



# Sunflower State Signal

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## Assistant Director's Corner



Rail Safety Week is fast approaching, and things are very different this year; no events to attend, schools may or may not be starting, most of the people I see are wearing masks six feet away or in a box on my computer monitor.

So, how do we get our message out? We do not have to go big to make an impact, but know that every contact has impact. So, throughout this quarter's issue you will find links to videos and images allowing you to easily download, print, and share.

The next time you are on a zoom call have a "Stop Track Tragedies" sign in the background. Make it your phone's lock screen. Share a little more on social media. Add the image to the bottom of your emails. If you have an OLI shirt, make a point to wear it to the grocery store.

And remember every contact has an impact. Stay safe!

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## IMPORTANT UPDATE

OLI has just announced that all volunteers must sign a legal waiver releasing OLI and OL state programs from legal ramifications of Covid-19.

The waiver states that the volunteer acknowledges that OLI encourages its volunteers to volunteer remotely during the duration of Covid-19 and that a volunteer will never be forced to participate or attend an in-person event. This is reflective of their previous statements encouraging volunteers not to participate in events and waving the volunteer service requirements.

OLI defines an event as; including but not limited to a gathering, activity, presentation, meeting, in-service, training, fair, speaking engagement, or demonstration. Before you attend any of these in-person events in an OLAV capacity you must sign the waiver.

The waiver contains guidelines that all OLAVs must follow for in-person events. (pg 3). As well as an acknowledgement of Covid risks.

## OLI Requires Covid-19 Release Form from Volunteers

By signing the waiver you will also confirm that you will not attend an event if you show symptoms of or have been exposed to Covid-19 for twenty days prior to an event and that you will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local quarantine requirements.

For the duration of Covid-19 OLI encourages all volunteers and staff to participate in events virtually. Protecting yourself and others from potential risk.

OLI will be adding an electronic form to their volunteer portal. Until then if you will be attending an event please [download](#) the form here, sign, scan, and email it to Jessica [jmays@kscapitol.com](mailto:jmays@kscapitol.com) or mail it to:

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# #RAILSAFETYWEEK #STOPTRACKTRAGEDIES

Rail Safety Week is fast approaching. Every year OLI and state OL programs work alongside OL Canada and railroad partners to raise railroad safety awareness. For the first time ever the Association of Mexican Railroads (AMF) will also be taking part in Rail Safety Week. Stretching the rail safety message across all of North America.

**RAIL SAFETY WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 21-27**

## 2020 Rail Safety Week Themes Schedule

Date	Monday 9/21/20	Tuesday 9/22/20	Wednesday 9/23/20	Thursday 9/24/20	Friday 9/25/20	Saturday 9/26/20	Sunday 9/27/20
<b>Theme</b>	Proclamations , media outreach and events	Virtual Operation Clear Track; Law Enforcement Partnerships	Crossing Safety or Professional Drivers	Commuter and Transit Safety or Professional Drivers	“Red Out” for Rail Safety	Trespass Prevention	Photographer Safety
<b>Videos</b>	Your Life Can Change in an Instant	Stop Track Tragedies Law Enforcement :15	ENS Sign PSA (:30)	Stop Track Tragedies Commuter and Transit Safety :15	If I Could Go Back	They Had Everything Going for Them	No Photo is Worth the Risk (:30)
<b>Video Link</b>	TBA (New video)	<a href="https://vimeo.com/442487086">https://vimeo.com/442487086</a>	<a href="https://vimeo.com/323775614">https://vimeo.com/323775614</a>	<a href="https://vimeo.com/442490851">https://vimeo.com/442490851</a>	TBA (New video)	TBA (New video)	<a href="https://vimeo.com/146932433">https://vimeo.com/146932433</a>

We hope you will join us for Rail Safety Week. Throughout this publication there are links on RSW photos that you can download. Please print and display in a place they can be seen and raise awareness. You can also post them on social media. Don't forget to share our Facebook posts.



Additional Links:  
[OLI Materials: All](#)  
[OLI Materials: Videos](#)





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# OLI EVENT PROTOCOLS

If attending an in-person event for KS OL you must do the

- ✓ Wear a cloth face mask/covering that covers mouth and nose at all times while attending the event
- ✓ Sanitize and/or wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds prior to entering or re-entering the event space/location
- ✓ Cough or sneeze into face covering, a tissue, or other material (e.g., shirt or jacket) and immediately wash or sanitize my hands after coughing or sneezing while attending the event
- ✓ Maintain a physical distance from others of at least 6 feet while attending the event
- ✓ Limit exposure to COVID-19 prior to, and while, attending the event by following current CDC guidelines, as well as any applicable federal, state, or local requirements of which you are aware or reasonably should be aware of.

[Download waiver](#)

## KS OL OUT & ABOUT...

*Well, sort of...*

OLAV John Lagesse sent us a selfie modeling this year's latest fashion trend. If you would like to make a fashion statement about railroad safety too check out the [OLI store](#). If you would like several for events send us a message.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 pm Board & Committee Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6061555410> Meeting ID: 606 155 5410

September 21 – 27: Rail Safety Week

November 12<sup>th</sup>: Board & Committee Meeting

November 18 – 19: OLI State Leadership Conference