

**TOWN OF LOOMIS****PROCLAMATION****SEPTEMBER 2012 AS RAIL SAFETY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Union Pacific Railroad, other freight train operations and Amtrack passenger operations run through our Town; and

**WHEREAS**, a train involved incident occurs every 180 minutes in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 10,000 highway-rail grade crossings located within 52 Counties and more than 400 cities in California and this state has the highest number of fatality related highway-rail grade crossing incidents in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, California Operation Lifesaver, the Federal Railroad Administration, California Department of Transportation, the California Public Utilities Commission, and freight and passenger railroads are working to improve railroad safety and to educate children and adults of the dangers of not obeying the signs and signals around railroad property; and

**WHEREAS**, railroad operators, motor vehicle operators, and pedestrians must work together to reduce the likelihood of railroad-vehicle and railroad –pedestrian incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, September is historically back-to-school month for most children and college age adults and because many of these people must cross railroad tracks to get to school, it is important to reinforce the rail safety message with children and their caretakers.

**NOW THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED** the Town Council of the Town of Loomis does hereby proclaim the month of September, 2012 as “Railroad Safety Month” and commend local, state, and federal government, industry, and citizen efforts to improve railroad safety and strongly urge all Californians to be cautious and safe around all railroad tracks and property.

**PROCLAIMED THIS** 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012

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Sandra Calvert, Mayor



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**Operation Lifesaver, Inc., a national, non-profit educational organization, seeks to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities at America's highway-rail grade crossings and on the railroad rights-of-way.**

**CRITICAL RAIL SAFETY FACTS**



It takes the average freight train more than a mile to stop.



The view from the tracks makes it very difficult to judge the speed of an oncoming train.



Most incidents happen with trains traveling slower than 30 mph.



The weight ratio between your car and a train is 4000 to 1. That's the same difference between a car and a can of soda.

**2011 RAIL TRESPASSING INCIDENTS - CALIFORNIA**



There were 103 trespassing incidents.



61 resulted in a fatality. Fatalities were up 5.1% from 2010.



42 resulted in trespasser injury—18.9% fewer than the 2010 total.

**STAY OFF, STAY AWAY,  
STAY ALIVE.**

**2011 GRADE CROSSING INCIDENTS - CALIFORNIA**



There were 114 highway crossing incidents—an 11% decrease from 2010.



27 fatalities were recorded at highway grade-crossings.



113 non-fatal injuries resulted from train-car collisions.

**LOOK. LISTEN. LIVE.**

**REQUEST A FREE PRESENTATION.**

- K-12
- School Bus / Transit Drivers
- First Responders
- Truckers
- Law Enforcement
- Traffic Schools
- Civic Groups
- Agency Fleets
- Driver's Education
- Delivery Companies



**YouTube**



# Here are five easy-to-remember rail safety tips that will keep you out of harm's way.

The only safe place to cross railroad tracks is at a public crossing—designated by this sign, the crossbuck.



Turn your cell phone and MP3 players off when you're near train tracks. And, **NEVER TEXT**. It has proven to be a deadly distraction.

Always expect a train... On any track, at any time, going any direction.



Anywhere other than a public crossing, stay off and away from the tracks.

Join California Operation Lifesaver as a volunteer presenter and help spread the message of rail safety in your community!

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