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(Look, Listen, Live)

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Operation Lifesaver is a non-profit, international, continuing public education program first established in 1972 to end collisions, deaths and injuries at places where roadways cross train tracks, and on railroad right-of-ways. The Louisiana program was created in 1981. Since its conception 80% of collisions and injuries have been reduced.

Operation Lifesaver trained and certified volunteer speakers provide Free Safety Presentations for people of all professions and age groups to help them make safe decisions around trains and tracks.

Operation Lifesaver has three elements to enhance its mission:

1. **EDUCATION:** Operation Lifesaver strives to increase public awareness about the dangers around the rails. The program seeks to educate both drivers and pedestrians to make safe decisions at crossings and around railroad tracks.
2. **ENGINEERING:** Operation Lifesaver encourages continued engineering research and innovation to improve the safety of railroad crossings.
3. **ENFORCEMENT:** Operation Lifesaver promotes active enforcement of Traffic Laws relating to crossing signs and signals as well as Private Property Laws related to Trespassing.

Many of our municipalities have railroad crossings going through their city limits. Have we done enough to ensure the safety of our citizens through education and enforcement?? If you would like to have an Operation Lifesaver Volunteer Certified presenter come to your community and give the Operation Lifesaver Program or if you would like to become a Volunteer Certified Presenter, please go to: www.laoperationlifesaver.org .

Remember the Operation Lifesaver Safety Slogan:

LOOK, LISTEN, and LIVE!! **LOOK** both ways and **LISTEN** for the sounds of a train. If a train is approaching, stop and yield.

If you **LOOK** and **LISTEN**, you will **LIVE!!**