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**<<INSERT NAME OF AGENCY>> joins North American railroad safety effort aimed at reducing preventable deaths and injuries near tracks and trains**

<< CiTY, STATE>> (September 21, 2021) – <<INSERT NAME OF YOUR AGENCY>> is proud to be joining forces with law enforcement agencies in the U.S. for “Operation Clear Track” — the single largest rail safety initiative in the U.S. The goal of Operation Clear Track and Rail Safety Week is to raise awareness of the importance of making safe choices near railroad tracks and trains.

Coordinated by [Amtrak Police](https://police.amtrak.com/) and [Operation Lifesaver Inc (OLI)](http://www.oli.org), Operation Clear Track aims to reduce the approximately 2,000 serious injuries and deaths each year in the U.S. around railroad tracks and trains. The event is held during the annual observance of [Rail Safety Week](https://oli.org/about-us/public-awareness-campaigns/rail-safety-week), which this year is **September 20-26** in North America.

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“Operation Clear Track is an important annual initiative to help save lives and keep our communities safe,” said Amtrak Chief of Police D. Samuel Dotson.

In the U.S., every 3 hours a vehicle or person is struck by a train,” said Operation Lifesaver, Inc. Executive Director Rachel Maleh. “Together we can help stop track tragedies.”

During “Operation Clear Track,” law enforcement representatives report to high-incident railroad grade crossings in <<CITY OR COUNTY>>. Once onsite, law enforcement officials share safety tips and enforce crossing and trespassing laws as well as write citations and warnings to violators.

For more information about Rail Safety Week, Operation Clear Track, and other rail-safety initiatives and tips, please visit [www.oli.org](http://www.oli.org).

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**About Operation Lifesaver**

Operation Lifesaver is a non-profit public safety education and awareness organization dedicated to reducing collisions, fatalities and injuries at highway-rail crossings and preventing trespassing on or near railroad tracks. A national network of trained volunteers gives free presentations on rail safety and a public awareness campaign, “[See Tracks? Think Train!](http://www.seetracksthinktrain.org)” provides tips and statistics to encourage safe behavior near the tracks. OLI leads an international observance of Rail Safety Week each September. Learn more about [Rail Safety Week](https://oli.org/about-us/public-awareness-campaigns/rail-safety-week); follow OLI on [**Facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/operation.lifesaver/), [**Instagram**](https://www.instagram.com/operation_lifesaver_inc/), [**LinkedIn**](https://www.linkedin.com/company/operation-lifesaver-inc/), [**Twitter**](https://twitter.com/olinational) and [**Pinterest**](https://www.pinterest.com/olinational/).