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Illinois Rail Safety Week – 10 Tips to Save Your Life

Woodstock, IL – The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police is coordinating the third, statewide Illinois Rail Safety Week. During Illinois Rail Safety Week, which runs from September 11th to 17th, the Woodstock Police Dept. wants to promote safety for both motorists and pedestrians around railroad tracks. Please be proactive to keep a tragedy from occurring either on or around railroad tracks. To remain safe please follow the ten tips, offered by Operation Lifesaver, when crossing railroad tracks;

- Walking or playing on train tracks is dangerous and illegal.
- Be prepared to stop at crossings.
- Cross train tracks at designated highway/railroad crossings.
- Look for the crossbuck sign, lights or gates at crossings.
- Listen for warning bells and whistles.
- Obey the signals.
- If one train passes, make sure a second train is not approaching on another track in the same or opposite direction.
- Obey the directions of a police officer or member of a train crew directing traffic at a crossing.
- Cross the tracks in low gear; do not change gears while crossing.
- If your vehicle stalls on the tracks, get out quickly, and move away from the vehicle and tracks; call the emergency number posted at or near the crossing and call 911.

If you would like more information about Illinois Rail Safety Week, please visit www.illinoisrailsafetyweek.org or contact the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.