
RAIL AUXILIARY TEAM 2021

Leading from the front: **42/104**

A one-page report.



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**Reaching Washoe, Storey, Lyon, Churchill, Pershing, Humboldt, Lander, Eureka, Elko,
Clark and White Pine Counties, Nevada**

Rail Auxiliary Team: Documented Success in Rail Public Safety/Security

42 reportable rail incidents to the railroad critical call center.

104 drivers validated our “active awareness” concept at rail crossings.

Nevada’s Rail Auxiliary Team conducted more rail public safety and security outreach than in the State’s history despite COVID restrictions, smoke from wildfires and other hurdles.

824 total volunteer hours devoted this year to this program.

- 97 patrols with 42 reportable situations to the Nevada Class One railroad critical call center, including this father/daughter in the middle of the tracks, two individuals demonstrating suicidal indicators, two reports to the threat analysis center and one theft indicator.
- Utilized our “active awareness” program at crossings across Northern Nevada. Data continues to validate that this program improves driver behavior at crossings by an average of 26%.



Supporting Other Rail Areas



- 77 volunteer hours supporting AMTRAK’s RailSafe and Rail Safety Week, reaching every Northern Nevada county with the rail safety message.
- Participated in two major community events reaching hundreds on rail public safety.
- A 2-hour training session with members from the Pershing County Sheriff Department and Lovelock Volunteer Fire Dept.
- 115 members of the public reached during one-hour rail safety lectures. State safety officials reached at the Traffic Safety Summit and two Traffic Incident Management meetings.
- Continue our partnership with the Nevada Threat Analysis Center on rail security.

Media Outreach

- Thanks to the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety, we conducted a year-long rail safety radio campaign in Northern Nevada reaching thousands of Nevadans each month.
- During rail safety week in September we increased radio advertisements and TV ads to increase the net reach in Reno by over 27,000.

Trained Rail Auxiliary Volunteers

- 24 one-hour on-line and face to face rail public safety and security training sessions.
- 5 field exercises totaling 89 volunteer hours (excluding travel time) at documented rail trespass “hotspots” and railroad crossings.
- One 6-hour Rail Auxiliary Academy with 5 graduates.