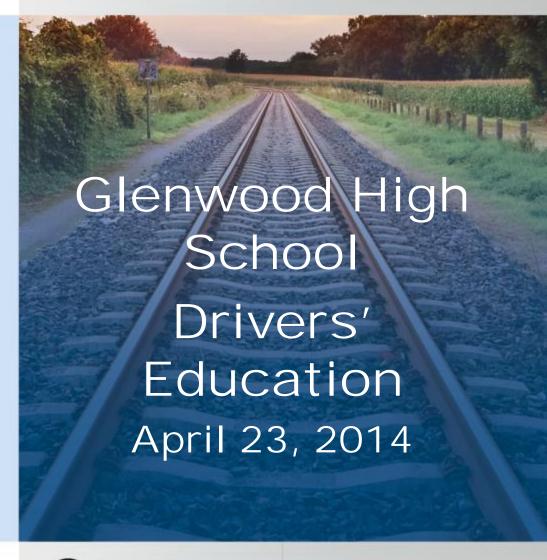
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CHICAGO TO ST. LOUIS





Illinois High-Speed Rail Chicago to St. Louis Program













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A Knock On The Door













Chicago-St. Louis Corridor





- » IDOT has actively developed the corridor since the mid1980's
- Federally designated a High-Speed Rail corridor in 1992
- Previously completed Environmental Studies







Benefits

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- Enhanced Service and Reliability
- » New Passenger Cars and Locomotives



- » New/Rehabilitated Stations
- Less Damage to the Environment
- » Safety Improvements







Construction: Before & After











Construction: Before & After











4 Quadrant Gates









Public and Private Crossings











Pedestrian Gates











Crossings



For High-Speed trains, gates will be down sooner than for other trains.

The higher the rate of speed, the *longer it takes to stop*.





Safety



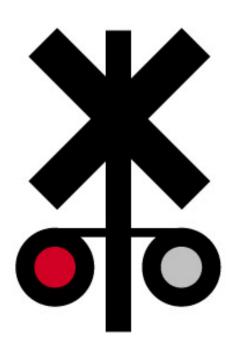












OPERATION LIFESAVER®

Look, Listen & Live





Railroad Safety Information for Glenwood High School











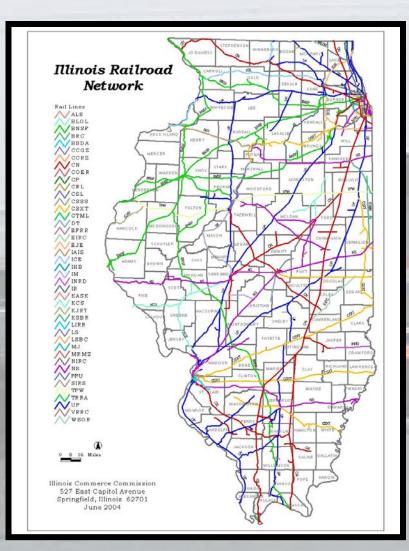
The 3 E's of Operation Lifesaver







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)

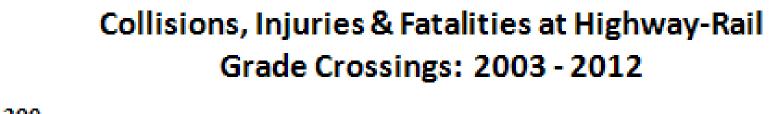


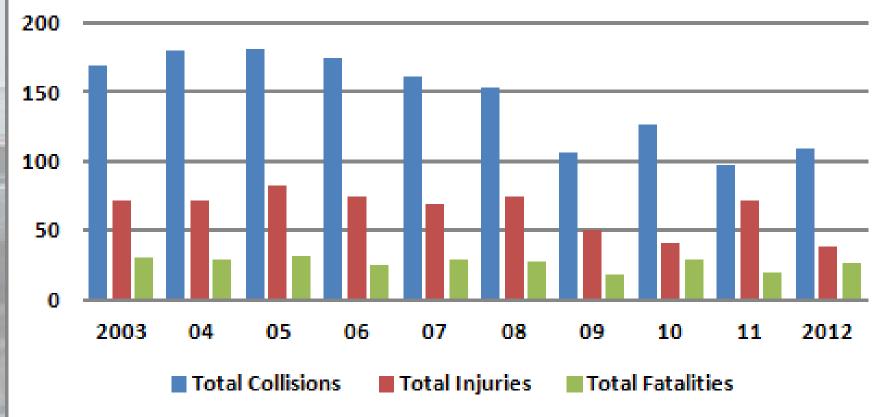






Grade Crossing Collisions 2003-2012





The Average Illinois Collision

- > Clear **DECEMBER** day 5:00-6:00pm
- > Freight train traveling 40-49mph 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

Car vs. Train Crashes

















3,000 lbs.

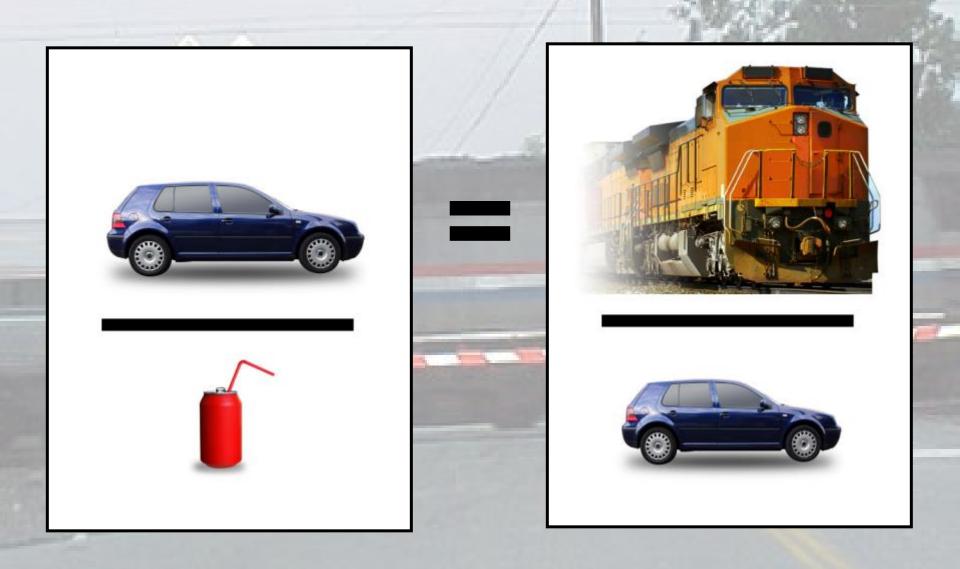


80,000 lbs.



12 million lbs.

Weight Ratio



USS COLE = A 100 CAR FREIGHT TRAIN

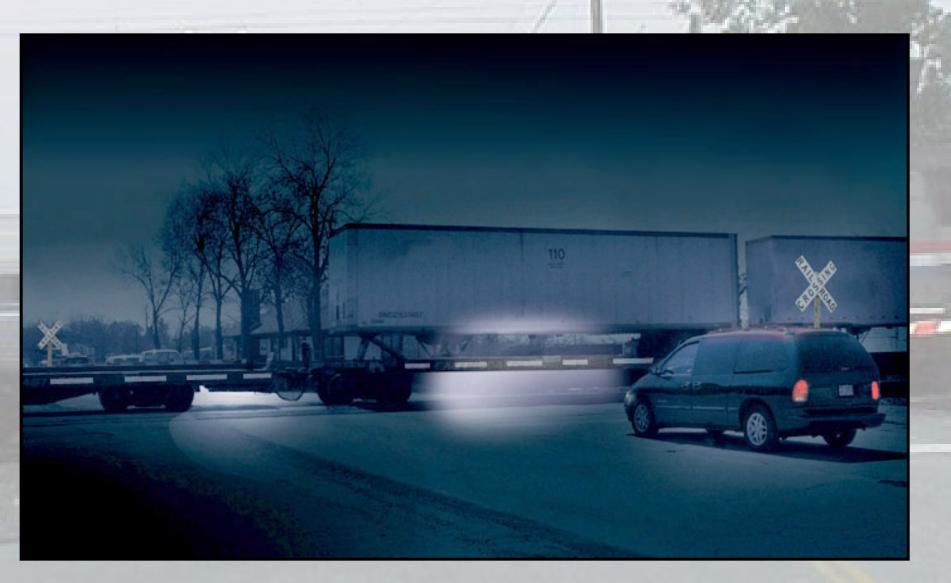


150 Tons vs. One Ton





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



3/4 of those occur during daylight hours









Distractions









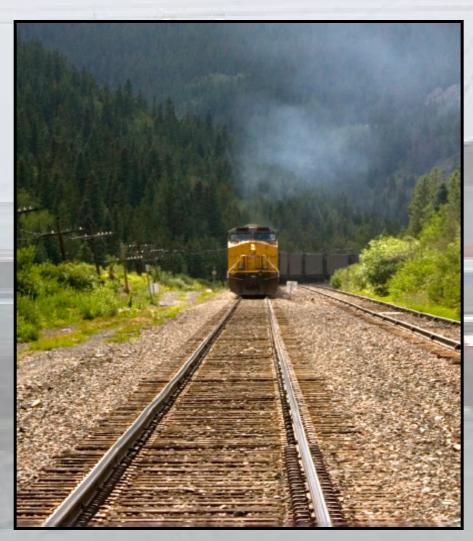


Texting and Trains ... Don't Mix





Speed Perception



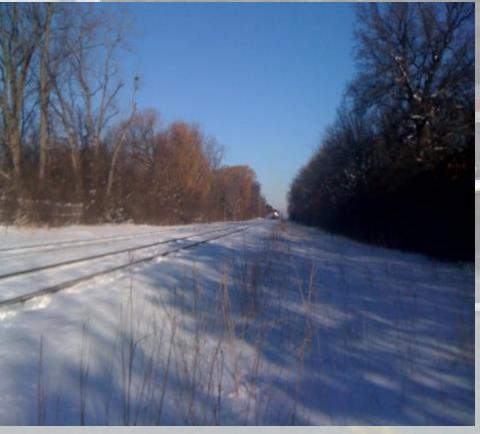


Speed of an Approaching Train (Optical Illusion)

Slow moving Freight Train at 10 MPH

Amtrak Train traveling at up to 110 MPH





Approximate Stopping Distance



At 55 MPH



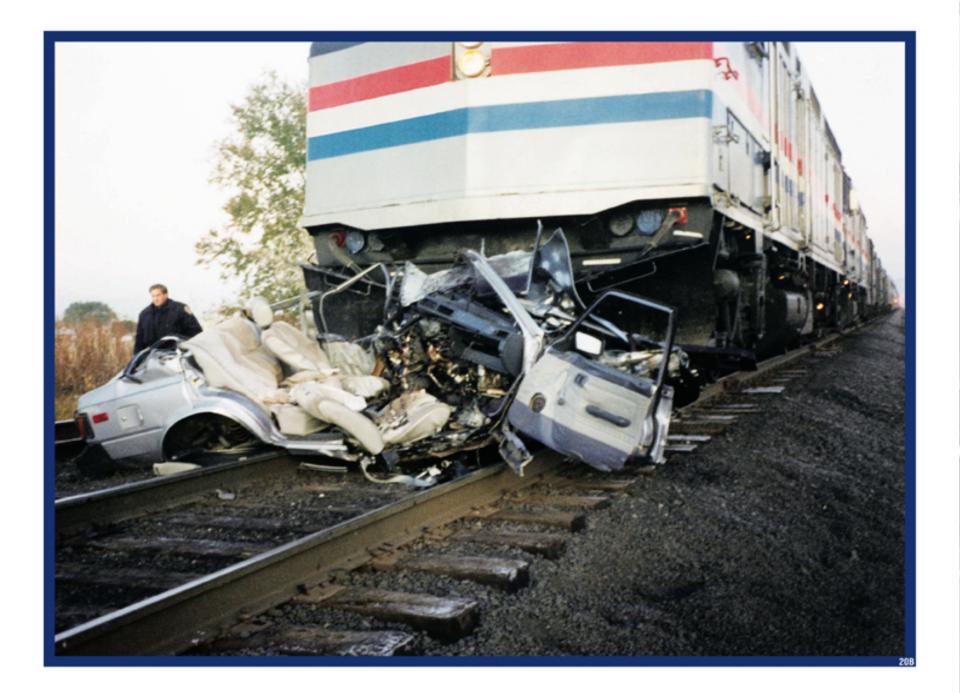
300 Ft



600 Ft







Trains Can't Swerve



Trains run on tracks. Stay out of their path. Nothing bad will happen.



Railroad Signs of Life.....





Passive Sign Means Yield





Active Warning Devices

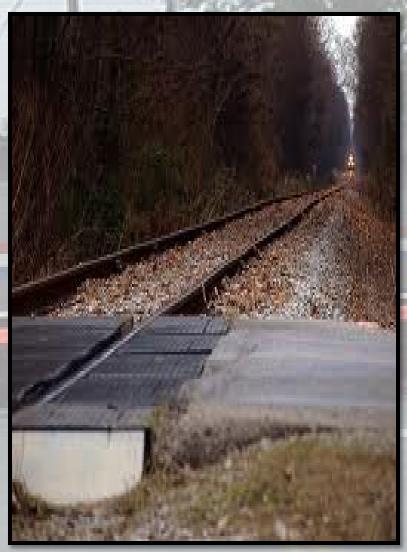






Flashing Red Lights Mean Stop (Longer approach time, but same waiting time)





Flashing Red Lights Mean Stop

(Gates fully descended in min. of 20 seconds)



Don't even think about it....

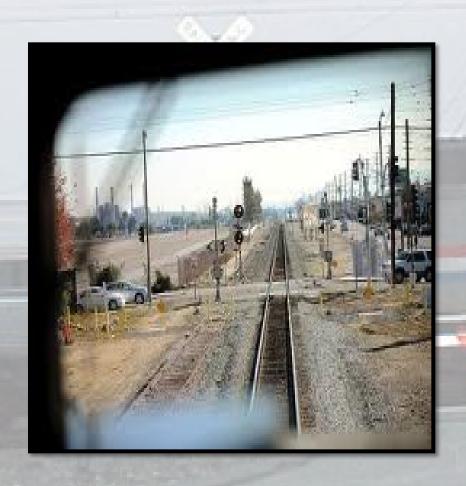


Gate Violations



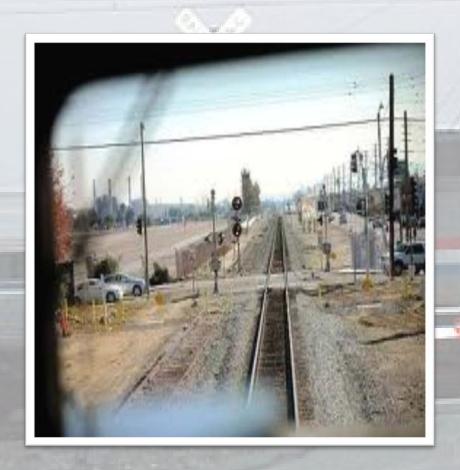


Head End Cameras will see you.





These cameras will see you.





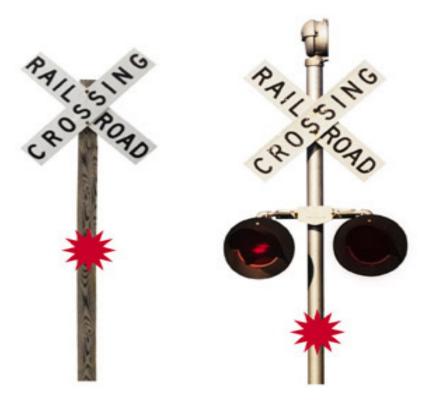
Officer on a train- Enforcement



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





New Standard Sign for All Crossings



Provide the information listed on that sign.

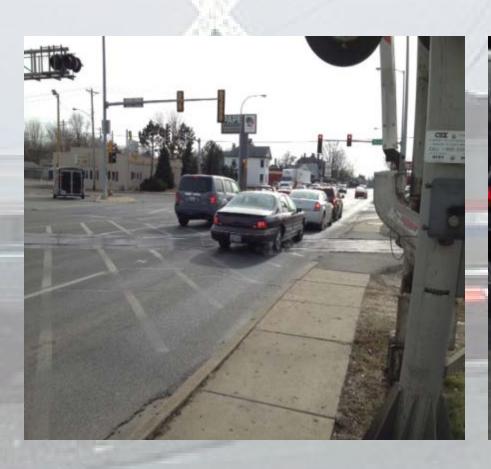




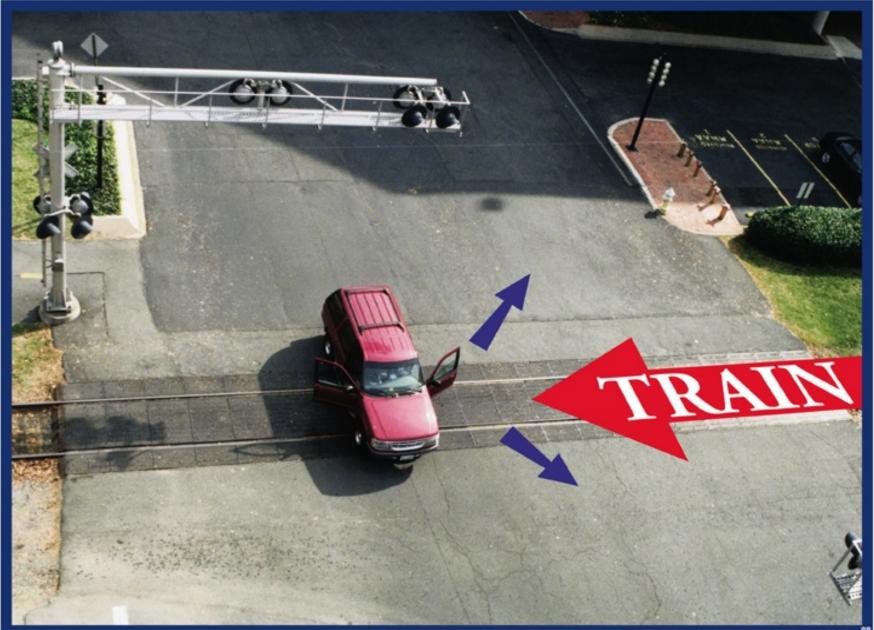
Don't Stop, Pass or Shift



A Situation to Avoid







Trespassers

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

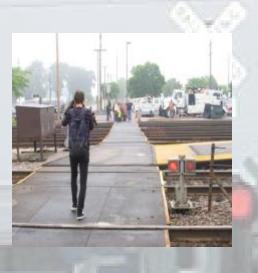


Trespassers

(Worn paths indicate dangerous and illegal access to crossing or walking along RR tracks.)



People Just Not Paying Attention

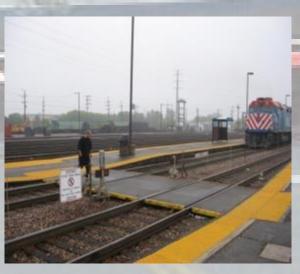




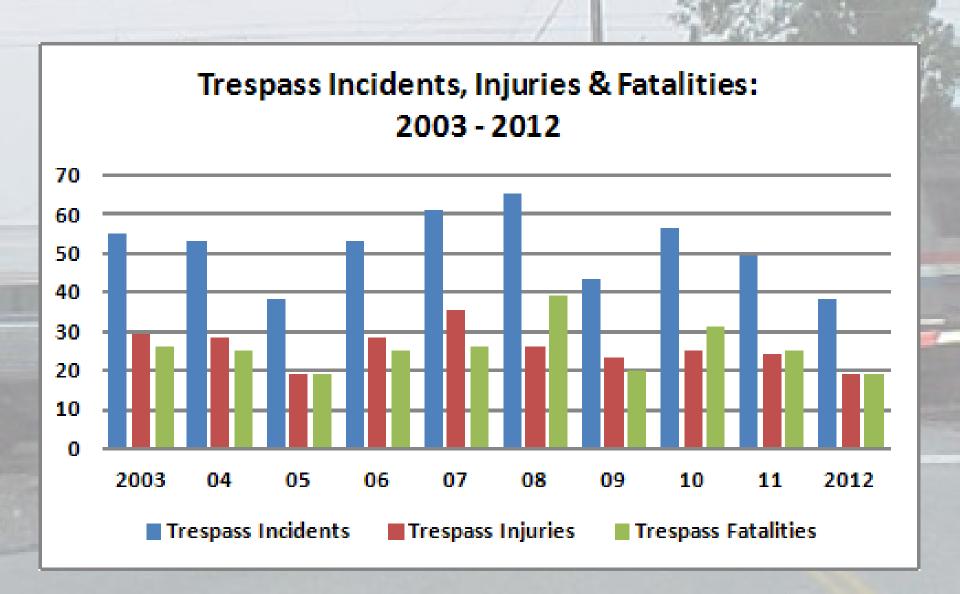




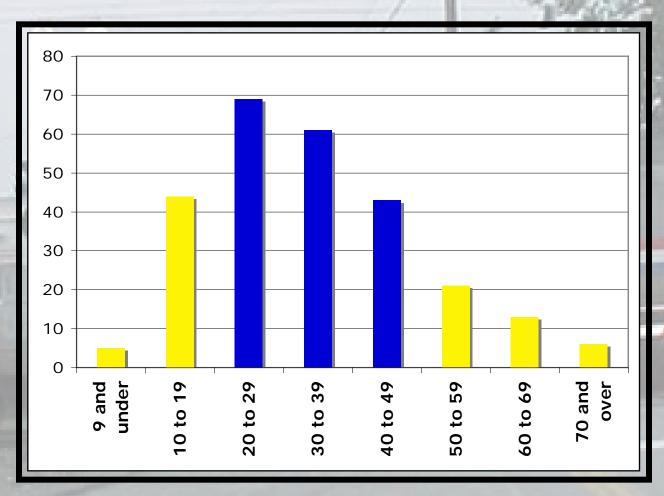




Trespass Incidents 2003-2012



Trespassing Fatalities – Age



⇒ 66% occur in the prime of life

Trespassing on Railroad Property

5/18C-7503 No person may: walk, ride, drive or be upon or along the right of way or rail yard of a rail carrier within the State, at a place other that a public grade crossing.

 Any person found in violation of this shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor for a first offense. The person shall be subject to a mandatory fine of not less than \$150.00 or more than \$500.00.

Public Grade Crossings





Authorized Crosswalks





Signs there to remind people to Stay Off RR Property









TRESPASSING IS DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL



STAY OFF RAILROAD TRACKS Stay Off!
Stay Away!
Stay Alive!



Within the three foot envelope









Covert Measures taken if needed





Public Involvement













Higher Speeds/Better Service

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Public Involvement Opportunities

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Stakeholder Outreach

High School Football Games

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Questions















Thank You











