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Statement on May 7, 2013, International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD), by Joyce Rose, Operation Lifesaver, Inc. President

“As Operation Lifesaver USA joins countries around the world in celebrating the fifth annual International Level Crossing Awareness Day today, we take pride in the efforts that have contributed to a continued reduction in U.S. crossing incidents. While vehicle-train collisions and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings were lower across the U.S. in 2012, crossing-related fatalities were flat and rail trespass deaths and injuries rose from 2011. In the face of growing demand for public transit, passenger and freight rail services, our mission of rail safety education is more relevant than ever.

Operation Lifesaver state program leaders and safety partners from the railroad industry, state government agencies, local law enforcement, communities and other groups are participating in activities this week across the U.S. in conjunction with ILCAD. Events include crossing safety community activities, state proclamations, special trains, commuter rail station activities, positive enforcement exercises, outreach to professional truck drivers, school safety presentations, special training events, media interviews, news releases and social media activities.

We are grateful to our safety partners and volunteers for their assistance with these important community activities.”

View and download the 2013 [list of U.S. events](#) for ILCAD (PDF format)

About Operation Lifesaver

Operation Lifesaver's mission is to end collisions, deaths and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and along railroad rights of way. A national network of volunteers provides free presentations on rail safety. For more safety tips or to request a free safety presentation, visit www.oli.org. Follow OLI on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Pinterest](#).

About International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD)

International Level Crossing Awareness Day began in 2009 in Europe to call attention to the need for public education on railway safety issues as a way to save lives. On May 7, an international news conference will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, with experts from different countries and sectors, including road, rail, specialists in human factors and education. Learn more at www.ilcad.org/ILCAD-2013.

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