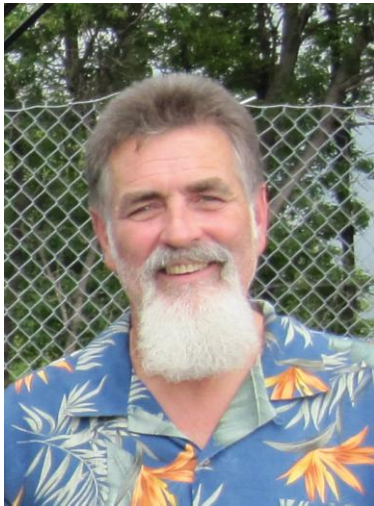


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Thank You, George!



George Warren, BNSF, has been a leader in the Operation Lifesaver (OL) community since its inception. Over the years and through numerous changes within the program and within BNSF, George has been a stalwart champion of OL. His passion for safety and the program is well-known in the industry.

George will be retiring later this year. As he moves on to engage in other lifelong passions, we wish him all the best.

May 8, 2010 – National Train Day, sponsored by the National Park Service, Rails to Trails program. Minnesota Operation Lifesaver hosted two booths, and a vintage train at the Amtrak Station in St. Paul. The crowd of over 5,000 people was entertained by magic shows and there were treats for all visitors. Most participants enjoyed going through the brand new BNSF locomotive. A majority of the Class I and some of the Class II railroads participated in the event by sending staff/volunteer support or having a train car for viewing. It was a highly effective way to give the general public the railroad safety message in a friendly and unique setting.

August 10 – MNOL sponsored a Night Out with the St. Paul Saints. Minnesota Operation Lifesaver volunteers were treated to a Saints Game, a picnic dinner, OL t-shirt and hat along with \$10 in Saints Bucks, all in appreciation of their efforts over the last year. A short business meeting was held before the picnic dinner. Jesse Wilkerson, Board President, threw out the first pitch. OL safety messages were displayed on the jumbotron throughout the game for all baseball fans to see.



Jesse Wilkerson, President, MNOL, Inc.
Getting ready to throw out the first pitch at the Saints baseball game.

Special Recognition was given to **Larry Wigfield** from the Isanti County Public Health Department and the Isanti County Police department for his continued support of their Child Safety Camps. Larry had been a dedicated volunteer to the Minnesota Operation Lifesaver Program for many years, and enjoys doing the child safety camps held in several locations throughout the state.

Nice Work Larry!

August 11 – The Union Pacific Operation Lifesaver Safety Train came through Minnesota, and key volunteers and local officials were invited to ride. Some of the public safety officials were invited to ride in the cab. It was an enlightening experience for them. Some of the comments are below:

The thanks should go to you and your fine staff and to UP. Please share with me the chief person at UP so I can thank them myself as well. Nice train ride and great tight program. Thanks.

MOF (Michael Freeman, Hennepin County Attorney)

Thanks, it was a very nice, and informational trip. I appreciate the invitation and will follow up with my contacts regarding some of the safety issues.

Colonel Mark A. Dunaski, Chief, Minnesota State Patrol

Thank you for your hospitality and friendly conversation. I enjoyed the trip very much and learned a lot. Like Colonel Dunaski, I plan to provide this information to the MN fire service.

Jerry Rosendahl, MN State Fire Marshal



MNOL Executive Director with Union Pacific Operation Lifesaver Safety Train Crew.



Jerry Rosendahl, State Fire Marshal with Colonel Mark Dunaski.



Colonel Dunaski getting a closer look.

Thanks to Jay Thompson for the photos.

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