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The Wallingford Police Department recognizes the annual observance of Rail Safety Week, which in 2020, occurs during the week of September 21-27. Our Agency joins forces with other first responders in the U.S. and Canada for “Operation Clear Track” — the single largest rail-safety initiative in North America.

Coordinated by Amtrak, Operation Lifesaver Inc. and Operation Lifesaver Canada, Operation Clear Track aims to reduce the number of railway crossing and trespassing incidents in the U.S. and Canada — incidents which seriously injure or kill more than 2,100 people each year. The goal of Operation Clear Track and Rail Safety Week is to raise awareness of the importance of safe behavior near tracks and trains.

Our police department is committed to keeping our community safe. We would like to remind the public about the dangers of trespassing on railroad property and failing to obey laws at railroad crossings.

Railroad-related deaths and injuries continue to occur across the country. We appreciate your help in spreading the word, to prevent these incidents from ever impacting our friends and loved ones.

More information on Rail Safety Week is available at [oli.org/rsw](http://oli.org/rsw).

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