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Operation Lifesaver Region 4 Workshop

Over 6 months ago a committee made up of OL State Coordinators and other volunteers was put together to plan a regional workshop for all members and volunteers in OL Region 4. After considering several different cities and sites it was decided that the Chula Vista Resort, in Wisconsin Dells Wisconsin would be the best location for the event. The original goal of the committee members was to find a location that was centrally located, and that was accessible by Amtrak. Next they wanted to

create a program that would be valuable to the participants and that could be put together at a reasonable price. The idea was that if the elements of these goals could be met attendance would increase.

Committee members worked on lodging, the curriculum, activities, transportation and of course the meals. With 90% of the preparation complete it is believed that the committee has met its goals.

In this newsletter you will

be provided with all the information that you will need to prepare, register and attend the OL Region 4 Workshop. The Workshop will run over a 3 day period and will be a great value to trainers, presenters and other volunteers. It will provide an opportunity for learning and networking. Our hopes are that a majority of you that receive this newsletter will be able to join us September 13th, 14th and 15th, 2011 at the Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells and attend this outstanding event.

Making Reservations at Chula Vista Resort

Room reservations at the Chula Vista Resort will not be part of the registration process for the conference. Individuals or groups will have to make their own lodging reservations separately from their registration for the conference. The committee has made an agreement with the resort so that participants will get special reduced state rates when making their room reservations. The rates are \$70.00 for a single room and \$95.00 for a room of 2 to 6

people. These rooms are regular hotel style and size rooms and water park passes will be included with the cost of the room for all persons registered to the room. If you are interested the resort does have other larger rooms available but you will have to inquire on the prices when you are making your reservations.

To make a lodging reservation call the resort number that has been dedicated to our event which is

1-888-289-3705

or you can call the main resort number which is

1-866-382-4852

When making a reservation mention the reference code

“A10317”

Don't forget that Amtrak is offering free travel to the Wisconsin Dells for OL volunteers that are attending the conference. Family members will have to pay their fare. The Chula Vista Resort will also be providing free shuttles to and from the Amtrak station.



Minnesota



Make A



by Preventing a Crash

*At The Operation Lifesaver Region 4
Railroad Safety Conference in
The Wisconsin Dells*

Jim Tracey / Susie Klinger: *State Coordinator-Wisconsin*

Chip Pew: *State Coordinator-Illinois*

Jessica Allen Feder: *State Coordinator-Indiana*

Sam Crowl: *State Coordinator-Michigan*

Donna Naumann: *State Coordinator-Minnesota*

AGENDA

September 13-15, 2011

Chula Vista Resort and Water Park

Wisconsin Dells, WI

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration

11:00 – 11:50 a.m. Workshop Pre-meeting Jim Tracey / Susie Klinger

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. GCCI / RSER Update Dave Hulings

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Presenter Trainer Update Wende Corcoran

Welcome Reception 4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Room B
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Open Bar

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

6:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Breakfast Buffet (ticket provided)
8:00 a.m. - Noon Registration

OPENING SESSION 8 – 9:50 a.m. Rooms B, D and F

8:00 a.m. Welcome/ Honor Guard / Invocation (15)
a. Opening Jim Tracey/Susie Klinger, Moderator (15)
b. OLI Remarks-Helen M. Sramek OLI President (30)
c. Session Overviews/ State Coordinator Intros. (15)

Break Out Session #1

10:10 – 11:00 a.m.	Session #1	How to present to teens what works and what doesn't
	Room B	TBA
	Session #1	CN Law Enforcement Crash Preparedness
	Room D	Special Agent Eric Graf CN
	Session #1	Presentation Props / handouts / promo
	Room F	Leann Wallin Moorhead PD, Jim Kveton Elmhurst PD

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 continued

Break Out Session #2

11:10 a.m. – Noon	Session #2	How to present to teens what works and what doesn't
	Room B	TBA
	Session #2	CN Law Enforcement Crash Preparedness
	Room D	Special Agent Eric Graf CN
	Session #2	Presentation Props / handouts / promo
	Room F	Leann Wallin Moorhead PD, Jim Kveton Elmhurst PD

Lunch Noon -- 1:00 p.m. Rooms A and C

Break Out Session #3 1:10 – 2:00 p.m.

1:10 – 2:00 p.m.	Session #3	Using Power Point
	Room B	Tom McNamara Metra / Ken Gilsdorf CSX
	Session #3	Pedestrian Issues and Statistics
	Room D	Ian Savage NWU, Steve Laffey ICC
	Session #3	E-learning / Networking
	Room F	Jessica Feder Indiana OL

Break Out Session #4 2:10 – 3:00 p.m.

2:10 – 3:00 p.m.	Session #4	Using Power Point
	Room B	Tom McNamara Metra / Ken Gilsdorf CSX
	Session #4	Pedestrian Issues and Statistics
	Room D	Ian Savage NWU, Steve Laffey ICC
	Session #4	E-learning Networking
	Room F	Jessica Feder Indiana OL

GENERAL SESSION ONE 3:20 – 5 p.m. Rooms B, D and F

Psychology of the Suicide by Train Victim
Julie Reichenberger and Karen M Marshall

BANQUET 6 – 8 p.m. Dinner
Helen Sramek OLI Presidential Remarks (15)

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Breakfast Buffet 6 – 7:45 a.m. (ticket will be provided)
GENERAL SESSION TWO 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Upper Dells Ballroom

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.	Dr. Kaufman “Making the Most of Every Presentation”
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	David Perman, WI Attorney General
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:55 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.	Bruce Friedman—Update on the MUTCD
10:35 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Sample Presentations School Bus Drivers, Professional Drivers, Police Dept Presentations, Alan Stouder, Clark Wheeler, Korey Henderson

**Box Lunches will be available after 10:30 a.m. for early departures,
or served in the Chop House for those that can stay Noon - 1 p.m.**

Procedures for Complimentary Amtrak Travel for OL Volunteers

AMTRAK will provide complimentary round-trip coach transportation for certified Operation Lifesaver volunteers and staff conducting OL business. Your complimentary tickets are not good for stopovers and are **non-transferable**.

Please contact **AMTRAK** at 1-800-USA-RAIL to reserve your space. Follow the prompts to speak with an agent to secure your space. Please request that they place a note in the reservation record that this is promotional travel (do not make payment). These reservations **CANNOT** be made on-line.

To receive your complimentary ticket, please e-mail your reservation #, dates for travel and departure and destination points to Jewel Pickett at the e-mail address listed below. Your travel voucher will be e-mailed to you. If you are departing from a staffed Amtrak station, you can pick up your tickets following receipt and processing of your travel voucher. Please make your reservations at least 14 days prior to the date you plan to travel.

If you depart from an un-staffed Amtrak station your tickets will be mailed. It is advisable to contact our agent prior to picking up your tickets to ensure all is in order. You should also check on the status of your train on your departure date to ensure you make your connection.

Jewel Pickett
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Registration Form

**2011 Operation Lifesaver Region 4 Workshop
September 13-15, 2011
Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, WI**

REGISTRANT INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - NO ABBREVIATIONS

NAME _____
 TITLE _____
 AFFILIATION _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE () _____ FAX () _____
 E-MAIL _____ FIRST NAME FOR BADGE _____
 SPOUSE NAME - IF ATTENDING _____ FIRST NAME FOR BADGE _____

To register for the 2011 Operation Lifesaver Region 4 Workshop:

- 1) Fill out and return this form with payment by check or money order made payable to *Region 4 Workshop* and mail to **Wisconsin Operation Lifesaver, P.O. Box 130, Tomahawk WI. 54487**

REGISTRATION FEES AND THIS FORM ARE DUE BY AUGUST 9, 2011 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT.

Full Registration fee includes: materials, breakfasts, lunch and dinner. Spouse/guest fee includes meals and the dinner; **additional tickets for just the dinner are available at \$30 for adults or children.**

Please make all checks payable to: Wisconsin Operation Lifesaver. Canceled registrations will be subject to a \$10.00 service fee. Refunds (minus the service fee) will be given if canceled up to one (1) week prior to the workshop.

Questions? Contact: Susie Klinger, Wisconsin Operation Lifesaver Coordinator at:
 Office: (715) 453-2303 OR Cellular Phone at 715 966-0500 OR Email: sklinger@gwrr.com

IF YOU ARE MAILING YOUR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT, COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR ALL EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND; PLEASE LIST THE NUMBER ATTENDING AND TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.

CATEGORY	EVENT	COST	# ATTENDING	AMOUNT
<u>Full Registration</u> \$80.00 Prior to Workshop \$90.00 On-Site	9/13 Reception	Included	___	Total Registration Fees: \$ _____
	9/14 Breakfast	Included	___	
	9/14 Lunch	Included	___	
	9/14 Dinner	Included	___	
	9/15 Breakfast	Included	___	
	9/15 Lunch	Included	___	
<u>Spouse/Guest fee</u> \$90.00 Prior to Workshop \$90.00 On-Site	9/13 Reception	Included	___	Total Spouse/Guest Registration Fees: \$ _____
	9/14 Breakfast	Included	___	
	9/14 Lunch	Included	___	
	9/14 Dinner	Included	___	
	9/15 Breakfast	Included	___	
	9/15 Lunch	Included	___	
<u>Additional Dinner Tickets</u> (September 14 meal)	9/14 Adult – additional		___	\$ 20.00 _____
	9/14 Child - additional		___	\$ 20.00 _____
			TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

“Meet a Presenter” ILOL Presenter Christopher Ambrose

Christopher Ambrose is one of our Illinois Operation Lifesaver Presenters from southern Illinois that would be a good person to meet and get to know. He retired from the St Louis County Sheriff’s Police after 31 years of service as a police officer. During his time as a police officer he was trained as and worked as an accident reconstructionist. Christopher now works for Metro Link, which is St Louis’ Light Rail System. He has been working as a Safety Auditor for 6 years. His responsibilities include many different safety related duties. Ambrose lives in the St. Louis area, on the Missouri side of the river, but is active in Illinois as an Operation Lifesaver Presenter as well.

Christopher is married with 5 grown children and regularly enjoys the company of his many grandkids.

Christopher related that he teaches Operation Lifesaver to many different types and age audiences but really doesn’t have a favorite group. When he expressed his most rewarding experiences he talked about the 35 thousand commuters at Metro Link and the multiple classroom and class interactions he has had with people where he was able to bring them information that helped them interact safely with the railroads. One of the reasons Christopher started with Operation Lifesaver was that it was a natural extension of his safety related duties with Metro Link.

Some of Christopher’s hobbies include Hockey, photography and computers.



ILOL Presenter Christopher Ambrose, St Louis, MO

Thank You from the Region 4 Workshop Committee

The 2011 Operation Lifesaver Region 4 Workshop Committee would like to thank all sponsors who have donated money or handout materials to help make this year’s workshop a success.

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or

www.icc.illinois.gov/LOL

Illinois Operation Lifesaver 2011 Meeting Schedule

Illinois Operation Lifesaver North:
Sept. 20st, (8AM Board, 10:30AM general) Elmhurst Police Dept.
Dec. 13th, (8AM Board, 10:30AM general) Elmhurst City Hall

Illinois Operation Lifesaver South:
Sept. 27th, (10AM general meeting) Municipal West Training Building
Dec. 6th, (10AM general meeting) Municipal West Training Building

Elmhurst Police Dept., 125 E. First Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 530-3050

Elmhurst City Hall, 209 N. York Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 530-3000

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Submitting Articles, Pictures or Information For The Newsletter

Illinois Operation Lifesaver is always looking for information, articles, and pictures to be added to and shared through our Newsletter. If you have any information about up coming

events, classes, conferences or anything else that would benefit other OL volunteers, please forward them in by email. We also like to share in the successes of our volunteers

and OL at large, so include things we can celebrate also. We will include as many as we can. Forward all submissions to james.kveton@elmhurst.org



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