



**Bonnie Murphy, President
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International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD)

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Bonnie Murphy's message:

"The United States chapter of Operation Lifesaver (OLI) is proud to observe [International Level Crossing Awareness Day \(ILCAD\)](#) on June 2, to focus global attention on the concerning trend of distracted behavior at railroad crossings. Alongside more than [40 countries worldwide](#), a number of our state Operation Lifesaver programs will work with their safety partners to conduct awareness events in conjunction with ILCAD, targeting a broad audience to reach as many people as possible with these lifesaving messages.

Statistics from our safety partners at the Federal Railroad Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Transportation, show that, while the total number of collisions at highway-rail grade crossings dropped by 2.4% from 2015 to 2016, there has been a nearly 14 percent increase in deaths caused by these collisions.

OLI is committed to reducing these collisions and protecting our nation's families and communities from having to endure these preventable tragedies. Our national awareness campaign, [See Tracks? Think Train!](#) along with these [driving safety tips](#), can help save lives at crossings.

This international partnership to raise awareness of rail safety – on ILCAD, and every day – supports our shared goal to eliminate deaths and injuries on and near railroad property throughout our communities. To further these efforts throughout the U.S., OLI is coordinating this year's inaugural U.S. Rail Safety Week, September 24-30, to empower the public to keep themselves safe near tracks and trains."