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Team involved in Albert Lea area Officer on a Train exercise, a coordinated effort to heighten safety awareness at railroad crossings.

The MNOL, Inc. volunteer re-certification and appreciation event, hosted by LORAM Maintenance of Way in Hamel on August 13, ran smoothly and was well attended. The re-certification focused on new regulations and presentation materials and included a live, on-site demonstration of a crossing gate. (Photos of the event taken by one of our volunteers are attached separately to this e-news communication.) Special emphasis during the training was placed on the national requirement to enter presentation data online through the OLI Web site. Paper copies of presentation reports can no longer be accepted. If you need to contact the OLI office for assistance in logging in or entering data, please call Jayzel Lizares @ 1-800-537-6224. If you still need to get re-certified, please contact Donna Naumann @ 651-321-3259 or dnaumann08mnol@aol.com

Thank you to all who participated in the re-certification event. Also a special thanks to the railroads and partner agencies for their generous contributions to the event.

MNOL, Inc. is the recipient of an OLI State Grant to assist our efforts in promoting our safety message to farmers and professional truck drivers this fall during harvest season. We named it the **Fall Harvest Blitz** grant. This grant will provide funding for billboard safety messages, public service announcements and distribution of the new professional driver safety video to hundreds of trucking companies statewide. Coinciding with the Fall Harvest Blitz grant, MNOL, Inc. was able to expand outreach by allocating additional funding to create and place public service announcements on public television, radio stations and additional digital billboards that will be located in St. Bonifacius, Duluth, and Rochester. MNOL, Inc. is partnering with the Minnesota Trucking Association and Minnesota Farm Bureau to accomplish the task of reaching as many farmers and professional drivers in the state as possible. We are looking forward to continuing our partnerships with these organizations after the grant period is over.

Minnesota Operation Lifesaver, Inc continues to work with the new passenger rail service projects in the state. The **Northstar** commuter line is to begin service in November of 2009. For more information please go to: metrotransit.org/northstar

The **Central Corridor** continues its construction work in St. Paul and identifying the utilities that will need to be re-routed. To follow the progress of this project, please go to <http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/ccorridor/centralcorridor.htm>

You are outstanding volunteers!

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