

Pedestrian Enforcement

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Villa Park Police Department



Why We Started

Several Pedestrian vs. Train Fatalities

Numerous Citizen / Railroad
Complaints

Near Hit Witnessed by Local Politician

How We Started

Evaluated Our Problem

Talked with Commuters / Residents

Backing From Administration

How We Started

Formed Relationships
with:

The Railroad

- Communication
- Enforcement
Authorization

The Press

- Open Invitation
- Press Release



Educational Blitz's

Met with AM & PM
Commuters
Educational
Materials
Verbal Warnings
Coffee



1st Enforcement Blitz

Not Enough Officers and Tickets to go
Around

Let the Name Calling Begin
Video

After Enforcement Fallout

A Few Unhappy Visitors to the Police Station, but

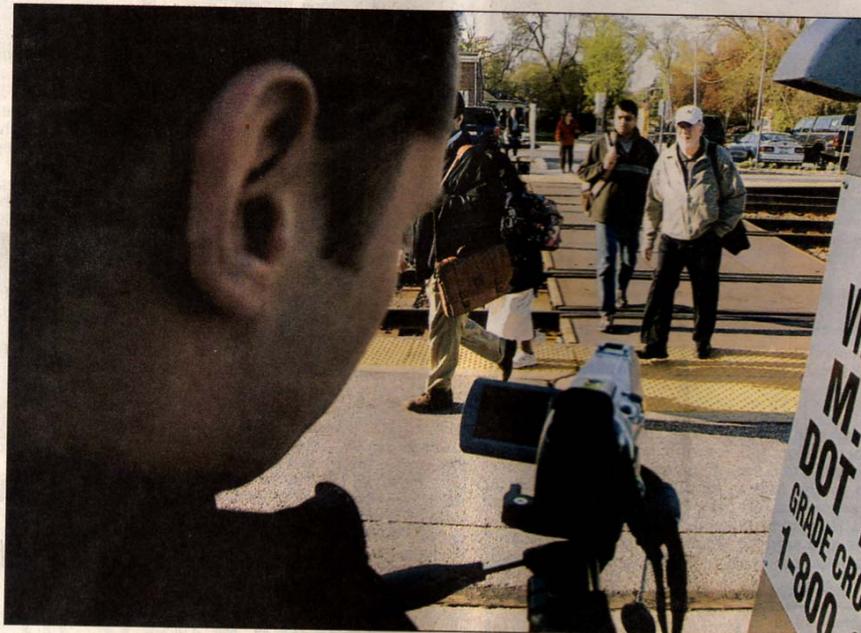
Numerous Positive Letters to the Editors

Strengthened Administrations Stand

All Pled Guilty in Court

Press Coverage

WATCHING ...



PHOTOS BY TANIT JARUSAN/DAILY HERALD
Villa Park police officer Bill Lyons videotapes people crossing the railroad tracks during a recent enforcement effort at the Ardmore Avenue train station.

... THE RAILS

Engineering Efforts

Examined Crossings
without pedestrian
gates

Better Signage



The End Result

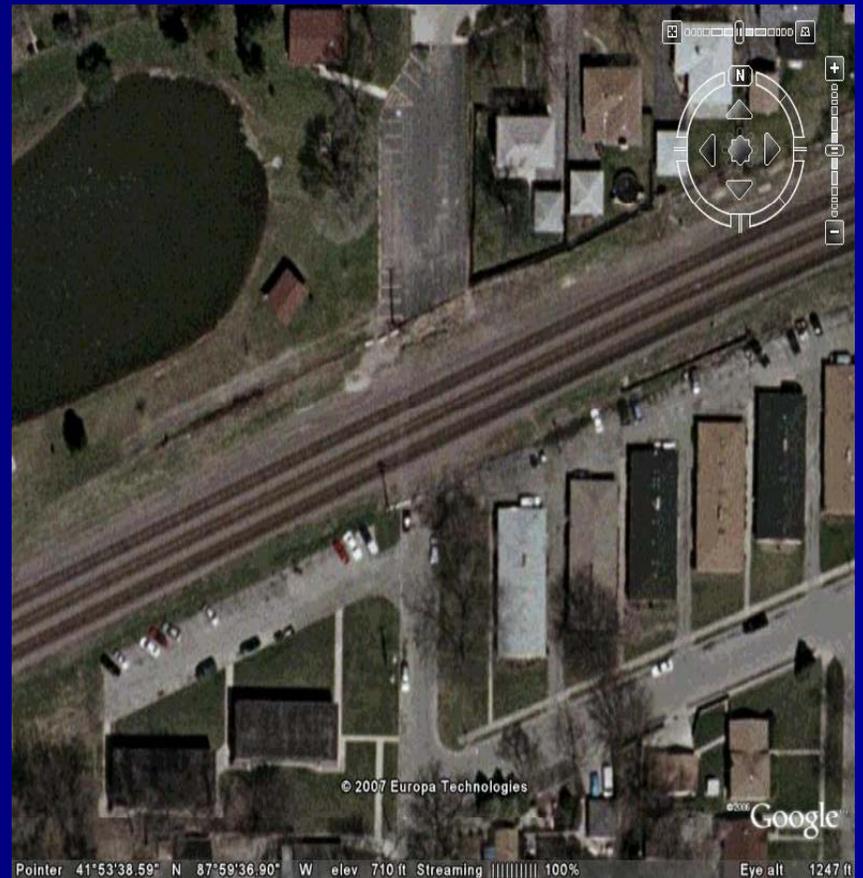
It is very hard to write a ticket at our
train station

Increased Public Relations

Video

Trespassing Issues

Numerous
Trespassers on a
Daily Basis
PEERS Hire back
allowed plain
clothes, bike
officers



Trespassing Issues

As a Result of
Heavy Enforcement
UPRR Awarded
Special Fence Grant
After Installation
Trespassing
Dramatically
Declined



PEERS Education Blitz 2006

Five Area Police
Departments
UPRR / Metra
Commuters
targeted: before,
during, and after
Focus: Talk to your
children about
trains
Targeted over 5000
Commuters

Do You
Know
How To
Save A
Life ?



This information has been brought to you by
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Police



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Joint Enforcement 2006

Five Local Police Agencies along with
UPRR and Metra

Targeted Afternoon Rush Hour
Commuters

Thirty Citations, Twenty Six Written
Warnings

System Wide Enforcement 2007

Numerous Agencies Participating for
both AM and PM Rush Hours on
Various Lines

UP West Line = 20 Citations, 5
Warnings (bad weather)

What We've Done

As A Result Of PEERS We Have
Issued Over 120 Railroad Citations
9 Written Warnings
Reached Thousands of Adults and
Children Through Operation Lifesaver
Presentations

Conclusion

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Conclusion

Question / Comments