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## Village of Plainfield Proclaims March 21<sup>st</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup> Train Safety Awareness Week

Plainfield IL – The Village of Plainfield has declared March 21<sup>st</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup> Train Safety Awareness Week in order to promote vehicle and pedestrian safety around railroad tracks and trains. In Illinois during 2010, there were 125 crossing collisions involving motor vehicles, which resulted in 40 injuries and 27 fatalities. In addition, 25 injuries and 31 fatalities occurred when people trespassed on to railroad property.

To promote awareness and education, informational press releases will be issued during the week, and informational booths will be set up by both the Plainfield Police and CN Police at the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce Exposition, which will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Plainfield Central High School.

In addition, enforcement details are planned for the week of March 21<sup>st</sup> at various railroad grade crossings within the Village of Plainfield to cite both drivers and pedestrians who disobey the laws associated with railroad grade crossings and railroad property.

Please remember, not only is it against the law to stop your vehicle on the railroad tracks, it is against the law to stop your vehicle anywhere within the highway-rail grade crossing. Highway-rail grade crossings are typically marked by white stop lines located on the pavement in advance of the crossing, and if not marked by white stop lines, the highway-rail grade crossing extends from protective gate arm to protective gate arm.

A motor vehicle's failure to stop is the contributing factor in more than 70 percent of all crossing accidents, and more than 50 percent of all collisions occur at locations with flashing lights and ringing bells.

When crossing railroad tracks, you must always follow the law and be aware of your surroundings! And, please remember to buckle up, every time, every trip!

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