



ALWAYS EXPECT A TRAIN



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Oklahoma Operation Lifesaver (OKOL) is a nonprofit public safety education program committed to preventing and reducing collisions, deaths, and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and on railroad rights-of-way.

New Presenters Trained

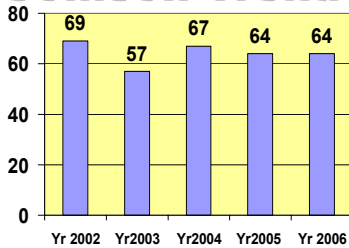
During 2006, Oklahoma Operation Lifesaver (OKOL) trained 14 presenters at four different locations in Oklahoma. Among the presenters trained were school bus drivers, directors of transportation, high school principals, professional public speakers, driver examiners, railroad engineers and Votech instructors. OKOL also trained twelve other presenters from Illinois, Kansas, Texas, and Arkansas during a two day class.

ents with tools, techniques, and tips on giving public presentations, They used power point presentations, speaking effectively videos, and information provided by Operation Lifesaver to teach students from varied walks of life how to educate children, teenagers, firefighters, police officers, truck drivers, pedestrians and the motor-ing public about safety near railroad tracks.

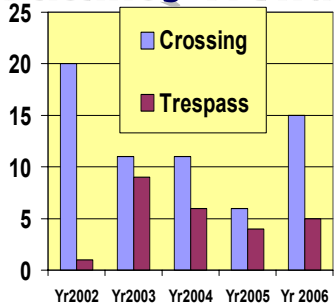
2006 AT A GLANCE

- 1020 presentations to 23,665 people.
- 16,500 people contacted
- Presentations given in 118 cities
- 46 presentations to 897 bus drivers
- 108 presentations to 1,248 truck drivers
- 282 drivers ed presentations to 7,119 students
- 217 presentations to 6,308 children
- 980 PSAs aired
- 88 police officers trained
- 14 Presenters Trained

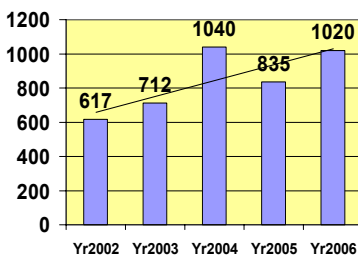
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Fatality Trend



Presentation Trend



Presenter Trainers Drake Rice, John Simpson, and Larry Dodd provided stu-



Presenters Tell Safety Story at Thomas Event

Working out of a tent on the Grounds of the Oklahoma Railway Museum, five Oklahoma Operation Lifesaver (OKOL) presenters gave 177 presentations to 963 adults and 986 children over six days at the Thomas the Tank Engine Event. Jessica Stanco and Hank Stanco from Broken Arrow, OK, with some help from their daughter, Alyx, were among the presenters. Eddie Kroutter, from Broken Arrow, along with the husband

and wife team of Allyn and Susan Mills also gave Presentations.

OKOL presenters emphasized the importance of safety for both motorists and pedestrians when they are near railroad tracks. They told their audiences that vehicles are going faster than you think and to always expect a train at railroad crossings. According to traffic laws, vehicles are required to yield to oncoming trains.



Presenter Hank Stanco tells adults and children about vehicle and pedestrian safety near railroad tracks at the Thomas the Train event.

It takes a mile or more for an average freight train going 55 mph to stop

Presenters Promote Safety at Safe Kids Fair

Oklahoma Operation Lifesaver (OKOL) Presenters traveled to Stillwell Oklahoma September to talk to school age children, teachers and adults about safety near railroad tracks. School children from ten cities in Adair County were bused to the Adair County Park near Stillwell to attend a safe kids event.

Presenters gave a ten minute Operation Lifesaver (OL) safety presentation followed by a ten minute Sly Fox and

birdie cartoon video that communicated OL safety message in a way that captured the interest and imagination of the children.

Throughout this day long event, 18 Presentations were given to 63 adults and 563 children. Children were given Operation Lifesaver train hats, coloring books, or zipper pulls depending on their age, while adults were given OL key rings reminding them to be safe around railroad tracks.



Presenters, Allyn and Susan Mills, give OL safety Presentation to children at the Adair County Safe Kids Fair.



Seen below is the Oklahoma Operation Lifesaver model train layout used to educate children and adults on how to be safe near railroad tracks.



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**Trains Arrive SOONER
Than You THINK**

USE YOUR BRAIN-DON'T RACE A TRAIN

OKOL Talks Safety at Police Kids Night Out

Three Oklahoma Operation Lifesaver Presenters participated in a Safe Kids Fun Night sponsored by the Broken Arrow Police Department. Eddice Kroutter, Hank Stanco, and Jessica Stanco all from Broken Arrow worked at a booth where they talked to children about safety around railroad tracks. An estimated 5,000 kids attended this event.

Using the model display shown on they right taught onlookers about warning signs and signals at railroad crossings and safe behavior to avoid being hit by a train.

Presenters gave coloring books describing safe behavior and other educational materials to children who listened to the safety Presentation.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 15-Board Meeting
- 28 -Presenter Class Altus

APRIL

- 17-Skyview Fair, Yukon
- 22- State Coord Summit

MAY

- 5-Moore Safety Fair

AUGUST

- 23-Super Regional

OL Participates in National Conference

Oklahoma Operation Lifesaver (OKOL) helped represent the national Operation Lifesaver Organization at the national Governors Highway Representative Conference held in Oklahoma City this past September. Governor's Highway Representatives from each state convened to talk about highway safety.

Operation Lifesaver sponsored a booth where safety tips to reduce collisions at highway rail-grade crossings were distributed. Safety videos were shown as well.

Vivian Speight Bridges, OL North Carolina State Coordinator, assisted Allyn Mills, OKOL Executive Director, in providing safety information about railway crossing safety.

At right, OKOL Executive Allyn Mills presents railway crossing crossbucks pin to Miss America, 2006, Jennifer Barry, during a break at the Governors Highway Representative Luncheon.



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