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## Railroad Grade Crossing Enforcement Planned

Plainfield IL – The Village of Plainfield is dedicated to reducing traffic crashes through sustained educational and enforcement campaigns. Therefore, in conjunction with the CN Police, the Plainfield Police Department will be conducting enforcement details at railroad grade crossings located within the Village of Plainfield the week of April 25<sup>th</sup>. Motorists and pedestrians who disobey laws associated with railroad grade crossings will be issued citations.

There are several factors that contribute to the occurrence of train versus motor vehicle/pedestrian collisions:

- A motorist/pedestrian will see a train coming, but grossly misjudge the actual speed and distance of the train.
- A motorist will try and beat a train to the crossing and either gets struck by the train or runs into the side of the train.
- As a train clears a crossing, the motorist/pedestrian immediately starts across the tracks without looking for other trains and either strikes or is struck by a train running on an adjacent track.
- A motorist becomes "too familiar" with a crossing and uses no caution whatsoever when coming to the crossing.
- The motorist fails to observe and obey the advance railroad warning sign and other crossing warning signs and signals.
- A motorist is intoxicated and cannot properly operate a motor vehicle.
- A motorist overdrives his/her headlights at night or fails to properly adapt his/her driving speed to the prevailing weather conditions and thus drives into the side of the train.
- A motorist/pedestrian becomes distracted by things such as cellular telephones, loud music, passengers, GPS systems, texting devices, etc. and becomes oblivious to his/her surroundings.

Avoid a costly citation; obey all laws associated with railroad grade crossings and property. 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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