

**NEBRASKA OPERATION LIFESAVER
STATE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 9, 2014
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Carol Daley called the meeting to order and Gary Sydzyik gave the Safety Briefing.

INTRODUCTIONS

Billy Anderson, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad
Dan Chapp, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad
Carol Daley, Executive Director – NE OL
William Forsee, Retired
Bob Grant, Nebraska Department of Roads
Megan Grimes, News Link
Hilda Gurwell, Union Pacific Railroad, NEOL – Secretary
Tom Hillyard, Union Pacific Railroad
David Hinrikus, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad
Harold Jones, BN Mini Train
Linda Kearns, Nebraska Office of Highway Safety
Richard Kotan, Retired
Joseph Marr, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad
Mike Meyer, Nebraska State Patrol
Chris Noblett, Federal Railroad Association
Todd Palmer, Nebraska Department of Roads
Ron Scholz, Retired
Stu Sutherland, Retired
Gary Sydzyik, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad
Jeri Willms, Retired
Jerome Patten, Metropolitan Community College

Statistics:

Bob Grant discussed the following handouts. (See attachments)

- o Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison as of January 9, 2014
- o 2013/2014 Nebraska Railroad Fatalities – Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities
- o 2014 Non-Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities

Nebraska ended the year with 207 motor vehicle fatalities. This number could still change if someone dies within 30 days of the crash.

Board and Officer Report:

Board:

The NE OL Board of Directors met prior to the committee meeting. Those in attendance were: Carol Daley, Gary Sydzyik, Marvin Kohout, Ron Scholz, Rich Kotan, and Linda Kearns. The Board members discussed the following items: NE OL Financial expenses for 2013, Goals and Results for 2013, 2014 Proposed Budget, Funding Request Letters, Gretna school project, Hunter Visor Card, Guest Speaker Jerome Patten, NE OL Trailer accomplishments, and new presenter training information. The OLI Symposium will be held on May 13-15, 2014 in Albuquerque, NM.

General Secretary/Supplies:

If you are in need of supplies, contact Hilda Gurwell at 402-544-3465 or by email at hildagurwell@UP.com.

Treasurer:

Balance on hand as of December 31, 2013 was \$3,609.46. Carol reviewed the finances with the NE OL committee. NE OL received the \$1,500 from OLI for getting the 2012 NE OL Annual Report for meeting the January 31, 2013 deadline. We received the money in late November 2013.

East Co-Coordinator:

Hilda Gurwell continues to book presentations.

West Co-Coordinator:

Pat Leahy is the Western Nebraska Area Coordinator.

Old Business:**NE OL Trailer – Larry Erickson/Carol Daley**

Larry Erickson gave an update on the new OL trailer. The console has been painted but he is still waiting for the parts from the Union Pacific North Platte Mechanical Department to complete it. As soon as the console is completed, cabinets, carpet, ramps, awning will be installed, ceiling will be painted and then the trailer will be ready for the outside design. A locomotive seat also needs to be found for the trailer. Dan Chapp will be getting estimations for the cost of the wrap. The final decision will be a wrap on the outside of the NE OL trailer with a universal OL message. The visual on the side of the trailer needs to draw people inside. Anyone who has ideas for the graphic design for the outside wrap of the trailer can contact Carol Daley at 402-885-8572 or by email at neolcadaley@cox.net.

Update for new presenter training – Carol Daley

The new presenter training has about 60 people who have applied to take the training. There are 35 to 45 presenters that have taken the online training. This training needs to be completed first before the presenters are ready for the face-to-face training. Carol has scheduled a pilot class for those who haven't received training. The class will be held on January 25, 2014 at the Harriman Dispatch Center. There will be a face-to-face training meeting after the March meeting with the committee presenters.

Fundraiser update – Carol Daley

Deb Ashworth held a casino night fundraiser at her home in November which brought in \$685.00. The 2013 NE OL raffle provided another \$4,799.00. Megan Grimes said SwingScapes would be willing to put up a hand-crafted lawn glider for a raffle prize in the next raffle. There will be more discussion on this year's fundraising event at the next meeting.

New Business:**Hunter Visor Card – Carol Daley/Tom Hillyard**

The Hunter/Fisherman Key Safety Tip Visor Cards are still in the works. The visor card will be provided to students taking hunter safety classes. The Nebraska Game and Parks will be holding a hunter safety class on March 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Mahoney State Park. Tom Hillyard will be running an OL booth there.

A suggestion was brought up to provide the visor cards to sporting goods stores to distribute.

Non-Profit Letters – Carol Daley

Carol sent out 110 letters and invoices to law enforcement agencies, short line railroads, etc. requesting funding donations for NE Operation Lifesaver. The letter campaign has resulted in receiving \$1,200.00.

School Presentations – Ron Scholz/Hilda Gurwell

Deb Ashworth is in the process of setting up an OL Blitz with the Gretna School District which consists of 4 elementary schools, Gretna, Palisades, Squire Thomas, and Whitetail Creek. The focus will be on the 1st through 4th grade students which would target 1,220 students. NE OL will need volunteers to come in with Operation Lifesaver presentations and present to each class at the schools, Gretna (13), Thomas Elementary (17), Palisades Elementary (18) and Whitetail (14). Each of the grade levels will have the opportunity to participate in the 2014 "La Verne and Shirley" Safe around Trains poster contest. Each grade level will have the opportunity to win an Apple iPad for their classroom. An email will be sent to each of the 4 Principals at the Gretna Elementary School District. The contest will take place between January and March 2014. Ken Hunt, Vice President of Union Pacific Harriman Dispatch Center, will be providing \$3,200 for the purchase of the four iPads and other miscellaneous prizes. This will be the incentive to get the OL program into the school district and to get the teachers involved.

Ron is looking into starting a reading campaign with people from the UP and BNSF to read to school age children at area grade schools. There is a possibility the Union Pacific LEAD Women would be interested in this project. Ron said his wife would help get this setup into schools. He would like to see this project move across the state into the schools.

Goals – 2014

Carol would like the presenters to input their presentation report into the system immediately so we get credit for all of the completed presentations. The funding for NE OL is reflected on the number of presentations. This information needs to be placed in the system within ten days after completing a presentation.

Projects:

Professional Drivers – Larry Johnson

No additional information available at this time.

Trucking/Insurance Company Contacts – Larry Johnson, Ron Scholz

No additional information available at this time.

Open Discussion:

Tom Hillyard said 400 Falls City students were provided schools bags which included NE OL ad on the outside of the bags.

Carol placed a \$95.00 NE OL safety ad in the Scottsbluff Star Herald with an Operation Lifesaver Message during the Christmas holiday.

The Lincoln Railroad Show will be held at the Lancaster Event Center on February 15 and 16. The Operation Lifesaver trailer will be set up for this event. Presenters are needed on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Jerome Patten, Metropolitan Community College, was the guest speaker at the meeting. He spoke on the distracted driving issue.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes were taken by Linda Kearns. Any corrections or additions will be noted at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kearns - Recording Secretary

NE OL State Meeting Dates:

March 13, 2014 – NE OL State Committee Meeting, Havelock Shops, 6600 Burlington Avenue, Lincoln, NE

May 8, 2014 - NE OL State Committee Meeting, Havelock Shops, 6600 Burlington Avenue, Lincoln, NE

Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison

Daily Count Thru 8:00 A.M. Thursday January 09, 2014

COMPARISON TO DATE	THUS FAR		URBAN	RURAL	RURAL BY ROADWAY			URBAN BY ROADWAY			BY SELECTED ACCIDENT TYPES				
	BY MONTH	BY YEAR			INST.	OTHER HWYS.	CO. ROADS	INST.	OTHER HWYS.	LOCAL ROADS	MOTOR-CYCLE	ATV	TRAIN	PEDES-TRIAN	BIKE
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	4	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
2012	5	5	1	4	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
2013	3	3	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2010 - 2013 Average	3	3	1	2	0	1.25	0.75	0	0	1	0.25	0	0.25	0.25	0
2014	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Change 2013 - 2014	-67%	-67%	0%	-67%	0%	-100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2014 Compared to 2010 - 2013	-67%	-67%	100%	-50%	0%	100%	33%	0%	0%	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%	0%

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Nebraska Department of Roads

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**2013/2014 NEBRASKA RAILROAD FATALITIES
MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC FATALITIES**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FATALITIES</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>LOCATION & RAILROAD COMPANY</u>	<u>Alcohol-Related</u>
1-6-13	1	Scotts Bluff	(Co Rd) 21 st Ave, East of Gering Union Pacific	No
5-14-13	1	Saline	(Co Rd 1300) 2 West of Dorchester Burlington Northern Santa Fe	No

Train Fatalities

2002	12
2003	6
2004	5
2005	9
2006	4
2007	6
2008	1
2009	4
2010	2
2011	2
2012	3
2013	2
2014	0

Train Injuries

2002	19
2003	15
2004	17
2005	25
2006	22
2007	21
2008	19
2009	18
2010	4
2011	13
2012	13
2013 (Jan-June)	10

Train Crashes

2002	46
2003	46
2004	38
2005	40
2006	37
2007	40
2008	39
2009	38
2010	20
2011	19
2012	23
2013 (Jan-June)	13

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**NON-MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC FATALITIES
2014**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FATALITIES</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>LOCATION, RAILROADCOMPANY, & ACCIDENT TYPE</u>

No Non-Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities reported as a January 9, 2014