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Executive Director's Message – New Chair Elected to Lead Utah OL Board

The Utah OL Board of Directors met for their quarterly meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2020 and elected Sheldon Shaw as Chair replacing long-time Chair and Board member Dave Goeres.

Sheldon Shaw is the Director of Safety and Security at Utah Transit Authority (UTA). He has been working for UTA for the past 12 years. Sheldon is also a veteran of the United States Navy, where he spent 20 years in the service of our country. Finally, Sheldon and his wife Heidi live in Kaysville and are the parents of three sons and four granddaughters. One of Sheldon's hobbies is seeing the backcountry on his side-by-side all-terrain vehicle.



We particularly want to thank **Dave Goeres** for his awesome leadership as Chair of the Utah OL Board for the past six years and as a Board member for the past eight years. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership and coordination as he has led our rail safety program through a challenging time these past two years. In addition, we also want to thank former Board of Director members **Chris Weesner** of the Salt Lake, Garfield & Western Railway for serving as Vice Chair and **Nick Jones** of the LTAP Center for serving as Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks for all your hard work serving on the Utah OL Board and for what you have accomplished regarding rail safety in Utah!

Training Update to be Virtual

We are looking at dates in February to have at least two different options for volunteers to attend a 60-minute training update about the new rail safety presentation, along with a program update, and questions and answers. Please look for an email invitation in the next two weeks. We will be mailing a new Utah OL shirt and USB drive containing the new presentation and existing videos for those that attend the virtual training update and register as a presenter on the new Rail Safety Alliance website at www.railsafetyalliance.org