

## DuPage Railroad Safety Council

*Never doubt that a small group  
of thoughtful committed citizens  
can change the world.  
Indeed, it's the only thing  
that ever has.*

~ Margaret Mead



By Dr. Lanny F. Wilson, Chairman

## DuPage Railroad Safety Council

- It is the mission of the DuPage Railroad Safety Council to prevent deaths and injuries at railroad crossings and along railways.

~ adopted December 16, 1995

- The DuPage Railroad Safety Council exists because **Jonathan Goers** was so severely injured and **Lauren Elizabeth Wilson** was later killed at a quiet little railroad crossing in Hinsdale, Illinois.
- On the stage of life, history has assigned them each the role of inspirer.

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### **“Tell me a story”**

~ Don Hewitt, Executive Producer of CBS News (1922-2009)

- Much of our work is about “The Story”.
- It is important to show the human side of railroad safety.

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- It is important that the statistics be given names ... a few others we know intimately are:

*Lori Most  
Michael DeLarco  
Victor Olivera  
Kristen Bowen  
Tony Stearn*

- Each of these children has a story.
- Each of these children has a family who never forgets.

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- The DuPage Railroad Safety Council meets on the third Saturday of every month to heighten awareness, network and improve safety conditions at railroad crossings and along railways.
- Membership is open to anyone who has a deep concern for railroad safety.
- Operation Lifesaver is one of our partners; we appreciate their “3 E” approach to solving railroad safety problems ~ **Education, Engineering and Enforcement.**
- We adopted a fourth ‘E’ ~ **Eliminate** grade-level crossings because it is virtually impossible to create a completely safe crossing at grade-level.

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### **We want the railroad industry to be successful because we believe in the following:**

- It is much safer for people to be transported by public transportation than in private vehicles.
- It is much safer for goods to be transported in railroad freight cars rather than in trucks.
- It is better for the environment, and much more fuel efficient, to use trains rather than individual transport vehicles – whether they be cars or trucks.
- The more successful railroad companies are, the better they are able to fund safety improvements.

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- Evolution ... Not Revolution ... In Illinois
- In 1994, there were no four quadrant gates in Illinois.
- By 2002, there were 69 four quadrant gates installed along the (single track) High Speed Rail Line between Chicago and St. Louis.
- By 2004, there were 10 additional four quadrant gate installations along the (two track) CSX railroad corridor in Chicago, between 99<sup>th</sup> and 123<sup>rd</sup> streets, establishing a quiet zone.
- By 2010, there will be an installation in Hinsdale at the (three track) BNSF crossing over Monroe street.
- Note: there have been no deaths, injuries, or crashes at any of the four quadrant gate installations in Illinois.

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### Railroad Crossing Safety Summits

- 1996 ~ Prevent Tragedy on the Tracks
- 1998 ~ Today's Successes... Tomorrow's Challenges
- 2000 ~ Countdown to Zero in the New Millenium
- 2002 ~ High Speed Rail: Overcoming the Barriers
- 2004 ~ The Chicago Connection
- 2006 ~ Teaming Up For Pedestrian Safety
- 2008 ~ A Closed Corridor Railroad System in Chicago

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