

**NEBRASKA OPERATION LIFESAVER
STATE COMMITTEE MEETING**

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Carol Daley called the meeting to order and Billy Anderson gave the safety briefing.

INTRODUCTIONS

Billy Anderson, BNSF Railroad

Deb Ashworth, Union Pacific Railroad-Retired

William Bivin, Nebraska Safety Center

Lauren Dale, Nebraska Safety Center

Carol Daley, Nebraska Operation Lifesaver

Roger Figard, Lincoln/Lancaster Railroad Transportation Safety District

Pam Fogle

Mike Foster, Union Pacific Railroad

Annette Foster, Spouse

Chip Frazier, Railroad Safety Training Solutions, LLC

Bob Grant, Nebraska Department of Transportation

Megan Grimes, Nebraska Ethanol Board

Hilda Gurwell, Union Pacific Railroad – Retired

Taylor Kelley, Nebraska Central Railroad

Marvin Kohout, Traffic Safety Plus

Richard Kotan, Omaha Public Power District

Pat Leahy, Union Pacific Railroad

Todd Palmer, NDOT-Railroad Liaison

Christine Saxon, Union Pacific Railroad

Jeff Schmid, BNSF Railroad

Stu Sutherland, Sarpy Surveyor's – Retired

Jeri Willms, Presenter

Statistics:

Bob Grant discussed the following handouts (see attachments).

- Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison as of November 9, 2017
- 2016/2017 Nebraska Railroad Fatalities – Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities/Non-Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities

Deb Ashworth discussed the following handouts (see attachment).

- Operation Lifesaver, Inc. Statistics Worksheet (January – current 2012 through 2017) data current as 11/1/17. The source for this data is from the Federal Railroad Administration.

Board and Officer Report:

The NE OL Board of Directors met prior to the State Committee meeting. Those in attendance were: Carol Daley, Deb Ashworth, Megan Grimes, Richard Kotan and Marvin Kohout. The items discussed were NE OL finances, 2018 Fundraising Raffle, how we are doing with 2017 Goals and finalizing the 2018 Goals. Discussed OLI personnel changes and Carol's evaluation which is coming up. The Board will hold their annual Board and Officer Meeting after the next State Committee Meeting on January 11, 2018.

General Secretary/Supplies:

If you are in need of supplies, including visuals for presentations, contact Carol Daley at 402-885-8572 or by email at cadaley@nebraskaOL.org. (NOTE: New email address for Carol)

Treasurer:

Balance on hand as of November 1, 2017 was \$5,027.33.

Old Business:

Carol updated the committee on numerous personnel changes. There are 4 paid positions in the National Operation Lifesaver Inc. office. The President of OLI has resigned, and two other administrative positions have resigned as well and Wende is the only one left except for the contractors that work there. The American Association of Railroads (AAR) has given the National office free office space (in Washington, DC) which is helping them with their finances. The CSX has paid for an overview study of the Operation Lifesaver organization and some Nebraska Board members may receive a phone call to help them with their research. Carol said they may be holding off hiring until this survey/research has been completed.

Carol advised that the FRA is reorganizing, and our FRA Board Member Bill Cleveland has moved to a new position. Our By-Laws state that we must have an FRA employee on our Board and Howard Gillespie/FRA will fill in temporarily until they fill their new Public Crossing Manager position in either Omaha or Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Other personnel changes are Larry Johnson is no longer with Nebraska Trucking and Carol will be working with his replacement to ensure they are part of our committee. (They have been Donors to our Fundraiser with Nebraska Football tickets for several years.) Larry was also very beneficial in ensuring Nebraska Operation Lifesaver was partnered with Nebraska trucking companies.

Kelli O'Brien, Union Pacific's Director of Public Relations has been relocated to Des Moines, Iowa but will still have Nebraska as her territory. The last personnel update was that John Simpson/Sr. Mgr. Grade Crossing has retired from Union Pacific; which is a huge loss to Operation Lifesaver.

Carol advised the state committee that Helen Schramek (Operation Lifesaver, Inc. past president) is donating a framed BNSF railroad picture to Nebraska Operation Lifesaver and we will use that for one of our prizes for our 2018 raffle. We also have two signed footballs and two small helmets left from this year's raffle that can be used. Carol would like to have all prizes identified and flyer ready for publication by our March state meeting.

Carol updated the committee that she is still working with Operation Lifesaver, Inc's attorney to change our status (from private to public) with the Internal Revenue Service so that we can qualify to participate in Amazon Smiles charity program. Currently, Amazon has given almost \$65 million dollars to charity with this program.

The National Railroad Safety week was a success. Carol updated that there were Troopers on the Train, crossing initiatives with visor cards being given to drivers, and Lancaster County issued a proclamation and press release; a copy will be sent to Carol.

Pat Leahy updated the committee that he has been focused on corn harvesting. He's been very busy providing crossing and grain elevator focuses including visor clips and posters on ENS. His main area of focus has been the Columbus Subdivision (Grand Island to Omaha.) He advised that Union Pacific is paying for PSA's on 3 major radio stations; Lexington west focusing on Operation Lifesaver material. Tony Orr/Union Pacific Railroad is the Superintendent for the North Platte Service Unit and is a Champion for Operation Lifesaver.

Deb updated the committee that Larry Erickson from Union Pacific Railroad mechanical will be working on updating the OL trailer on the west end. Larry's phone number is 402-658-9390 and works daylight 8AM-4PM.

Carol updated the committee on an initiative that was presented at her National Advisory Council September 13-14 in Washington, DC by David Sloan and Tahir Juba who work for Wide Angle Youth Media. WAYM is a non-profit organization that specializes in developing youth in film production and CSX contracted and partnered with them to produce PSAs that focus on young demographics. To view the PSA's: www.csx.com/railroadstories.

Carol also updated the committee on the FRA's new grade crossing dashboard. The program provides a dataset of ten years plus the current year, it includes a heat map, and easy drop-down categories that provide users many different analytics. The program will include trespassing data in a future release. The link to the new program is www.fra.dot.gov/gxdash. We could not show the new dashboard due to no internet access.

OLAV 3rd Quarter Drawing:

Operation Lifesaver Authorized Volunteer drawing for the 3rd quarter had 434 presentations from our team of volunteers and Megan Grimes was the winner. She stated that she will use her money to buy a gift basket for her 2018 Ag Women Conference in February. Congratulations to Megan!

Christine Saxon Presentation on Union Pacific Update

Christine Saxon, the HDC (Harriman Dispatch Center) Team Leader for Nebraska Operation Lifesaver gave an informative presentation on Union Pacific's LEAN culture which focuses on employee empowerment. The Innovation Station where employees can submit ideas on safety, productivity, or any other areas of the company. The process focuses on 4 gates: Innovation Station; Prepare/Pitch; Investigate Idea; Experiment; and Implement.

One of Union Pacific's implemented work solutions is train crews are placed on AWTS (Alternate Work and Training Status). Seventy percent of train and yard employees are covered by this agreement and are guaranteed 8 training days per month which provides these employees full health benefits and time towards their railroad retirement.

Christine also updated the committee that Union Pacific did cut 750 jobs which 500 were management and 250 were hourly employees. Eighty percent of the employees were voluntarily reduced and were offered early retirement options for employees that were 55 years or older and excellent compensation if employees were too young to retire.

One of the reasons Union Pacific had excess employees is that Positive Train Control (PTC) has been implemented on the entire Western Region and approximately 2,000 employees that were assigned to this PTC implementation will be coming back into the work force. The company has record train length,

enhanced technology in PTC, track outage management, remote Form B's and speed restrictions, and enhanced detection devices.

Upcoming Events

Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge workshop will be held Saturday, March 10th in Florence, NE. Connie Rose is the Team Leader for this event and is open for up to 150 Boy Scouts.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Ashworth, Board Member/Presenter

NE OL State Meeting next date:

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison

Daily Count Thru 8:00 a.m., Thursday, November 9, 2017

| 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 |
| 2012 | 2 | 185 | 52 | 133 | 15 | 65 | 53 | 4 | 12 | 36 | 22 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 0 |
| 2013 | 4 | 183 | 46 | 137 | 15 | 72 | 50 | 2 | 11 | 33 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| 2014 | 10 | 203 | 43 | 160 | 19 | 85 | 56 | 5 | 10 | 28 | 20 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| 2015 | 6 | 204 | 74 | 130 | 14 | 73 | 43 | 1 | 22 | 51 | 27 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 4 |
| 2016 | 7 | 190 | 56 | 134 | 25 | 60 | 49 | 5 | 15 | 36 | 20 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 1 |
| 2012-2016 Average | 5.8 | 193 | 54.2 | 139 | 18 | 71 | 50.2 | 3.4 | 14 | 36.8 | 20 | 2.25 | 2.4 | 12.4 | 1.4 |
| 2017 | 2 | 186 | 60 | 126 | 10 | 72 | 44 | 5 | 15 | 40 | 26 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 3 |
| % Change 2016 – 2017 | -71% | -2% | 7% | -6% | -60% | 20% | -10% | 0% | 0% | 11% | 30% | 150% | 0% | 36% | 200% |
| 2017 Compared to 2012-2016 | -66% | -4% | 11% | -9% | -43% | 1% | -12% | 47% | 7% | 9% | 27% | 122% | 25% | 21% | 114% |



Nebraska Operation Lifesaver Statistic Worksheet from 2012 – 11/1/2017

1. Most collisions occur with trains traveling under **30** mph.
2. Approximately **64%** of all collisions occur in daylight hours.
3. Most collisions occur within **25** miles of the driver's home.
4. Approximately every **3 hours** (some place in the United States) a collision occurs between a train and a vehicle or a train and a pedestrian.
5. You are **20** times more likely to die in a collision with a train than in a collision involving another motor vehicle.
6. At 55 mph, it may take a train up to a **mile** or more to stop.
7. Nearly **50%** of all collisions occur at crossings equipped with active warning devices.
8. Nearly **25%** of all collisions occur when the vehicle runs into the side of the train.
9. Nebraska has a total of **4,993** crossings. There are **2,973** Public and **2,020** Private crossings.
2,973 Public Crossings: 695 have gates and 180 have activated warnings and 2,098 are Passive.

Note: Statistics updated 11/1/2017

| National Crossing Collisions | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Collisions | 1,378 | 2,039 | 2,077 | 2,297 | 2,104 | 1,989 |
| Injuries | 558 | 839 | 1,045 | 872 | 977 | 971 |
| Fatalities | 181 | 265 | 233 | 262 | 232 | 231 |
| National Trespasser Incidents | | | | | | |
| Injuries | 331 | 489 | 418 | 425 | 434 | 410 |
| Fatalities | 411 | 491 | 451 | 468 | 425 | 410 |
| Nebraska Crossing Collisions | | | | | | |
| Collisions | 11 | 35 | 27 | 37 | 41 | 28 |
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| Fatalities | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |

Source – Federal Railroad Administration – www.fra.dot.gov (FRA Data updated through 8/31/2017)

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Nebraska and National Statistics

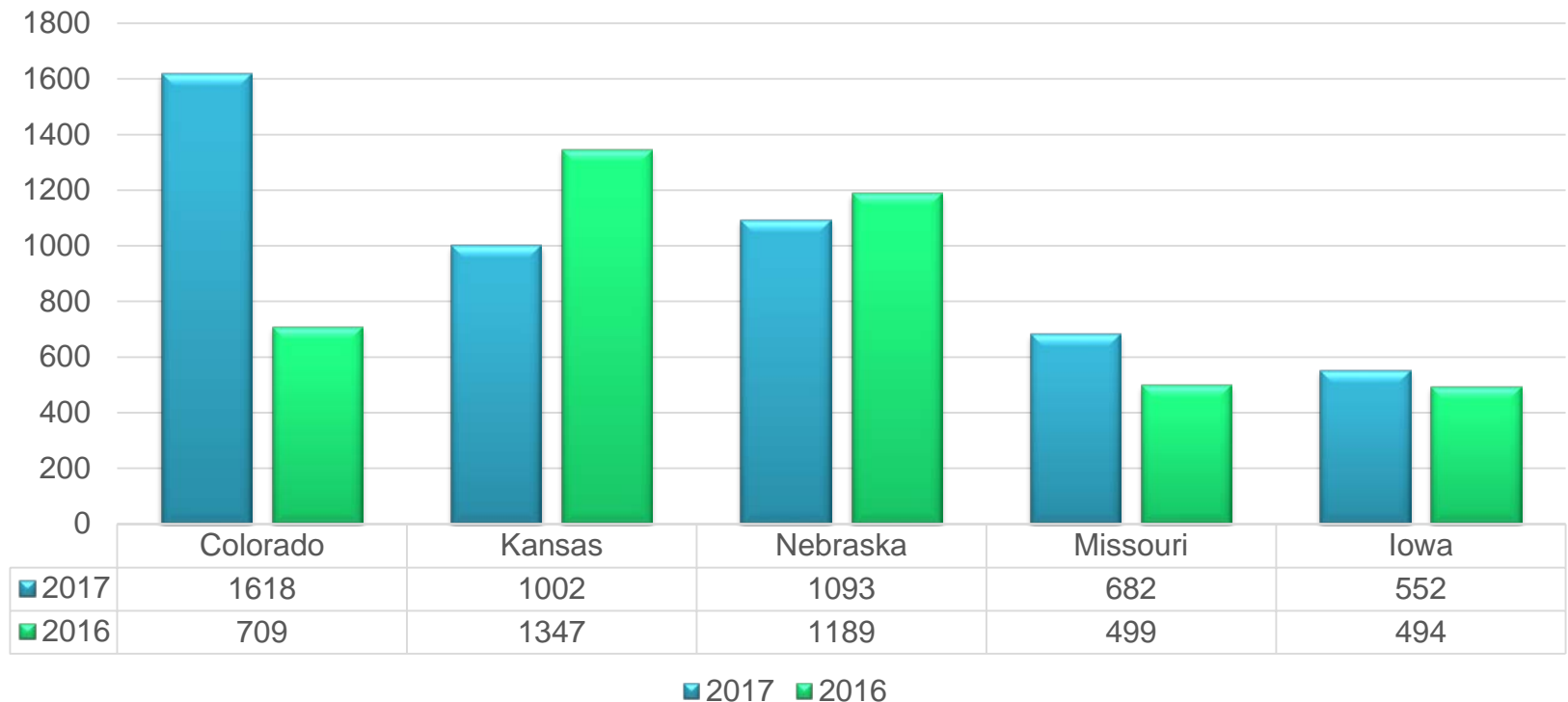
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Region 6 Presentation Comparisons January 1st - November 1st, 2017



Audience Statistics Region 6



Region 6 Total Audience Comparisons January 1st - November 1st, 2017



OLAV Activity 2017



Updated as of 11/11/2017

| OLAV Name: | Number of Presentations: | Audience Total: |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Anderson, Billy | 5 | 120 |
| Ashworth, Deb | 173 | 1326 |
| Ashworth, Mark | 18 | 152 |
| Averell, Jean | 8 | 39 |
| Bruna, David | 1 | 39 |
| Chapp, Dan | 191 | 5455 |
| Cunningham, Don | 11 | 227 |
| Daley, Carol | 51 | 275 |
| Dorram, Marcy | 6 | 57 |
| Fogle, Pam | 95 | 641 |
| Grimes Megan | 19 | 180 |
| Grudzinski, Tim | 28 | 323 |
| Hagelstein, Tori | 16 | 35 |
| Hillyard, Tom | 49 | 995 |
| Kelley, Taylor | 25 | 216 |
| Kennedy, Rob | 75 | 917 |
| Leahy, Pat | 189 | 3804 |
| Saxon, Christine | 48 | 180 |
| Schmid, Jeff | 36 | 627 |
| Simpson, John | 20 | 221 |
| Sydzvik, Gary | 41 | 458 |
| Voogd, Gary | 9 | 492 |
| White, Lydia | 5 | 68 |
| Willms, Jeri | 1 | 23 |
| NEBRASKA TOTALS: | 1120 | 16870 |

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Total OLAVs in Nebraska | 89 |
| Total Active in 2017 | 23 OLAVs or 26% |



Questions?

Thank you!



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