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**INDIANA RAIL ROAD PROMOTING INDIANA RAIL SAFETY WEEK
WITH TERRE HAUTE GRADE CROSSING 'BLITZ' AUG. 26**

Indianapolis, IN, Monday, Aug. 24, 2015 – Indiana Governor Mike Pence has declared the week of Aug. 23-29 as Indiana Rail Safety Week, and the Indiana Rail Road (INRD) is participating via a grade crossing “blitz” in partnership with the Terre Haute Police Department and Indiana Operation Lifesaver.

INRD employees and Terre Haute police will present railroad grade crossing safety materials to passing motorists at the Margaret Avenue crossing just east of Erie Canal Road from 9-11 a.m. (ET) on Aug. 26. Materials will include items for children such as coloring books.

The Indiana Rail Road’s grade crossing blitz – along with all of Indiana Rail Safety Week – are designed to proactively remind the public of the dangers of trespassing on railroad property, and to always be on the lookout for a train at grade (road) crossings.

Indiana Operation Lifesaver is taking the lead in promoting Indiana Rail Safety Week with support from the Indiana State Police, Indiana Department of Transportation, local law enforcement and railroads.

“Train versus car collisions are completely preventable,” said Jessica Feder, Executive Director of Indiana Operation Lifesaver. “Indiana law enforcement agencies and railroad special agents will be out monitoring railroad crossings and checking for trespassers during Indiana Rail Safety Week. We want the public to know how dangerous it is to try and beat a train and that trespassing on railroad tracks and property is dangerous and illegal.”

For more information on Operation Lifesaver, visit www.inol.org .

The Indianapolis-based Indiana Rail Road Company is a privately-held, 500-mile railroad which hauls the equivalent of more than 800,000 truckloads of consumer, industrial and energy products each year.

INRD is active in the community, operating the popular Santa Train providing in-class education and public safety-focused community grants. For more information, visit the Indiana Rail Road online at www.inrd.com or on Twitter and Facebook.

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