

# PEERS Helping Railroad Safety in the Public Sector

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# Elmhurst, Illinois

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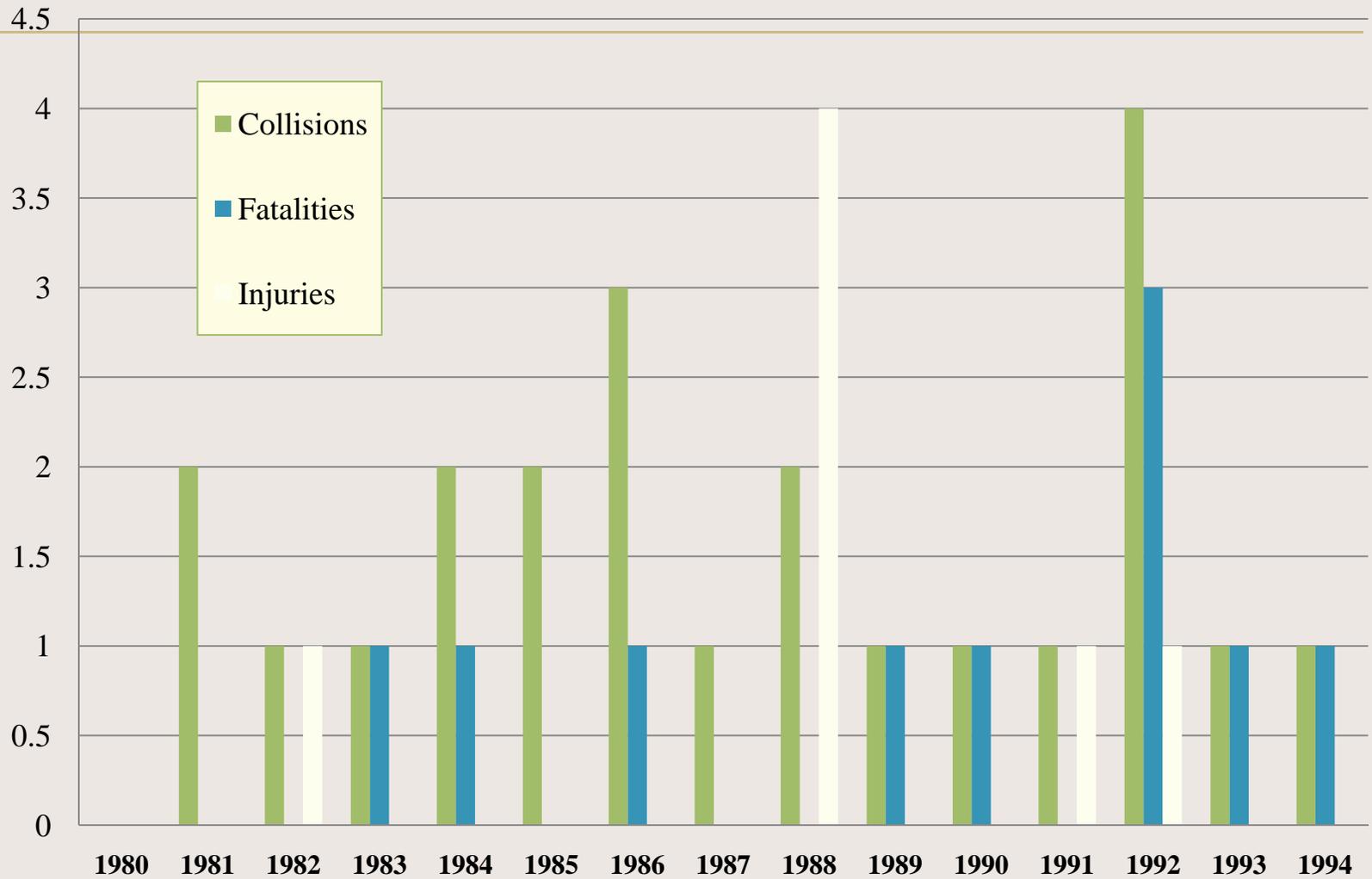
- Suburban Community
- 15 Miles West of Chicago
- 45,000 Residents
- 10 Square Miles
- Union Pacific, (IC) Canadian National
  - » 13 Vehicle Crossings, 1 Nature Path
- 2 Under Passes, 2 Bridges, 2 Ped. Underpasses
- 150 Trains Per Day

## Chicago Metro Area (1994)

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- News Report of 14 People Killed in 2 weeks August 1994
- DuPage County Pedestrians vs. Vehicle Violations for Both
- Elmhurst 1992-93, 3 Fatal RR Collisions

## Collisions, Fatalities & Injuries: 1980 - 1994 for UP and CC&P



# The Problem

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- Local Law Enforcement Approach
  - Sporadic Enforcement
  - Few Man Hours for Prevention
- Railroad Police Spread Thin
  - Few Officers Thousands of Miles
  - Very Few Safety Trainers
- IDOT, County Roads, PW Budgets

# Developing an Approach

- Public Information
- Engineering
  - Traffic Control Signs
  - Lane Separation
- Media
- Education
- Enforcement
- Re-Enforcement
- Continue to Re-Develop



# Public Information



- Develop Local Flyers, Purchase Regional
  - Handout to Pedestrians
  - Hang on Vehicles
  - To Officers & Judges
- Posters In Local Businesses, Schools & Train Station



# Traffic Control Devices

- Lights, Flashers and Bells
- Personalized Warning Signs
  - Crossings
  - Trespass
  - Specialty
- Traffic Flow Control



# Trespass Prevention



# Crossing Violation Prevention



# Lane Separation



# Use the Media

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- News Papers, TV News, Radio, News Letters
  - Get to know local reporters
  - Cover Blitzes, Enforcement and Operation Lifesaver Classes
  - Free Space and Time for PSAs
- Local Cable
  - Produce Local PSAs Targeted Specifically for Your Community

# News Papers



# Local Community News Letters

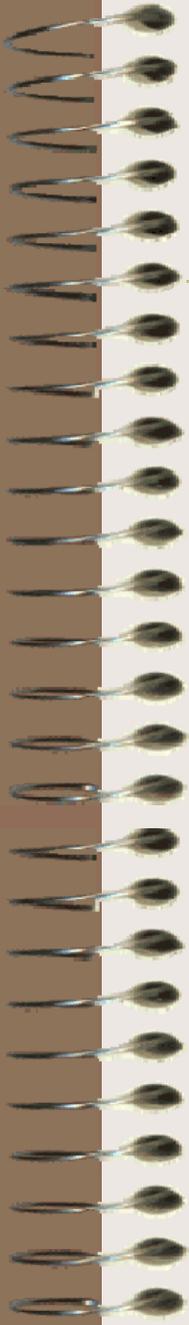


# Trespass PSA 2006

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- Target is Trespassing
- Local Locations and Target Known  
Violation Locations
- Use of Officers that Work on Railroad  
Violations and Kids from Area



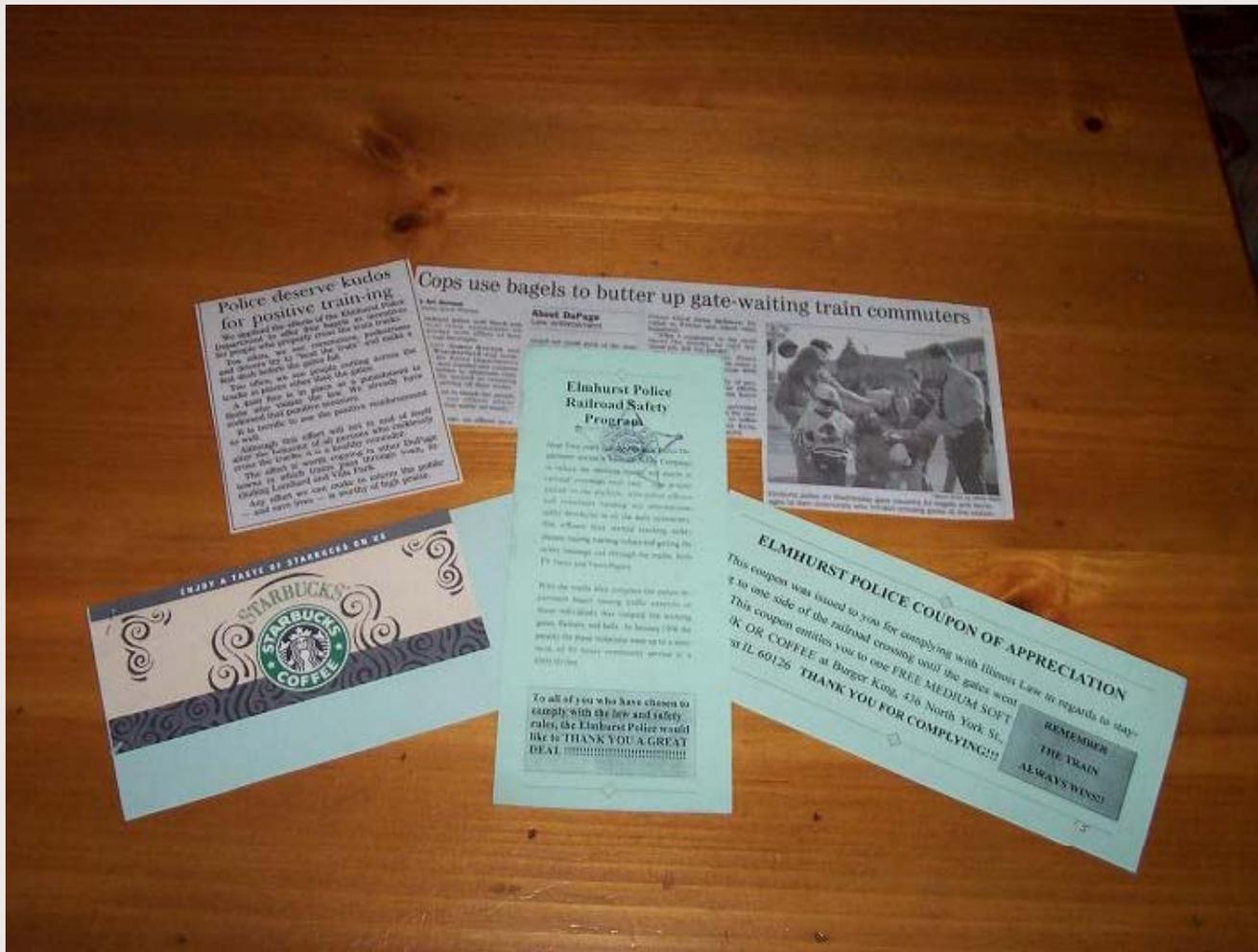


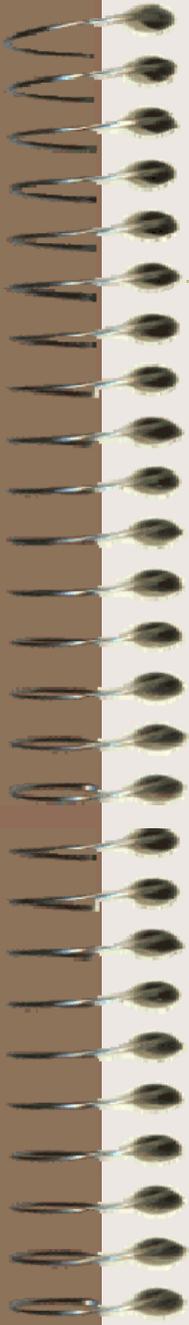
# Education and Enforcement

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- Teach OL
  - Schools, Park Dist
  - Comm. Groups
  - Businesses
- Train Station Safety Blitzes
- Train and Re-Train Officers, Judges and Prosecutors
- Identify Target Locations
- Make Enforcement Irregular but Regular
- Pedestrians, Vehicles, at Crossings and Trespassing
- Use Your Imagination

# Re-Enforce Proper Behavior





# Continuing to Re-Develop

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- Continue Education / Enforcement / Engineering
- Continue to Develop New Ideas
- Stay in the Media
- Keep the Railroad Safety Concept in the Public's Mind All the Time
- The Only Bad Idea is One You Don't Try!



# Safety Town Programs

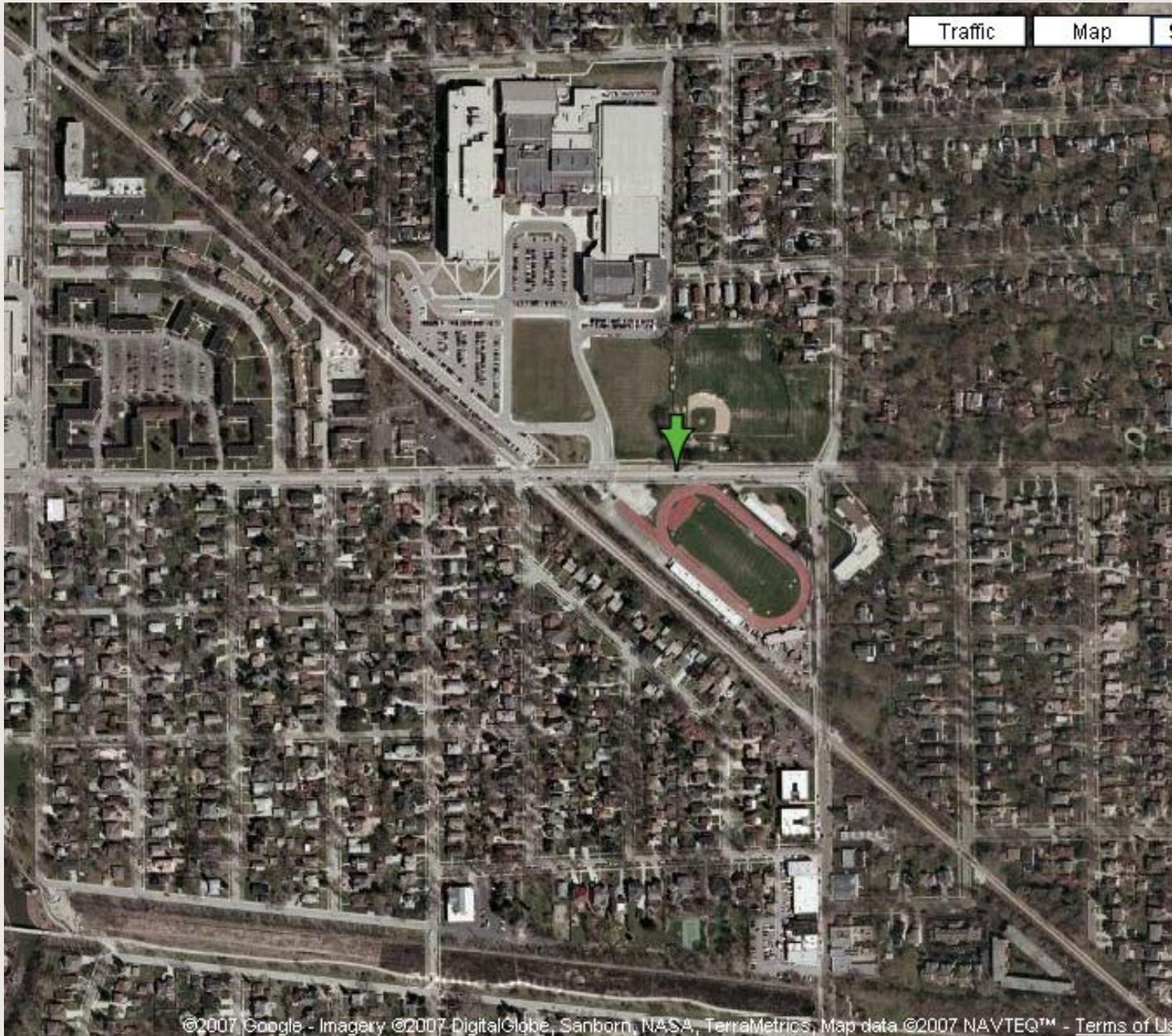


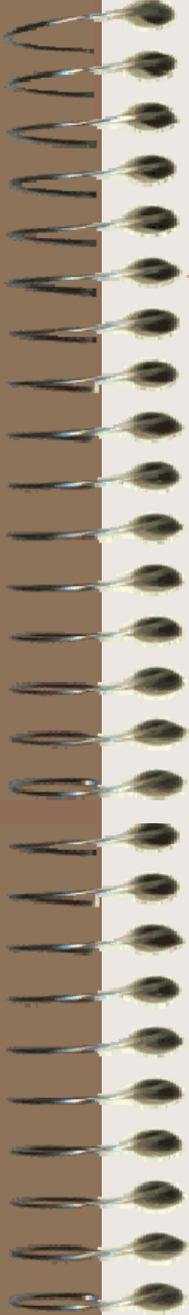
# Nature Trail / Bike Path



# Secluded Locations







# Normal Year vs PEERS Year

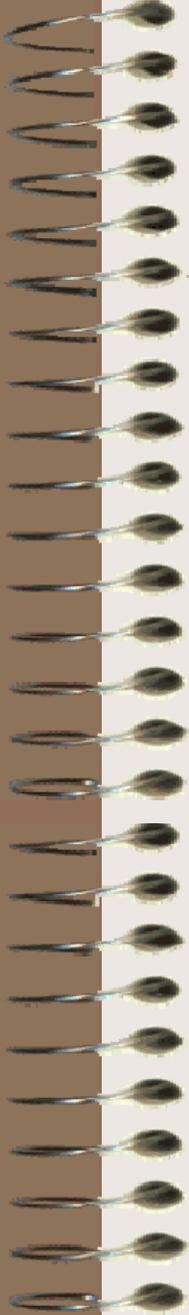
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- 103 Hrs of Prevention
  - 62 Hrs of Enforce
  - 40 Tickets Issued
  - 1,274 Students
  - 640 Flyer Contacts
- 484 Hrs of Prevention
  - 142 Hrs of Enforce
  - 91 Tickets Issued
  - 5,908 Students
  - 2,930 Flyer Contacts

# Normal Year vs. PEERS Year

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- 79% Increase in Prevention Hours
- 56% Increase in Hrs of Enforcement
- 56% Increase in Tickets Written
- 78% Increase in Students Taught
- 78% Increase in Handouts Given Out

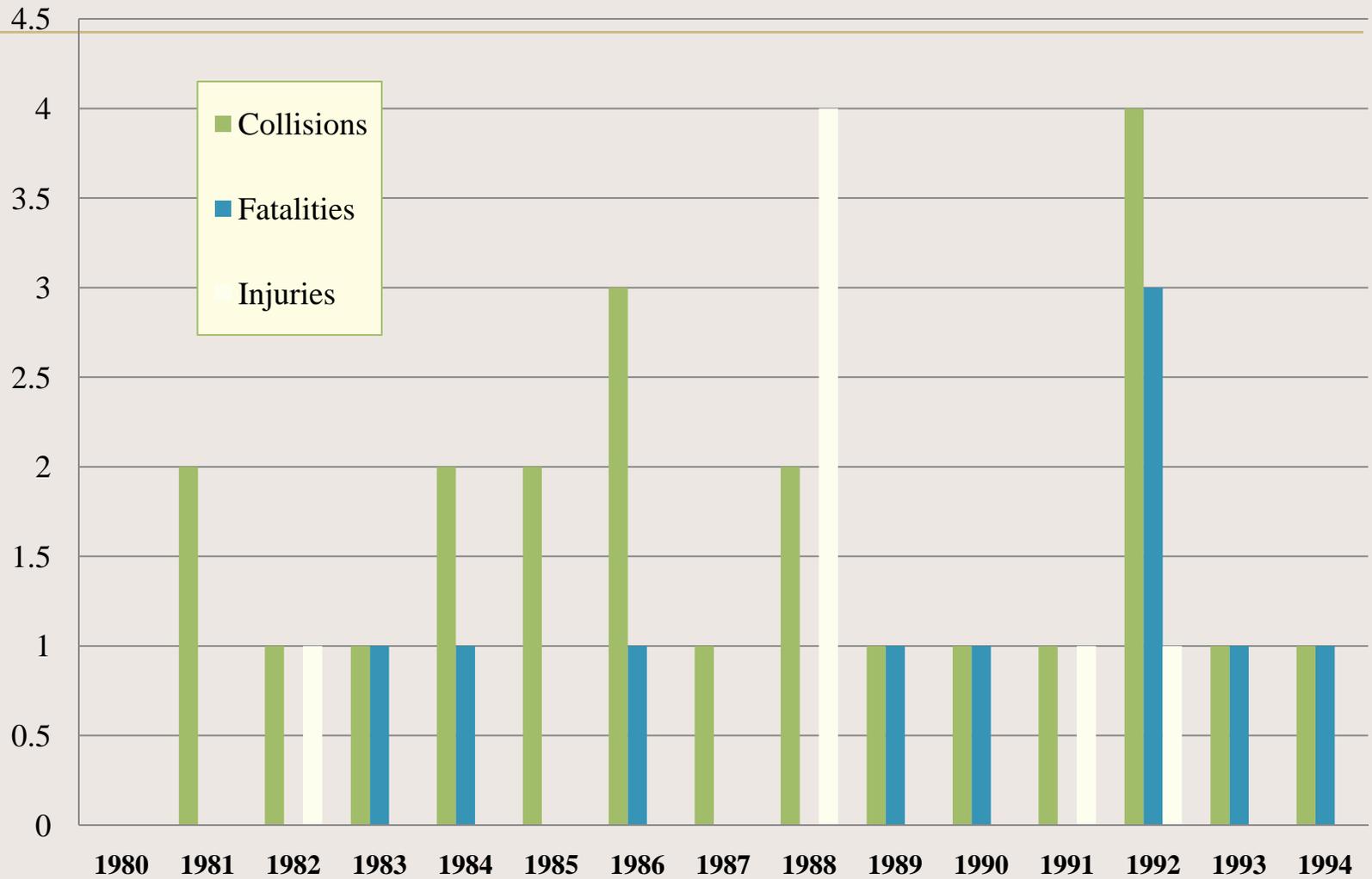


# PEERS Accomplishments in Elmhurst

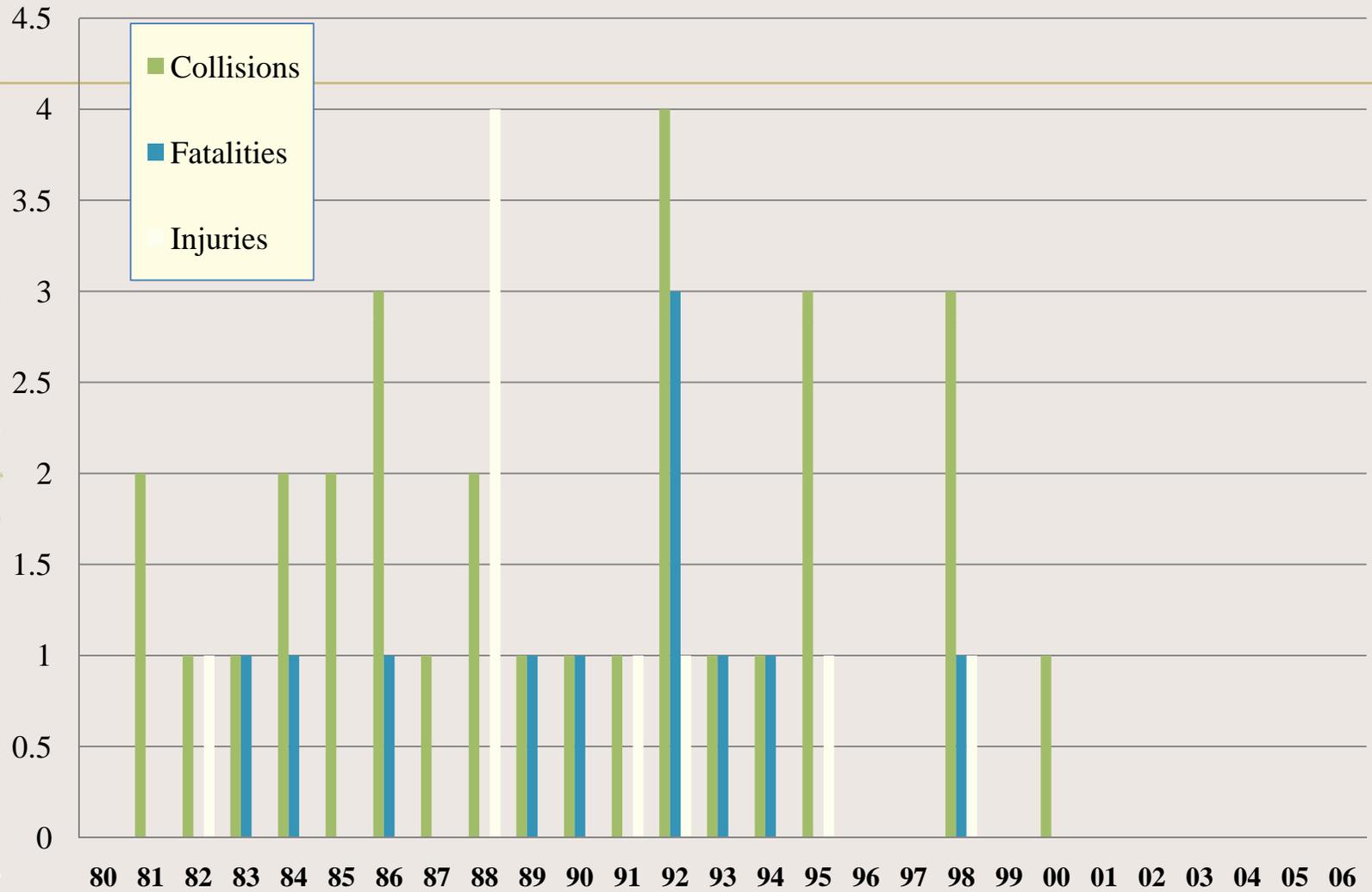
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- Illinois State Police Training
- In Service Training for Local Police/Fire
- Operation Lifesaver Presenters Trained
- Train Station OL Classes
- Targeting Adults for Presentations
- Update PSA Production
- OL Class Presentation Aired on Cable

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# Benefits of PEERS for the Federal Government

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- Jump Start Railroad Safety Programs
- Enhance Current RR Safety Programs
- Reduce Railroad Involved Collisions
- From Many Communities Federal Government Will Receive Higher Return for Each Dollar Granted
- PEERS Saves Money and Lives
  - Costs of damage, investigations, & Litigation
  - Most important save lives!

# PEERS Helps to Save Lives and Reduce Railroad Involved Collisions

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