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March 18: CONN-OSHA Employer Roundtable Details National Operation Lifesaver Program

WETHERSFIELD, March 14, 2014 – James Peay, State Coordinator with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, will discuss *Operation Lifesaver* – a national program dedicated to preventing and reducing the number of injuries and deaths that occur at highway rail-grade crossings, and to make the public more aware of the dangers encountered when trespassing on railroad property. The event will be held at the March 18 Breakfast Roundtable Discussion meeting sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA). The 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. Roundtable will be held in the agency’s Central Office, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield.

“*Operation Lifesaver* presentations are designed to increase awareness of the hazards inherent to railroad crossing and railroad rights of way,” explains CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist and Breakfast Roundtable project coordinator, John Able.

According to Able, in accordance with Connecticut’s General Statutes, responsibility for chairing the *Operation Lifesaver* Committee belongs to the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, and also includes representatives from the Departments of Education and Public Safety, along with six appointed members. To achieve their stated goals, members of the *Operation Lifesaver* Committee focus efforts in three fundamental areas: education, enforcement and engineering. In addition, a number of employees from the Connecticut Departments of Transportation, Motor Vehicles, and local railroads are certified to make presentations to local residents about the subject.

Admission to the event is free, but pre-registration is required. Please contact John Able at able.john@dol.gov to register for the March 18 breakfast roundtable or for additional information.

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