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Idaho Operation Lifesaver 2010 Annual Report

Crossing Incidents

Idaho experienced an increase in the number of crossing collisions during 2010 compared to 2009. There were 16 collisions resulting in 4 people injured and 1 fatality. One pedestrian/trespasser was injured climbing on a train.

Although we experienced an increase in incidents compared to last year, our joint efforts the last 20 years have greatly reduced the annual number of collisions, injuries and fatalities. Keep up the good work.

Enforcement

Enforcement is an extremely important tool in the prevention of collisions and is instrumental in the reduction of incidents we have experienced. Eight "Officer On A Train" enforcement runs were conducted during 2010, with participation from city, county and state law enforcement agencies.

Each of these enforcement runs included media participation.

Another enforcement approach is the "Adopt A Crossing" program where officers are selecting highway rail intersections in their areas and enforcing the laws pertaining to these crossings, the ultimate goal being to eliminate needless injuries and fatalities to the driving public

Presentations and Safety Booths Activities

Idaho Operation Lifesaver presenters have reported giving presentations to 17,409 people at 704 presentations, including 239 presentations to 4548 high school and driver education students. Another 48,425 people were contacted at fair and mall safety booths, regarding the potential dangers that exist at highway/ rail grade crossings and around trains in general.

Idaho Operation Lifesaver participated in 7 community events and parades that featured the street safety train. An estimated 57,500 people were exposed to the Operation Lifesaver message via this tool. The parade train, while a great hit with the crowds at parades and riders during special events, receives extensive media play and spreads our message via the stereo sound system.

Christmas Parade in Pocatello



As in years past, at the state fairs, a train set was given away nightly on the evening news. During the train giveaway, selected portions of the OL presentation were broadcast live. This enabled us to reach thousands more with our safety message.

The combined total of people contacted by presenters and volunteers at presentations, booths and special events in Idaho during 2010 were 123,424 people.

Safety Poster Campaign

The safety poster campaign is an ongoing project. Both driver and pedestrian posters continue to be distributed statewide. In some locations, banners are being erected at businesses where drivers can see them. These include grain elevators and beet dumps.

Reporting of Presentations

This year, 2010, was the first year Idaho presenters reported activities through the national database. Although there were a few issues, overall the system will work. One big improvement to the database will be the ability to generate easy reports. Hopefully, this change will be made this year eliminating the need for dual data inputting.

Media Coverage

In addition to the nightly television coverage received at the fairs, news organizations continue reporting stories concerning safety around highway-railroad intersections and railroad property. These stories have been positive and helpful in spreading the Operation Lifesaver message. Media coverage during "Officer On A Train" enforcement runs is extensive.

A PSA campaign was conducted from January to March of 2010 in Idaho. The cable systems and individual television stations continued running the PSA's during the year on their own. Another FRA grant for \$13,900 from Operation Lifesaver Inc. was received to fund a PSA campaign which started in December and will run through March 2011.

Volunteer Recruitment

Three presenter-training classes were held during the year resulting in 14 new active presenters. The new presenters come from law enforcement agencies, railroads, state agencies and concerned citizens. We welcome these folks to the organization and hope to continue working with them and all of our other presenters and volunteers in the interest of safety in our communities and state.

Lloyd Overlin

Last year, Lloyd Overlin, our area coordinator in Twin Falls lost his wife of many years. As a result, he has chosen to move to Grace, Idaho to be near his Son's family. On behalf of all of us, I wish to thank Lloyd for his many years of dedication and participation with this organization.

Goals for 2010

Idaho Operation Lifesaver's goals for 2010 were to:

1. Conduct a statewide media campaign.
2. Conduct 8 Officer on a train runs statewide.
3. Broaden the Adopt a Crossing program statewide.
4. Continue increasing the presenter pool statewide.
5. Inspect all Highway-rail intersections in Idaho for proper signage.
6. Continue to increase presentations to driving age people by having each presenter identify 4 new groups to give presentations too.
7. Involve the parade train in as many events as possible.
8. Staff the 2 state fairs, county fairs, and mall booths, assist with the Spokane Interstate Fair.
9. Work on reducing the number of crossing incidents that occur in Idaho.
10. Continue to identify organizations and locations where safety posters can be displayed.
11. Making the Ida-Shield a required marker at all passive public crossings in Idaho.

During 2010, we were able to meet most of our goals with the exception of the following.

We inspected many of the crossings in the state and were able to make positive changes where needed. Hopefully, this year we will be able to inspect the remaining crossings.

The last goal we were unable to achieve is the reduction in crossing collisions, although it wasn't for lack of trying.

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4. Continue increasing the presenter pool statewide.
5. Inspect as many Highway-rail intersections in Idaho as possible for proper signage.
6. Continue to increase presentations to driving age people by having each presenter identify 4 new groups to give presentations too.
7. Involve the parade train in as many events as possible.
8. Staff the 2 state fairs, county fairs, and mall booths, assist with the Spokane Interstate Fair.
9. Continue to identify organizations and locations where safety posters can be displayed.
10. Our ultimate goal is eliminating the number of crossing incidents that occur in Idaho, thus eliminating needless injuries and fatalities.

Message from the State Coordinator

Many times, the person with the fancy title receives the praise instead of the folks that actually accomplish the results. As the state coordinator, I've been told about the great job I do. I'm always pointing out that it's not me that does the great job, it is the great people we have in this organization. You folks are the ones that make this organization and help achieve the results we do. I'm honored to be able to work with all of you and hope to continue working with you in the interest of safety in our communities and state.

<p>Idaho Operation Lifesaver State meeting dates for 2011 are February 24, June 2, November 2 & 3 The meetings will be held in Boise at the Red Lion Downtowner, 1800 Fairview Avenue. All presenters and interested individuals are invited to attend. Please RSVP Chris Arvas at 208-236-5626 or by email at CJARVAS@UP.COM</p>

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Idaho Highway Rail Crossing Collisions and Trespasser Fatalities					
Year	Incidents	Fatalities	Injuries	PDO	Trespasser Fatalities
1991	66	7	38	21	

1992	45	7	18	20	
1993	54	6	23	25	
1994	48	9	23	16	
1995	35	7	18	10	
1991 to 1995 totals	248	36	120	92	
5 yr. annual avg.	49.6	7.2	24	18.4	
Year	Incidents	Fatalities	Injuries	PDO	
1996	50	6	17	27	
1997	34	6	8	20	
1998	26	4	14	8	
1999	20	1	6	13	
2000	33	10	2	21	
1996 to 2000 totals	163	27	47	89	
5 yr. annual avg.	32.6	5.4	9.4	17.8	
Year	Incidents	Fatalities	Injuries	PDO	
2001	18	1	8	9	
2002	18	1	6	11	2
2003	17	3	6	8	4
2004	18	3	13	2	3
2005	21	0	6	15	2
01 to 05 totals	92	8	39	45	11
5 yr. annual avg.	18.4	1.6	7.8	9	2.2
1991 to 2005 totals	503	71	206	226	
Annual Avg. 1991-2005	33.5	4.7	13.7	15.1	
Year	Incidents	Fatalities	Injuries	PDO	
2006	20	3	3	13	2
2007	19	2	7	10	2
2008	18	2	6	13	0
2009	10	0	4	6	3
2010	16	1	4	11	0
06 to 10 totals	83	8	24	53	7
5 yr. annual avg.	16.6	1.6	4.8	10.6	1.4
1991 to 2010 totals	586	79	230	279	
Annual Avg. 1991-2010	29.3	4	11.5	14	