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## Executive Director's Message – Board Member Carrie Silcox Receives Award

Carrie Silcox, Director of the Utah Highway Safety Office and member of the Utah Operation Lifesaver Board of Directors was honored by the Utah Department of Public Safety at the Zero Fatalities Safety Summit on April 26, 2023.

Carrie received the Commissioner's Excellence in Traffic Safety Award which recognizes and rewards those who educate the public about occupant protection, impaired driving, speeding, and other traffic issues.



Carrie Silcox has worked for the State of Utah for almost 34 years and has made many contributions to the world of traffic safety. Her leadership, experience, and knowledge have helped improve data systems, strengthen and build partnerships, and improve data sharing and access for the many departments she has worked in. She has spent her entire career working in transportation and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge that can only be gained through years of hard work and dedication. She loves data and enjoys finding innovative ways to share it, grow it, improve it, and use it to improve traffic safety. Carrie has proven herself a leader in traffic safety as she guided the Highway Safety Office over the past four and a half years. Through strategic plans, management reviews, a pandemic, and a changing landscape where traffic fatalities and injuries continue to grow, Carrie continues to show her enthusiasm for the work and never tires when it comes to seeking new approaches to traffic safety.

Carrie has served on the Utah Operation Lifesaver Board of Directors since November 2018. She has been a champion for safety representing the Utah Highway Safety Office. Carrie retired this month after 34 years of public service centered on transportation safety. Thank you Carrie for all you have done for rail safety education in Utah!

## Utah OL Booth Update

Thanks to all those who participated in the booths sharing Utah Operation Lifesaver rail safety messages. Utah Operation Lifesaver attended the following events during the second quarter of 2023.

- The Utah Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association at Davis Conference Center in Layton April 24, 2023.
- The Lehi Rodeo in Lehi on June 22, 23, and 24, 2023.
- The Stadler Rail Open House in Salt Lake City at Stadler Rail on June 24, 2023.

## Utah OL Sponsored the Utah Grizzlies

Utah Operation Lifesaver sponsored the Utah Grizzlies Hockey Club at the Maverik Center in West Valley City this past season. The Grizzlies won 35 games, lost 33 games, and tied 4 games. The Grizzlies also made the playoffs for the fourth straight season. Attendance was up by an average of 1,085 per game in the 2022-2023 regular season. The annual Guns N Hoses night drew a season high 10,397 as Utah won 4-3. The regular season finale saw a huge crowd of 9,693 as Utah clinched a playoff spot against the Tulsa Oilers.



Photo: For several years now, Utah Operation Lifesaver has sponsored the Utah Grizzlies Hockey Club at Maverik Center in West Valley City. The Maverik Center is served by Utah Transit Authority's TRAX light rail.

## Utah OL Sponsors the Salt Lake Bees

Utah Operation Lifesaver sponsors the Salt Lake Bees Safety Train at Smith's Ballpark in Salt Lake City this season. The Bees won 37 games and lost 37 games in the first half of this season. Utah Operation Lifesaver receives two safety messages on the radio and two video board messages every home game.



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