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State Coordinator's Message – Utah OL Conducts Annual Training Update

Utah Operation Lifesaver held its annual training update for existing volunteers on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at the Utah Trucking Association in West Valley City. More than 55 people participated in the update training in the morning. In addition to coordinating the rail safety instruction in high schools in Utah, rail safety material was distributed to presenters. The presenters also had an opportunity to ask questions to representatives from the Utah Operation Lifesaver Board of Directors in a panel discussion. Those Board members included Tracy Davis, Jim Golden, Sheldon Shaw, Terry Smith, and Vern Keeslar. After the Utah OL Board panel discussion, a prize drawing and lunch was provided. Thanks to all who attended and to Walt Webster, Assistant Director and Kathy Bessinger, Area 1 Coordinator for their participation and to the Utah Trucking Association for providing the excellent meeting space. We look forward to a successful 2020 for all of our presenters and for rail safety in Utah!

Utah OL Board Appoints New Member

Audra Urie, Utah State Board of Education Driver Education Specialist was appointed to the Utah OL Board of Directors on November 14, 2019. While Audra is new to Utah, coming from Idaho, she is not new to rail safety education as she served for nearly 10 years on the Idaho Operation Lifesaver Board. Audra replaces Troy Nordick who served three years on the Utah OL Board as the Utah State Board of Education Driver Education Specialist. Thanks for your service Troy and we look forward to working with Audra.

Utah Operation Lifesaver Booth Update

Thanks for all those who participate in the booths sharing the Utah Operation Lifesaver safety messages. Utah Operation Lifesaver attended the following events during the fourth quarter of 2019.

- Kaysville Safety Fair in Kaysville on October 9, 2019.
- Salt Lake City Safety Fair in Salt Lake City on October 11, 2019.

