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Operation Lifesaver-Railroad Enforcement Detail

The San Diego Police Department Traffic Unit along with members of the California Highway Patrol, Carrizo Gorge Railway Police, BNSF Railway Police, Harbor Police, and members of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System will be conducting an enforcement detail at railroad signal grade crossing in San Diego.

According to the Federal Railroad Administration Office of Safety Analysis website these are the following statistics for railroad train collisions in the past ten years:

State of California: Railroad Collisions 2000-2010:	San Diego Region: Railroad Collisions 2000-2010:
Fatals: 1,141	Fatals: 75
Non-Fatals: 5698	Non-Fatals: 169
Collisions/Incidents: 11,012	Collisions/Incidents: 311

On Friday December 9, Officers will be conducting this enforcement at 100 5th Avenue and 100 1st Avenue from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. targeting rush hour motorist and pedestrian traffic.

Operation Lifesaver is a nationwide railroad safety program:

“Operation Lifesaver, Inc., a national, non-profit educational organization, seeks to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities at America’s highway rail grade crossings and on the railroad rights-of-way.”

“California Operation Lifesaver Train Awareness Program is a comprehensive train safety program that consists of the 3 E’s: Education, Engineering and Enforcement for California’s Railroad At-Grade crossings and Trespassing along the many miles of California’s Railroad Rights-of-Way.”

The purpose of this joint project with Operation Lifesaver, San Diego Police Department, Carrizo Gorge Railway Police Department, California Highway Patrol, San Diego Harbor Police Department, and the San Diego Trolley Transit Systems Security is to educate and provide enforcement at the railway crossing locations in an effort to reduce future train collisions that result in injuries and fatalities.

Operation Lifesaver Southern California Coordinator Becky Michalkiewicz and San Diego Area Coordinator Richard Schleicher will set up promotional booths at both transit station enforcement sites to promote railway safety.

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