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Niles Police Department Joins North American Rail Safety Operation Aimed at Reducing Preventable Deaths and Injuries on Rail Lines

Niles, IL – The Niles Police Department is proud to be joining forces with law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and Canada this month for “Operation Clear Track” — the single largest rail-safety law-enforcement initiative in North America. Coordinated by Amtrak, Operation Lifesaver Inc., and Operation Lifesaver Canada, “Operation Clear Track” aims to reduce the number of railway crossing and trespassing incidents in the U.S. and Canada — incidents which seriously injure or kill more than 2,100 people each year. The event is held during the annual observance of Rail Safety Week, which is September 21-27.

“The goal of Operation Clear Track and Rail Safety Week is to raise awareness of the importance of safe behavior near tracks and trains. By doing so, we hope to prevent or at least decrease the opportunities of train related accidents in the process” said Niles Police Chief of Police Luis C. Tigera.

During the week of September 21-27, 2020, Niles Police Officers will be out near railway crossings in Niles passing out educational flyers to motorists. Information in these flyers help educate motorists as to the dangers of railway crossings and help educate them on how to properly yield to and cross such crossings safely.

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