

NEBRASKA OPERATION LIFESAVER STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 9, 2020

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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
Deb Ashworth – Union Pacific Railroad (retired)
Marvin Kohout – Traffic Safety Plus
Billy Anderson – BNSF Railroad
David Huntley - FRA
Pam Fogle - OLAV
Jeff Schmid – BNSF (retired)
Mitchell Locken – Nebraska Safety Center
Carrie Bartholomew – Nebraska Safety Center
Kaitlyn Richardson – Nebraska Safety Center
Dan Chapp – BNSF Railroad
Taylor Kelley – Nebraska Central Railroad
Megan Grimes – Natural Resources District
Stu Sutherland – Surveyor (retired)
Rich Willms – Union Pacific Railroad (retired)
Jeri Willms – Union Pacific Railroad (retired)
Hilda Gurwell – NEOL Secretary
Jan Voss – NE Department of Roads
Abe Anshasi – NE Department of Roads
Bill Kovarik - NE Department of Roads

Statistics:

Jan Voss reviewed the following handouts (see attachments).

- Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison as of January 9, 2020
- 2019/2020 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 (1/1/2013 – 12/31/2019) – The source for this data is from the Federal Railroad Administration.

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Nebraska Crossing Collisions							
Collisions	24	46	24	35	27	37	41
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Fatalities	6	7	4	3	1	4	2
Nebraska Trespasser Incidents							
Injuries	9	4	0	4	1	3	2
Fatalities	5	0	2	4	0	1	1

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- Presentation statistics show that Region 6 has Nebraska in 2nd place for the most presentations and 3rd place for the most audience counts compared to the other states in the Region.
- Statistics are from January 1st through November 12, 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, Taylor Kelley, David Huntley, Dan Chapp, and Billy Anderson. Not present were Christine Saxon and Rich Kotan. Carol wants everyone that can attend the Highway Rail Safety Conference in Blue Springs (KCY) on March 18 and 19. Carol shared her 2020 budget compared to the 2019 as well as actual expenditures for 2019. She moved \$1000 from Website, Media and PSA category along with \$1000 cut from the meeting category and put this \$2000 in the educational, material, and state fair category.

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 12/31/2019 was \$7,897.30 in checking.

Carol's Update:

Dave reported that this is a real time blocked crossing report, but the FRA does not regulate stopped trains. This website is being used to gather data.

Afternoon at the Ballpark

Carol updated that Nebraska Operation Lifesaver would be partnering with Omaha Storm Chasers on April 18th at the 2:05PM game. She invited anyone who wanted to help Nebraska Operation Lifesaver with their safety booth prior to the game and she would buy them tickets for the game. Nebraska Operation Lifesaver would be throwing in the first pitch, doing a big screen interview, and a radio interview to promote our railroad safety messages.

Update from Nebraska Safety Center

Kaitlyn brought her replacement to the meeting to get to know our group. Kaitlyn has been promoted and we will be working with Mitchell in the future. She also stated that Nebraska Safety Center was looking at qualifying all their driver education instructors on including railroad safety curriculum in their classes which would include 10 safety education programs. One person from Nebraska Safety Center would enter the data into the database to capture the number of presentations and the audience counts.

Presentation Opportunities:

Dan Chapp is looking for presenters for the Annual Lincoln Train Show February 15 and 16th with two shifts on Saturday and Sunday. Deb updated that she would be presenting to the school bus drivers in Grand Island on January 20th, she would also be conducting a presentation to the Driver's Education seminar in Kearney that was a conference for all driver education presenters on March 5th. Tom Hillyard will need help at the Equestrian Horse Show in Omaha April 9th through 11th.

4rd Quarter Motivational OLAV Drawing

Abe drew out the 4th quarter OLAV winner Don Cunningham. Abe also updated us that 70% of fatalities happen at night for Nebraska statistics.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Ashworth

Next NE OL State Meeting: January 9, 2020

Note for March meeting:

Roger Figard stated that he would be attending a meeting in January for National Communication on Controlled Devices sponsored by Rick Campbell. Nebraska Operation Lifesaver will get an update of the meeting from Roger later.



**Nebraska Operation Lifesaver
State Committee Meeting
January 9th 2020**

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

**Nebraska Statistics – Jan Voss
Nebraska OL Presentation Statistics – Deb
Presentations for 2019 must be in by January 12, 2020**

Board and Officer Reports

Financials for 2019 – Carol
NAC Expenses, 3rd party Financials
By-Laws for Board / Directors Updated – Rich/Carol
Media – New Website - Megan

Old Business

Update - Sam Senser – Video on “Nicely Done”
Posner Foundation - \$500.00 & Educate media on reporting suicide- Carol
GCCl – On track to retire in June, 2020 & launch RISC in January 2020

New Business

FRA Blocked Grade Xing Issues & Websites – Dave Huntley
Update GCCl Course – Carol
“Afternoon with the Omaha Storm Chaser” April 18, 2020 - 2:05
Update from NE Safety Center – Kaitlyn

Presentation Opportunities – Hilda

Lincoln Train Show - February 15 & 16, 2020
Drivers Education – Kearney, NE - March 5, 2020
Equestrian Horse Show – Omaha, NE April 9th – 11, 2020
School Bus Drivers – Grand Island, NE June 20th, 2020

Roll a Dice - Deb

Open Discussion – Future projects, all input would be appreciated

Adjournment: Next meeting: March 12, 2020



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

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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 **4,987** crossings. There are **2,963** Public and **2,024** Private crossings.
 2,963 Public Crossings: 704 have gates and 172 have activated warnings and 2,087 are Passive.

Note: Statistics updated 03/12/2019

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NDSEA 2019 Conference
Friday - October 25, 2019

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AGENDA

- 8:15 am Officers Meeting
9:00 am Business Meeting
9:30 am DMV (Kaylie Lantz)
10:00 am Nebraska State Patrol
10:30 am AAA (Rose White)
11:00 am Operation Lifesaver (Deb Ashworth)
12:30 pm Lunch Provided by NDSEA

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Nebraska Driver Education & Safety Educations:

Our NDSEA Conference is scheduled for Friday, October 25, 2019 at the Nebraska Safety Center Driving Range, Kearney. We hope you are able to take advantage of this opportunity to share with fellow instructors as well as our other speakers.

Rose White, AAA, will have several items including new How to Drive Instructor Guide and samples of the new student manual. The updated version of How to Drive will include information on the latest technologies (automatic braking, collision avoidance, lane departure, etc), the effects of marijuana on driving, and more.

NDSEA Executive Board

2019 NDSEA Conference

Nebraska Driver and Safety Education Association

October 25, 2019 - Nebraska Safety Center Driving Range

1801 N Railroad Street Kearney, NE

Nebraska Safety Center
West Center 227E, UNK
Kearney, NE 68849-4550

This conference is designed for teachers, administrators and safety professionals with interest in "education" programs for safety education.

REGISTRATION

The Nebraska Driver and Safety Education Association Conference will be held at the **Nebraska Safety Center Driving Range**. Registration fee will be \$25.00.

Name _____

Home Address _____

City & Zip _____

Phone _____

School Name _____

E-mail Address _____

Make check or money order to: NDSEA

Return this form & fee to:

DEANN KEITH, NDSEA Executive Secretary
Nebraska Safety Center
West Center, UNK
1917 W. 24th Street
Kearney, NE 68849

NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for Vice-President

Nomination for Treasurer

Nomination for Secretary

The Executive Committee would like to continue to recognize members for their years of service or instructors who have or plan to retire this year. This recognition gives us an opportunity to show appreciation for their time and expertise. We would like to recognize those in the following categories:

Retiree (total years of service)

Current Instructors (years of service – 5, 10, 15, etc)

Please complete the form below and include in your NDSEA registration. This info or questions may also be sent by October 20, 2019 to ann.madsen@mindenwhippets.org

Full Name _____

Total Years of Service _____

____ Years of Service Recognition Please check one ____ Retiree Recognition

Affiliated Organizations _____

Address City & Zip _____

Phone/Cell _____

Email _____

Comments _____

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Dear Association Members:

NDSEA meeting take two. Hopefully the weather will cooperate with us this time. No more snow storms or floods. The next meeting is planned for October 25, 2019 in Kearney. We have the opportunity to hear from a DMV Compliance Officer about any updates and feedback about the drive test forms. A representative from Operation Lifesaver will share about the opportunity to be trained to use their materials for free. The State Patrol will also be available for any questions. I am looking forward to meeting everyone during the meeting.

Best Regards
Deane Nielson
NDSEA President

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**2019/2020 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>
9-8-19	1	Johnson	(City St) In Sterling, 611 th Ave 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	1
2020	0

Train Injuries

2009	18
2010	4
2011	13
2012	13
2013	18
2014	8
2015	6
2016	13
2017	7
2018	19
2019 (Jan-Oct)	15

Train Crashes

2009	38
2010	20
2011	19
2012	23
2013	25
2014	28
2015	16
2016	25
2017	22
2018	37
2019 (Jan-Oct)	18

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**NON-MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC FATALITIES
2019/2020***

DATE	FATALITIES	COUNTY	LOCATION RAILROAD COMPANY CRASH TYPE
2-25-19	1	Scotts Bluff	(City St) In Scottsbluff, Broadway Burlington Northern Santa Fe Train – Pedestrian
4-14-19	1	Buffalo	(Private Property) In Kearney East of Central Ave Union Pacific Railroad Train – Motor Vehicle
7-27-19	1	Buffalo	(Private Drive) 1 East of Sweetwater Burlington Northern Santa Fe
8-27-19	2	Red Willow	(Private Drive) (Co Rd) 4 East of McCook Burlington Northern Santa Fe
10-25-19	1	Hall	(City St) In Grand Island, Walnut St. Union Pacific Railroad Train - Pedestrian

*No Non-Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities report as of January 9, 2020

Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison

Daily Count Thru 8:00 A.M. Thursday January 09, 2020

COMPARISON TO DATE	THUS FAR		URBAN		RURAL BY ROADWAY			URBAN BY ROADWAY			BY SELECTED CRASH TYPES				
	BY MONTH	BY YEAR	URBAN	RURAL	INST.	OTHER HWYS.	CO. ROADS	INST.	OTHER HWYS.	LOCAL ROADS	MOTOR- CYCLE	ATV	TRAIN	PEDES- TRIAN	BIKE
2015	4	4	1	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2016	3	3	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2017	8	8	2	6	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
2018	5	5	2	3	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
2019	4	4	1	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2015 - 2019 Average	4.6	4.8	1.4	3.4	0	2.8	0.6	0.2	0.2	1	0	0	0	0.6	0
2020	3	3	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Change 2019 - 2020	-25%	-25%	-100%	0%	100%	0%	-100%	0%	0%	-100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2020 Compared to 2015 - 2019	-35%	-38%	-100%	-12%	100%	-29%	-100%	0%	-100%	-100%	0%	0%	0%	-100%	0%

Prepared By: Highway Safety - Accident Records Section, Traffic Engineering Division
Nebraska Department of Transportation