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“Operation Lifesaver” Railroad Enforcement Detail

San Diego, CA – On Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015, the San Diego Police Department Traffic Unit, in cooperation with members of the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad Police, Amtrak Railroad Police and the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department Railroad Enforcement Unit will be conducting an enforcement detail at a railroad signal grade crossing in San Diego.

Officers will be conducting enforcement at 1300 South 28th Street between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., targeting motorist and pedestrian traffic at this railroad tracks.

According to the Federal Railroad Administration Office of Safety Analysis website, these are the following statistics for railroad train collisions in 2014:

State of California: Railroad Collisions 2014:	San Diego Region: Railroad Collisions 2014:
Fatals: 135	Fatals: 12
Non-Fatals: 537	Non-Fatals: 28
Collisions/Incidents: 788	Collisions/Incidents: 43

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, the San Diego Police Department, BNSF Railroad Police, Amtrak Railroad Police and San Diego County Sheriff Department is to educate and provide enforcement at this railway crossing location 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 to promote railway safety.

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