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## Executive Director's Message – Public Outreach through Community Events and Safety Advocacy Conferences

In addition to the hundreds of rail safety presentations given in the classroom to driver education students, school bus drivers, and other audience, Utah Operation Lifesaver volunteers attend many community events sharing their message of rail safety education. Further, we also attend safety advocacy conferences as well. In 2024, the Utah Operation Lifesaver booth was represented **18** times reaching approximately **11,985** people. Special thanks to all our volunteers and safety partners for the success we had in 2024! Remember that volunteers who work at these community events receive \$25 gift cards to restaurants or local businesses for their time.

Utah Operation Lifesaver attended the following events during the first and second quarters of 2025.

- The Kanab Train Show at the Kanab Center in Kanab on January 17, and 18, 2025.
- The Utah Safe Kids Fair at the Mountain America Expo Center in Sandy on February 22, 2025.
- The Hostlers Model Railroad Festival at Ogden Union Station in Ogden on February 28, March 1, and 2, 2025.
- The Hawaii Operation Driver Excellence and Traffic Safety Fair at Waipahu High School in Waipahu, Hawaii on April 5, 2025.
- The Ophir, Tintic & Western Model Railroad Club Spring Train Show at Utah County Fairgrounds in Spanish Fork on April 4 and 5, 2025.
- The Zero Fatalities Safety Summit at Mountain American Expo Center in Sandy on April 28 and 29, 2025.
- The Utah Trucking Association Management Conference and Trucking Expo in St. George on May 7-9, 2025.
- The Thanksgiving Point Train Safety Day at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi on May 10, 2025.
- The Davis County Safe Kids Day at Northridge High School in Layton on June 7, 2025.

Annually, Utah Operation Lifesaver in partnership with National Rail Safety Alliance, attends the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA) Conference. This year the conference will be in Billings, Montana on July 20-23, 2025. National Rail Safety Alliance will be attending that event supporting driver education instructors from all over the United States.



Photo: Jen Keeslar sharing the rail safety education message at the Hawaii Operation Driver Excellence and Traffic Safety Fair held at Waipahu High School in Waipahu, Hawaii.



Photo: Walt Webster at the Zero Fatalities Safety Summit at the Mountain American Expo Center in Sandy, Utah.



Photo: Attending the Thanksgiving Point Train Safety Day in Lehi with Union Pacific Railroad and Utah Transit Authority.



Photo: Walt Webster attending the Utah Trucking Association Management Conference and Trucking Expo in St. George on May 7-9, 2025. The Zero Fatalities Team stopped by the Utah Operation Lifesaver booth for a visit.



Photo: UTA'S Kent Muhlestein (left) and Travis Shingleton (right) attending the Davis County Safe Kids Day at Northridge High School in Layton.