#### EXPERIENCE IT YOURSELF.



CHICAGO TO ST. LOUIS





#### **Chicago-St. Louis Corridor Benefits**

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- » Reduction in travel time by about an hour
- Enhanced reliability
- New passenger cars and locomotives
- » New/rehabilitated stations
- Safety improvements





#### **Construction: Before & After**







#### **Before**

**After** 



HIGH-SPEED RAIL CHICAGO TO ST. LOUIS





#### **4 Quadrant Gates**











#### **Pedestrian Gates**











#### **Equipment**

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- » Joint procurement with multiple states
- » New passenger cars
  - Accessible, car-borne lifts
- » New locomotives (125 mph capability)









# Safety













#### Railroad Safety Information for Gardner-South Wilmington High School



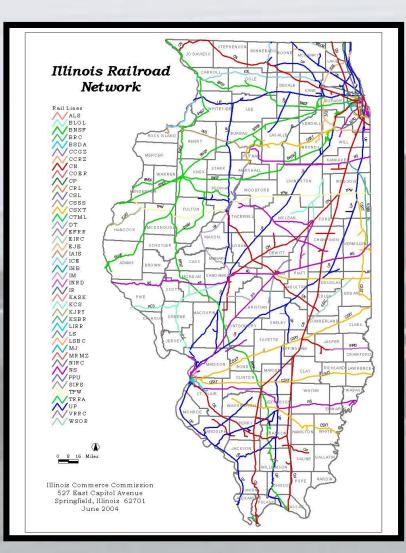








# Illinois - High Density Railroad Traffic



- > Nation's largest rail hub
- > 50 Railroads/1,500 Trains
- Illinois ranks second only to Texas in the number of public crossings (7,795) and track miles (7,200).
- > Texas is 4.5 times a the size of Illinois in total square miles (261,000 to 55,500).
- Higher concentration of crossings, trains and population. More risk exposure.

#### 94% of all crashes are driver error

(June 2004 DOT Hwy-Rail Grade Crossing Safety Program Report)





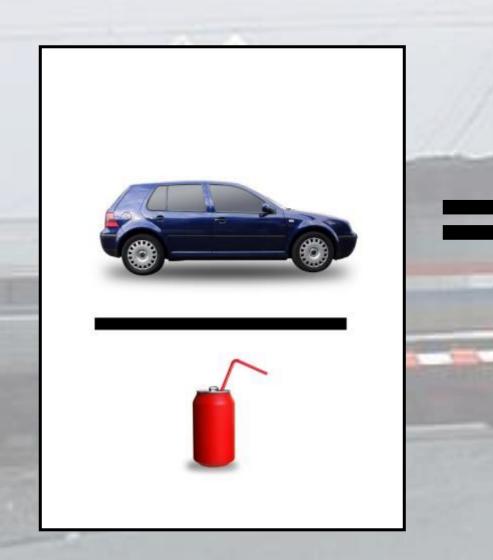




## The Average Illinois Collision

- > Clear **DECEMBER** day 5:00-6:00 pm
- > Freight train traveling 40-49 mph vs. car
- > Male 20-29 years old
- > Disregarded active warning devices
- > Roadway has less than 1000 cars per day
- > Crossing experiences 2-9 trains each day

#### **Weight Ratio**





# 25% of crashes involve driving into the side of the train



## 3/4 of those occur during daylight hours

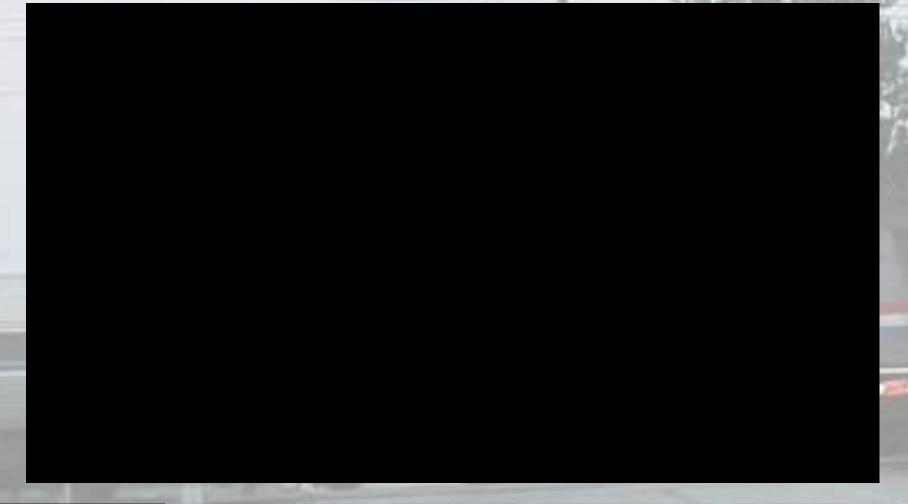








## Distractions





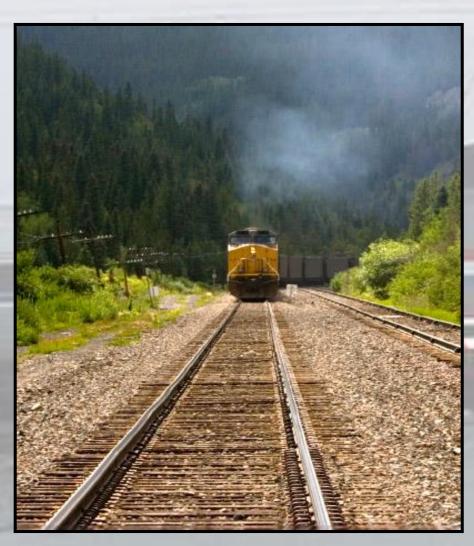








## **Speed Perception**



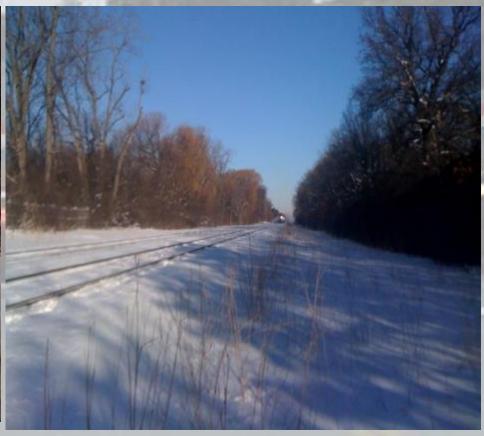


# Speed of an Approaching Train (Optical Illusion)

Slow moving Freight Train at 10 MPH

Amtrak Train traveling at up to 110 MPH





# Approximate Stopping Distance



200 Ft





230 Ft



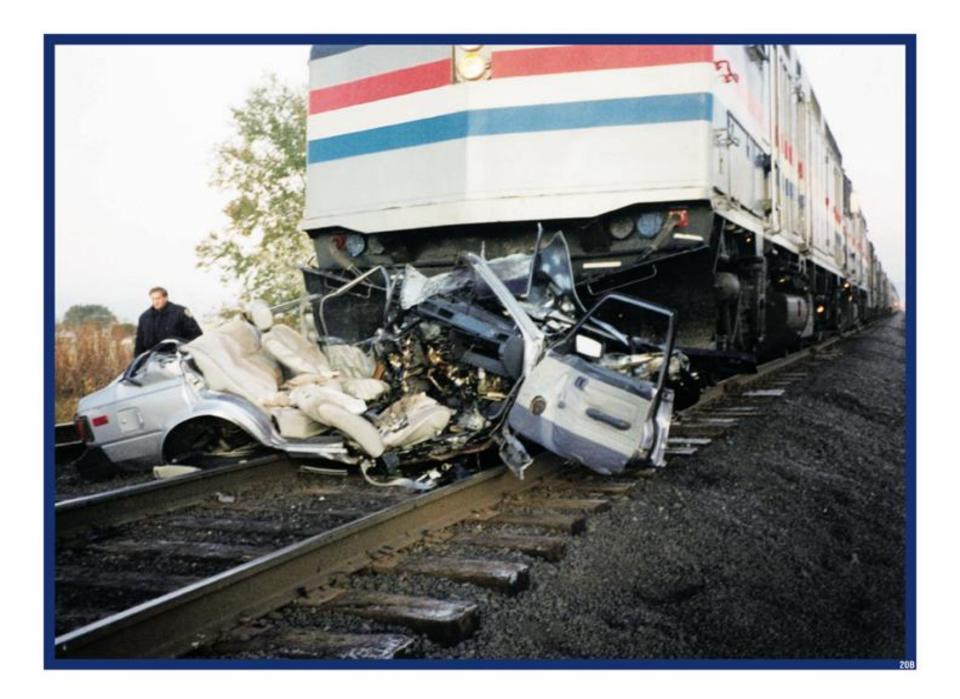
300 Ft



600 Ft







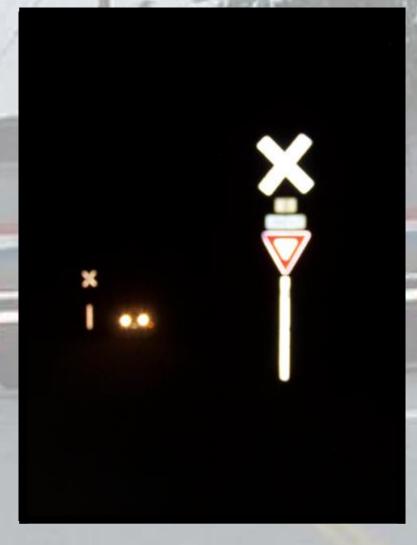
## Trains Can't Swerve



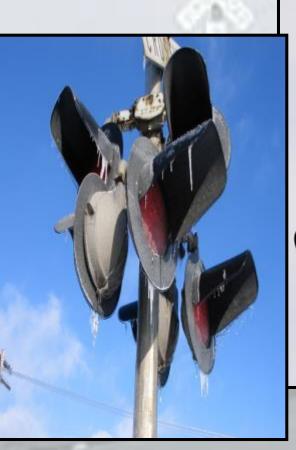


## Passive Sign Means Yield





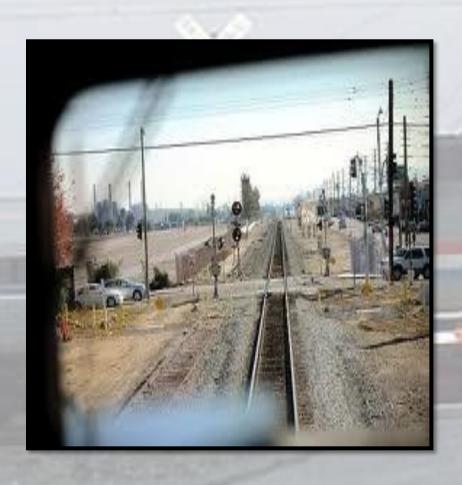
## **Active Warning Devices**







## Head End Cameras will see you.





#### **Emergency Notification System**

TO REPORT STALLED
VEHICLE ON TRACKS OR
OTHER EMERGENCY
CALL 1-800-555-5555
AND REFER TO
CROSSING #123-123A
ON CHERRY STREET

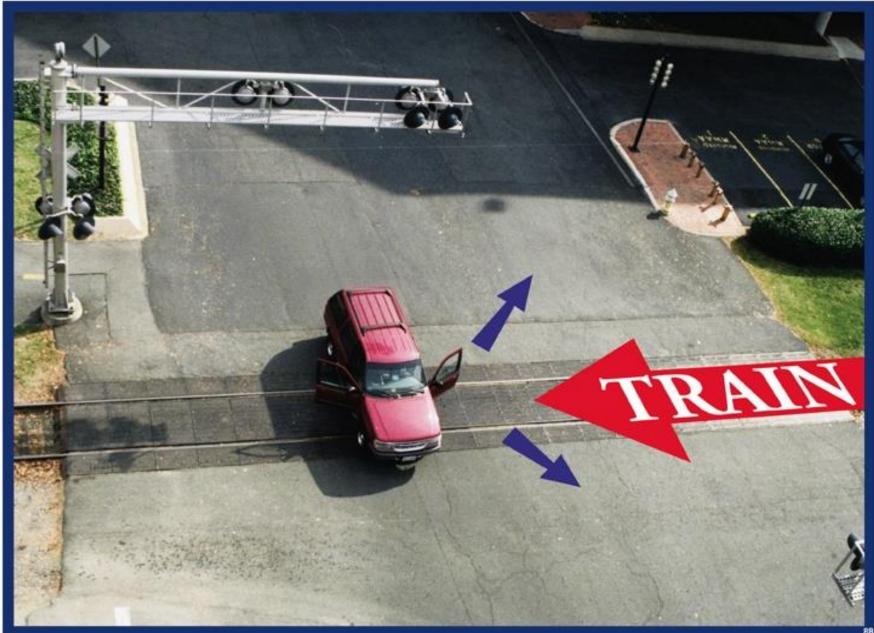




# Provide the information listed on that sign.





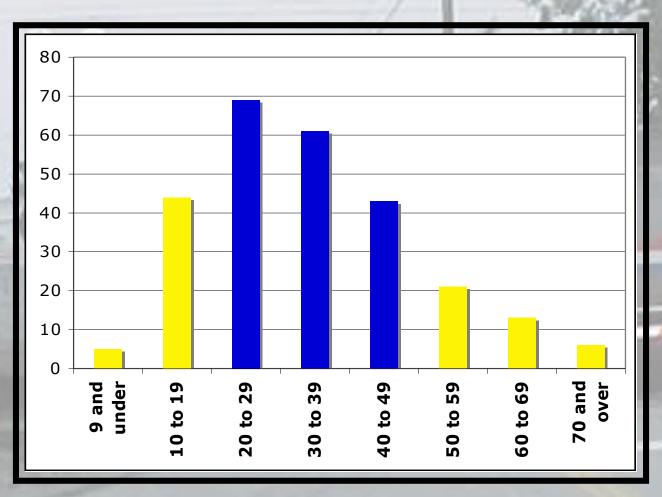


#### **Trespassers**

It is illegal for any person to walk across or along railroad tracks at any place other than an authorized crossing.



## Trespassing Fatalities – Age



⇒ 66% occur in the prime of life

## **Public Grade Crossings**





## **Authorized Crosswalks**





# Trespassers Restrict Access to Railroad Right-of-Way





### Within the three foot envelope









### A Knock On The Door

## Public Involvement













#### Higher Speeds/Better Service













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## Questions















## Thank You











