

Successful Community Outreach

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TRESPASSER ACTIVITY

Example of a community response to a trespasser problem.

Fatality of 15 year old girl on railroad bridge hit by passenger train, Memorial Day weekend 2010.

Local teens enter ROW behind Target, and use RR Bridge to cross expressway, then exit ROW through fence behind Home Depot.



FRA GX Manager assisted railroad trainmaster and safety officer to investigate the site of the trespasser fatality.

The investigation clearly showed the reason for the fatality, teenagers using the railroad bridge as a shortcut between shopping malls.

Behind Target Trespassers enter RR





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Looking West over bridge to Home Depot





Cut fence w/trespassers exit



Mtg Scheduled w/ Town Supr

FRA arranged mtg w/Town Supr, Police Chief, Town Safety Mgr, Railroad & State OL Coordinator in June 2010.

Mtg resulted in following:

Town Safety Mgr assigned to work w/FRA to have fences repaired behind Target & Home Depot.



Police Chief committed to patrol behind Target & Home Depot to prevent future trespassing.

OL Coordinator invited to speak at September Town School Superintendant Mtg to preview OL Program for schools.

GX Manager appointed as Team Leader.

Home Depot & Target fences repaired.

FRA GX Manager visited Target & Home Depot to explain trespasser problem to the Store managers and why the fences should be repaired as soon as possible.

Both Fences behind the stores were repaired within 30 days, and have continued to be maintained.

A third section of the fence was found to be owned by an out of state holding company. Town Safety Officer contacted company and arranged repair.

Repaired NJ Property Owner's Fence



Repaired NJ Owners fence



Repaired Target Fence



Repaired Home Depot Fence



Sept 2010 – School Supt Mtg

The OL State Coordinator previewed the OL programs to be presented in the town schools.

The OL State Coordinator explained the importance of the OL programs in preventing trespasser fatalities and injuries.

Resulting OL Presentations

FRA, OL Volunteers, Railroad personal conducted OL Presentations in all Town Schools in Fall 2010.

FRA GX Manager trained the High School Resource Officer as an OL Presenter to insure continued training in town schools.

The Town PD continues to monitor the fencing, and the trespasser problem in this area has been brought under control.

Lessons learned

Determine the causes of the trespasser problem.

Involve all stake holders in the community in addressing the trespasser problem.

Make the railroad and Operation Lifesaver partners in addressing the trespasser problem.

Appoint a team leader.

Once the stake holders develop the plan to address the trespasser problem, it is the responsibility of the team leader to monitor the implementation of the plan.