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State Coordinator's Message – 2009 OL Utah Annual Report

Another year has passed and OL Utah has finished its annual report. While it is somewhat difficult to assemble all of the information that is needed for the annual report, the report provides good information for us to evaluate what happened in 2009. Table 1 shows the highway-rail grade crossing and trespass incidents for both the United States and Utah. Utah's rank in 2009 for highway-rail grade crossing incidents was tied for 15th best and for trespass incidents Utah was 7th best. We are consistently in the best 15 states most every year. The statistics below does not include TRAX light-rail data, but does include FrontRunner commuter rail numbers for Utah.

Table 1 – 2009 Crossing and Trespass Statistics					
	Crossing Collisions	Crossing Fatalities	Crossing Injuries	Trespass Fatalities	Trespass Injuries
National	1,880	248	683	434	338
Utah	13	2	0	1	1

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 2009 was the best year yet, but there is still room for improvement. Please remember to report presentations within 10 days of giving them.

Table 2 – 2009 OL Presentations in Utah		
Category	Presentations Given	Presentation Recipients
K-8 Grade	248	23,656
High School	14	1,116
Drivers Education	514	17,501
School Bus Drivers	18	457
Commercial Buses	3	25
Professional Drivers	5	67
Law Enforcement	2	40
Emergency Responders	0	0
Miscellaneous Adult	17	824
Totals	821	43,686

Source: OL Utah 2009 Annual Report

In 2009, the OL Utah booth was represented around 50 times reaching approximately 37,251 people. Special thanks to all of our presenters and safety partners for the success we had in 2009.

Rail Magazine to Hold Passenger Rail Symposium

Across the nation, passenger rail is becoming an increasingly sought after addition to local transportation networks. From corridor-based intercity services to local subway, commuter rail, light rail and streetcars, the passenger rail renaissance chronicled by the pages of Rail Magazine has taken root and is ready to usher in a new era in American mobility. This important symposium, May 24 and 25, 2010 in Long Beach, CA at the Convention Center, will focus on the future of all aspects of passenger rail. Leaders from across the industry will share their vision for how passenger rail can fuel economic growth, shape livability of our communities and connect our communities, regions, and nation. For more information, please visit www.railmagazine.org

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 quarter of 2010:

- Ophir, Tintic & Western Model Railroad Club Train Show in Lehi in January.
- The Great Train Expo in Sandy in February.
- Hostlers Model Railroad Festival in Ogden in March.

The photo to the right is the OL Utah booth at the Hostlers Model Railroad Festival held at Ogden Union Station during the month of February. Staffing the booth and providing educational material to interested individuals is Kent Jorgenson of the Utah Transit Authority and Operation Lifesaver Utah presenter.



Change to 2010 Union Pacific Incentive Award Program

As many of you know, the Union Pacific Railroad is a major safety partner with Operation Lifesaver Utah. Union Pacific is the major Class 1 Railroad in Utah and supports presenters in our state program in many ways, such as through the Union Pacific Incentive Award Program. Starting in 2010, only Utah presenters who have included the Union Pacific recognition program in their OL personal profile can participate. Reporting your presentations on the Operation Lifesaver website is the only way that Union Pacific knows about the presentations being done. Please note that you must report your presentations to receive the incentive award, which include shirts, jackets, backpacks, etc. Award notification flyers will be distributed quarterly. The following table is a summary.

2010 Union Pacific Incentive Award Program	
Award Level	Presentations
Level One	10
Level Two	25
Level Three	40
Level Four	50

Source: Union Pacific Railroad

Area Coordinators Contact Information

The Area Coordinators and the Materials Coordinator and their phone numbers are listed below. These Coordinators can support presenters with Operation Lifesaver materials, 90-day evaluations, or other Operation Lifesaver needs.

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 - Davis, Morgan, and Weber Counties
3. Terri Fontaine – (801) 596-1889 home
 - Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele Counties
4. John Cyrus – (801) 356-9163 work
 - Daggett, Duchesne, Uintah, Utah, and Wasatch Counties
5. Garry Bringham – (435) 835-3431 home
 - Carbon, Emery, Grand, Juab, Millard, Sanpete, and Sevier Counties
6. Jackie Hardman – (435) 652-4721 work
 - Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Piute, San Juan, Washington, and Wayne Counties

For OL materials for presentations and booths, contact Bev Thrall at 801-359-4569.