

# Operation Lifesaver's

"See Tracks? Think Train" Campaign

# What is Operation Lifesaver?



Operation Lifesaver is a national nonprofit organization that provides public education programs to prevent collisions, injuries and fatalities on and around railroad tracks and highway-rail grade crossings

- Mission: Prevent injuries and fatalities at highway-rail crossings and along railroad rights-of-way
- Reach: Over 2.1 million people per year reached through face-to-face presentations and special events
- Education: Authorized volunteers make presentations to school groups, drivers ed, professional drivers, law enforcement and other community groups; e-Learning and other online educational tools
- Public Awareness: Strong online presence through website and social media networks, public awareness materials include TV and radio PSAs, billboards, posters and branded merchandise

# Where is the Highest Rail Safety Risk?



Ninety-six percent of all rail-related deaths are due to people trying to beat a train at a crossing or walking on train tracks. Most of these deaths are

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## 2013 Rail Crossing & Trespassing Safety Data

Crossing Collisions UP 5% Crossing
Deaths and
Injuries
UP 1.5%

Trespassing
Deaths and
Injuries
UP 7.7%

**Crossing Collisions** 

The number of railroad crossing collisions rose from 1,971 in 2012 to 2,067 in 2013.

**Crossing Fatalities** and Injuries

The number of railroad crossing fatalities and injuries rose from 1,175 in 2012 to 1,193 in 2013.

Trespassing Fatalities and Injuries

The number of trespasser fatalities and injuries on railroad property rose from 843 in 2012 to 908 in 2013.



# A National Public Awareness Campaign







- Goal: Heighten public awareness of the need for caution near train tracks for pedestrians, drivers, passenger rail/transit users
- A key target audience: males ages 18-35
- Core message: "It's No Contest"
- Materials in English and Spanish

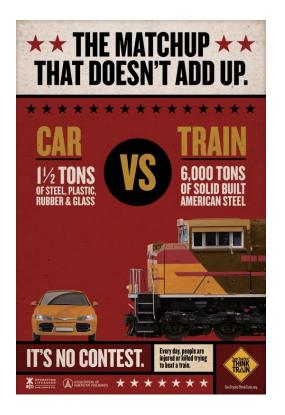


# ST3 30-Second TV PSA





#### **Print Materials**













### **Billboards**





## www.SeeTracksThinkTrain.org





Download our campaign materials so you can help spread the rail safety message in your community.

The tool kit includes fact sheets, FAQs and infographics that you







# **Campaign Spokespersons**

## Mark Kalina, Jr.



**Trespass Incident Survivor** 

#### **Russ Fletcher**



**Locomotive Engineer** 





#### Results to date:

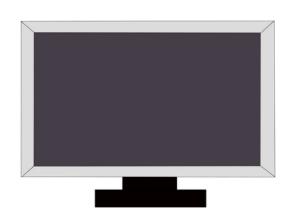
- More than 450 TV, radio and print news stories mentioning ST3 campaign, reaching 3.5 million
- TV and Radio PSA placements in 260 stations, focusing on the "Top 15" States with highest trespass fatalities

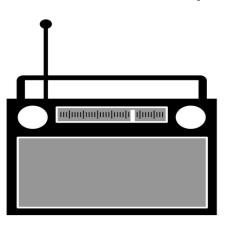


# We're Off to a Strong Start: ST3 PSA Placement Results

Through the end of June, the "See Tracks? Think Train!" PSA's have reached a total potential audience of 92 million

- Television PSA (English) 33 Stations, 573 broadcasts, 3.7 million impressions
- Television PSA (Spanish) 24 Stations, 1,547 broadcasts, 2.8 million impressions
- Radio PSA (English) 125 Stations, 20,951 broadcasts, 51.4 million impressions
- Radio PSA (Spanish) 48 Stations, 15,918 broadcasts, 35.7 million impressions





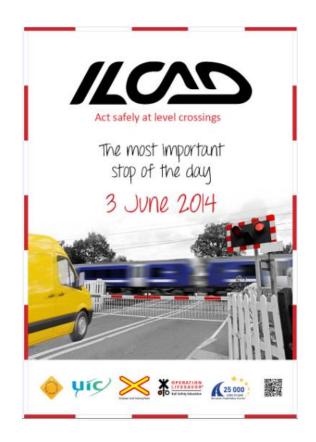


#### **National Events**





# International Level Crossing Awareness Day (June 3)



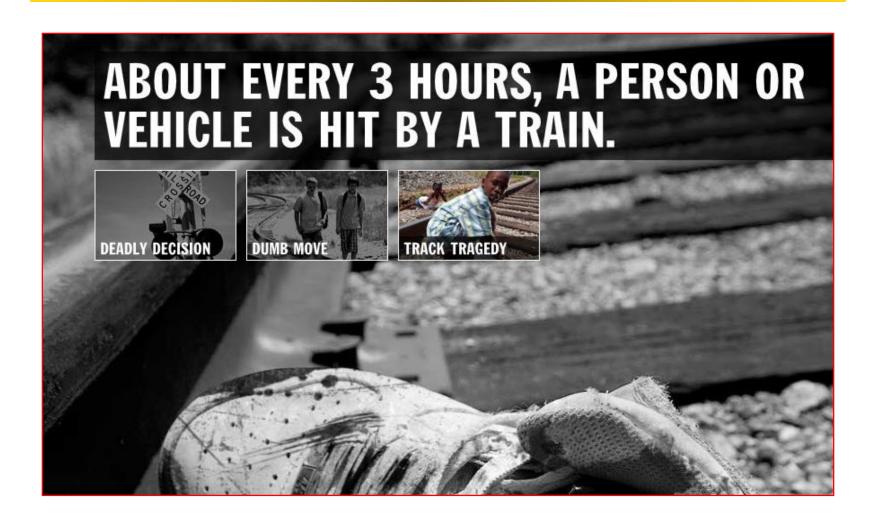


#### Regional Rollout: State OL Program Activities





# **A Startling Statistic**





# How can you help?



- Download and use campaign materials – on websites, in social media
- Participate in public events
  - Link to the
    SeeTracksThinkTrain.org
    website from your
    homepage



# **Thank You!**

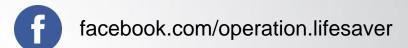
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