

**NEBRASKA OPERATION LIFESAVER
STATE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 10, 2011
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Deb Ashworth, Union Pacific Railroad
Carol Daley, Executive Director – NEOL
Chip Frazier, HDR, Inc.
Hilda Gurwell, Union Pacific Railroad, NEOL – Secretary
Tom Hagert, Union Pacific Railroad
Tom Hillyard, Union Pacific Railroad
Larry Johnson, Nebraska Trucking Association Inc.
Harold Jones, BN Mini Train
Linda Kearns, Nebraska Office of Highway Safety
Marvin Kohout, Traffic Safety Plus
Richard Kotan, Omaha Public Power District
Mike Meyer, Nebraska State Patrol
Ron Scholz, Husker Sports Network
Matt Silverman, Union Pacific Railroad
Stu Sutherland, Sarpy Surveyor Retired
Gary Sydzyk, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad
Rick Vest, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad
Jan Voss, Nebraska Department of Roads
Jeri Willms, OL Presenter

Statistics:

Jan Voss provided the following handouts. (See attached).

- Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison as of November 10, 2011
- 2011 Nebraska Railroad Fatalities
- 2011 Non-Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities

Board and Officer Reports:

Board:

The NEOL Board of Directors met and discussed the following items: Budget Overview, BNSF Trailer Grant, Certification Class, Marketing OL, Board of Director Elections, Goals and NEOL Raffle. Those in attendance were: Carol Daley, Marvin Kohout, Larry Johnson, 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 October 31, 2011 was \$9,632.43. Roberto F. Munguia, Executive Director Government Affairs, BNSF Railway Company, sent a \$1,000.00 contribution to help with some of the needs of the NEOL program. Carol reported NEOL has close to \$14,000 toward the estimated \$18,000 for the NEOL trailer.

East Co-Coordinator:

Hilda Gurwell continues to book presentations.

West Co-Coordinator:

Matt Silverman gave an overview of presenter activities in western Nebraska. Tom Hagert reported that Brenda Mainwaring, Union Pacific, is trying to get a pedestrian railroad arm for the pedestrian traffic in Oshkosh, where they have a hospital and daycare on one side of the tracks and a school on the other side.

Old Business:**Ag Safety Campaign:**

Ron Scholz is making an effort to find financial support to run an agriculture safety campaign across Nebraska. He is working on a grant proposal for a media campaign targeted at the Farmer Cooperatives. The goal is to get a grant targeting the 2012 planting season. They will be working on the grant in the next 10 days to be completed by the November 20th deadline.

Big Red (Operation Lifesaver Express)

Deb Ashworth reported the Big Red Express activity was cancelled. She will be looking into using Amtrak for this project next year.

Certification Class:

A certification class was held October 27 at the Union Pacific Harriman Dispatch Center. Deb Ashworth and Carol Daley were the presenter trainers for this class. A total of eight presenters took the course. Carol is working on a date for a certification class to be held at the west end of the State possibly having the class in the spring. She is also looking into having a class in Lincoln at the BNSF building in January on a Saturday for those who are unable to make it during the week.

Fairs – Events:

Apple Jack Festival - Tom Hillyard reported having a safety booth at the festival in September where he sold a lot of raffle tickets.

Harriman Dispatch Center Safety Days - Deb Ashworth reported 200 dispatchers and 110 service dispatchers attended the safety days and were given presentations.

BNSF Safety Days – Carol Daley and Michelle Brandt worked the NEOL booth on October 22. They had a steady crowd at the booth, where 125 people took the "Test of Life."

Roca Berry Farm - Dan Chapp and Gary Sydzyk had a safety booth at Roca Berry Farm during Halloween where an estimated 2,500 people attended.

Railfest 2011, North Platte – Tom Hagert said lots of kids were given presentations this year. They had a train set to raffle off which drew a lot of attention to their booth.

Upcoming Events:

Railfest 2012, North Platte, will be held on September 14, 15 and 16, 2012, which will mark the 150th Anniversary of Union Pacific. They are expecting an extra large crowd. This activity will be added to the NEOL website for next year's project. There will be an Operation Lifesaver Train and the safety issue of loading and unloading physically disabled people on the train has become a liability issue for the railroad and they will no longer be able to ride the train.

New Business:**Photography on the track – Chip Frazier:**

Chip Fraizer reported that Darlene Osterhaus, Kansas State Coordinator, has problems with a photographer using abandoned railroad tracks for photography. The photographer not only takes the pictures on the tracks but posts the pictures on her website and Facebook. When these photos are placed on the internet in this manner it's setting a dangerous precedent to the public that it is OK to take pictures in this type of setting when they are trespassing and it is illegal to be on the tracks. The Railroad Police need to be notified of the activity so they can issue trespassing violations. Chip has contacted this particular photographer and has received a lot of negative response from the people viewing this website and Facebook.

Mike Meyer has a letter he will send to the Photography Association regarding this matter. These people need to know they are not only trespassing but putting children in a child endangerment situation. If anyone comes across any local bad ads, contact Mike Meyer by email at Mike.Meyer@Nebraska.gov. He will send a letter to the business notifying them on the dangers of trespassing on the tracks.

Nominations for 2012:

Larry Johnson and Marvin Kohout are the two board members who are up for re-election in January. Rich Kotan will be contacting these two board members to see if they are interested in continuing to serve on the board. If anyone is interested in running for a position contact Rich Kotan at rkotan@OPPD.com.

New fund raising ideas for 2012:

At the next meeting in January, Carol will be looking for more ideas on fund raising. There was a suggestion made to have a silent auction to be held at Railfest 2012. Carol will try to get several train pictures for the auction with the proceeds going to NEOL.

Proposed Grant – Ron Scholz:

See Ag Safety Campaign

Open Discussion:

Rick Vest and Stu Sutherland attended the October 27 certification class.

Ethanol Plants – Tom Micek, Larry Johnson

No additional information available at this time.

Professional Drivers – Larry Johnson, Tom Micek

Larry Johnson is still working with Great Western Casualty Company to get their employees trained to do presentations.

Larry reported trying to get more major trucking companies to get their truck drivers to take the "Operation Lifesaver's Interactive E-Learning Program for Professional Truck Drivers" program. This program is for truck drivers and is available online at www.oli.org/ProDriver.

Trucking/Insurance Company Contacts – Tom Micek

No additional information available at this time.

Marketing Ideas – Ron Scholz

See Ag Safety Campaign – Ongoing.

Fund Raising – Raffle 2011:

The drawing was held and the winners were:

Football signed by Ndamukong Suh – Crystal Jones, Carter Lake, Iowa

Football signed by Ndamukong Suh – Mike Vana, Omaha

Football signed by Ndamukong Suh – Donnie Stice, Falls City

Nebraska OL Quilt – Nick Weinrich, Ankeny, Iowa

Operation Lifesaver Bag and LCD Book Light – Susan Wimmer, Omaha

Operation Lifesaver Bag and LCD Book Light – Mary Sporcic, Omaha

2 Operation Lifesaver Mugs – Renay Robison, Omaha

Camouflage Outfit, UP – Kim Jungck, North Platte

Radio and Deck of Cards – Jim Reineke, Omaha

Attaché Case and Deck of Cards – Kris Vrtiska, Falls City

Thermos – Deb Maddox, Omaha

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned. Next NEOL meeting will be held on January 12, 2012. (There is a possibility of having the January meeting at the University of Nebraska).

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:

January 12, 2012 NEOL State Committee Meeting, Havelock Shops, 6600 Burlington Avenue, Lincoln, NE

March 8, 2012 NEOL State Committee Meeting, Havelock Shops, 6600 Burlington Avenue, Lincoln, NE

Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison

Daily Count Thru 8:00 A.M. Thursday November 10, 2011

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	TRAIN	PEDES-TRIAN	BIKE
2007	5	221	48	173	18	82	73	4	10	34	15	4	8	0
2008	5	175	25	150	17	82	51	1	7	17	20	1	4	0
2009	7	190	50	140	11	68	61	2	12	36	15	3	9	3
2010	5	162	32	130	25	65	40	1	4	27	14	2	6	2
2007 - 2010 Average	5.5	187	38.75	148.3	17.75	74.25	56.25	2	8.25	28.5	16	2.5	6.75	1.25
2011	1	151	42	109	19	58	32	4	11	27	23	2	6	2
% Change 2010 - 2011	-80%	-7%	31%	-16%	-24%	-11%	-20%	300%	175%	0%	64%	0%	0%	0%
2011 Compared to 2007 - 2010	-82%	-19%	8%	-26%	7%	-22%	-43%	100%	33%	-5%	44%	-20%	-11%	60%

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Nebraska Department of Roads

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**2011 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>
2-13-11	1	Garden	(Co Rd 197) 1 West & .5 North of Lewellen Union Pacific Railroad	No
8-13-11	1	Hall	(City St) In Grand Island, Husker Hwy Union Pacific Railroad	No

Train Fatalities

2001	4
2002	12
2003	6
2004	5
2005	9
2006	4
2007	6
2008	1
2009	4
2010	2
2011	2

Train Injuries

2001	16
2002	19
2003	15
2004	17
2005	25
2006	22
2007	21
2008	19
2009	18
2010	4
2011 (Jan-Sept)	10

Train Crashes

2001	40
2002	46
2003	46
2004	38
2005	40
2006	37
2007	40
2008	39
2009	38
2010	20
2011 (Jan-Sept)	15

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**NON-MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC FATALITIES
2011**

DATE	FATALITIES	COUNTY	LOCATION, RAILROADCOMPANY, & ACCIDENT TYPE
4-2-11	1	Lancaster	(City St) In Lincoln 27 th Street near Leighton Ave. Train – Pedestrian
8-14-11	1	Douglas	Near Waterloo Train - Pedestrian

Nebraska Operation Lifesaver 2012 Goals

Item	Goals	Results
1.	2000 Presentations to at least 20,000 people with emphasis on the trucking industry	
2.	5 GCCI's	
3.	10 OOT's (Due to the fact that we may not receive UPRR train equipment we may not be able to conduct as many)	
4.	10 RSER Courses (Rail Safety for Emergency Responders)	
5.	2 Operation Lifesaver Trains (OOT's and Media) (Due to the fact that we may not receive UPRR train equipment we may not be able to conduct any OL trains)	
6.	Conduct a Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign	
7.	Maintain OLI State Program Certification	
8.	Conduct information and administrative meetings to strengthen communication and planning activities within the organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Hold 3 Board of Directors meetings B. Conduct 5 State Committee meetings C. Prepare and distribute meeting minutes D. Determine and prioritize projects 	A.
9.	Update NE OL organizational Chart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Assign and update Area Coordinators 	Attached
10.	Provide Presenter educational opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Presenter update session - B. Update NE OL website C. Conduct 5 new Presenter Training D. State Coordinator Summit - Executive Director to attend 	A.
11.	Provide Presenter materials as appropriate	
12.	Support community education opportunities	
13.	Maintain administrative support to NE OL presenters	
14.	Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Fundraising letters to new partners 	