators proposed some very exciting initiatives to help further Operation Lifesaver’s mission of eliminating collisions, injuries and deaths at crossings and along rail property,” said Joyce Rose, OLI’s president and CEO. “These projects will go a long way toward increasing the number of eyes and ears that receive our message.”

Operation Lifesaver Utah partnered with its state Division of Natural Resources to purchase ad space in publications targeting hunters, fishermen and recreational vehicles drivers to prevent trespassing on railroad tracks.

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 2013:

- Utah Council of Land Surveyors on February 27, 2013 in Salt Lake City

- Hostlers Model Railroad Festival on March 1-3, 2013 in Ogden
- Safe Kids Fair on March 2, 2013 in Sandy
- Red Rock Model Train Show on April 19-20, 2013 in Hurricane
- Safe Kids Fair on April 20, 2013 in Ogden
- Hawthorne Elementary Health and Safety Fair on April 25, 2013 in Salt Lake City
- 3rd Annual Light Up Eureka Ride on April 27, 2013 in Faust
- UDTSEA Conference on April 29, 2013 in Salt Lake City
- Matheson Junior High Health Fair on May 1, 2013 in Magna
- Safe Kids F.I.T. Fair on May 4, 2013 in Kaysville
- International Level Crossing Awareness Day on May 7, 2013 in Low
- National Train Day on May 11, 2013 in Ogden
- UTA Bike Bonanza on May 17, 2013 in Salt Lake City
- Utah Asian Festival on June 8, 2013 in Sandy
- Uintah Days on June 8, 2013 in Uintah

Approved Video List for 2013

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 2013			
Film	Year	Minutes	Audiences
Are You in Control?	2008	11:10	Grades 4-8
Bryon's Last Day	1997	12:00	Grades 7 & Above
Cheating Death	2010	5:15	Driver Education and Adults
Decide Smart, Arrive Safe	2005	18:00	School Bus Drivers
Emergency Response – Your Safety First	2002	10:30	Emergency Responders
It's Your Choice	2000	9:22	Driver Education and Adults
Look To Live	2008	10:20	Driver Education
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 Difference Starts With You	2010	2:50	Operation Lifesaver Volunteers
Tracks Are For Trains, Not for Kids	2001	8:00	Grades 2-4
You Don't Know Tracks	2002	18:18	Driver Education and Adults

Reporting OL Presentations and Booths

I want to provide a friendly reminder about reporting the presentations that you give. Please make sure that all of your presentations are reported from January through June of this year. 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.