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## State Coordinator's Message – Update Required for All Presenters

Operation Lifesaver has released a new version of the presenters guide, along with some new visuals. Each new presenters guide contains a PowerPoint version of the presentation that can be personalized and arranged in order of your preference. There are some new presentation requirements for all driving age presentations. The Emergency Notification System slide to the right must be shown at all driving-age presentations.



Because of this change, along with others, each presenter must go through a three-hour update to their certification prior to December 31, 2009 to maintain certification status. OL Utah will be holding one meeting a month during the last three months of this year to facilitate the training. Notice of those meetings will likely be sent via email or regular mail two weeks in advance of each meeting. Some presenters have already been updated. For those who have not been updated, I look forward to seeing you at one of the meetings over the next three months.

## 2009 Safety Train Event

Union Pacific Railroad and Operation Lifesaver Utah held the annual Safety Train event on August 4, 5, and 6, 2009. On August 4, the Safety Train performed operations in Springville with a special train ride from Provo to the Narrows in Spanish Fork Canyon.

The photo to the right shows Dave Beach, Chair of OL Utah Board, and Sergeant Ted Tingey, Utah Highway Patrol



officer and Program Manager for OL Utah program at the Utah Highway Safety Office standing in front of Union Pacific "Heritage Fleet" passenger cars parked at the Provo Train Station. Many other key participants enjoyed the train ride to the Narrows in Spanish Fork Canyon and back.

On August 5, the Safety Train conducted operations in Pleasant Grove, American Fork, and Lehi. Approximately 36 tickets were given for highway-rail grade crossing violations along with two trespass warnings.

On August 6, the Safety Train moved to Brigham City where more than 500 people rode the Safety Train from the Brigham City Historic Depot to the Crystal Hot Springs and back on Union Pacific's "Heritage Fleet" passenger cars. Each section of the two cars received a 10-minute Operation Lifesaver presentation. That calculates to 24 presentations given to approximately 500 people in four hours.

Special thanks to the Union Pacific Railroad for their cooperation in using the "Heritage Fleet" passenger cars for our educational and enforcement efforts. Also, special thanks to Norm Nelson and his volunteers at the Brigham City Historic Depot. They distributed the free train tickets (all tickets were gone in less than an hour), organized the parking and arranged for law

enforcement to be present. They kept the large crowds organized and because of that the passengers were able board and de-train without incident. Thanks again Norm to you and your wonderful volunteers!

## Two New Board Members Appointed

OL Utah Board of Directors unanimously appointed John Cyrus, Marketing Manager for the Utah Railway Company and Nick Jones, Director of the Utah Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Center to the Board of Directors on August 19, 2009. They replace Steve Aberton of the Utah Railway and Doyt Bolling of the LTAP Center. Welcome aboard John and Nick!

## Marc Desobeau Donates Holiday Cards



Last year's holiday cards sent out by Operation Lifesaver Utah was donated by Marc Desobeau, also known as "Artist of the Rails." The two holiday cards sent include "Christmas Steam" (pictured left) and "Overland Empire." Marc lives in Riverdale, Utah and is a locomotive engineer for Union Pacific Railroad. It's not too early to order

your holiday cards for 2009. Marc's website address is [www.artistoftherails.com](http://www.artistoftherails.com)

## OL Utah Booth Update

Operation Lifesaver Utah is busy as ever attending public events all over Utah and displaying our booth. Operation Lifesaver Utah has attended the following for the third quarter of 2009:



- Junior League Care Fair in Salt Lake City in July and August.
- Salt Lake Bees Zero Fatalities Safety Night in Salt Lake City in August.
- South Clearfield Elementary Safety Fair in Clearfield in September.
- Sunset Health, Safety and Emergency Preparedness Fair in Sunset in September.
- Zero Fatalities Safety Summit in Salt Lake City in September.

The above photo is the OL Utah booth at the Zero Fatalities Safety Summit. Bev Thrall (second from left) is handing an OL law enforcement pamphlet to two Utah Highway Patrol officers as Major Kathy Slagowski (far right), also of the Utah Highway Patrol and Vice-Chair of the OL Utah Board of Directors, looks on.