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State Coordinator's Message

Due to a change in employment, I have relocated from Cache Valley, where I was a city manager for the past two years. I left the public sector and went to work for InterPlan Co., a private transportation and land use planning firm located in Midvale. InterPlan Co. is very supportive of Utah Operation Lifesaver and its message and is our newest partner in public safety.

Jen and I have moved our family to Lehi. It is more centrally located and we anticipate better access to our many Operation Lifesaver friends. This should permit us to serve better in the capacity of State Coordinators. Please note the change in contact information for us. Our new mailing address is Utah Operation Lifesaver, 630 West 1875 South, Lehi, Utah 84043. Our new home phone number is 801-766-4315. Our new cellular phone number is 801-310-1035. You are welcome to contact us on either phone.

Utah OL Receives Safety Grant for 2006

Utah Operation Lifesaver has received a safety grant from the Utah Highway Safety Office for 2006. This grant money goes toward operating our state program. Most of the presenter material purchased this past year came from the Utah Highway Safety Office 2005 grant. We sincerely appreciate the relationship of all those who support Utah Operation Lifesaver, especially the Utah Highway Safety Office.

Next Utah OL Quarterly Meeting

Utah Operation Lifesaver will meet on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 for the fourth quarterly meeting. This meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Salt Lake Community College Miller Campus located at 9750 South 300 West, Sandy, Utah. Please RSVP with Jennifer Keeslar at 801-766-4315 by November 23, so we can get an accurate count for lunch. All those who attend will receive an appreciation gift for participating in Utah Operation Lifesaver in 2005. A directional map of the campus location is included in this newsletter.

Regional Coordinator Needed

Region Six is in need of a new Regional Coordinator. Brian Mauldwin has located to Colorado – their gain and our loss. Thanks Brian for all that you did for Utah Operation Lifesaver. Please contact Vern Keeslar at 801-310-1035 if you are interested in coordinating the Utah OL events in Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Piute, San Juan, Washington and Wayne Counties.

Utah OL and UPRR Conducts Officer on the Train Event

Utah Operation Lifesaver and Union Pacific Railroad conducted Officer on the Train event in Provo and Utah County on September 14, in Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County on September 15, and in Layton and Davis County on September 16. Many local law enforcement officers and Union Pacific Police were able to attend the event. Many tickets were issued, thanks to those participating local law enforcement agencies and the Union Pacific Police.

Special appreciation goes to Union Pacific Railroad for their continued support and commitment to safety and education.

Utah Transit Authority (UTA) commuter rail construction managers also attended the event. They got a very good look at the right-of-way where UTA's Commuter Rail will operate. Utah OL stands ready to assist UTA in their efforts for public education regarding high speed commuter rail.

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Operation Lifesaver Releases New School Bus Drivers Training Film

Operation Lifesaver has released a new school bus drivers training film titled *Decide Smart, Arrive Safe – Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Awareness Training for School Bus Drivers*, 2005. This film replaces *The Responsibility is Ours*, 1996 and *Preventing Disaster at the Crossing*, 1990. If you need a copy of this new film, please contact me or your Regional Coordinator. This film was produced in cooperation with the pupil transportation industry and U.S. DOT for Operation Lifesaver, Inc. The purpose of this video is to make school bus drivers aware of the potential dangers that exist at highway-rail grade crossings, and the steps to ensure their own safety as well as the safety of students in their care. Teaching module includes instructor's guide, student notes, safety quiz, and film. This 18 minute film is available in Video, DVD, or CD.

Union Pacific's 3985 Challenger Visits Utah

Union Pacific's 3985 Challenger was on display at Ogden Union Station August 26 through August 28, 2005. Volunteers from Union Pacific, Union Pacific Employees Club, and Utah Operation Lifesaver witnessed thousands of people admire the big steam locomotive. Special thanks to Bev Thrall representing Utah Operation Lifesaver and Lee Simpson representing the Union Pacific Employees Club for organizing volunteers and managing the educational booths.

Regional Coordinators Contact Information

The regional coordinators and their phone numbers are listed below. The regional coordinators can schedule presentations and support presenters with materials or other Operation Lifesaver needs.

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1. Kathy Bessinger – (435) 279-8130 home
Box Elder, Cache and Rich Counties
2. Walt Webster – (801) 295-5633 home
Davis, Morgan and Weber Counties
3. Terri Fontaine – (801) 596-1889 home
Salt Lake, Summit and Tooele Counties
4. Toby Bath – (801) 785-1929 home
Daggett, Duchesne, Uintah, Utah and Wasatch Counties
5. Garry Bringham – (435) 835-3431 home
Carbon, Emery, Grand, Juab, Millard, Sanpete and Sevier Counties
6. Vacant – Need Volunteer
Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Piute, San Juan, Washington and Wayne Counties

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