

This Meeting for: KANSAS OPERATION LIFESAVER, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 starting at 10:00 a. m.

Venue: Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, 11009 S Hornet Road, Yoder, KS

Present: President, Matt Vogt (Valley Center Police Department & Volunteer); Treasurer/Secretary, Darlene Osterhaus (Coach & Volunteer); Executive Director, Julie La Combe (Coach & Volunteer); Lynn Aldrich, (Volunteer); Bill Fitzgerald (UP RR & Volunteer); Shawn Hennes (KDOT); Adrian Hertog (Volunteer); Jim McKeel (KPOA & Volunteer); Tom La Combe (UP RR & Volunteer); and Debra Romine (Volunteer).

1. The meeting was called to order by Vogt at 1:10 pm.
2. Vogt gave the safety briefing. Members signified their attendance with the sign-in sheet and self-introductions.
3. McKeel moved to accept the minutes from May 14, 2015 as presented. Aldrich seconded; the motion carried.
4. Osterhaus presented the treasurer's report with a balance of \$57,397.54.
5. New Business
 - A. The OLI Statistics Worksheet was provided citing data from the beginning of the year by the Federal Railroad Administration (www.fra.dot.gov). * Unofficial – January to May

Crossing Crashes	Crashes	Fatalities	Injuries
National 2014	2,286	269	851
Kansas 2014	40	6	8
National 2015*	851	100	441
Kansas 2015*	17	1	8

Trespass Incidents	Fatalities	Injuries
National 2014	495	415
Kansas 2014	6	7
National 2015*	223	163
Kansas 2015*	2	0

- B. Vogt reported that this year there were 815 activities and presentations with attendees of 36,524. Compared to the same time frame in 2014, presentations were down 26% respectively, and the audience sizes were up 56%.
 - I. On the www.OLI.org website use Chrome or Firefox as your Internet service and clean the cache or clear browsing data; it works better than Internet Explorer for reporting.
 - II. When reporting a special event like a booth: include the total number of people, the location's zip code and the county.
 - III. Never put a name in co-presenter field, each person does their own reporting of an event. Get reporting completed in 10 days or less.
 - IV. Each special event (e.g., booth) usually has three reports: preparation report (administration), travel report (put a location), and the event report (location's zip code and the county).

- C. Executive Director La Combe gave a Kansas Operation Lifesaver update for the last quarter events.
 - I. It is Incentive Awards time from June 2014 to July 2015.
 - II. Give La Combe ideas on how to incentivize volunteer hours.
 - D. The new attendee at the meeting was Shawn Hennes, Representing KDOT for Mitch Sothers.
 - E. The Third Quarter KS OL Sunflower Signal Newsletters were available at the meeting.
 - F. The Kansas Operation Lifesaver website www.ksoli.org has the meeting minutes, newsletters, statistics, events, and other updated information.
 - G. Facebook: we are so close to 800- we are at 798 likes. Read and share with family, friends, and co-workers and "Like, Comment, or Share" items from the KS OL Facebook page and Like the status when new items are posted - it's free marketing on Facebook to everyone. OLAVs are encouraged to "Share" at least one post a month, make it your personal goal.
 - I. Marketing Operation Lifesaver and/or Kansas Operation Lifesaver
 - i. Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and Twitter – Thanks and acknowledgement to the KHP's Tweeting Troopers for helping with marketing the Twitter posts.
 - II. If you need help embedding the "Can" PSA as a hyperlink in PowerPoint contact La Combe for assistance.
 - III. AAA has updated their Defensive Driving video and included a rail crossing safety component.
 - IV. Rangerfinder <http://www.rangefinderonline.com/index.shtml> is for photographers and is a very popular site for photographers. Editor-in-chief Jacqueline Tobin has written an anti-trespass blog. <http://blog.wppionline.com/2015/01/why-you-should-never-ever-shoot-subjects-on-railroad-tracks/>
6. General Remarks and Discussions
- A. Osterhaus attended the 2015 Rights-of-Way Fatality & Trespass Prevision Workshop hosted by Federal Railroad Administration in Charlotte, NC on August 4, 5, and 6. She shared best practices from Ronnie Garcia with BNSF and the first ever Social Media Twitter Contest in Riverside, California. Jim Kventon with the Elmhurst Police Department shared "Don't Start Dashing, Until the Lights Stop Flashing!" campaign.
 - B. Looking for Volunteer of the Year nominations: send to La Combe by September 30.
 - C. For the KDOT Transportation Safety Conference (People Saving People Award) La Combe suggests Mike Foster with the Topeka Rescue Mission; contact La Combe for more information.
 - D. Events statewide:
 - i. Topeka Railroad Festival in Topeka at the Great Overland Station on August 15- 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - ii. The Color Run in Manhattan on September 12, starting at 9:00 a.m.
 - iii. Emergency Services Showcase at the Expo Centre in Topeka on September 12 from 1 to 4 p.m.
 - iv. Union Pacific Railroad Family Days in Kansas City, MO, on September 19.
 - E. The Driver Education classes are still using the Drive Right book, with the errant information about if your car stalls on the tracks, which cites get out and push your vehicle off the tracks. Make DE classes aware of the OL recommendations.
 - F. Materials were made available for distribution.

- E. Next Meeting is the Annual Fourth Quarter Committee Meeting, on November 12 from noon to 3:30 pm at the St Andrew's Parish Hall, 311 S Buckeye, Abilene, KS. Lunch will be provided by KS OL funds, an RSVP is required to attend.
8. McKeel moved to adjourn the meeting. Romine seconded; motion carried at 2:50 p. m.

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