

**NEBRASKA OPERATION LIFESAVER
STATE COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 12, 2015

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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

Deb Ashworth, Union Pacific Railroad

Mark Ashworth, Presenter

Dan Chapp, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad

Carol Daley, Executive Director – NE OL

Robert Grant, Nebraska Department of Roads

Megan Grimes, Nebraska Ethanol Board

Hilda Gurwell, Union Pacific Railroad

Tom Hillyard, Union Pacific Railroad

Harold Jones, Retired

Marvin Kohout, Traffic Safety Plus

Darla Morris, Nebraska Safety Center (Kearney)

Chris Noblett, Federal Railroad Administration

Sean Owings, Nebraska Department of Roads

Jeff Schmid, Retired

Grace Snoke, News Link

Stu Sutherland, Retired

Gary Sydzyik, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad

Jeri Willms, Retired

Statistics:

Bob Grant discussed the following handouts (see attachments).

- o Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison as of March 12, 2015
- o 2015 Nebraska Railroad Fatalities – Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities

Carol Daley and Chris Noblett discussed the following handouts (see attachments).

- o Operation Lifesaver, Inc. Statistics Worksheet (January-December 2014)
- o Operation Lifesaver, Inc. Statistics Worksheet (January-December 2013)

Board and Officer Report:

Board:

The NE OL Board of Directors met prior to the committee meeting. Those in attendance were: Deb Ashworth, Carol Daley, Megan Grimes, Marvin Kohout, Chris Noblett and Gary Sydzyik. The Board members discussed the following items: Trailer update, presenter training update, Nebraska 501©3 status, taxes in process and Carol's performance review.

General Secretary/Supplies:

If you are in need of supplies, contact Carol Daley at 402-885-8572 or by email at neolcadaley@cox.net. We also have large "See Tracks? Think Train" vehicle decals available for anyone who would like them.

Old Business:**OLAV Deadline: March 31**

Presenters will need to start using the new OLAV presentations from OLI by March 31. Continue to use your old flip charts (Large Image Cards) until new ones are available. If you need powerpoints of the new presentations, contact Carol.

Website/Facebook Operation Lifesaver - Nebraska – Megan Grimes

Megan Grimes gave a presentation on NE OL Website/Facebook Updates. (See attached slide presentation) Be sure to check out the website at www.nebraskaol.org. If you have anything you would like to add to the website or Facebook page, contact Megan Grimes at megblume@gmail.com.

NE OL Mobile Training Trailer – Mark Ashworth

Mark Ashworth brought the new NE OL Mobile Training Trailer to the meeting, so everyone could take a tour. The trailer still needs a few adjustments and a design wrap for the outside. Dan Chapp will work on getting the wrap completed and finding a place to store it in Lincoln. The final decision on the wrap on the outside of the NE OL trailer with a universal OL message has not been decided on at this time. 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.

New Business:**State Coordinator Summit – Carol Daley**

Carol will attend the State Coordinator Summit in Florida April 20-23.

OLAV Face-to-Face Training – Carol Daley

Carol and Deb Ashworth will be in North Platte March 31 to conduct a face-to-face training.

New OLAV Material – Deb Ashworth and Chris Noblett

Deb Ashworth and Chris Noblett discussed the new OLAV material that will be used after March 31. They went over accessing the materials online and how to log volunteer and presentation hours.

Projects:**Millard After School Program – Carol Daley, Deb Ashworth, Tom Hillyard and Troy O'Conn**

Presentations were given to approximately 300 Millard School students during their after-school program. The children were engaged, as were the adult volunteers.

Summer Kitchen Initiative (Children Menu) – Deb Ashworth and Megan Grimes

Megan Grimes worked with a friend to design a children's menu for Summer Kitchen with train safety messages. Deb Ashworth presented the artwork to the Summer Kitchen owner, who was happy with the work and excited to use it.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

There are lots of upcoming volunteer opportunities – check the website for full list. Contact Carol if you are able to help at any of these events.

Open Discussion:

Professional drivers, especially truck drivers is a very important audience for us to work with. There have been several train vs. truck incidents that we should be proactive and get ahead on. Perhaps we can team with farm co-ops during harvest to talk with grain truck drivers or blitz weigh stations. Pepsi is pretty good about donating cases of water – maybe this summer we can hand out water at rest areas/weigh stations and have a brief discussion about crossing safety.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes were taken by Megan Grimes. Any corrections or additions will be noted at the next meeting.
Respectfully submitted,
Megan Grimes, Board Member

NE OL State Meeting Dates:

May 14, 2015 - NE OL State Committee Meeting, Havelock Shops, 6600 Burlington Avenue, Lincoln, NE



OPERATION LIFESAVER, INC. STATISTICS WORKSHEET January – December – 2014

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>2014</u>	
Collisions		<u>2,068</u>
Injuries		<u>763</u>
Fatalities		<u>239</u>

National Trespasser Incidents in year	<u>2014</u>	
Injuries		<u>386</u>
Fatalities		<u>498</u>

Nebraska Crossing Collision in year	<u>2014</u>	
Collisions		<u>36</u>
Injuries		<u>9</u>
Fatalities		<u>5</u>

Nebraska Trespasser Incidents in year	<u>2014</u>	
Injuries		<u>3</u>
Fatalities		<u>2</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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National Crossing Collision in year	<u>2013</u>	
Collisions		<u>2,089</u>
Injuries		<u>952</u>
Fatalities		<u>249</u>

National Trespasser Incidents in year	<u>2013</u>	
Injuries		<u>432</u>
Fatalities		<u>462</u>

Nebraska Crossing Collision in year	<u>2013</u>	
Collisions		<u>41</u>
Injuries		<u>23</u>
Fatalities		<u>2</u>

Nebraska Trespasser Incidents in year	<u>2013</u>	
Injuries		<u>2</u>
Fatalities		<u>1</u>

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1.11 - One Year Accident/Incident Overview - Combined

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ONE YEAR ACCIDENT/INCIDENT OVERVIEW BY REGION/STATE/COUNTY

Report Type - ' CALENDAR YEAR '
 SELECTION: Railroad - ALL
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 State - NEBRASKA County - All
 January To December, 2014
 Reporting Level: ... All
 IMPORTANT: Rates calculated on National Level do not display for Region or State Geography

' CALENDAR YEAR '

TOTAL ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS:	195	Number of fatal accidents/incidents	7	3.59%
Overall frequency rate:	0.00	Total train miles:	162,150,193	
Total fatalities:	7	Switching miles:	20,416,074	
Total nonfatal conditions:	117	Employee hours:	89,863,338	

Total accidents/incidents is the sum of train accidents, highway-rail incidents, and other incidents.
 Total accident/incident rate is the number of events times 1,000,000 divided by total train miles.

TOTAL TRAIN ACCIDENTS:	56	Number of fatal train accidents	0	0 %
Number per million train miles:	0.00	Collisions:	3	5.36%
Total fatalities:	0	Derailments:	37	66.07%
Total nonfatal conditions:	1	Other accidents:	16	28.57%

-----Primary causes-----

Human factors:	32.14%	18	Track defects:	10	17.86%
Equipment defects:	28.57%	16	Signal defects:	1	1.79%
Miscellaneous causes:	19.64%	11			

Number of accidents on yard track: 30 53.57% of all train accidents.
 Nbr per million yard train miles: 0.00 For other tracks: 0.00

Train accidents represent 28.72% of all reported events.

Number of train accidents involving passenger trains 1 1.79%

Number of train accidents that resulted in a release of hazardous material 0 0.00% of total
 Number of persons evacuated 0 Number of rail cars releasing hazmat 0

A train accident is an event involving ontrack rail equipment that results in monetary damage to the equipment and track above a certain threshold. Lading, clearing costs, environmental damage is not included.

	HIGHWAY-RAIL		TRESPASSING INCIDENTS(not at crossings)	
Crossings:	4,965	Incidents:	36	
Number per million train miles:	0.00	Frequency per million train miles:	0.00	
Total fatalities:	5	Total fatalities:	2	
Total nonfatal conditions:	9	Total nonfatal conditions:	3	
Number of fatal crossing incidents	5		13.89%	

Public Crossings 3,011 With gates 689 Other activated crossings 184 Number with passive warnings 2,138
 Private crossings 1,954 ***** THE COUNT OF CROSSINGS IS THE COUNT IN THE CURRENT INVENTORY *****

Highway-rail and trespassing incidents account for 100.0% of all fatalities.
 Highway-rail incidents represent 18.46% of all reported events.

A highway-rail incident is any impact between a rail and a highway user at a crossing site, regardless of severity. Includes motor vehicles and other highway/roadway/sidewalk users at both public and private crossings.

OTHER INCIDENTS:	103	Number of fatal other incidents	2	1.94% of other incidents
Other incidents account for:	52.82%	of all accidents/incidents		
Total fatalities:	2	0 Number to employees on duty. Trespassers	2	
Total nonfatal conditions:	107	91 Number to employees on duty		

Other incidents include any event where that caused a death, an injury, or an occupational illness to a railroad employee. Most fatalities in this category are to trespassers.

EMPLOYEES ON DUTY CASES:	93	Frequency per 200,000 hours worked:	0.00
Total fatalities:	0		
Total nonfatal conditions:	93	79.49% of all nonfatal cases	

Passengers carried: 26,603,568 Passenger miles: 584,285,275
 Total passenger deaths 0. Total passengers injured 1.
 The frequency of passenger cases per 100,000,000 passenger miles is 0.00 Passenger cases include all circumstances; including getting off/on standing trains, stumbling aboard trains, assaults, train accidents, crossing incidents, etc.



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1.11 - One Year Accident/Incident Overview - Combined

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ONE YEAR ACCIDENT/INCIDENT OVERVIEW BY REGION/STATE/COUNTY

Report Type - ' CALENDAR YEAR '

SELECTION: Railroad - ALL

All Regions

State - All States County - All

January To December, 2014

Reporting Level... ALL

IMPORTANT: Rates calculated on National Level do not display for Region or State Geography

' CALENDAR YEAR '

TOTAL ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS:	10,804	Number of fatal accidents/incidents	736	6.81%
Overall frequency rate:	15.42	Total train miles:	700,740,792	
Total fatalities:	769	Switching miles:	85,032,980	
Total nonfatal conditions:	7,706	Employee hours:	444,682,336	

Total accidents/incidents is the sum of train accidents, highway-rail incidents, and other incidents.
Total accident/incident rate is the number of events times 1,000,000 divided by total train miles.

TOTAL TRAIN ACCIDENTS:	1,578	Number of fatal train accidents	1	0.06%
Number per million train miles:	2.25	Collisions:	128	8.11%
Total fatalities:	2	Derailments:	1,124	71.23%
Total nonfatal conditions:	126	Other accidents:	326	20.66%

-----Primary causes-----				
Human factors:	38.15%	602	Track defects:	454 28.77%
Equipment defects:	12.86%	203	Signal defects:	43 2.72%
Miscellaneous causes:	17.49%	276		

Number of accidents on yard track:	908	57.54% of all train accidents.
Nbr per million yard train miles:	10.68	For other tracks: 1.09

Train accidents represent 14.61% of all reported events.

Number of train accidents involving passenger trains 55 3.49%

Number of train accidents that resulted in a release of hazardous material 14 0.89% of total
Number of persons evacuated 1,533 Number of rail cars releasing hazmat 25

A train accident is an event involving ontrack rail equipment that results in monetary damage to the equipment and track above a certain threshold. Lading, clearing costs, environmental damage is not included.

HIGHWAY-RAIL		TRESPASSING INCIDENTS(not at crossings)	
Crossings: 209,655	Incidents: 2,068	Frequency per million train miles:	1.26
Number per million train miles:	2.95	Total fatalities:	498
Total fatalities:	239	Total nonfatal conditions:	386
Total nonfatal conditions:	763		
Number of fatal crossing incidents	218	10.54%	

Public Crossings 129,582 With gates 46,748 Other activated crossings 21,774 Number with passive warnings 61,060
Private crossings 80,073 ***** THE COUNT OF CROSSINGS IS THE COUNT IN THE CURRENT INVENTORY *****

Highway-rail and trespassing incidents account for 95.84% of all fatalities.
Highway-rail incidents represent 19.14% of all reported events.

A highway-rail incident is any impact between a rail and a highway user at a crossing site, regardless of severity. Includes motor vehicles and other highway/roadway/sidewalk users at both public and private crossings.

OTHER INCIDENTS:	7,158	Number of fatal other incidents	517	7.22% of other incidents
Other incidents account for:	66.25%	of all accidents/incidents		
Total fatalities:	528	8 Number to employees on duty. Trespassers	498	
Total nonfatal conditions:	6,817	3,948 Number to employees on duty		

Other incidents include any event where that caused a death, an injury, or an occupational illness to a railroad employee. Most fatalities in this category are to trespassers.

5.15 - Consolidated Hwy Rail Accident Incident

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HIGHWAY-RAIL INCIDENTS REPORTED ON FORM FRA F 6180-57

Selections: Railroad - All Railroads

Region - 6

State - NEBRASKA County - ALL

Public & Private Crossings / Accidents with Fatalities

Date Selected - Jan - Dec, 2014

Report Type - CY

[Click here for Kld/Inj \(Form 6180.55a\) definitions](#)

Obs	RR	Mo/Day	Incident #	Kld/Inj	ST	County	City	Crossing ID	Type	Highway Road Name	Rail equipment	Consist Length	Highway User	Crossing Protection	Tot Kld	Tot Inj
1	UP	Feb 25	0214KC019	55A	NE	OTOE		432961A	Public	COUNTY ROAD C	Freight trn	113	Truck	Cross bucks	1	
2	BNSF	Jun 10	NE0614200	55A	NE	DAKOTA		070260J	Public	COUNTY ROAD	Freight trn	76	Trk & Trail	Cross bucks	1	
3	BNSF	Jun 23	NE0614201	55A	NE	LANCASTER	LINCOLN	054128X	Public	33RD	Freight trn	137	Pedestrian	Gates	1	
4	BNSF	Jun 24	NE0614202	55A	NE	THURSTON		070247V	Public	COUNTY ROAD	Freight trn	102	Oth Mtr V.	Cross bucks	1	
5	BNSF	Jul 14	NE0714200	55A	NE	YORK	YORK	073646S	Public	19TH STREET	Freight trn	136	Pedestrian	Gates	1	

Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison

Daily Count Thru 8:00 A.M. Thursday March 12, 2015

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
2011	2	21	10	11	1	6	4	0	4	6	0	0	1	0	0
2012	3	36	15	21	2	8	11	1	6	8	1	0	2	3	0
2013	2	43	9	34	4	22	8	0	3	6	0	0	1	3	0
2014	7	36	7	29	4	9	16	2	1	4	0	0	1	2	0
2011 - 2014 Average	3.5	34	10.3	23.8	2.75	11.3	9.75	0.75	3.5	6	0.25	0	1.25	2	0
2015	13	47	14	33	7	17	9	2	5	7	3	1	0	6	0
% Change 2014 - 2015	86%	31%	100%	14%	75%	89%	-44%	0%	400%	75%	100%	0%	0%	200%	0%
2015 Compared to 2011 - 2014	271%	38%	37%	39%	155%	51%	-8%	167%	43%	17%	1100%	0%	-100%	200%	0%

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

March 12, 2015

**2015 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>
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Train Fatalities

2004	5
2005	9
2006	4
2007	6
2008	1
2009	4
2010	2
2011	2
2012	3
2013	2
2014	3
2015	0

Train Injuries

2004	17
2005	25
2006	22
2007	21
2008	19
2009	18
2010	4
2011	13
2012	13
2013	18
2014	8

Train Crashes

2004	38
2005	40
2006	37
2007	40
2008	39
2009	38
2010	20
2011	19
2012	23
2013	25
2014	28



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Website and Social Media Update

We have had an increase in presentation requests through the website.

- Simplot in Hershey requested a presentation for all employees – they haul agriculture products to farmers.
- Children's Safety Day in Crete – presentation for 300-400 children (K-5) June 11.

Presentation Requests

Facebook Update

Jan. 8 – March 11

- 31 new “Likes” (Up from 184 to 215)
 - Most popular posts:
 - Jan. 8: Union Pacific Responder Training
 - Feb. 8: Railroad Emergency Contact Numbers
 - March 4: Driving Around Lowered Gates
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Post Details

Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on posts



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January 8 · 🌐

Special thanks to Union Pacific for continuing to help train first responders in Nebraska communities.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ONLOMPneZk#t=37>



Union Pacific First Responder Training

Union Pacific's Hazardous Materials Management (HMM) Group recently provided training to Omaha's Fire Rescue 33 team using the railroad's training tank car a...

YOUTUBE.COM

508 people reached

Boost Post

Like · Comment · Share · 🍷 5

508 People Reached

15 Likes, Comments & Shares

12 Likes | 5 On Post | 7 On Shares

0 Comments | 0 On Post | 0 On Shares

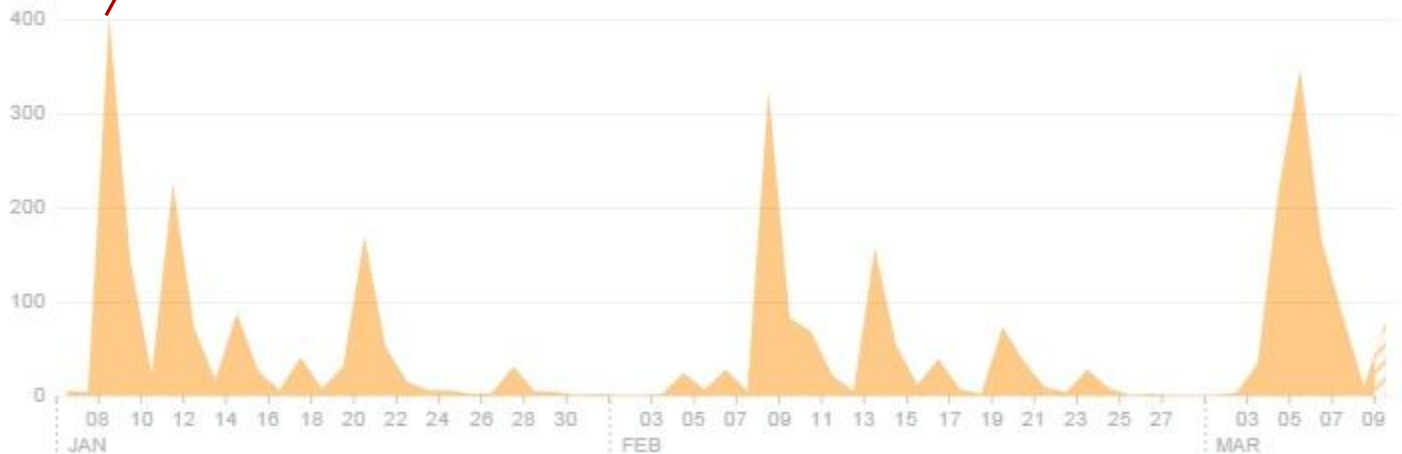
3 Shares | 0 On Post | 3 On Shares

13 Post Clicks

0 Photo Views | 13 Link Clicks | 0 Other Clicks ⓘ

NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

- 0 Hide Post
- 0 Hide All Posts
- 0 Report as Spam
- 0 Unlike Page



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February 8 · Edited (?) · 🌐

If your vehicle stalls or hangs up on the track, call for help!

- BNSF Railway: 1-800-832-5452
- Union Pacific Railroad: 1-888-877-7267

If you cannot locate the railroad emergency phone number at the site, call the local police or 911.



399 people reached

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Unlike · Comment · Share · 🍷 6 ↻ 2

399 People Reached

16 Likes, Comments & Shares

13 Likes **6** On Post **7** On Shares

0 Comments **0** On Post **0** On Shares

3 Shares **2** On Post **1** On Shares

0 Post Clicks

0 Photo Views **0** Link Clicks **0** Other Clicks 📊

NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

- 0** Hide Post **0** Hide All Posts
- 0** Report as Spam **0** Unlike Page





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March 4 at 11:05am · Edited [?] · 🌐

It is illegal and dangerous to drive around lowered gates – there could be another #train approaching. After all trains clear the crossing, the flashing red lights, gates and bells will deactivate, indicating it is safe to cross the tracks.

#SeeTracksThinkTrain #NeverTooLateToWait



471 people reached

Boost Post

Unlike · Comment · Share · 🍷 5 🗨️ 2



471 People Reached

19 Likes, Comments & Shares

13 Likes | 5 On Post | 8 On Shares

3 Comments | 2 On Post | 1 On Shares

3 Shares | 0 On Post | 3 On Shares

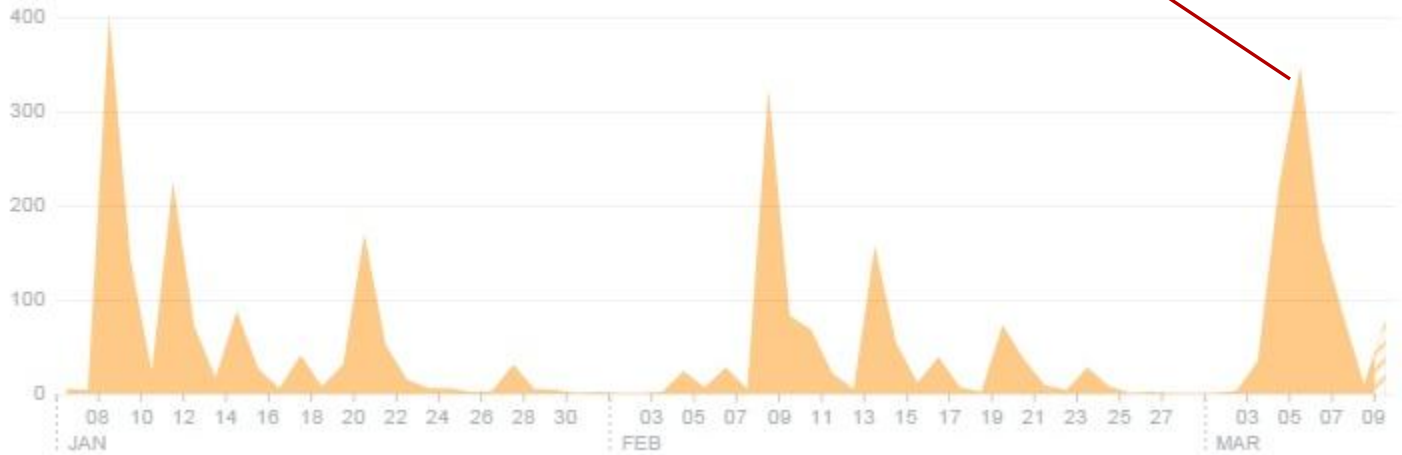
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

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Upcoming Posts

With warmer weather, social media posts will focus on people spending more time outdoors – don't bike, walk, etc., on railroad tracks.



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Written by Megan Grimes [?] - March 23, 2015 at 12:05pm - ⌵ - 🌐

Throwing objects at #trains is dangerous and illegal. Any object thrown at a moving train can bounce back with deadly force. Train crews can be injured and even killed by objects thrown at their train. These crews work at performing their jobs safely and just like you, they would like to get back to their families. #SafetyMinded



Upcoming Posts



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Written by Megan Grimes [?] · March 12, 2015 at 10:05am · Edited [?] · [?] · [?]

Some collisions occur when motorists run into the side of the #train. They are often driving too fast for road conditions and not prepared to stop. Overdriving your headlights means you are driving too fast to stop in the distance illuminated by the headlights. #LookListenLive



Nebraska Operation Lifesaver

Written by Megan Grimes [?] · March 17, 2015 at 9:37am · Edited [?] · [?] · [?]

Don't test your luck at #railroad crossings. Have a safe & happy St. Patrick's Day!



Questions, Comments, Concerns?

Do you have post suggestions, photos or event announcements for our Facebook page?

Just let me know!

Megan Grimes

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Photo courtesy of Dan Chapp: Harold Jones and Jeff Schmid holding down the OL trailer and working hard! Huge turn out at the model train show today.
