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To: Nathan Poore
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Re: Operation Lifesaver Educational Plan

In response to the request from the council for an educational program in regards to railroad crossing safety for the community and schools for the planned extension of the *Downeaster* rail service I would provide the following information.

On December 5, 2011 I spoke with Mr. Fred Hirsch of *Operation Lifesaver* regarding a training program for the department that would later be presented to the community. I have agreed to provide our training room to *Operation Lifesaver* on December 22th for a 7 hour training class for our officers and any other agencies that wish to participate. This will be a "train the trainer" type program where those people in attendance will then present the safety program to community and school groups. We will plan on having two officers, Sgt. Conger and Officer Susi as well as myself in attendance. According to Mr. Hirsch a representative from NNEPRA will also be presenting during the training.

The educational program itself will be designed to last between 30 to 45 minutes. The program will consist of a lecture by the presenter, a specific video that targets the particular audience, i.e., school children, residents, school bus drivers, etc., and question and answers. Our plan would be to initiate this training in the schools prior to summer recess, ask the council to publicize its availability at several meetings, and provide information on the class on the town's website and local newspapers.

Please note the newsletter that I have included with this e-mail as well as a link, www.oli.org to the Operation Lifesaver website. Mr. Hirsch mentions the training on Rail Safety for Emergency Responders. Our officers have attended a similar training on Railroad Crossing Accident Investigation, but I will work with Chief Rice on scheduling availability of his department and ours if this training is significantly different.

Should you or the council have any questions please contact me.