

2010 Operation Lifesaver Symposium

Everyone is invited to the 2010 OL Symposium to be held at the Hyatt Baltimore Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland. The focus of the 2010 Symposium is leadership. Amtrak is offering a free ticket to Symposium travelers. More to come on registration fees, hotel, etc.

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Having trouble figuring out how to submit presentations on the national website? See the next page for step-by-step instructions.



Spotlight: Ryan Gustin



How long have you been a Florida OL volunteer?
About one year.

What is your favorite group to present to?
Law Enforcement

What is your job?
I am a CSX law enforcement special agent. I have worked in law enforcement for 12 years. I am also a OLI Grade Crossing Collision Investigation instructor working hard towards building partnerships between Operation Lifesaver and law enforcement.

What do you enjoy doing for fun?
I enjoy water based activities like fishing, scuba diving, and traveling.

Give us 1 "Big Idea" for Florida OL ...
We should honor a Railroad Safety Florida Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. In order to do this I suggest we post a form on the Florida OL website allowing people to nominate officers.

Welcome Aboard!

Florida Operation Lifesaver would like to welcome all the newly certified associates to the OL family! Florida Operation Lifesaver is pleased to have these new volunteers engaging their time and energy to help reduce injuries and save countless lives at highway-rail grade crossings and on railroad properties.



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James Martin
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Richard Smith
Tampa, Fl

Things to remember about presentations!

- * All presentation should be reported online.
- * You need four presentations a year.
- * Contact us if you have a presentation that other presenters and volunteers can also attend and we will send out a notification to others in your area.
- * Ask your friends or coworkers if they know a group that you present to.
- * Do **NOT** use the word accident in your presentations.
- * Try to contact us ahead of time for presentation materials so we will have time to put everything together and send it to you.

Important!

When logging in presentations into the OLI website (oli.org), please make sure to log them under presentations and NOT under Training. The training selection is should only be used by trainers when they have completed a presenter training class, GCCI class, or RSER class. Only people who are certified to teach these classes should log reports as Training. If you have already logged a presentation in as Training; it is not a problem. Please just go back and delete that submission and redo it as a presentation.

Submitting Presentations Online

What kind of presentation are you submitting?

- You should only choose **Presentation**.
- Presentation-Select Type
 - K-8 Students
 - General High School
 - All Drivers Education
 - School Bus Drivers
 - Professional Drivers- Trucks
 - Professional Drivers- Commercial Buses
 - Law Enforcement
 - General Fire Fighters
 - Misc General Adult
 - Pre-K/Head Start
 - Snowmobile

1. Host Organization

Who hosted or invited you to the presentation?

Contact Information
 Host Organization Name
 Host Contact Name
 Host Contact Phone
 Host Contact Email

Location of Presentation

Address 1
 Address 2
 City
 State
 Zip
 County

Date Presentation took place

2. Presentation Report

Other Presenters
 Comments
 Attendance Numbers

- # Presentation
- # Total Attendance

 Materials Used

3. Choose who to email copies of your presentation to.

State Coordinators automatically get a copy!

GCCI

Media

Please remember neither presenters nor volunteers should speak with the press. If you are contacted by the media with questions, please direct them towards Annette Lapkowski, the state coordinator. They can contact her through the Florida Operation Lifesaver e-mail address, floridaol@dot.state.fl.us, or by calling her at 850-414-4541.

When a collision occurs at a highway-rail intersection, law enforcement officers respond. Being familiar with railroad operations and the conditions at highway-rail grade crossings is important for law enforcement officers. Grade Crossing Collision Investigation (GCCI) Courses are available to help officers more effectively investigate such incidents. The next GCCI class will be on May 6, 2010 at the Daytona Beach Police Department. Please contact us if you are a law enforcement officer interested in taking the class or if you know any Law Enforcement that would be interested please feel free to share the information.

Train Safety Awareness Week

Train Safety Awareness Week (TSAW) is quickly approaching. Once again it will be on the third week of April, the 18th to the 24th. During this week Florida Operation Lifesaver will team up with Law Enforcement agencies throughout the state of Florida to increase motorist and pedestrian awareness at highway-rail grade crossings. Last year TSAW was a huge success. Over 40 Agencies throughout the state committed their departments to aiding in the efforts to enforce and improve safety around the tracks and thousands of flyers, coloring books, pens, and railroad safety information were given out to motorist and pedestrians crossing the tracks. The Operation Lifesaver message was successfully shared throughout the state. We are hoping that with your help this year will be more successful than last year.



Find us on:

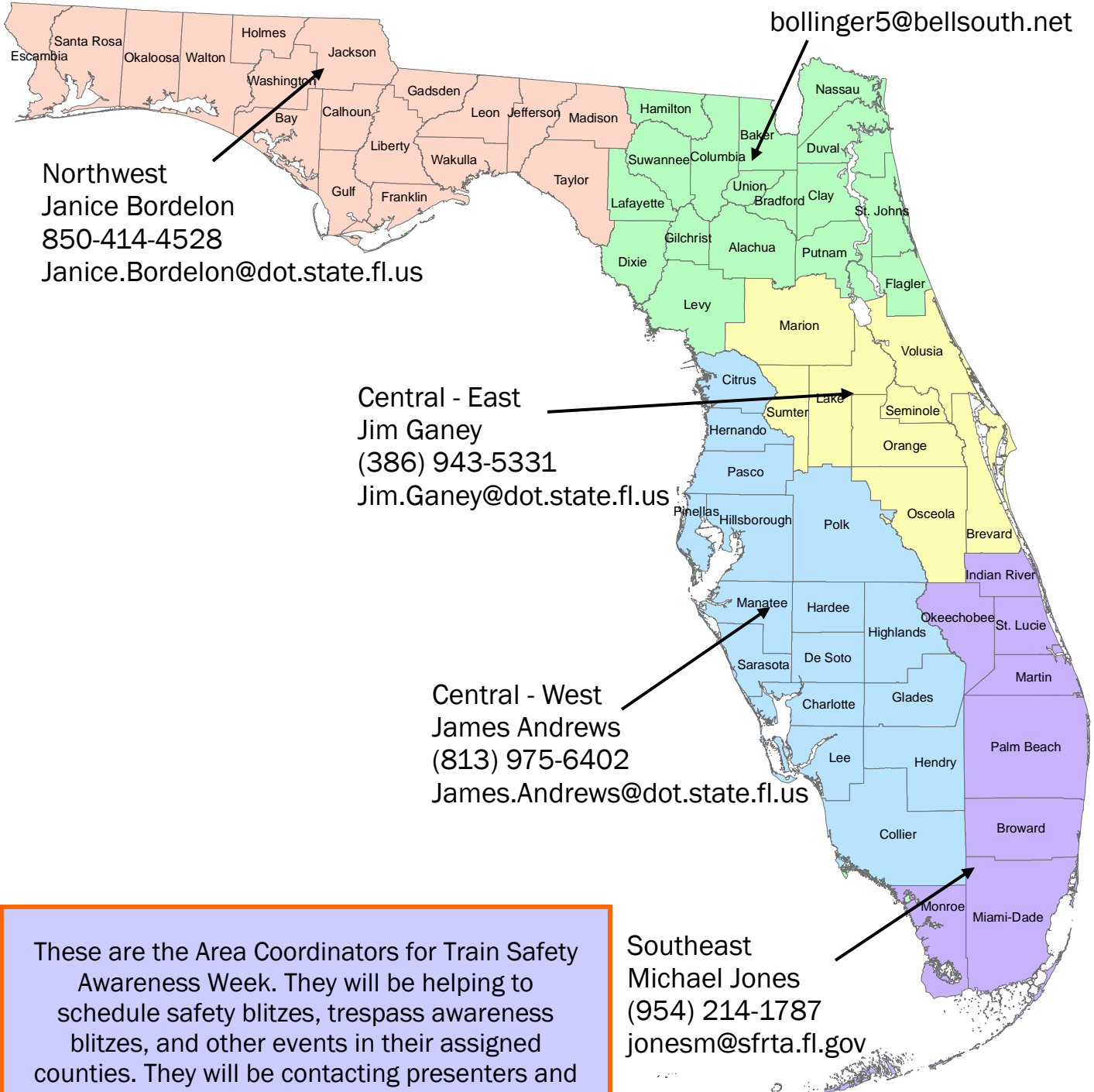


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These are the Area Coordinators for Train Safety Awareness Week. They will be helping to schedule safety blitzes, trespass awareness blitzes, and other events in their assigned counties. They will be contacting presenters and associates with event information for TSAW.

LOOK, LISTEN, LIVE!



**Don't forget to
check the
website
regularly for
updates!
floridaol.org**

Going Green...

Here are some experts' easy solutions to making our world healthier. You'll also find these recommendations can save you money. What could be greener?

1. Recycle and buy minimally packaged goods as much as possible.
2. Wash clothes in cold or warm water, not hot.
3. Install low-flow shower heads; turn off water while brushing teeth; and fix your water leaks.
4. Run the dishwasher only when full and don't use heat to dry dishes.
5. Replace standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.
6. Plug air leaks in windows and doors to increase energy efficiency and decrease your utility bill.
7. Replace old appliances with energy efficient models.
8. Walk, bike, carpool, use public transportation whenever possible.
9. Adjust your thermostat- lower in winter, higher in summer.
10. Share these simple steps with friends and family and increase awareness.

2009 Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting held on November 2, 2009 was a huge success. Around 40 people attended. Everything was covered from TSAW 2009 to the 2009 OL Summit. Board members were introduced and all of our Regional Coordinators presented updates of progress in their areas. The presenters were divided into breakout groups, with whom they brainstormed ideas for posters, PSAs, and outreach programs for different target groups and came out with very valuable ideas. Awards were presented to the following people:

George Bollinger for the most points (events + presentations)

James Andrews for the most presentations

Ben Biscan for serving on the OL Board

Cliff Stayton for his leadership as Chairmen to the Board

Mark Van Hala and Don Levine for certification reviews

Katie Chimelewski and Jan Bordelon for assisting in training

For a complete overview and slides from the meeting visit our website and look under the News section.

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