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“Operation Lifesaver” Railroad Enforcement Detail

On Friday, October 19, 2012, the San Diego Police Department Traffic Unit, in cooperation with members of the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad Police, Carrizo Gorge Railroad Police, Amtrak Railroad Police, San Diego County Sheriff’s Department Railroad Enforcement Unit, and San Diego State University Police will be conducting an enforcement detail at two railroad signal grade crossings in Old Town San Diego.

Officers will be conducting enforcement at 4000 Taylor Street and 2100 West Washington Street between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., targeting rush hour motorist and pedestrian traffic.

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 2001-2011:	San Diego Region: Railroad Collisions 2001-2011:
Fatals: 1,083	Fatals: 65
Non-Fatals: 6,226	Non-Fatals: 161
Collisions/Incidents: 8,667	Collisions/Incidents: 234

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’s 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, the San Diego Police Department, BNSF Railroad Police, Carrizo Gorge Railroad Police, Amtrak Railroad Police, San Diego County Sheriff Department, and San Diego State University is to educate and provide enforcement at these railway crossing locations in an effort to reduce future train collisions that result in injuries and fatalities.

Operation Lifesaver Southern California representatives will pass out train safety flyers at both intersections to promote railway safety.

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