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CN conducts safety blitzes across Canada to raise awareness about safety at highway/railway crossings

CN Police today announced it will conduct safety blitz operations at highway/railway crossings in more than 70 locations across Canada during Rail Safety Week, from April 25 to May 1, 2005. As an ongoing part of the company's *All Aboard for Safety* community education program, CN Police officers will make motorists and pedestrians aware of the importance of rail safety during the blitzes.

CN Police Chief Serge Meloche, said: "Thanks to our constant focus on safety and the work of other community safety organizations, injuries and fatalities at highway/railway crossings have dropped to their lowest level in a decade." According to Transportation Safety Board of Canada statistics, railway crossing collisions in Canada declined to 237 in 2004 from 391 in 1994.

Meloche added: "While CN is encouraged by this improvement, we will not be satisfied until the number of injuries and fatalities is zero. Fifty-two weeks a year, CN Police officers work closely with local, provincial and federal law enforcement agencies, firefighters, and emergency medical service providers to educate adults and children about safety at railway crossings and about the dangers of walking on tracks and trespassing on and near our property."

For more than 20 years, CN has promoted railway safety through its newly named *All Aboard for Safety* program to help educate adults and children. The objective of the program is to help prevent injuries and fatalities and to form partnerships with community groups.

Meloche said: “Part of the strength of CN’s *All Aboard for Safety* program is the collaborative relationship with our major community safety partners: Operation Lifesaver, a public education program about rail safety; Safe Communities Foundation, an organization that helps communities implement safety programs; SMARTRISK, an organization dedicated to preventing injury and saving lives; Safe Kids Canada, an injury-prevention program for children; and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Canada).”

Every year, CN Police officers make *All Aboard for Safety* presentations to more than 100,000 students in more than 700 schools in North America. They also speak to more than 125,000 adults and children at community events and conduct dramatic, high-impact simulations of train-vehicle collisions to demonstrate the potentially dire consequences of being careless and/or drinking and driving, especially at highway/railway crossings. To help prevent injuries on the job, CN also invests more than \$10 million annually in safety training for its own employees.

Canadian National Railway Company spans Canada and mid-America, from the Atlantic and Pacific oceans to the Gulf of Mexico, serving the ports of Vancouver, Prince Rupert, B.C., Montreal, Halifax, New Orleans, and Mobile, Ala., and the key cities of Toronto, Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Duluth, Minn./Superior, Wis., Green Bay, Wis., Minneapolis/St. Paul, Memphis, St. Louis, and Jackson, Miss., with connections to all points in North America.

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10 tips to save your life

- Walking or playing on train tracks is dangerous and illegal
- Be prepared to stop at crossings
- Cross train tracks at designated highway/railway crossings
- Look for the crossbuck sign, lights or gates at crossings
- Listen for warning bells and whistles
- Obey the signals
- If one train passes, make sure that a second train isn't approaching on another track in the same or opposite direction
- Obey the directions of a police officer or member of a train crew directing traffic at a crossing
- Cross the tracks in low gear; do not change gears while crossing
- If your vehicle stalls on the tracks, get out quickly and away from the vehicle and tracks

Safety blitz locations – corrected times

April 26 to May 1, 2005

Location	Address	Date	Time
ONTARIO			
Mallorytown	Townline Rd.	26-Apr	11:00-12:00
Brockville	Perth St.	27-Apr	08:00-09:00
Brockville	Ormond Rd.	27-Apr	9:30 – 10:30
Brockville	Park St.	27-Apr	11:00 – 12:00
Prescott	Sofia St.	28-Apr	07:30-9:00
Prescott	Boundary Rd.	28-Apr	16:00-18:00