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Rail Safety Week | September 23-29

Alabama Operation Lifesaver and the Alabama Department of Transportation are teaming up to raise railroad safety awareness across Alabama during Rail Safety Week. Police departments, ALEA, local volunteers and rail road employees are “on board” to educate communities about the dangers of not respecting trains and active railroad tracks.

Monday: No Photographs Please

Professional photographers around Alabama will be targeted to receive on the dangers of taking pictures on or near railroad tracks, and informing them of private property trespassing laws. Outreach will be through one-on-one conversations, electronic and paper mailings, and social media.

Tuesday: Operation Clear Track

Police Departments all over the country are focusing on crossing safety and train awareness in their jurisdictions on Tuesday. Brochures and information sheets will be given to the drivers. The police volunteers will report on the number of stops, warnings and tickets at the end of the week. Multiple police departments along with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency are participating.

Wednesday: Trespassing Dangers for Students

Volunteers will target Tuscaloosa to distribute door hangers with safety information at off-campus housing complexes and homes. The City of Calera is staging a mock trespassing incident to raise awareness and educate the public on prevention steps.

Thursday: Transit Safety

Safety blitzes are scheduled for the three Amtrak stations in Alabama: Tuscaloosa, Birmingham and Anniston. Volunteers will provide safety education materials to all Amtrak passengers and those who may be dropping off or picking up passengers.

Friday: Crossing Caution

Volunteers in multiple towns will work areas close to crossings by providing safety information and pointing out dangers to drivers about not following safety signals installed at train tracks. The largest event will be at Vincent High School's Homecoming festivities. Student ambassadors will distribute AL OL materials during the homecoming parade and pre-game tailgating time. Others will greet game attendees as they arrive at the football stadium.

Week Long: See Track, Think Train

In addition to the above targeted activities, outreach efforts through television, radio and telephone interviews are scheduled in different communities across the state. Messaging through social media will be a key tool in the campaign.