

INDIVIDUAL CHIEF/SHERIFF LETTER

Dear Neighbors,

Did you know that every three hours in the United States, a person or vehicle is hit by a train? Our department/agency supports an annual effort to keep our communities and citizens safe around railroad tracks and trains.

September 21-27 is Rail Safety Week in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. To mark the event, we support "Operation Clear Track," the largest single railroad safety program in the country, hosted by Amtrak (www.amtrak.com) and Operation Lifesaver Inc. (www.oli.org).

Due to COVID-19 we will not be holding in-person rail safety activities. Instead, we invite you to join our virtual "Operation Clear Track" effort to share this critical safety message. We are sharing safety videos, social media posts, and other materials reminding our citizens about the dangers of trespassing on railroad property and failing to obey the laws at railroad crossings. Please share them online with your friends and family.

Without question, the pandemic has seriously impacted our personal and professional lives. However, railroad-related deaths and injuries continue to occur in our communities. We appreciate your help in spreading the word, to prevent these incidents from ever impacting our friends and loved ones. More information on Rail Safety Week is available at oli.org/rsw.

Thank you for caring, and please stay safe everyone.

Chief/Sheriff/Director _____