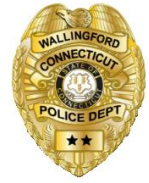




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The Wallingford Police Department to Mobilize for “Operation Clear Track” Rail Safety Law Enforcement Initiative during Rail Safety Week 2023

On Tuesday, September 19, 2023 during [Rail Safety Week \(RSW\), September 18-24](#), **The Wallingford Police Department** will join with national rail safety education non-profit [Operation Lifesaver Inc. \(OLI\)](#), the [Amtrak Police Department](#) and hundreds of local, state, federal and railroad law enforcement departments for “**Operation Clear Track**” to raise awareness and enforce railroad grade crossing and trespassing laws across the U.S. “Operation Clear Track” is the single largest rail safety initiative in the U.S.

During “Operation Clear Track,” agency law enforcement personnel will be stationed at targeted railroad grade crossings and other locations sharing the rail safety message with their community. The goal of **Rail Safety Week’s Operation Clear Track** is to reduce pedestrian and driver injuries and fatalities around railroad tracks through increased public awareness.

WHAT: “**Operation Clear Track**” Enforcement/Education event to be held in states across the U.S. at railroad grade crossings and other locations.

WHEN: **Tuesday, September 19 (rain date Wednesday, September 20)**

WHERE/WHAT TIME: **Hall Avenue & Quinnipiac Street in Wallingford, CT.**

WHY: Federal statistics show that **every 3 hours in the United States**, a person or vehicle is hit by a train. “Operation Clear Track” is an effort by Operation Lifesaver Inc., Amtrak Police and law enforcement partners across the nation raising awareness of the need for caution near railroad tracks and trains during **Rail Safety Week**, held September 18-24, 2023, in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

MORE INFO: Visit the [Rail Safety Week landing page](#) and [Operation Lifesaver, Inc.’s](#) website for safety tips and statistics Contact news@oli.org or MediaRelations@amtrak.com for more information on “Operation Clear Track.”



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The Wallingford Police Traffic Division has been designated to participate in Rail Safety Week.

About Operation Lifesaver

Operation Lifesaver is a non-profit public safety education and awareness organization dedicated to stopping track tragedies. For more than 50 years, Operation Lifesaver programs have saved lives via public awareness campaigns and a network of trained volunteers across the U.S. who give free presentations encouraging safe behavior near railroad tracks and trains. The [Operation Lifesaver, Inc. \(OLI\)](#) national office supports the efforts of state programs in 47 states and the District of Columbia. Explore OLI's virtual library of rail safety materials on the oli.org website. Learn more about [OLI](#), the annual observance of [Rail Safety Week](#), how to request a [free presentation](#) and [become a volunteer](#). Follow OLI on social media via [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Pinterest](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

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