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Northbrook joins North American rail-safety operation aimed at reducing preventable deaths and injuries on rail lines

Northbrook, IL – Northbrook Police is proud to be joining forces with law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and Canada today for “Operation Clear Track” — the single largest rail-safety law-enforcement initiative in North America.

Coordinated by Amtrak, Operation Lifesaver Inc., and Operation Lifesaver Canada, Operation Clear Track aims to reduce the number of railway crossing and trespassing incidents in the U.S. and Canada — incidents that seriously injure or kill more than 2,100 people each year. The event is held during the annual observance of Rail Safety Week, September 21-27.

“Keeping our community safe and preventing accidents is our number one priority,” said Northbrook Detective Chris Lacina. “This campaign will help share important information about keeping everyone safe when walking or driving across or near railroad tracks.”

“The goal of Operation Clear Track and Rail Safety Week is to raise awareness of the importance of safe behavior near tracks and trains, in support of OLI’s mission to save lives,” said Operation Lifesaver, Inc. Executive Director Rachel Maleh.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, law enforcement agencies will be participating in a virtual Operation Clear Track event this year. Police and sheriff departments across North America will be promoting rail safety through social media messages, by sharing Operation Lifesaver’s #STOPTrackTragedies public service announcements and other videos, and by posting other rail safety information to their department websites. Participating police departments will also be emphasizing the importance of obeying rail crossing and trespassing laws throughout Rail Safety Week.

For more information about Rail Safety Week, Operation Clear Track, and other rail-safety initiatives and tips, please visit www.oli.org.

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About Operation Lifesaver

***Operation Lifesaver, Inc.** is a nonprofit public safety education and awareness organization dedicated to reducing collisions, fatalities and injuries at highway-rail crossings and preventing trespassing on or near railroad tracks. A national network of trained volunteers gives free presentations on rail safety and a public awareness campaign, **See Tracks? Think Train!** provides tips and statistics to encourage safe behavior near the tracks. OLI leads an international observance of Rail Safety Week each September. Learn more about **Rail Safety Week**; follow OLI on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, **LinkedIn**, **Twitter**, **Pinterest**, and **YouTube**.*