

**NEBRASKA OPERATION LIFESAVER
STATE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 10, 2013
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Abe Anshasi, Nebraska Department of Roads
Deb Ashworth, Union Pacific Railroad
Richard Bennett, Retired
Daniel Chapp, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad
Carol Daley, Executive Director – NE OL
Chip Frazier, HDR, Inc.
Howard Gillespie, Federal Railroad Association
Bob Grant, Nebraska Department of Roads
Hilda Gurwell, Union Pacific Railroad, NEOL – Secretary
Tom Hillyard, Union Pacific Railroad
Harold Jones, BN Mini Train
Linda Kearns, Nebraska Office of Highway Safety
Marvin Kohout, Traffic Safety Plus
Richard Kotan, Omaha Public Power District
Cindy Littrell, Union Pacific Railroad
Mike Meyer, Nebraska State Patrol
Darla Morris, Nebraska Safety Center
Todd Palmer, Nebraska Department of Roads
Ron Scholz, Husker Sports Network
Stu Sutherland, Retired
Gary Sydzyik, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad
Jeri Willms, OL Presenter

Statistics:

Bob Grant provided the following handouts. (See attached).

- Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison as of January 10, 2013
- 2013 Nebraska Railroad Fatalities
- 2012 / 2013 Non-Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities
- Operation Lifesaver, Inc. Statistics Worksheets – 2011 and 2012

Board and Officer Report:

Board:

The NE OL Board of Directors met and discussed the following items: NE OL Website, Request for Funding Letters, OL Trailer, State Coordinator Summit, Certification Update/Presenters Classes, Financial – Budget Overview, Election of Board Members, United Way, Year End Report to OLI, Bellevue Public Schools Blitz Partnership, 2012 Goals and Results, 2013 Goals, 2013 Nebraska Operation Lifesaver Raffle, Game and Parks Hunting Educational Program. Those in attendance were: Carol Daley, Gary Sydzyik, Deb Ashworth, Howard Gillespie, Ron Scholz, and Linda Kearns.

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, 2012 was \$2,271.43. United Way of the Midlands sent NE OL a check for \$531.23 from the contributions they received. Carol sent out 110 (Request for Funding) letters and invoices to all Sheriff's Offices and other railroads in Nebraska. As of January 4, 2013, NE OL received \$1,611.50 from this mailing for support of the Nebraska Operation Lifesaver program. The money will be placed into the 2013

Provided by Nebraska Office of Highway Safety

NE OL budget.

East Co-Coordinator:

Hilda Gurwell continues to book presentations.

West Co-Coordinator:

Pat Leahy is the Western Nebraska Area Coordinator. He continues to do presentations.

Old Business:

Hunter Project – Tom Hillyard

Tom Hillyard, Ron Scholz and Carol Daley met with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to see if OL presentations can be a permanent part of the Game and Parks Hunting Program. This hunter project has become a national project with OLI getting involved. Joyce Rose, President of Operation Lifesaver Inc. and Carol Steckbeck, OLI, will be putting a hunter safety visor card to be placed in Game and Parks newsletters. Carol Daley provided suggestions for the visor card. NE OL will provide the visor cards for the hunter safety program. Carol Steckbeck will also be doing a news article on this topic.

Ron Scholz bought 700 Nebraska radio commercials on "Hunter Safety" which ran the last three weeks in December. The message "hunting on railroad property is always illegal and never legal at any time" ran on 26 radio stations.

Board and Committee Elections – Carol Daley

Board and Committee elections were held at the January 10th NE OL State Meeting. Three Board positions to be voted on were Ron Scholz, Linda Kearns and one open position. Emails were accepted from Rich Kotan and Chip Fraizer to be placed on the ballot for the open Board of Director positions. During the meeting a nomination was called from the floor three times and the nomination was closed. A vote was held by the NE OL State Committee members for the three positions. The committee re-elected Ron Scholz and Linda Kearns and elected Rich Kotan to take Trooper Randy Bybee's position. A motion was made by Mike Meyer and seconded by Stu Sutherland to accept this slate of officers. All were in favor of closing the nominations. Board members were elected for another two years.

The elected Officers are slated for the following positions: Co-Coordinator East Hilda Gurwell, Co-Coordinator West Pat Leahy, General Secretary Hilda Gurwell, and Recording Secretary Linda Kearns. No other nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made by Stu Sutherland and seconded by Ron Scholz to accept this slate of officers. All were in favor of closing the nominations. All officers were elected for another year.

2013 – State Assessment – Goals and Results – Carol Daley

Carol has completed the majority of the 2013 State Assessment and Information on the NE OL Program for the BNSF/UPRR railroads. This assessment was due December 31, 2012. The presentation numbers were only available through November and will be updated with December information as soon as it is available.

There were 6 Grade Crossing Collision Investigation Classes (GCCII's) held in 2012. Daniel Chapp said this class is provided as a 4 hour – refresher course, and 8 hour and 16 hour class at the Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island. When the railroad is involved with an incident on the tracks the estimated costs are \$3,000.00 a hour for a stopped train. The Nebraska State Patrol also provides this course for their new recruits.

The Rail Safety for Emergency Responders (RSER) also has a course which is designed for the fire and emergency responders. Two courses were held with 69 people in attendance. Chad Korth and Tom Micek are certified to teach this course in Nebraska at this time.

Cindy Littrell suggested adding the number of NE OL website hits to the Goals as it would show the success of the website.

Partnership with Bellevue Public Schools – Carol Daley/Deb Ashworth

This January NE OL is working to partner with the Bellevue Public Schools to get the OL message out. Deb Ashworth and Carol Daley will be approaching the school administration to get permission to conduct a safety program and poster contest with all 4th grade classes. The Bellevue School District Operation Lifesaver Blitz is set for March 1 – 15, 2013. A Bellevue Blitz Poster Contest will be held with prizes to be provided. Ken Hunt, Vice President of Union Pacific, Dispatching, has provided \$2,000.00 for prizes. (See attached for additional information.) The winners of the poster contest will have their art work displayed at the Bellevue Lied Center.

The lesson plan booklet, "Lesson Plans for 3rd thru 12th grade - Nebraska History Transcontinental Railroad & Rail Safety," provides information on the history of railroads and the Operation Lifesaver Program will be placed on the NE OL website. The lesson plans will be placed in grade order for easy access for teachers.

OL State Coordinator Summit/Chicago/February Update – Carol Daley

Carol and Deb Ashworth will be attending the OL State Coordinator Summit/Chicago on February 25-26, 2013. OLI will be providing information on the future of Operation Lifesaver.

NE OL 2013 Raffle – Carol Daley

NE OL will be holding another fundraising raffle. The top raffle prizes will be "two sets" of four tickets to the NU vs. Wyoming Football game with a tour of the facilities on August 31st. Ron Scholz, with Husker Sports Network, and Larry Johnson, with Nebraska Trucking Association, each provided one set of tickets each, to the raffle. Some of the other raffle items are: Nebraska Husker Pay Phone, two BNSF train prints by Greg Garrett, Union Pacific Railroad North Platte Canteen print by John Bromley, a Nebraska ETV Network – The Canteen Spirit DVD, Nebraska Quilt, etc. The drawing date for the football tickets will be August 13 with the rest of the items being drawn and announced at the September 12 State NE OL meeting. The information will be placed on the NE OL website at www.nebraskaol.org when it becomes available.

New Business:

NE OL Trailer:

NE OL has \$18,007.66 for the OL Trailer Project. At this time the NE OL Trailer Committee consists of: Dan Chapp, Larry Erickson, Gary Sydzysik, Ron Scholz, Pat Leahy, Larry Johnson and Stu Sutherland. A meeting is set to be held after the January NE OL Committee Meeting to discuss and get the trailer project started. Anyone who is interested in helping with this project needs to contact Carol Daley at 402-885-8572 or by email at neolcdailey@cox.net.

NE OL Website – Carol Daley

NE OL website has been changed and updated at a cost of \$390.00. There are some changes and additions which still need to be addressed.

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.

Projects 2013/Calendar of Events – Carol Daley

Contact Carol at 402-885-8572 or by email at neolcdailey@cox.net if you know of any major events which are going on where NE OL can attend. This information will be listed on the Events Section on the NE OL website. The type of events to list would be the Nebraska State Fair, Husker Harvest Days, Werner Driver Appreciation Day etc., not presentations.

Photography on the Tracks

Chip Frazier and Mike Meyer will be contacting the president of the Professional Photographers of Nebraska (PPN) Winter Conference, January 26-28, 2013 in Grand Island and provide information on trespassing and child endangerment issue of photos being taken on the tracks.

Mike Meyer would like to continue to receive copies of any trespassing pictures. He can be emailed at

mike.meyer@nebraska.gov.

Open Discussion:

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned. Next NE OL meeting will be held on March 14, 2013.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Kearns - Recording Secretary

Future Meeting Dates:

March 14, 2013 - NE OL State Committee Meeting, Havelock Shops, 6600 Burlington Avenue, Lincoln, NE

May 7, 2013 - 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 10, 2013

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
2009	6	6	4	2	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	5	5	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
2012	6	6	2	4	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0
2009 - 2012 Average	4.25	4.25	2.25	2	0	1.5	0.5	0	0.75	1.5	0.25	0	0	0.75	0
2013	3	3	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
% Change 2012 - 2013	-50%	-50%	-50%	-50%	0%	-50%	-50%	0%	-100%	0%	100%	0%	-100%	100%	0%
2013 Compared to 2009 - 2012	-29%	-29%	-56%	0%	0%	-33%	100%	0%	-33%	100%	100%	0%	0%	100%	0%

Prepared By: Highway Safety Section, Traffic Engineering Division
Nebraska Department of Roads

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**2013 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	Unknown

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	1

Train Injuries

2002	19
2003	15
2004	17
2005	25
2006	22
2007	21
2008	19
2009	18
2010	4
2011	13
2012 (Jan-Aug)	8

Train Crashes

2002	46
2003	46
2004	38
2005	40
2006	37
2007	40
2008	39
2009	38
2010	20
2011	19
2012 (Jan-Aug)	17

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**NON-MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC FATALITIES
2012 / 2013**

DATE	FATALITIES	COUNTY	LOCATION, RAILROADCOMPANY, & ACCIDENT TYPE
6-6-12	1	Hall	(City St) In Grand Island Garfield & Carey Streets Train – Pedestrian
6-8-12	1	Scotts Bluff	(City St) In Scottsbluff Train – Pedestrian
9-19-12	1	Hall	(City St) In Grand Island Broadwell Ave. Train – Pedestrian
12-21-12	1	Hall	(City St) In Grand Island Engleman Road Motor Vehicle – Train / Suicide



OPERATION LIFESAVER, INC. STATISTICS WORKSHEET

1. Most collisions occur with trains traveling under **30** mph. (Visual 4)
2. Approximately **64%** of all collisions occur in daylight hours. (Visual 4)
3. Most collisions occur within **25** miles of the driver's home. (Visual 4)
4. Approximately every **3 hours** (some place in the United States) a collisions occurs between a train and a vehicle or a train and a pedestrian. (Visual 4)
5. You are **20** times more likely to die in a collision with a train than in a collision involving another motor vehicle. (Visual 4)
6. At 55 mph, it may take a train up to a **mile** or more to stop. (Visual 7)
7. Nearly **50%** of all collisions occur at crossings equipped with active warning devices. (Visual 15)
8. Nearly **25%** of all collisions occur when the vehicle runs into the side of the train. (Visual 22)

National Crossing Collision in year	<u>2012</u>	
Collisions		<u>1,621</u>
Injuries		<u>741</u>
Fatalities		<u>195</u>

National Trespasser Incidents in year	<u>2012</u>	
Injuries		<u>356</u>
Fatalities		<u>380</u>

Nebraska Crossing Collision in year	<u>2012</u>	
Collisions		<u>24</u>
Injuries		<u>11</u>
Fatalities		<u>3</u>

Nebraska Trespasser Incidents in year	<u>2012</u>	
Injuries		<u>3</u>
Fatalities		<u>4</u>

*Source: Federal Railroad Administration www.fra.dot.gov

Statistics are available at Operation Lifesaver, Inc (national) www.oli.org or call 800-537-6224.

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 Carol Daley, Executive Director Nebraska Web Site: www.NebraskaOL.org



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National Crossing Collision in year	<u>2011</u>	
Collisions		<u>1,956</u>
Injuries		<u>961</u>
Fatalities		<u>248</u>

National Trespasser Incidents in year	<u>2011</u>	
Injuries		<u>346</u>
Fatalities		<u>428</u>

Nebraska Crossing Collision in year	<u>2011</u>	
Collisions		<u>31</u>
Injuries		<u>15</u>
Fatalities		<u>3</u>

Nebraska Trespasser Incidents in year	<u>2011</u>	
Injuries		<u>1</u>
Fatalities		<u>1</u>

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Bellevue Blitz!

La Verne & Shirley's Bellevue Operation Lifesaver Adventure Poster Contest

1. Identify all schools and contact administrator that we want to participate in our Bellevue Blitz Poster Contest – (completed)
2. Permission to conduct Safety and poster contest with ALL 4th grade Bellevue schools (this includes any private schools as well) – (January 14-18th)
3. Visit & explain program and purpose to all 4th grade teachers (email)
4. Set up schedule for schools
5. Flyers for advertising the Bellevue Blitz
6. Contact Bellevue Leader and start Education Campaign for Bellevue Operation Lifesaver Blitz
7. Hilda rally ALL qualified Operation Lifesaver presenters
8. Bellevue School District Operation Lifesaver Blitz (March 1 – 15th class)
9. Buy prizes (Ken Hunt – Vice President Dispatching has given us \$2000)
10. Determine where the “winning” posters will be displayed & published in Bellevue Leader (Bellevue Lied Center where the walkers walk around)
11. Contact Omaha World Herald/Bellevue Leader for advertising Bellevue Blitz including winners

Classroom Instructions:

1. Operation Lifesaver Volunteer will read “The Adventures of La Verne & Shirley in Nebraska” (this takes approximately 30 minutes) – specifically emphasizing the Operation Lifesaver information in the book.
2. After the book has been read, the students will be given a 7 slide presentation to reinforce the rail safety message that they received from the book.
3. The students will then be given an 8 ½ by 14 inch piece of paper and given instructions on the safety poster guidelines. The objective of the poster contest will be to help La Verne & Shirley on their missions in Nebraska. The students drawings will help show them how to be safe around trains and be an assessment of their understanding of rail safety.
4. The students will be given a pencil with Operation Lifesaver Logo/picture of La Verne & Shirley.

2013 Nebraska Operation Lifesaver Fundraiser
Grand Prizes include two sets of 4 VIP tickets to
NU vs Wyoming game!



**\$2 per ticket
or
3 for \$5**

**Tickets for the Grand Prizes will
be drawn August 13th & the
other prizes will be drawn on
September 12, 2013**

How do you get tickets?

**Carol Daley
Nebraska Operation Lifesaver
State Coordinator
Phone: (402) 885-8572**

**At UP Center:
Contact Hilda Gurwell at (402)
544-3465**

**At HDC: Contact Deb Ashworth
at (402) 636-7073**

**For other contacts, check
Nebraska OL website
www.nebraskaol.org**

**Note: Winners will be notified by phone,
their names will be posted on the
website and prizes mailed to address on
ticket stub!**

Secondary Prizes:

- ✓ Nebraska NU Pay Phone
- ✓ Nebraska Handmade Quilt
- ✓ 2 Nebraska Football Pillow cases
- ✓ Greg Garrett BNSF Train Print
- ✓ John Bromley UPRR North Platte Canteen Print
- ✓ Model Train Set
- ✓ Men & Women's "Train" Watches
- ✓ Train Pocket Watch
- ✓ Howard Miller Clock
- ✓ Nebraska ETV Network – "The Canteen Spirit DVD"
- ✓ Flashlight with built in Ratcheting Screwdriver
- ✓ Tatto – Quick change folding knife
- ✓ 2 Piece multi-tool & folding knife set
- ✓ Sports flashlight with siren & blinker
- ✓ Tool Kit
- ✓ Zippo lighter
- ✓ Miscellaneous Swiss Army Knife/Tape Measure/Golf ball bag, wallet, nightlight, Operation Lifesaver Tape Measurer

2 GRAND PRIZES:



Grand Prizes

**Two sets of FOUR
VIP football ticket
packages, which
includes a tour of
the stadium, tunnel
walk, and a tailgate
party prior to the
game!**



**Game Day:
Saturday, August 31st**