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Director's Corner



During these unusual times Aaron and I would like to remind you to be safe. Please follow health and safety guidelines in your community as well as the places you are presenting.

KS OL and OLI both want to make sure you are aware that your health and safety is our number one concern. If you do not feel well or are not confident enough in the health of your community, please stay home.

In order to carry our message into the future we need you to be safe and be well. Take care of yourselves and stay safe out there!

Please feel free to contact me anytime at imays@kscapitol.com or on my cell 785-817-0949

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MESSAGE FROM OLI

Dear Operation Lifesaver Authorized Volunteers (OLAVs),

To help everyone stay safe and healthy during the COVID 19 epidemic, OLI is waiving its volunteer service requirements through December 31, 2020.

This means that all OLAVs considered "active" at the beginning of 2020 will maintain their active status regardless if you engage in any OLI volunteer activity during the current year. This waives the normal minimum two (2) times per year volunteer requirement.

Should the federal government guidelines, along with your local and state officials, allow group events, you may participate in Operation Lifesaver activities you schedule, or ones that are arranged by your state coordinator if you feel comfortable doing so, based on your own assessment of the risks involved. You are not required, however, to engage in these activities.

We also ask that you continue to complete any online educational updates relating to new, changed, or revised program materials that OLI may develop this year.

As always, please record all OLAV activity that you undertake online at www.oli.org within 10 days. Your volunteer work is vital to educating the public about trespass prevention and safety while driving near or across tracks, so we want to ensure your efforts are counted in our national outreach data. Everyone's work counts!

Also, as necessary, continue to update your address, email and/or phone number on the OLI website under the "Update Profile" link from the OL Community Area.

Thank you for working with us to keep safe and well, and for your continued dedication to educate the public on how to be safe around tracks and trains.

With deep appreciation,

Wende Corcoran Vice President Operation Lifesaver, Inc.



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WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

KANSAS OPERATION LIFESAVER OUT & ABOUT



Driving schools are beginning have classes again and some of our OLAV's are greeted by smiling but masked faces. Each school has its own safety rules, but most are requiring masks.

May 12th: Schuetz Driving School for New Driver Education & Training in Olathe







SPREAD THE WORD FROM HOME

Things have been strange this year. So, while we are slowly reentering the world please make a point to share our rail safety message on social media.

People are on social media more than ever right now. Please share posts from & to OLI, KSOLI and other OLI states. This way when people are traveling more, they will have it in the back of their minds "See Tracks? Think Train!"

Don't forget to like our Facebook page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 11th: Board & Committee Meeting, 1:00 on Zoom

July 24 - 26: Four State Farm Show: Pittsburg State University

August 27th: Board & Committee Meeting: 10:00 am BNSF TTC, Overland Park

September 21 – 27: Rail Safety Week

November 12th: Board & Committee Meeting: 11:00 am Topeka Public Library

November 18 – 19: OLI State Leadership Conference, Omaha, NE

