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Quarter I 2009

Save the Date!

Quarterly Meeting

March 12, 2009
12:00pm
Fordville, ND

NDOL 2009 Appreciation Banquet

April 14, 2009
12:00pm
Doublewood Inn
Bismarck, ND

An e-invite will be sent out shortly

"Look, Listen & Live!" 2009 Poster Contest

North Dakota Operation Lifesaver had yet another successful year with the "Look, Listen & Live" Poster Contest. This year we reached eight new schools who had never participated in our contest before, and two schools that had participated in years past. Between these ten schools, we had over 100 poster entries. This brings our total reach with the poster contest from 2007-2009 to 536 students from 37 different schools throughout North Dakota.

This year, we will be inviting the top three poster contest winners to the 2009 NDOL Volunteer Appreciation Banquet where they will be presented with their savings bonds. The winners names and posters will be posted on the new NDOL website within the next few weeks, so be sure to go check it out!

NDOL Seeks Dedicated Area Coordinators

As you all know, a lot of changes have been taking place within NDOL. One of the new additions you will be seeing is the implementation of area coordinators throughout North Dakota. These area coordinators will be responsible for helping recruit and retain presenters, monitoring presenters activity and assisting in the scheduling of presentations in their region along with various other duties.

The NDOL committee is seeking dedicated, passionate applicants that have a knowledge of NDOL or experience as a presenter to take on the role of Area Coordinator in their region.

If you would like more information about the position, please contact your State Coordinator, Serena Schmit, at 701-223-6372 or serenas@ndsc.org.

2008 ND Crossing Stats

	2007	2008
Highway-Rail Incidents	13	14
Highway-Rail Injuries	4	7
Highway-Rail Deaths	4	1
Trespasser Injuries	1	3
Trespasser Deaths	0	2

Source: *Preliminary January-September 2008 Statistics from the Federal Railroad Administration

Attention Presenters!

Simple, Easy & Quick Reporting!

OLI has completed their updates to the new online reporting database and it's ready for you to start entering your 2009 presentations! Please enter your 2009 presentations ASAP!

If you have access to the internet, this will be the required reporting system.

It is very important for you to use this database for us to maintain future funding!

To begin using this database:

- Log on to www.ndsc.org/operationlifesaver
- Click on Presenter tab on left
- Scroll down and click Presenter Reporting under the Presenter Materials and Tools
- Enter your login & password to begin reporting
- If you do not have your login and password, I have provided the contact information for OLI on the NDOL presenter page.

Thank you in advance for beginning this process. If you have any problems, contact your state coordinator, Serena Schmit.



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NDOL Reaches Children in Community

NPR and OL presenter Eric Hegstrom provided a train ride and OL Presentation to students in Ford-



New! North Dakota Operation Lifesaver Website

To aid in the recruitment of new presenters and to help increase presentation requests, a new North Dakota Operation Lifesaver website has been developed. The North Dakota Safety Council is acting as the site host, so anyone who visits the NDSC site may be a potential viewer of ours. We have posted many helpful links for presenters including: 2009 presentations goals, presenter reporting guide and frequently asked questions that you may encounter during presentations. This site will also act as a great resource for media and anyone seeking safety information regarding the railroads.

Please check out the website at www.ndsc.org/operationlifesaver. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please contact you State Coordinator, Serena Schmit.

2009 Presentation Status Report

Type of Presentation	2007	2008	2009	2009 Goal
Trainings	7	13	19	14
Presentations	214	214	21	235
Special Events	19	20	0	22

***This report only represents those presentations that have been entered into the OLI database.*

Great job presenters! So far, we have surpassed our training goal for 2009, thanks to Cheri Bonebrake! Cheri has been working really hard to fulfill requests for presentations and trainings throughout the state. So a big thanks goes out to Cheri for all of her hard work and dedication to NDOL!

Other presenters that have helped in fulfilling requests are Leann Wallin and Eric Hegstrom. With the poster contest and our recruitment efforts, we have received many requests for presentations. Leann and Eric have stepped up to the plate several times to deliver our NDOL message.

Thank you to our presenters for going above and beyond their required duties!