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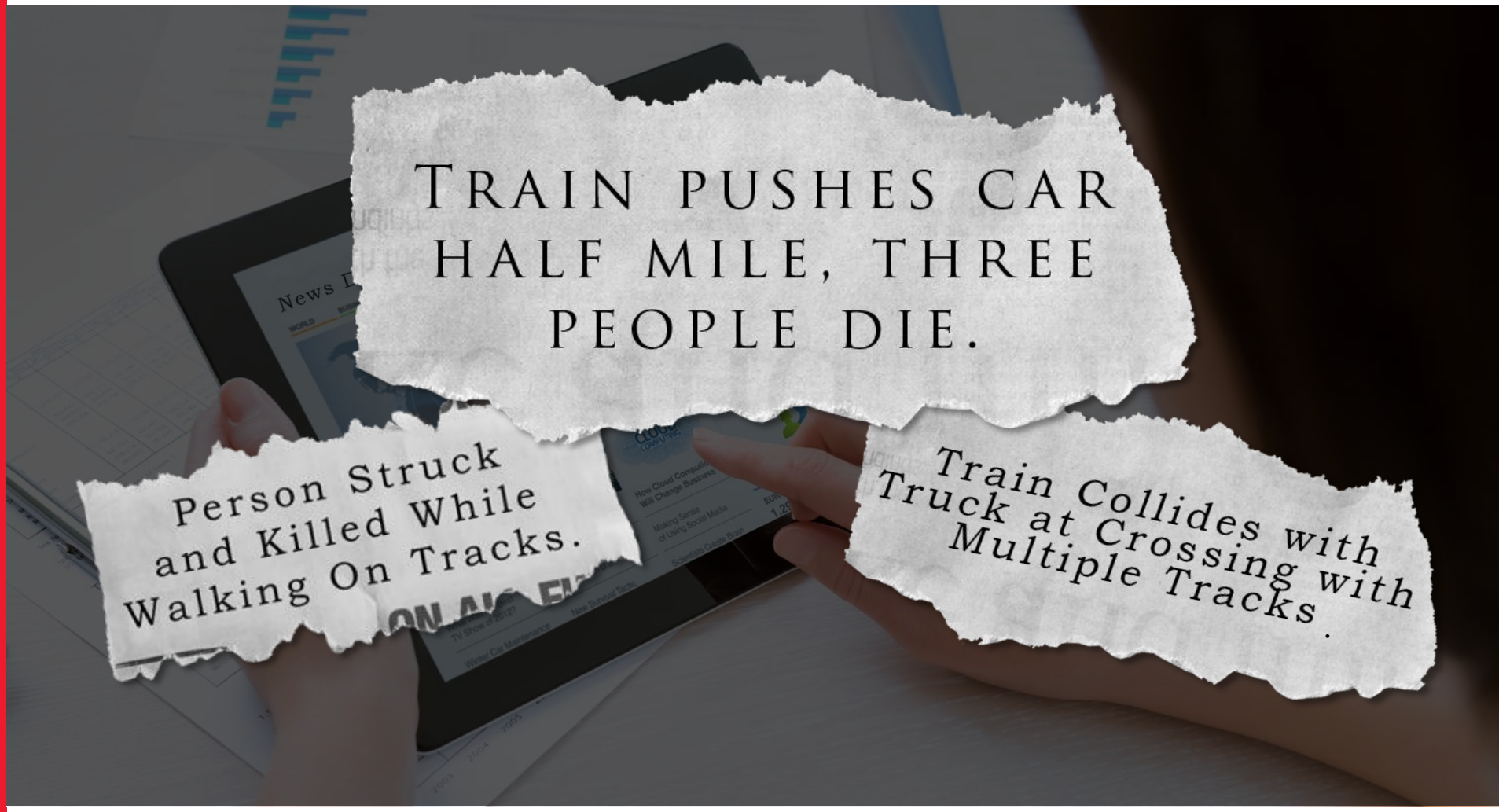
Operation Lifesaver Presents:

# In the Interest of Safety

# It Happens Every Day…

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# Trespassing

**Stay Off!**
**Stay Away!**
**Stay Alive!®**

- Recreational activities do not mix with railroad tracks—**you are trespassing.**
- Listening to music near railroad tracks may prevent you from hearing the train horn.
- Train crews are not expecting people on or near the tracks. You may not be able to hear a warning in time.

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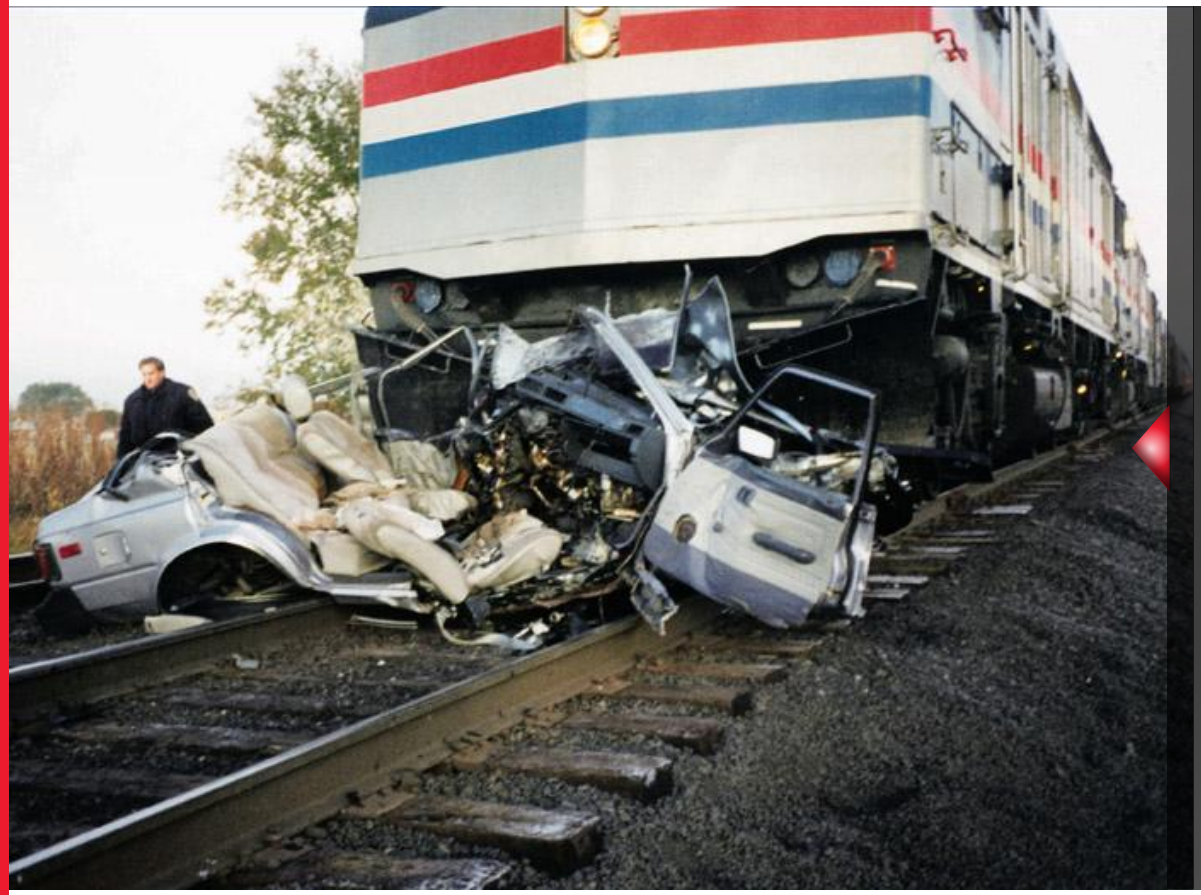
# Train and Car Collisions



- Two construction workers were late for work.
- They approached a properly operating railroad crossing with the gates down.
- After waiting for the train to pass, they drove around the lowered crossing gates thinking it was safe.
- They were struck by an oncoming train on the other tracks.

**Never drive around lowered gates.**

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## About Ohio Operation Lifesaver

- Began in 1972 as a partnership between the Idaho Peace Officers and Union Pacific Railroad address the rising number of incidents at grade crossings.
- The program's success was quickly duplicated and now there is an Operation Lifesaver footprint in all 50 states as well as a national office (OLI) that helps coordinate group functions.
- Ohio Operation Lifesaver is affiliated with OLI but is a separate non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is focused on improving safety in Ohio.
- Ohio OL has close working relationships with both state agencies and the industry.

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## 2014 Activity Update

*By the Numbers*

- Received over **$38,000** in competitive grant dollars
- Had direct contact with over **45,000** individuals through presentations, booths, festivals, and fairs
- Had almost **50** dedicated volunteers
- Reached almost **700,000** individuals with cutting edge mobile ads geographically targeted to high trespass areas
- Touched over **165,000** internet advertising

Ran radio PSAs on more than **70** radio stations reaching ***every*** county in the state

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## How to Support Ohio Operation Lifesaver

- Become an Operation Lifesaver Authorized Volunteer (OLAV)
- Provide feedback to Ohio OL on areas that could benefit from an education campaign
- Encourage your employees to become OLAVs
- Join the Ohio OL Safety Council
- Provide in kind support to Ohio OL such as the use of equipment for mock crashes, space for meetings, or host a field day for a first responders training
- Make a tax deductible donation of funds to Ohio OL

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Trespass Casualties

Top 10 States

1. California
145
2. Texas
80
3. Illinois
47
4. Pennsylvania
52
4. Florida
52
6. New York
40
7. North
Carolina
31
8. New Jersey
30
**8. Ohio**
**30**
10. Georgia
29

Top Ohio Counties for Trespass Casualties

- Butler
- Cuyahoga
- Franklin
- Hamilton
- Montgomery
- Ashtabula
- Lorain
- Wood
- Delaware
- Lucas

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Highway-Rail Grade Crossing

2014 Collisions

Top 10 States

1. Texas
287
2. Illinois
134
3. California
128
4. Indiana
123
5. Georgia
107
6. Alabama
95
7. Florida
87
**8. Ohio**
**86**
9. Louisiana
84
10. Michigan
80

Top Ohio Counties for Highway-Rail Incidents

- Bulter
- Cuyahoga
- Lucas
- Wood
- Huron
- Hamilton
- Marion
- Ashtabula
- Lorain
- Mahoning