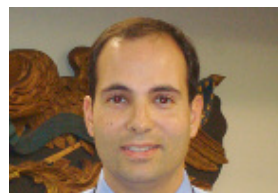


TELLING OUR STORY

As part of a national American Public Transportation Association initiative, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority started a "Telling Our Story" column in our February edition of *Onboard*. Over the next year, our roving reporter Genevieve Bajwa and photographer Ari Rothenberg will be visiting stations and riding trains, talking to passengers and photographing them for both the newsletter and the Tri-Rail website. Think about what public transportation means to you and share your thoughts with them when asked. We'll thank you for participating by giving you an SFRTA "Telling Our Story" t-shirt, while supplies last.



"I take Tri-Rail five days a week. If I did not take Tri-Rail, I would have to leave very early in the morning and I would get home very late at night. Tri-Rail saves me time as well as money."
-- Frank Lovecchio (American Airlines)

"I've been taking Tri-Rail for over a year. It decreases my stress enormously. The on-time service is awesome and I enjoy interacting with the other passengers."
-- Jackie Grant



"Tri-Rail is very relaxing when you are coming home from a stressful day, as you look out the window at I-95 and traffic is stopped."
-- Mike Grogan

"I work in the Bahamas and I fly in and out of Ft. Lauderdale Airport. With Tri-Rail, I don't have to worry about driving my car or storing it."
-- Tina Campbell



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GOVERNOR CRIST DECLARES TRAIN SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK, APRIL 18 - 24

One tragic day this past February, three young girls lost their lives near Melbourne, Florida when they were struck by a freight train while playing on a railroad trestle. In a terrible irony, two other girls were killed almost simultaneously by a passenger train just outside of Philadelphia. All of these girls were under 18 years of age; all had promising lives ahead of them.

The statistics are grim and chilling. In 2009, there were 48 highway-rail-grade crossing accidents, resulting in 10 fatalities and 19 injuries in Florida, alone. In addition, there were 27 trespass incidents, with 19 fatalities and eight injuries. Approximately every two hours, either a vehicle, pedestrian, trespasser or some form of debris is struck by a train in the United States.

In part, because of these statistics, Governor Crist has once again declared the third week in April to be Train Safety Awareness Week, beginning Sunday, April 18. TSAW was created to promote outreach to the general public about the dangers surrounding railroad tracks and to provide enforcement for law-breakers.

As in years past, safety at grade crossings will be promoted through the distribution of materials and by enforcement of traffic laws pertaining to rail-grade crossings. TSAW efforts this year, however, will be focused



primarily on trespasser prevention, an increasingly growing area of concern. During the final two weeks of 2009, Tri-Rail experienced three trespasser fatalities. Efforts to prevent trespassing along the corridor will largely be targeted between the Mangonia Park and West Palm Beach stations, where the issue is particularly prevalent.

In addition to the safety blitz, Operation Lifesaver presenters will be scheduling appearances in schools and throughout the community to educate people about train safety. These presentations can be tailored to any age and are available in English or Spanish. If you would like to schedule a presentation for your group, contact Operation Lifesaver's Southeast Florida Regional Coordinator Michael Jones at 954-788-7943.



Train safety impacts every South Floridian in some way or another. Make it a priority to get educated, because your life may depend on it!

EL GOBERNADOR CRIST DECLARA SEMANA DE CONCIENCIA DE SEGURIDAD FERROVIARIA, ABRIL 18 - 24

En un día trágico del pasado mes de febrero, tres jovencitas perdieron sus vidas en las cercanías de Melbourne, Florida cuando fueron atropelladas por un tren mientras jugaban en un caballete de las vías del tren. En una horrible ironía, dos otras niñas murieron casi simultáneamente atropelladas por un tren de pasajeros en las afueras de Philadelphia. Todas estas niñas eran menores de 18 años; todas tenían vidas con futuros prometedores.

Las estadísticas son sombrías y

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escalofrantes. En 2009, hubo 48 accidentes en cruces de vías de trenes con autopistas, resultando en 10 muertes y 19 lesiones nada más en la Florida. Adicionalmente hubo 27 incidentes de entradas sin autorización a áreas restringidas, con 19 muertes y 8 lesiones. Aproximadamente cada dos horas, ya sea un vehículo, peatón, persona que entra sin autorización a áreas restringidas, o algún tipo de desecho es golpeado por un tren en los Estados Unidos.

En parte, debido a estas estadísticas, el Gobernador Crist ha declarado una vez más la tercera semana de abril como la Semana de Conciencia de Seguridad Ferroviaria (TSAW, siglas en inglés), comenzando el domingo, abril 18. TSAW fue creada para promover el alcance al público general difundiendo información sobre los peligros alrededor de las vías de los trenes y para hacer que los infractores acaten las leyes.

Igual que en años pasados, la seguridad en los cruces de trenes con calles será promovida por medio de la distribución de materiales y por imposición del cumplimiento de las leyes de tránsito pertinentes a cruces de vías de trenes con calles. Los esfuerzos de la TSAW, sin embargo, estarán centrados primordialmente en la prevención de entradas sin autorización a zonas restringidas, una área de preocupación en incrementado crecimiento. En el transcurso de las dos últimas semanas del año 2009, Tri-Rail tuvo tres muertes de personas que entraron sin autorización a zonas restringidas. Los esfuerzos para prevenir la entrada sin autorización en el corredor estarán a gran medida centrados entre las estaciones de Mangonia Park y West Palm Beach, donde es particularmente común.

Además de la campaña de seguridad, presentadores de la Operación Salvavidas [Operation Lifesaver] estarán programando presentaciones en escuelas a lo largo de la comunidad para educar a las personas sobre la seguridad ferroviaria. Estas presentaciones pueden hacerse a la medida de cualquier edad y están disponibles en inglés o español. Si usted desea programar una presentación para su grupo, comuníquese con Michael Jones, Coordinador Regional de la Operación Salvavidas [Operation Lifesaver] del Sureste de la Florida llamando al 954-788-7943.

La seguridad ferroviaria es algo que de una manera u otra impacta a todos los residentes del Sur de la Florida. Haga una de sus prioridades el educarse al respecto; ¡su vida podría depender de ello!

GOUVÈNÈ CRIST DEKLARE SEMÈN SANSIBILIZASYON SOU SEKIRITE BÒ TREN, 18 – 24 AVRIL

Yon jou trajik mwa fevriye ki sot pase a, twa jèn tifi pèdi lavi yo toupre Melbourne, Laflorid lè yon tren machandiz frape yo pandan yo t'ap jwe sou yon treto chemennfè. Ak yon iwoni atwòs, yon tren pasaje touye de lòt tifi prèske an menm tan andeyò Filadèlfi. Tout tifi sa yo te gen mwens pase 18 an; yo tout te gen yon lavi plen pwomès devan yo.

Estatistik yo sinis ak efreyan. An 2009, te gen 48 aksidan nan kwazman otowout ak chemennfè, ki te bay kòm rezilta 10 lanmò ak 19 moun blese nan Laflorid, sèlman. Anplis de sa, te gen 27 aksidan poutèt moun antre

kote yo pa gen dwa, avèk 19 lanmò ak wit moun blese. Apeprè chak dezèdtan, yon tren Ozetazini frape oswa yon mwayen transpò, oswa yon pyeton, oswa yon moun ki antre kote li pa gen dwa oswa yon fòm debri kèlkonk.

An pati, poutèt estatistik sa yo, Gouvènè Crist yon fwa ankò deklare ke twazyèm semèn avril la se Train Safety Awareness Week [Semèn Sansibilizasyon sou Sekirite bò Tren], kòmanse dimanch 18 avril. TSAW te kreye pou ankouraje sansibilizasyon piblik la an jeneral sou danje bò chemennfè epi pou aplike lalwa sou moun ki vyole li.

Menm jan ak ane ki pase deja yo, n'ap ankouraje sekirite nan kwazman chemennfè grasa distribisyon materyèl ak aplikasyon lwa sikilasyon ki gen pou wè ak kwazman chemennfè. Efo TSAW ane sa a, sepandan, ap konsantre prensipalman sou anpeche moun antre kote yo pa gen dwa, ki se yon sijè enkyetid k'ap ogmante. Pandan de dènye semèn 2009 yo, Tri-Rail fè esperyans lanmò twa moun ki te antre kote yo pat gen dwa. Efo pou anpeche moun antre nan koridò a ap fèt sitou ant estasyon Mangonia Park ak West Palm Beach yo, kote sa patikilyèman jeneralize.

Anplis kanpay sekirite a, moun k'ap prezante Operasyon Lifesaver [Operasyon Sovtaj] yo ap pwograme vizit nan lekòl ak nan kominote a pou edike moun sou sekirite bò tren. Prezantasyon sa yo kapab adapte pou nenpòt ki laj epi yo disponib nan angle oubyen panyòl. Si ou ta renmen pwograme yon prezantasyon pou gwoup ou a, kontakte Kowòdonatè Rejyonal Operation Lifesaver nan Sidès Laflorid la, Michael Jones, nan 954-788-7943.

Sekirite bò tren se yon bagay ki gen enpak sou tout Moun Sid Laflorid, yon jan oubyen yon lòt. Fè edikasyon vin yon priyorite; lavi w' gen dwa depann de sa!

BICYCLE LOCKER RENTALS COMING SOON TO A STATION NEAR YOU

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority/Tri-Rail will be launching their first-ever Bicycle Locker Program, providing lockers to Tri-Rail passengers for enhanced bicycle storage and convenience. Tri-Rail's West Palm Beach Station will be the first station where the locker program will be launched, sometime in June 2010.

Currently, there are bicycle lockers available at Tri-Rail's Boca Raton Station, which are leased and managed by South Florida Commuter Services. Once the SFRTA/Tri-Rail's new lockers arrive and are placed at Tri-Rail's Boca Raton Station, there will be a small transition period for the removal of the existing lockers and placement/lease of the new lockers with the SFRTA/Tri-Rail.

We will continue to work very closely with SFCS representatives to ensure that the changeover is a seamless one, and we look forward to assisting you with your bicycle locker needs in the very near future.



Palm Beach County Commissioner Jeff Koons, chair of the SFRTA Governing Board, and Wackenhut Corporation General Manager Michael Boss, Ft. Lauderdale office, applaud the efforts of CPO Ciaverelli who is proudly joined by his wife Paula and son Brandon.

Ciaverelli is normally on duty at Tri-Rail's West Palm Beach Station. Recently, he heard a loud explosion and observed a fireball come from underneath a southbound Amtrak train that was stopped in the station. He quickly cleared the area of passengers and extinguished the fire. Because of his timely action and attention to duty, no one was injured.

A few months prior to this occurrence, a young man determined to end his life by walking into an oncoming train, was saved by Ciaverelli. Ciaverelli observed the young man jumping onto the tracks, professing, "I am waiting to die." He was able to talk the man off of the tracks and took him to a safe location while waiting for the police to arrive. The man was transported to a mental health facility for assessment and treatment.

The SFRTA salutes CPO Ciaverelli for his bravery and commends him for his dedication to serving our passengers and the general public.

CPO CIAVERELLI NAMED WACKENHUT SECURITY OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Saving lives and putting out fires is all in a day's work for Custom Protection Officer Michael Ciaverelli. Wackenhut Corporation recently acknowledged his courage and valor by naming him "Security Officer of the Year" for 2009, recognizing him as the best among 800 officers who work out of the corporation's Fort Lauderdale office.

CPO Ciaverelli came to Wackenhut Corporation after serving in the U.S. Navy for more than 20 years as a law-enforcement specialist and anti-terrorism training supervisor instructor. His background is typical of the kind of officers who provide safety and security for our passengers during their daily travels.



Victor Keiser of Delray Beach auditions for Holy Cross Hospital's "Senior Idol."

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR SENIOR IDOL

Get your tickets now to witness the best 12 "Senior Singers" South Florida has to offer! Holy Cross Hospital's fifth annual "Senior Idol" singing competition will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11 at Parker Playhouse

in Fort Lauderdale. This year's finalists include Cathy Barrett, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea; Patti Cancino, Dania Beach; Bob Coyne, Delray Beach; DeAnne Friedberg, Weston; Barbara Glenn, Aventura; Maxine Jaffe, West Palm Beach; Robert Kolodin, Tamarac; Ronald Levine, Delray Beach; Bob Mainelli, Pompano Beach; Ed Slater, Lake Worth; Gail Solomon, Coral Springs and Alfredo Villoldo, Lauderhill.

The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash prize and a free pass to ride Tri-Rail for one year. This year's event, sponsored in part by Tri-Rail, as well as Boomer Times, John Knox Village and Winn-Dixie, will be hosted by Tamara G. of 97.3, The Coast, and will include a special performance by 2009 Senior Idol Winner Ed Pierson.

Rod Hagwood, Sun-Sentinel fashion and entertainment writer will serve as a special guest judge along with Anita Finley of Boomer Times and SFRTA/Tri-Rail Marketing Manager Jennifer Paul.

Reserved seating tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Parker Playhouse box office, www.parkerplayhouse.com or by calling 954-462-0222. For more details about Holy Cross Hospital's "Senior Idol," call 954-351-7804.

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