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Train Safety Awareness Week – Make Safety Your Priority

Plainfield IL – During Train Safety Awareness Week in the Village of Plainfield, which runs from March 21st to March 27th, the Plainfield Police encourage you to make safety your priority when in an environment where railroad tracks and trains exist, and also encourage parents to pass this information on to their children.

- Trains cannot stop quickly. Even if a locomotive engineer sees you, **IT WILL TAKE THE AVERAGE TRAIN MORE THAN ONE MILE TO STOP.** That is about 20 football fields.
- The average train weighs 110 tons, and the average automobile weighs less than two tons.
- A motorist is 40 times more likely to die in a crash involving a train than in a crash involving another motor vehicle.
- The majority of highway/railroad collisions occur when the train is traveling less than 30 miles per hour.
- Pay careful attention at crossings at night and in bad weather.
- Because of their size, trains look like they are moving slower than they actually are. It is nearly impossible to predict the speed of an approaching train.
- If you are using headphones, please remove them when crossing or walking near railroad tracks.
- Once the warning signals begin, it can take as little as 20 seconds for the train to come.
- Get off your bike and walk it across the tracks.

Please make your safety a priority when crossing railroad tracks both as a motorist and a pedestrian, and, if you have children, please do not forget to share this information with them. Also, please remember to buckle up, every time, every trip!

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