

NEBRAKSA OPERATION LIFESAVER STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 5, 2019

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Carol Daley called the meeting to order.

Safety Briefing:

Billy Anderson conducted the safety briefing.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Carol Daley, OL State Coordinator – Nebraska

Marv Kohout, Nebraska Safety Plus

Rich Kotan, Omaha Public Power District, Retired

Dan Chapp, BNSF Railroad

Billy Anderson, BNSF Railroad

Deb Ashworth, UPRR Retired

Roger Figard, Lincoln/Lancaster Railroad Transportation Safety District

Stu Sutherland, Sarpy County Surveyor – Retired

Hilda Gurwell, Union Pacific Railroad – Retired

Kaitlyn Richardson, Nebraska Safety Center

Trevor Sindelar, NDOT Railroad Liaison

Statistics:

Trevor Sindelar reviewed the following handouts (see attachments).

- Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison as of September 5, 2019
- 2019 Nebraska Railroad Fatalities – Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities/Non-Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities

Deb Ashworth discussed the following handouts (see attachments).

- Nebraska Operation Lifesaver Statistic Worksheet (1/1/2012 – 7/31/2019) – The source for this data is from the Federal Railroad Administration.
- Presentation statistics show that Region 6 has Nebraska in the lead with 749 presentations, followed by Colorado with 611, Kansas with 606, Iowa with 266, and Missouri with 246 presentations.
- Presentation statistics show that throughout all 50 states presentations are down from 2018 with 13,335 compared to 10,202 in 2019. This may be attributed to OLAV's not putting in their presentations in a timely manner.
- Statistics are from January 1st through September 1, 2019:

Board and Officer Report:

The NE OL Board of Directors met prior to the State Committee meeting. Those in attendance were: Carol Daley, Marv Kohout, Deb Ashworth, Rich Kotan, Billy Anderson, and Dan Chapp. Not present were Megan Grimes, Dave Huntley, Christine Saxon, and Taylor Kelley. The items discussed were NE OL finances, 2019 fund-raiser and Carol advised that our 2019 fundraiser has earned \$2,097.87 after paying expenses of \$1,152.34. Carol had traveled to Washington DC for the new State Coordinator class and was the co-facilitator. She will be attending the NAC meeting on September 9th and returning on the 12th of September.

At the NAC meeting, Deb asked Carol to find out the process for reporting mixed audiences (or if they could change the database to reflect both or all when entering presentations, ask if the new GCCI course would be giving continuing education credits to law enforcement personnel that attend this class, and also if there is an educational brochure for horseback riders crossing railroad tracks.

General Secretary/Supplies:

If you need supplies, including visuals for presentations, contact Carol Daley at 402-657-0439 or by email at cadaley@nebraskaOL.org

Treasurer:

Balance on hand as of August 31, 2019 was \$16,250.29.

Old Business:

Carol's Update:

Carol had co-facilitated the new State Facilitator's meeting and would be attending the NAC meeting next week. She explained the new Posner Foundation grant that provides \$500 per year to OLAVs who qualify for their expenses with receipts and photos. Carol stated she had turned in information to reimburse Nebraska Operation Lifesaver for paying Deb Ashworth's expenses when she attended the 2019 Nebraska Highway Rail Conference in Kansas City. Deb asked if she could put in for some of her higher expenses such as Benkelman and Sidney training where she had hotel and mileage expenses. She was going to provide Carol her expenses on Benkelman, NE.

Carol also updated the committee on the new GCCI class which will have a new name change between two names:

1. Rail Incident Management
2. Scene Safety for First Responders

The GCCI committee is working on restructuring both the student and instructor manuals and updated the new online instructor application and process. The next steps in the process are developing new documents, creating a new PowerPoint presentation along with new videos and photos to present to the working group. This will be reviewed at the NAC's material review committee and they will be working on a grant for suicide messaging, issues with pedestrians, and ENS PSA's to expand distribution.

Proposed Timeline:

September 2019 – Opening of the online instructor application

October 2019 – Soft launch of the course/program

January 2020 – Full launch of the new course, along with holding new instructor classes during the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2020

June 2020 – Retirement of the current GCCI course and all old materials will be retired.

Carol also updated that she would be shutting off the state line 402-885-8572 and this will no longer be available. This will save \$160.00 a month for this line. Please contact Carol on her cell phone (402-657-0439) or email her at cadaley@nebraskaol.org.

By-Law Update

Rich updated that new By-Laws will be completed by next meeting to accommodate the additional Board Member voted in January 2019 due to the voting tie.

Enforcement Manual updates

Rich stated this was an ongoing project.

2019 Raffle

Carol advised that our 2019 fundraiser has earned \$2,097.87 after paying expenses of \$1,152.34.

2019 State Fair Update

Deb updated that the State Fair was open from September 23rd to September 30th for a total of 7 out of 10 days that the fair was open. Deb, Mark, Carol, Larry and Gary had reported their presentations at the fair. As of September 1st, we had reported 203 presentations compared to 313 presentations provided last year. She feels confident that when everyone reports their presentations, we should meet or exceed our presentation counts from 2018. The audience counts for 2019 were 1,919 compared to 1,402 for last year (and this is with numerous presentations not reported yet.) Deb recommended that Operation Lifesaver pay for hotel rooms for next year to motivate a higher number of volunteers as this is the biggest opportunity for Nebraska Operation Lifesaver to get rail safety messages out to Nebraskans. The Crash Car was in front of the mobile training trailer and was a huge hit at the fair.

The winner for the Quiz of Life drawing at the State Fair (1008 quizzes were filled out in 2019) was Ariana Morgan from Grand Island, Nebraska. Deb Ashworth was going to deliver the trainset to Ariana.

Omaha Storm Chasers Event

Nebraska Operation Lifesaver had afternoon out at the ballpark. Carol did a big screen interview and Rob Kennedy threw the first pitch. OLAVs that participated were Deb Ashworth, Megan Grimes, Larry Erickson, Stu Sutherland, Rob Kennedy, and Carol Daley.

New Business

Rail Safety Week (see attached documents)

Deb presented an update on National Rail Safety Week (Sunday Sept 22nd through September 28th). The committee reviewed the daily themes from last year and the draft copy for 2019. Jeff Schmid and Dan Chapp were going to represent BNSF Railroad at Waverly with positive crossing initiatives for Operation Clear Track. The first event Nebraska will be celebrating will be Streets Alive in Lincoln with the Mobile Training Trailer. Carol will conduct a presentation at the Safety Advocates meeting on 8/8/19 regarding National Rail Safety Week.

Proclamations for National Rail Safety Week

Roger Figard will be getting a proclamation for the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County along with getting Pete Ricketts, the Governor of Nebraska to sign the proclamation. Carol also stated that she is getting the Mayor of Waverly to sign the proclamation for Waverly.

Streets Alive (document attached)

Megan provided the Committee an update that the event will be held in Cooper Park (5th and D Streets in Lincoln) in the South Salt Creek neighborhood on Sunday, September 22nd. Nebraska Operation Lifesaver will have the mobile training trailer available to the public, along with many other safety vendors. Exhibitors will be lining a two-mile route to encourage participants to walk the entire route.

Media

Stu Sutherland reported that WOW's John Knicley will be invited to attend the November Operation Lifesaver meeting. The video editor that produced "Nicely Done" regarding a young couple that has a discussion on whether to cross the railroad gates that are down. We are inviting both gentlemen to the meeting to give them a better understanding of what we do. Stu will get a bio on Sam Senser to send out in our November invitation. He will be our guest speaker for November.

BNSF Mini Train

Dan Chapp reported that the BNSF Railroad uses a mini train and he would be happy to bring to Nebraska Operation Lifesaver events, but the problem is the train needs a trailer to transport to these events. He is working with the BNSF Railroad in getting a flat trailer to use for this purpose to be donated to Nebraska Operation Lifesaver and he will start working on the donation process with them if this is something that we would like to do. He did state that the trailer needs the deck redone and with the go ahead from everyone on the Board and Committee, he will pursue this initiative.

Upcoming Events:

1. National Rail Safety Week – September 22 through 28th
2. Camp Creek Train Show Waverly, NE – September 14 and 15 (Mobile Training Trailer)
3. Opportunity to share a safety booth with Bill Kovarik and Roger Figard at one of the Nebraska Football games. The game they decided on was the September 14th game.
4. Pancake Feed at Blair, NE on October 6th from 7AM – 12:30PM.

Deb Ashworth has moved to Grand Island:

New email: 52gilakers@gmail.com

(The old email service with Cox was discontinued February 1st!)

Same cell phone: 402-650-5885

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned

Any corrections or additions will be noted at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Ashworth

Next NE OL State Meeting: November 14th, 2019



**Nebraska Operation Lifesaver
State Committee Meeting
September 5, 2019**

**Safety Briefing – Billy Anderson
Introductions & welcome guests**

**Nebraska Statistics – Jan Voss
Nebraska OL Presentation Statistics – Deb**

Board and Officer Reports

Financials for 2019 – Carol
By-Laws for Board / Directors – Rich
Media - Megan

Old Business

Updating Enforcement Book – Rich – On-Going
2019 Raffle - Carol Update
State Fair – Update - Deb

New Business

Rail Safety Week Update 9/22 to 9/28
Update GCCI Course
Proclamation Waverly
Media – Stu Sutherland
OLAV – Travel Expenses – Carol – Posner Foundation

Presentation Opportunities – Hilda

Camp Creek, 9/14 & 9/15 Husker Football Booth – 9/14
Blair Pancake Feed – October 6th

Open Discussion – Future projects, all input would be appreciated

Adjournment: Next meeting: November 14, 2019



Nebraska Operation Lifesaver Statistic Worksheet from 1/1/2013 – 7/31/2019

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.

Nebraska has a total of **4,966** crossings. There are **2,952** Public and **2,014** Private crossings.
 2,952 Public Crossings: 709 have gates and 173 have activated warnings and 2,070 are Passive.

Note: Statistics updated 9/4/2019

National Crossing Collisions	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Collisions	1,075	2,205	2,122	2,049	2,079	2,296	2,104
Injuries	349	805	843	855	1,046	870	977
Fatalities	139	272	271	255	237	262	232
National Trespasser Incidents							
Injuries	288	478	511	480	418	423	432
Fatalities	319	580	509	467	450	471	427
Nebraska Crossing Collisions							
Collisions	12	46	24	35	27	37	41
Injuries	6	13	7	14	9	10	23
Fatalities	1	7	4	3	1	4	2
Nebraska Trespasser Incidents							
Injuries	7	4	0	4	1	3	2
Fatalities	2	0	2	4	0	1	1

Source – Federal Railroad Administration – www.fra.dot.gov (FRA Data updated through 7/31/2019)

The Nebraska Operation Lifesaver information contact is Carol Daley – State Coordinator
 Email – cadaley@nebraskaol.org or call (402)-885-8572 and Nebraska website is www.NebraskaOL.org



2019

SCHEDULE of MESSAGES & EVENTS



Unifying Theme: "STOP TRACK TRAGEDIES"

DATE	9/22/2019 SUNDAY	9/23/2019 MONDAY	9/24/2019 TUESDAY	9/25/2019 WEDNESDAY	9/26/2019 THURSDAY	9/27/2019 FRIDAY	9/28/2019 SATURDAY
THEME	No Photos on Tracks	Distracted Driving	Law Enforcement Partnerships	Crossing Safety - ENS Sign	Transit/Commuter Safety	Trespass/Train-Hopping Prevention	Trespass Prevention - Bike Safety
ACTIONS & EVENTS	Share #RailSafetyWeek2019, #StopTrackTragedies hashtags; encourage partners to share campaign infographics, social media posts, RSW logo throughout the week. Outreach to local photographers and photographer associations	National, state, local proclamation signing ceremonies. Media interviews with national and state OL reps. National and state media outreach with news releases on the purpose of RSW - calling attention to the need for safety near tracks and trains	Operation Clear Track in U.S. and Canada with crossing enforcement and awareness exercises at high-incident crossings; Officer on the Train events; other positive enforcement events for Emergency Notification System awareness. Hashtag: #OperationClearTrack	Operation Clear Track rain date/backup date as needed. In U.S., highlight new OLI video aimed at garbage, cement and dump truck drivers; reinforce importance of the ENS sign and knowing what to do if you're stuck on the tracks	Station events, announcements and posters (all week), platform ads; in U.S., highlight FTA grant awardee projects	Safety organizations, schools, colleges, railroads and other employers promote "Red Out for Rail Safety;" stress the importance of trespass prevention	Promotions at school events to share the "Stop Track Tragedies" message; share posters, outreach on college campuses and bars to highlight trespass dangers on foot or with bicycles. Safety Blitzes & other community awareness events, sidewalk chalk/stencil safety events
VIDEOS	John's Story (photos on tracks incident)	Kallynn's Story (distracted driving incident)	Ashley's Story (trailer truck-train incident)	Crossing Safety/ENS	Transit and Commuter Rail Safety	Kennedy's Story (train-hopping incident)	Chris's Story (cycling trespassing incident)

Nebraska Operation Lifesaver Statistics



9/4/2019



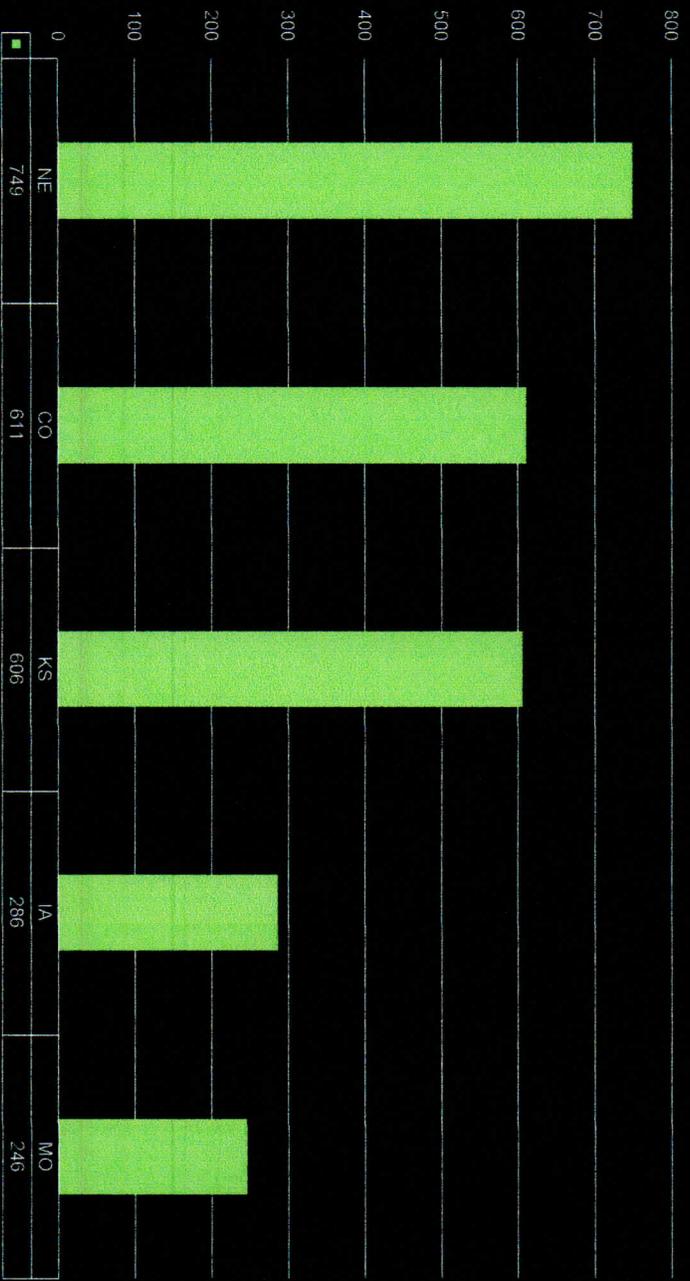
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Note: Statistics updated 06/09/2019

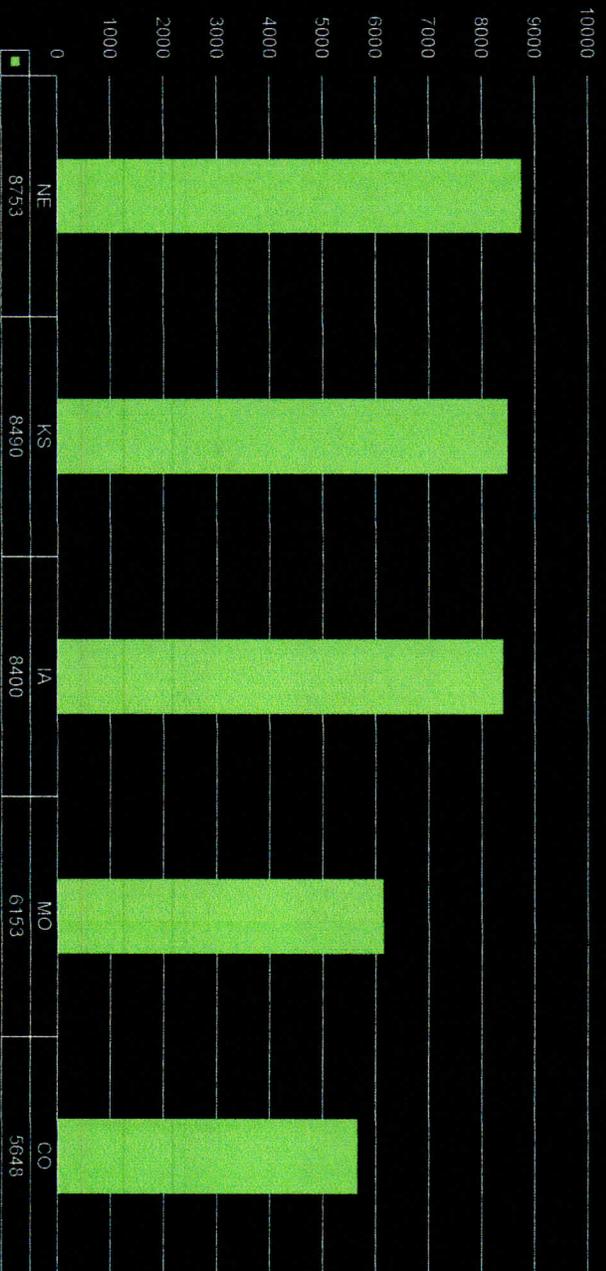
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Presentation Statistics

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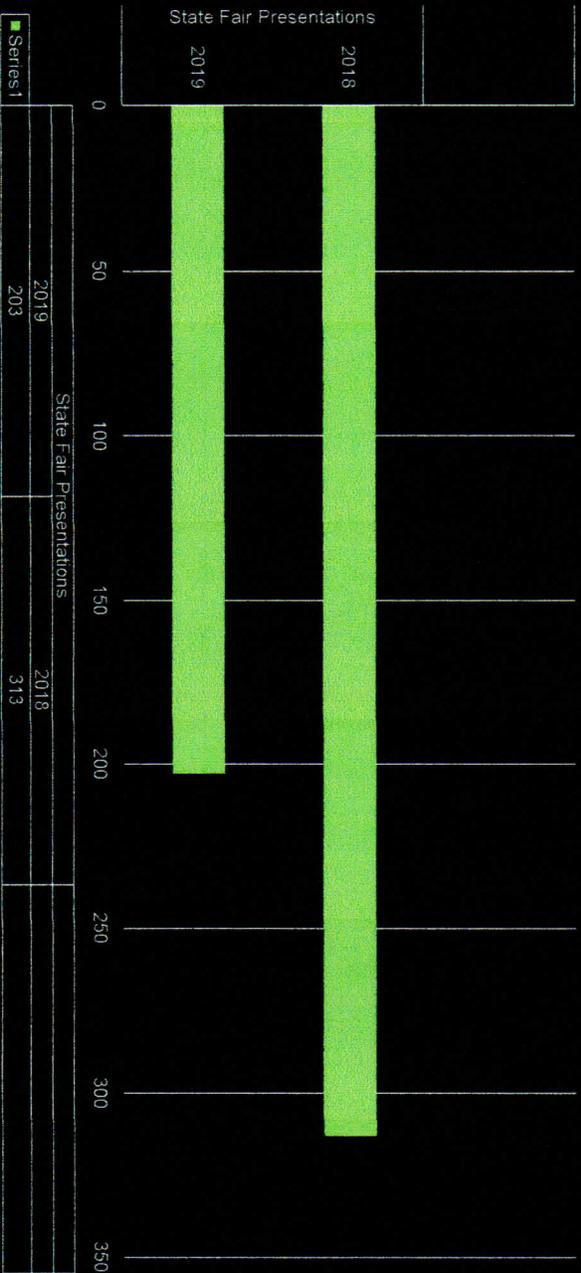


Audience Counts for Region 6 Jan 1 – Sep 4, 2019

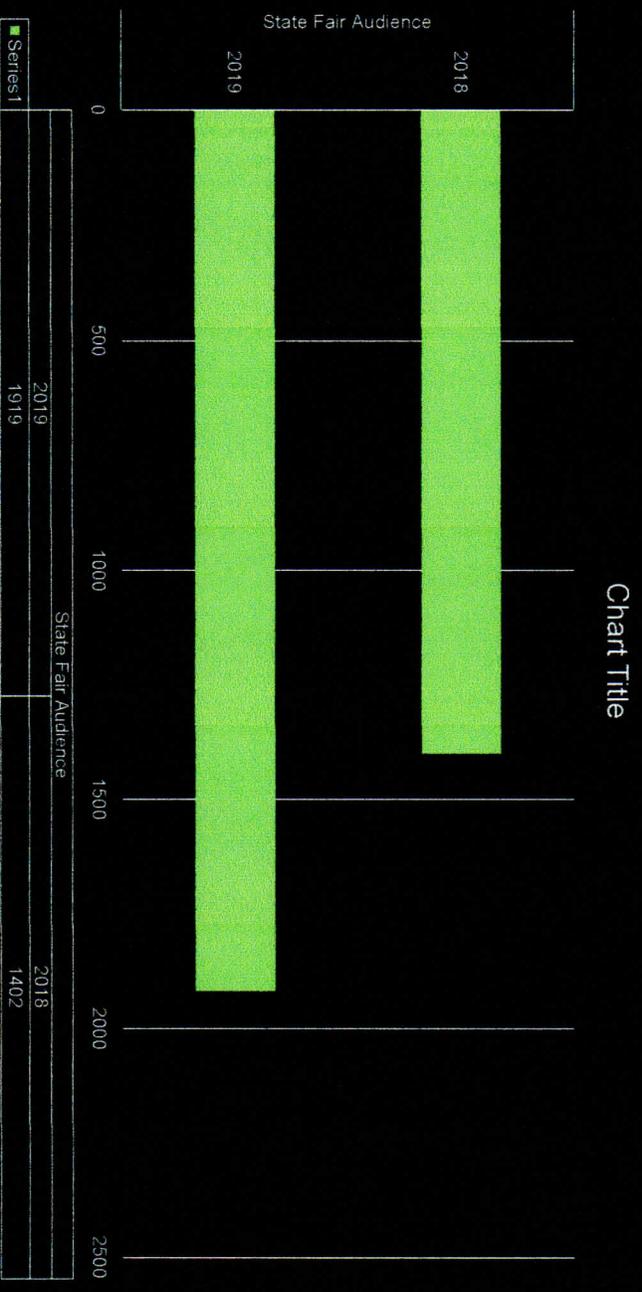


State Fair Presentations

2019 vs 2018 State Fair Presentations



State Fair Audience 2018 vs 2019



Reported State Fair Presentations

Deb

Mark

Carol

Larry

Gary

Thank you for reporting your presentations!

Nebraska Operation Lifesaver Statistics



9/4/2019



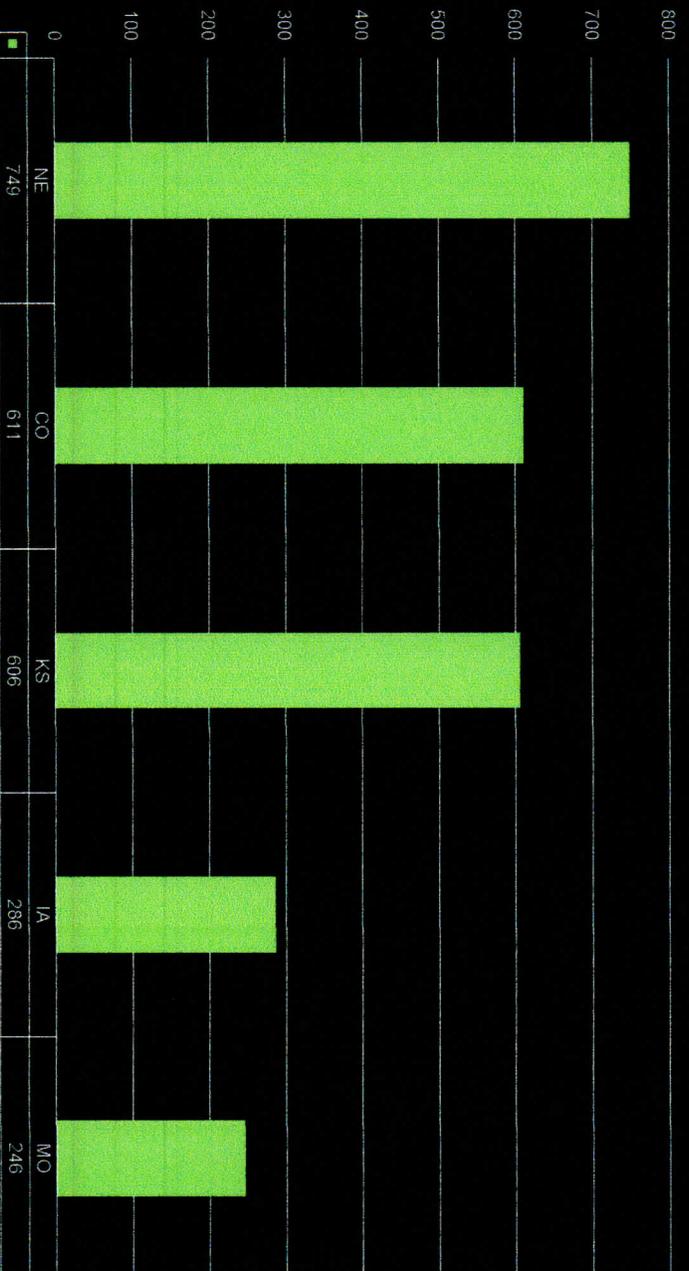
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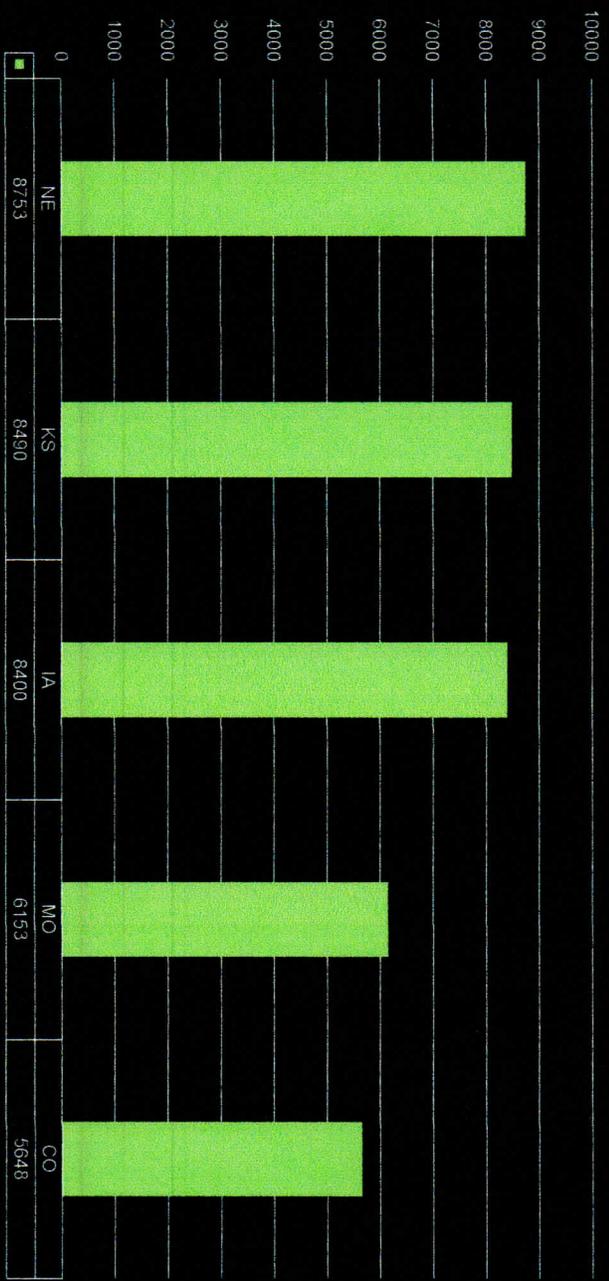
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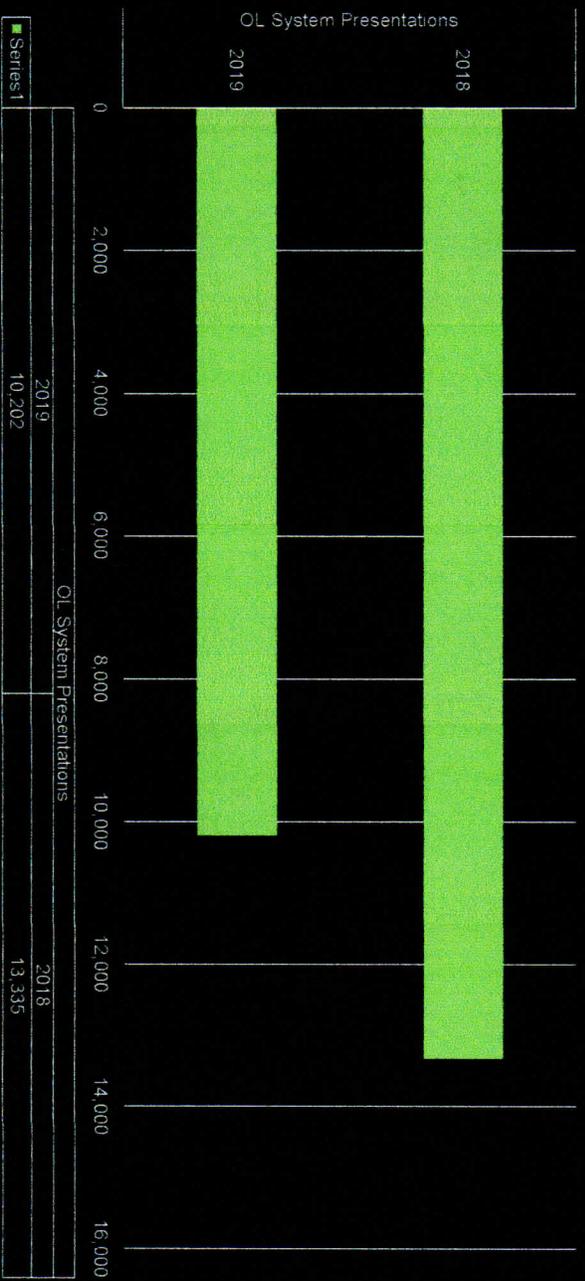


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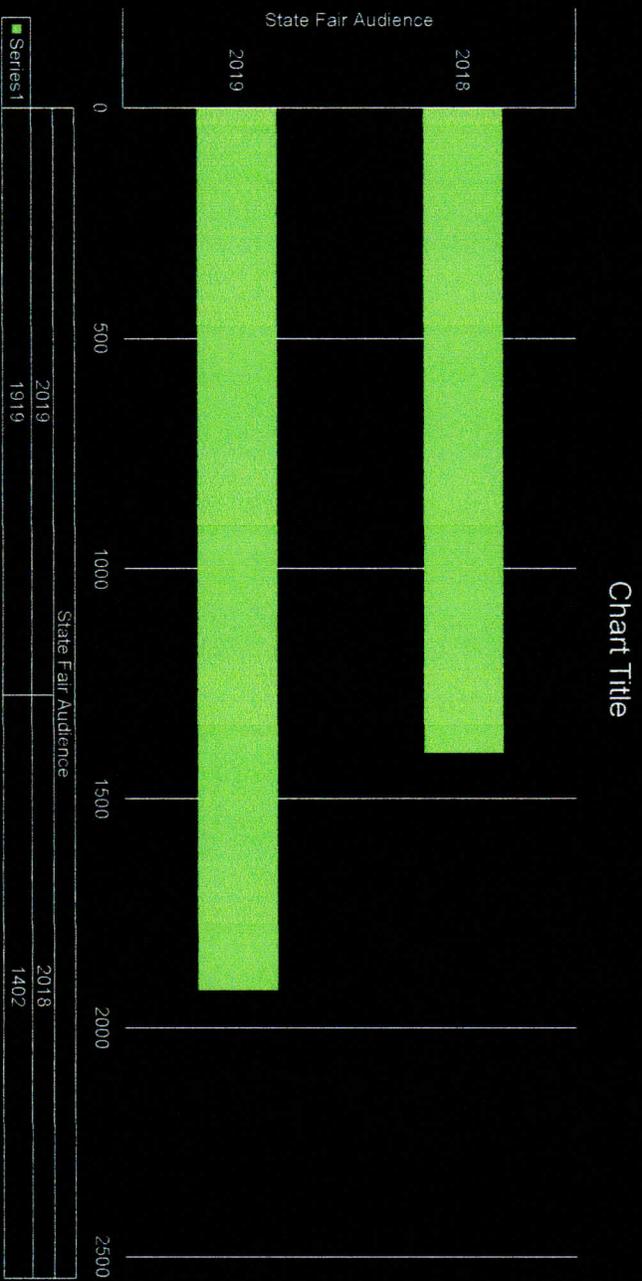


OL Presentations Comparison 2018 vs 2019

OL System Reports 2019 vs 2018



State Fair Audience 2018 vs 2019



Reported State Fair Presentations

Deb

Mark

Carol

Larry

Gary

Thank you for reporting your presentations!

September 5, 2019

**2019 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>
8-27-19	2	Red Willow	(Co Rd) 4 East of McCook Burlington Northern Santa Fe	No

Train Fatalities

2009	4
2010	2
2011	2
2012	3
2013	2
2014	3
2015	1
2016	3
2017	3
2018	6
2019	2

Train Injuries

2009	18
2010	4
2011	13
2012	13
2013	18
2014	8
2015	6
2016	13
2017	7
2018	19
2019 (Jan-July)	7

Train Crashes

2009	38
2010	20
2011	19
2012	23
2013	25
2014	28
2015	16
2016	25
2017	22
2018	37
2019 (Jan-July)	12

Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison

Daily Count Thru 8:00 A.M. Thursday September 05, 2019

COMPARISON TO DATE	THUS FAR		URBAN	RURAL	RURAL BY ROADWAY			URBAN BY ROADWAY			BY SELECTED CRASH TYPES				
	BY MONTH	BY YEAR			INST.	OTHER HWYS.	CO. ROADS	INST.	OTHER HWYS.	LOCAL ROADS	MOTOR-CYCLE	ATV	TRAIN	PEDES-TRIAN	BIKE
2014	3	150	32	118	14	61	43	4	8	20	16	0	3	5	1
2015	3	156	54	102	13	57	32	1	14	39	22	2	1	11	4
2016	6	157	45	112	19	51	42	4	10	31	17	2	3	9	1
2017	2	157	50	107	9	64	34	5	12	33	24	4	2	12	2
2018	2	141	37	104	17	54	33	4	7	26	20	3	5	13	0
2014 - 2018 Average	3.2	152	43.6	109	14.4	57.4	36.8	3.6	10.2	29.8	19.8	2.75	2.8	10	1.6
2019	3	165	47	118	16	77	25	5	21	21	18	1	2	10	1
% Change 2018 - 2019	50%	17%	27%	13%	-6%	43%	-24%	25%	200%	-19%	-10%	-67%	-60%	-23%	100%
2019 Compared to 2014 - 2018	-6%	8%	8%	9%	11%	34%	-32%	39%	106%	-30%	-9%	-64%	-29%	0%	-38%

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