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History

Operation Lifesaver Estonia

1980ies – dealing with public railway safety was suspended during the second half of the decade.

1990–2000 – public railway safety issues were not addressed in Estonia.

2000–2002 Estonian Railways Ltd. organised some irregular safety campaigns without any coordinated effort.

2003 CEO of Estonian Railways Ltd. **Herbert Payne** decided to train one railway safety presenter by sending him to a training course organised by Operation Lifesaver Inc. This person was **Tamo Vahemets**, Head of Security of the company.

2004 a symposium took place in July in San Antonio (Texas, USA) during which the President of Operation Lifesaver Inc. Gerri Hall gave authority to Tamo Vahemets who had recently completed the OLE training, to launch in Estonia an organisation following the principles of Operation Lifesaver.

* On 19 November Estonian Railways Ltd., Tamo Vahemets and Urve Miidla found non-profit organisation Operation Lifesaver Estonia (OLE), thereby reinstating systematic activities in the field of railway safety in Estonia.

* In December was carried out OLE's first public railway safety campaign "You are expected home for Christmas".

2005 first Railway Safety Week took place during the last week of April. The key event of the week was a simulated collision between a passenger car and a train.

* In May the first OLE presentation took place in Esku Elementary School (Jõgeva County) that used training materials developed by OLE.

* In August took place the first summer campaign "BE GOOD AND LET THE TRAIN PASS!"

* In December the first training for OLE presenters was organised in Tallinn.

2006 was founded the railway safety award "Golden

Level Crossing Gates". The first award was presented to Jüri Ratas, the Mayor of Tallinn.

* In July Chairman of OLE Tamo Vahemets made his first presentation about OLE at the international symposium organised by Operation Lifesaver Inc. in Anaheim (California, USA).

2007 OLE's railway safety projects were supported by the Estonian Railway Inspectorate and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications for the first time.

2008 OLE became the first non-profit organisation in Estonia to become compliant with the international management system standard ISO 9001:2000.

2009 was founded the title "The Best OL presenter". The first such titles were given to **Marju Tamsalu** and **Malle Hermanson**.

* * Slogans "You are expected home for Christmas!", "You are expected home!", "Look, Listen and Live!" and "You Can!" were registered as safety trademarks.

* For the first time, OLE took part in Estonian Rescue Board's project **Protect Yourself and Help Others** (KEAT) in Järva County.

* OLE joined European Road Safety Charter.

* For the first time, International Union of Railways (UIC) organised the **European Level Crossing Awareness Day** (ELCAD).

* First scholarships for supporting railway safety efforts were issued to the winners of creativity contest "You Can".

2010 was founded OLE's honorary medal to recognise the persons who have contributed significantly in developing OLE's activities and/or prevented railway accidents. The first medals were given to **Riivo Sinijärv**, **Urve Miidla** and **Daniel (Dan) Di Tota**.

* UIC organised the first International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD).

* "Let's Save Lives" was registered as a safety trademark.

2011 Estonia hosted the first railway safety education conference "Let's Save Lives".

* OLE's bottled drinking water was introduced and presented in the series of road bicycling tournaments.

* Tamo and **Birgit Vahemets** were the first Europeans that passed the railway safety presenters' training programme in Las Vegas (USA).

* A new branch was added to OLE's educational programme – railway safety for emergency response services.

* Slogans "Know your Opponent" and "Red is Red" were registered as safety trademarks.

2012 For the first time, the topic of public railway safety was discussed in graduation papers by the students of the Haapsalu Traffic College of Tallinn University **Lii Erm** and **Aire Tammik**.

2013 Minister of Interior Affairs **Ken-Marti Vaher** recognised for the first time the volunteers who were actively involved in promoting railway safety and presented them OLE's honorary medals at the traditional "Golden Level Crossing Gates" award ceremony.

* OLE joined Tallinn City's project "Safe Community".

* Slogans "Be Good" and "Let the train pass" were registered as safety trademarks.

2014 OLE's representative was nominated as a member of the railway level crossing expert committee of United Nation's Economic Commission.

Operation Lifesaver Inc.

1972 Operation Lifesaver Inc. was founded in Idaho, USA

1978 National Operation Lifesaver programme was founded under the auspices of the National Safety Committee

1981 Operation Lifesaver Canada was founded

1986 Independent Operation Lifesaver programmes were launched in 49 states of the USA

1986 Operation Lifesaver was separated from the National Safety Committee and a national non-profit organisation Operation Lifesaver Inc. (www.oli.org) was founded by AAR, Amtrak and Railroad Progress Institute

Operation Lifesaver Inc.'s sister organisations are active also in Finland, Canada, Mexico and Argentina.

Mission

Increasing considerably the awareness of the general public about the threats related to railway traffic and about lawful behaviour on railways, in order to reduce the number of railway accidents and the number of people killed and injured in course of such accidents.

Programme

Operation Lifesaver Estonia's activities are supported by three pillars – the three E's (education, enforcement and engineering)

EDUCATION

OLE teaches how to behave on railway level crossings and in other dangerous areas. The training is not limited to free public presentations but we also communicate to the general public regularly information on railway safety. We also organise railway safety campaigns, prepare and distribute information materials.

ENFORCEMENT

OLE supports active adherence to the rules endorsed by laws and other normative acts. If these rules are not followed, railway accidents will continue to happen.

ENGINEERING

OLE gives its continuous support to improving safety situation at railway level crossings by giving recommendations for better design and technological equipment installation.





Letter Of The President Of Operation Lifesaver Inc

Joyce Rose
President & CEO

See Tracks? Think Train!

2014 was a challenging and exciting year for Operation Lifesaver, Inc. It was the Year of ST3 – OL's major public awareness campaign, "**See Tracks? Think Train!**" The ST3 campaign's goal is to heighten public awareness of the need for caution near train tracks, and it's directed at a broad audience of pedestrians, drivers, and passenger rail and transit riders. The campaign's core message is a sports analogy, "**It's no contest**" when a person or vehicle is matched against a train. All campaign materials are available in both English and Spanish.

The ST3 campaign includes an award-winning, comprehensive suite of materials – video and radio PSAs, billboard and poster designs, a dedicated micro-site, SeeTracksThinkTrain.org, and social media-friendly banner ads and infographics. Two wonderful spokesmen also represent the campaign, Mark Kalina, Jr., a trespassing survivor who lost his legs, and Russ Fletcher, and active-duty locomotive engineer who has experienced firsthand unsafe behavior around train tracks and railroad crossings.

Multiple partners participated in the ST3 campaign, including U.S. Department of Transportation, the Association of American Railroads, freight railroads, Amtrak, and transit agencies. The campaign launch was held on April 8, 2014 in Washington, DC, with dozens of television and radio interviews in a satellite media tour. Over 3.5 million people were reached in the first week of the campaign!

In the year since the ST3 campaign launched, OLI has been impressed and grateful for how effectively and imaginatively State OL programs and safety partners have carried the "See Tracks? Think Train!" message, through television, radio, and movie theater PSAs, billboard campaigns, professional sports event sponsorships, and targeted outreach to key audiences such as truck and school bus drivers. And the results have been tremendous: the PSAs alone have reached a total potential audience of 225 million people, with more than 75,000 broadcasts in over 430 TV and radio stations. As we move into 2015, OLI will continue to drive the ST3 campaign forward.

★ ★ THE MATCHUP ★ ★ THAT DOESN'T ADD UP.



CAR

1½ TONS
OF STEEL, PLASTIC,
RUBBER & GLASS

VS

TRAIN

80 TONS
OF SOLID BUILT
AMERICAN STEEL



IT'S NO CONTEST.

Every day, people are
injured or killed trying
to beat a train.



SEE TRACKS? THINK TRAIN!



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Letter of the Chairman of Management Board

Tamo Vahemets
OLE's Chairman of Management Board - Chief Executive

10 years ago, when signing the association agreement for Operation Lifesaver Estonia, I was hoping that step by step all Estonians will get their share of railway safety information. I knew that this would be possible only if the responsible railway undertakings come together and contribute to the sustainability of the organisation, if OLE would be able to establish an efficient cooperation network with different state authorities and be able to make railway safety promotion activities visible in the public space.

Now when OLE celebrates its 10th anniversary, we can be somewhat satisfied because the number of OLE's supporters, contributors and volunteers has grown year on year. I consider it even more important that today it is hard to find a person who is not aware that being on railways is dangerous and forbidden by law.

Our continuous efforts have made most of OLE's more significant activities a tradition. Today we are in the situation where adding new additional goals and activities has become a great challenge because the funding that we get from our members has remained at the same level as before. It should be explained that the same level actually means an increased contribution, as the economic results of the railway sector have not been so good in the recent years. This indicates clearly that the safety issues are extremely important for the railway sector and nobody is willing to make compromises on their account.

In 2014, OLE's annual general meeting approved our vision and action plan for the years 2014-2020.

Our vision is to achieve the goal where there would be no fatalities on the railway. We believe that our continuous notification efforts have made the Estonian people aware of the dangers that are present on railway level crossings and railway lines and they know how to avoid them. By approving the action plan, OLE's members also confirmed to all our cooperation partners that OLE's work has been efficient and our members plan to continue contributing in public railway safety.

I am glad to see that OLE's cooperation partners support almost all our activities. In 2014, our cooperation partners invited us to be present at almost 40 public events. In addition to the public events, the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board supports all the social campaigns organised by OLE by paying more attention to the road users and their compliance with the traffic regulations at railway level crossings. The Estonian Rescue Board has involved OLE in Estonia's largest prevention project called "Protect yourself and help others" during which approximately 5000 4th-graders attend presentations on railway safety presented by our volunteers. The Estonian Road Administration has also become more active in dealing with railway safety issues and has involved OLE in organising various traffic safety conferences. OLE is also cooperating with the Road Administration for preparing training materials for driving schools.

The Estonian Technical Surveillance Authority has involved OLE in almost all their public railway safety activities. For example, we jointly developed a new information sign "Watch out for the train" and during the first months of 2015 we started joint activities for making railway safety information a part of the national school curriculum.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all those who have contributed to achieving OLE's goals. Together we can share more valuable advice that helps people to understand the potential threats present on railways and, most importantly, save lives.





Faster but safer

Urmas Lükki
Edelaraudtee Infrastruktuuri AS
Quality and Safety Manager

Driving speeds continue to grow both on railways and roads – we have faster trains, more train connections and more passengers. All these factors cause additional threats on railways. It is impossible to eliminate all dangers but the statistics show that the number of accidents has decreased on the infrastructure of Edelaraudtee despite all that.

If we analyse the changes that have taken place during the last 15 years then we see that:

- In 2000 we had 10 train pairs per day leaving from Tallinn to our infrastructure and vice versa.
- In 2014 we had 14 train pairs per day, which means that their number had increased 1.4 times.
- In 2000 the average train driving speed allowed on Edelaraudtee's lines was 69.3 km/h.
- In 2014 the average train driving speed allowed on Edelaraudtee's lines was 91.9 km/h, which means that it increased 1.3 times.

If we believe that the threats increase proportionally with these changes then the railway traffic could have become at least 1.5 times more dangerous. Maybe it would be so if we made no effort to change the situation.

Now let us have a look at the number of accidents. As each year is different, it would make more sense to look at 5-year periods.

- 2000–2004 – 39 accidents, including 28 at level crossings, 25 people killed or injured.
- 2005–2009 – 34 accidents, including 18 at level

crossings, 27 people killed or injured.

- 2010–2014 – 18 accidents, including 11 at level crossings, 6 people killed or injured.

We have deducted the number of suicides from this result.

These numbers show that the average number of accidents has reduced two times and the number of level crossing accidents approximately 2.5 times. It is remarkable that the number of persons killed or injured has reduced 4 times.

So, what has been done to achieve the situation where instead of the presumed growth the number of the accidents has actually reduced?

Firstly, let us have a look at level crossings where occur approximately 60% of all the accidents.

If in the year 2000 we had 72 level crossings 17 (24%) of which were equipped with warning lights then in 2014 we had 70 level crossings and 27 (39%) of them had warning lights. If we look at the accidents that took place during these periods then we see that the frequency of accidents at the level crossings that are not regulated is 10% higher than in general. This is true even if we consider that that trains and motor vehicles have less chance to collide when the road traffic is less intense. Edelaraudtee has always kept this observation in mind and we continue to implement the conclusions made. During the renovation of the Rapla-Tallinn railway line to be started in 2015 we will add warning lights to three more level crossings that would bring the total percentage of this type of level crossings up to

40% and we plan to continue such efforts also during the coming years. The new type of LED warning lights is also much more visible than before.

The areas adjacent to railways are maintained better, thus improving visibility at level crossings and while approaching them.

Secondly, we should mention what has been done after launching OLE. A long time ago we used to have the railway police who punished road users but today OLE and we have started to educate people, so that they would understand how railways operate and would not risk their lives. The training starts already in kindergartens and we teach children to respect big trains but also to become friends with trains, so that this friendship could contribute to our co-existence in the future. Although this work cannot be measured in money, we still need to understand its importance and it is great that OLE is willing and capable to join the efforts of Estonian railway undertakings that are all relatively small. It is remarkable that already a couple of years after the launch of OLE, the number of railway accidents on Edelaraudtee's infrastructure started to decrease significantly.

One of the events joining the railway undertakings promoting railway safety was the International Rail Rally that in 2014 took place on the Viljandi-Pärnu railway line. The event was attended by teams of railway workers from Estonia, Latvia, Finland and Russia. Edelaraudtee both organised the event and won it. It was a great event to celebrate railway safety and collegiality of railroaders.

We are pleased that our company has been able to reduce the train driving time without compromising safety. If there will be more and more people preferring public transport, including trains, to motor vehicles in order to get to point A to point B then all of us would reduce our ecological footprint and we would continue to be proud railroaders.

The major positive change that occurred in 2014 was the introduction of brand new passenger trains. These trains are technically more capable and therefore follow the timetable better. We have much less delays than we used to have before with the old rolling stock, even if the driving time is much shorter with unchanged maximum speeds. Unfortunately, we cannot use the full potential of the new trains that could move 30% faster than the old ones. The times when 120 km/h was good enough for the passengers has passed and if we wish to continue being competitive then we need to aim towards at least 140 km/h driving speed on all our railway lines.

As the numbers above show, it could be done without taking on any extra risks. We should say that out loud because we cannot make it happen without strong support from our customers believing into railways.





Statistics of events

Raigo Uukkivi
 Estonian Technical Surveillance Authority
 Director General

In total 20 railway accidents took place in Estonia in 2014. The main causes of the accidents continue to be the negligence of road users and violation of safety requirements.

The total number of accidents reduced compared to 2013 but at the same time 80% of accidents ended with one or more fatality. It is remarkable that almost half of the accidents occurred at level crossings equipped with automatic warning lights and all the evidence shows that such accidents were caused by the violation of traffic regulations by motor vehicle drivers.

The accidents involving pedestrians hit by railway vehicles were mostly caused by negligence – listening to music using headphones, using mobile phones, crossing railways on bike, inattentiveness caused by alcohol and trespassing.

In 2014 the Estonian rail network underwent several changes. In the beginning of the year new Stadler Flirt trains started to carry passengers, the train traffic timetable became more intense and last modernised 550 mm high platforms were completed on the Tapa-Narva railway line. Therefore, the safety surveillance by the Estonian Technical Surveillance Authority was focused on the risks brought about by these changes: operation of the new rolling stock, its maintenance, traffic behaviour and interoperability with the existing infrastructure.

In addition, our agency paid special attention on compliance with safety regulations at railway level

crossings. In 2014 we inspected thoroughly 183 level crossings i.e. 80% of all the level crossings on the lines used by passenger trains. The inspection gave us a good overview of the condition of the level crossings and necessary improvements. We can confirm that all Estonian level crossings are equipped with safety equipment that complies with the requirements or is even better.

The Technical Surveillance Authority and the Road Administration prepared for the first time jointly a thorough analysis of level crossings in order to assess if the safety measures applied for single-level crossings are adequate, considering the circumstances of the accidents and possible changes in the traffic environment.

During the recent years, significant efforts have been made to improve the safety of our railway network: restriction of illegal pedestrian crossings, building safer roads, fencing of railway stations and building of tunnels. The traffic behaviour has unfortunately remained at the same level and we still have too many tragic accidents. The priority of the Technical Surveillance Authority is to continue cooperating in the field of railway safety with railway companies, Operation Lifesaver Estonia and the Road Administration.

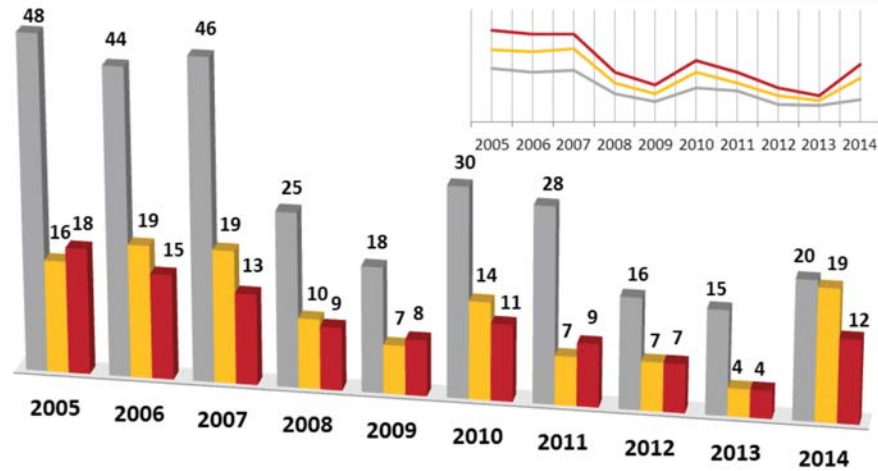
2005-2014 (1-4 kvartal)

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TOTAL
2005-2014 (1-4 Quarter)

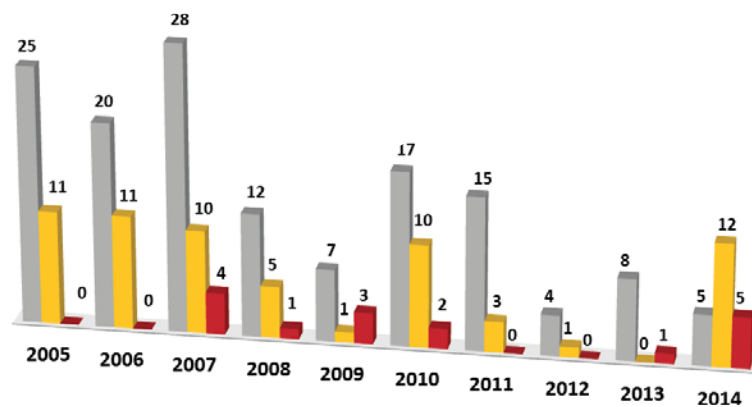
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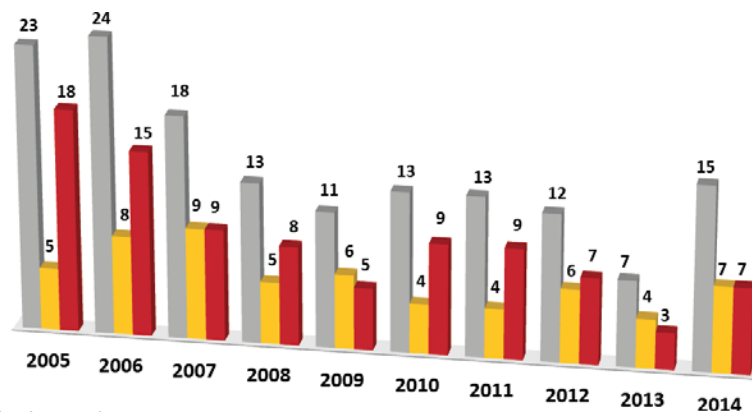
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TEHNILISE JÄRELEVALVE AMET



Level Crossing Collisions
2005-2014 (1-4 Quarter)



III kvartalis hukkus ka 2 raudteetöötajat ↗



Pedestrians hit by rolling stock
2005-2014 (1-4 Quarter)

Northern Police Prefecture

Kristel-Liis Kaunismaa

Police Lieutenant of Law and Order Maintenance Bureau,
Head of Prevention Service

The youth police officers of the Northern Prefecture make railway safety presentations in the schools that have joined the KEAT programme. OLE is one of KEAT's partners and we use OLE's training materials in our presentations.

In 2014, OLE presentations were organised in 5 schools and railway safety information was communicated to approximately 120 6th-graders. Traditionally, OLE's representatives also attend the final KEAT camp that takes place in May. This year the camp in Harju County had 384 participating students. All the children who were present in the camp could test their railway safety knowledge in the special camp area of OLE.

The assistant police officers of the Northern Prefecture conduct traffic training for conscripts in Tallinn's military units. One topic of the training courses is railway safety. The trainings are organised during the initial stage of service when the recruits are located in the territory of their units and learn skills and knowledge

needed for their service. We use the slideshow created by OLE as our training material and the training itself is based on OLE's presenters' training course. In 2014 we had 7 training courses for 470 conscripts.

In 2012 OLE became a partner for our "Safe School" contest organised in Harju County. This contest is open for all the schools in the county. The criteria of the competition is based on the self-assessment packages after which an assessment is given by a jury consisting of the representatives from different organisations. In 2014 the award went to Laulasmaa Basic School. The project team was very happy for OLE joining the project. Railways and railway safety are an extremely important topic in Harju County and diverse cooperation would help in making sure that the preventive messages reach all potential target groups.

Southern Police Prefecture

Maris Orgusaar

Chief Inspector of Criminal Bureau,
Economic Crimes Department, Investigator

For the fourth year in a row, the Southern Police Department is organising in cooperation with Operation Lifesaver Estonia a joint project called "Trains have always preferential right". The project is targeted at children from 5th and 6th grades of schools located nearby railway lines in Southern Estonia (Valga, Jõgeva, Tartu, Võru and Põlva counties). 10 youth police officers made railway safety presentations in 24 schools that were attended by 1396 pupils and 124 adults. The project comprised also a creativity contest – the winners were given awards and taken for a trip to AHHA Science Centre.

Railway safety is a popular topic also in the KEAT project camps. In 2014 the camp for 6 counties had 537 young participants.

There was a lot of interest in railway safety training also this year. One reason for that is the threat felt by school staff. They are afraid that the sleepy children rushing to schools in the morning may not notice the new trains that move very quietly. Another reason is the more intense traffic timetable – people still think that

the trains are moving less frequently.

We have received positive feedback from children, their teachers and youth police officers about the training materials prepared by OLE. Many good words were said about the gratitude event in AHHA Science Centre. This year train company Elron also helped us by offering free train tickets.



The winner - Krista Klaus

Western Police Prefecture

Liilia Mänd

Senior Law Enforcement Officer of Information Bureau,
Prevention Coordinator of the Prefecture

By the beginning of 2014 the Western Police Prefecture had 12 trained OLE presenters.

In Järva County the issues related to railway safety are mostly dealt in presentations made to 6th-graders. In addition to the children, the youth police officers of the Paide Police Department had the opportunity to introduce railway accident prevention to their colleagues from Poland who visited our prefecture to see how we do prevention work. As the presentation that was visited by our foreign colleagues was held in a kindergarten, it was ended by singing a train song together.

Every year Rapla County hosts the hiking competition called "An Evening in Rapla" that resembles a KEAT camp but focuses on solving tasks in checkpoints located all over the town. Similarly to the previous years, in one of the checkpoints the participants had to answer questions related to railway safety.

In cooperation between Pärnu and Saare counties was organised a camp for children who had encountered violent behaviour "Helping Hand". Railway safety was addressed throughout the camp both during discussions and practical activities. During the camp

was prepared OLE's train of wishes in which the wagons made of boxes contained pieces of paper with good wishes, such as "Take a train today" or "Be happy!".

Railway safety is addressed on an annual basis both as a separate topic and as a part of the "Protect yourself and help others" (KEAT) project. The camps have a checkpoint for solving railway safety puzzles. If possible, we deal with railway safety during a separate lecture. During 2014 we had 23 railway safety activities altogether, including the KEAT camps, involving at least 1000 people.



Eastern Police Prefecture

Annela Floren

Police Lieutenant of Law and Order Maintenance Bureau, Senior Law Enforcement Officer of Prevention Service

On December 15–25, 2014 the Eastern Police Prefecture participated in OLE's campaign "Let the train pass! You are expected home for Christmas!" to remind road users the dangers and rules related to railway traffic. During the campaign, the officers of the Rakvere Police Department monitored 19 railway level crossings. They also observed how pedestrians moved on railway and in nearby area, as well as how pedestrians and motor vehicle drivers reacted to prohibiting traffic lights. During the checks were discovered six violations, two of which were related to violating railway crossing regulations: ignoring a STOP-sign and red traffic light.

During the campaign were also inspected the railway section located in Narva between Kerese and Paemurru streets, a railway section in Sillamäe and Hiiemetsa-Auvere level crossing in Vaivara rural municipality.

A lot of attention was paid to pedestrians crossing railways in undesignated areas. The persons committing the violations were not punished but they were explained that that they need to follow the light signals

while approaching level crossings. If there are no light signals, one needs to stop and make sure that there are no trains coming. The Chief of the Patrol Service of Rakvere Police Department Reigo Loginov said that during the holidays people have Christmas stress and they are always on hurry. All of that distracts them and they do not pay attention to following traffic rules. "One should pay an equal amount of attention while crossing railway and roads," stressed Loginov.

The main duty of the police is to help people, ensure public order and safety both on the national and local level in all the small areas of the country. Preventive and informative work is an important part of police's activities – we must inform people and make them more aware of safety. This helps us to prevent negative consequences.

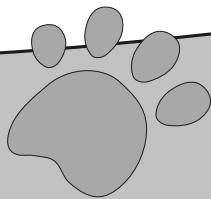
There were 16 railway safety presentations made for children, 9 of them as a part of the "Careful in traffic" project.





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RONG!

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Politsei- ja Piirivalveamet



Everyone can make living safer

Kuno Tammearu
Director General of the Estonian Rescue Board

The most serious situations in the work of rescue services are those when they find out while arriving to the accident site that there is no one to be rescued. This happens when people make wrong assessments or cannot predict dangers despite our joint efforts and prevention activities.

The modern trains we have are more comfortable and faster than their predecessors. This factor has a direct influence on railway safety situation. Higher train driving speeds increase the level of danger and the condition of level crossings requires more attention. People should also be notified about the increased risk level related to railway traffic.

The rescue personnel responding to railway accidents has been trained to provide fast and professional assistance in the event of accidents and to minimise the damage caused to those involved. Nevertheless, railway accidents including those with fatal consequences continued to occur also last year. Often these accidents occur due to the human factor – people who are rushing through their daily lives make mistakes, they do not pay enough attention and are not cautious enough.

Everyone can contribute to making our living

environment safer. The Rescue Board has prepared a strategy that is expected to improve our safety situation so that we would reach the level of the Scandinavian countries by the year 2025. In order to achieve that, everyone must be involved – local people, our cooperation partners, local governments, state agencies and volunteers. Everyone can play his/her part in making railways and the surrounding areas safer. It can be done by modernising level crossings, improving railway infrastructure, responsible train traffic control or making sure that level crossings are safe before crossing them.

Only well-considered and properly organised cooperation would take us to the situation where everyone values safety and contributes in making our living environment safer.

Rescue Board's prevention activities

Kairet Kõljalg

Päästeameti ennetustöö osakonna koolitusteenuse ekspert

There are various possibilities offered to the youth for obtaining safety knowledge. One of the most popular safety training programmes is "Protect yourself and help others" (KEAT) that has each year more than 8000 young participants. 2000 of them have the opportunity to test their safety knowledge and skills in the regional safety camps.

The safety related skills that young people need to learn, for example fire and water safety, are of vital importance. If a fire starts then young people should know how to call for help and act in a way that his or her life would not be put in danger. At the same time, it is important for a young citizen to understand how fires start and for which reasons every day at least two homes catch fire in Estonia. They should also be able to notice dangerous situations at their homes. Equally important are the knowledge and skills in the area of water, traffic, railway or other type of safety. Young people can learn all these skills at KEAT trainings and practice their knowledge in the safety camps. It is much more interesting to learn about safety together with classmates and under the supervision of rescue personnel and police officers. OLE's water bottles carrying a safety message that are given to all the participants have already become a traditional and refreshing part of our safety camps.

The hard working team of OLE continues to be involved in the safety days organised by the Rescue Board. These days are organised each year in county centres and are an excellent way for drawing attention to the safety issues. The families that attend learn many useful things from professionals and last year our safety days were attended by more than 20,000 people.

OLE was also present at the nation-wide rescue youth camp that took place in July in Pärnu County. The youth camp is attended by active kids and youth who are involved in rescue clubs and organisations. During the camps the kids learn how to notice threats and how to act in case of danger. The camp had more than 200 participants of 7-15 years of age.

The three Rescue Board employees trained as OLE presenters got an addition as seven new rescue officers were trained. New OLE presenters were added to Pärnu, Rapla, Järva and Saare counties and Tallinn City. The work area of our people does not mean that they could not make presentations in other regions of Estonia – they would be happy to train children or carry out other OLE's prevention activities wherever it is necessary.





Water project for bicyclists 2014

Mihkel Reile
Member of the Board of NPO Aerobike
Cycling Agency

NPO Aerobike Cycling Agency and Operation Lifesaver Estonia have promoted proper behaviour at level crossings and made bicyclists aware of the dangers related to the iron road since 2011. Our activities are traditionally focused around the drinking water project in course of which we distribute bottled drinking water with labels carrying railway safety messages. The project was continued also in 2014.

If during the first three years of the project water was given out in large quantities then in 2014 we decided to continue with the project in somewhat smaller volume and focus on the enshrining of the messages. We assumed that most of the participants at the Filter bicycle races already knew the essence of the campaign due to our extensive activities during the previous years and decided to continue with the campaign only during the Fakto Auto Tallinn People's Race.

We picked this event because it has the largest number of participants among the events organised by Aerobike Cycling Agency and we could target the largest number of cyclists. It is also the event that involves dangers related to railway traffic – the race track crosses the Tallinn-Narva railway line twice. One of the crossings takes place at the Raasiku level crossing that has a very bad reputation due to numerous accidents. Considering the density of train traffic in this area, it is clear that some of our contestants must stop during the race and let trains pass.

The “railway water” was handed out in the cheering points and finish centre of the Fakto Auto Tallinn People's Race. This ensured that all the cyclists who just crossed the railway or stopped to let a train through received a message on the bottle: *“Even if there is a race going on and each second counts, we cannot compromise safety while crossing railway tracks. Safety comes first in all situations!”*

It takes a long time to change people's habits and way of thinking and it is hard to measure the progress achieved. Therefore, it is hard to evaluate the effectiveness of our campaign. Nevertheless, we are certain that most of the Estonian bicyclist participating in races have heard our message during the last four years. Of course, hearing the message does not guarantee that all the cyclists would now behave properly but if at least some of them change their incorrect behaviour then we can consider our campaign to be a success. It is also true that in order to have our message remembered by the bicyclists, we need to continue with some random water distribution campaigns also in the forthcoming years.





ILCAD, the International Level Crossing Awareness Day

Isabelle FONVERNE
Senior Advisor, Safety and Interoperability
ILCAD Coordinator
UIC (International Union of Railways)

There are international days dedicated to health, road safety – in particular the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims instituted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005 www.un.org/en/roadsafety/remembrance.shtml and there is ILCAD.

ILCAD is the International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) campaign coordinated by UIC since 2009 that brings together road and rail safety experts. It is based on safety awareness campaigns that already existed in a number of countries such as the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand as well as several countries in Europe. These countries simply wished to consolidate their efforts and celebrate their achievements during the course of one day.

Operation Lifesaver Estonia has always been a great supporter to ILCAD, creating for example on a voluntary basis the logo of the campaign.

UIC takes this opportunity to acknowledge an excellent cooperation not only with Operation Lifesaver Estonia but also with OLI (U.S.A.); OL Canada, and worldwide organisations such as UNECE; IRU (International Road Transport Union www.iru.org) and many others... to better tackle level crossing safety issues.

The event to officially launch ILCAD was hosted on 3 June 2014 by REFER (Portuguese Infrastructure Manager) in Lisbon. 15 speakers from various European

countries (including Operation Lifesaver Estonia represented by Mrs. Getter Toome) took the floor to present various level crossing safety issues in the domains of Engineering, Education, Enforcement, media, human behavior and promote safe behavior at and around level crossings. The 2014 edition once again brought together over 43 countries and concentrated its message on professional drivers.

Over 100 persons participated in this international round table discussion emphasizing the importance of road safety at level crossings. The press conference chaired by Mr. Sérgio Monteiro – Portuguese State Secretary for Transport Infrastructure and Communication closed the international conference dedicated to ILCAD 2014. He said: *“Accidents at level crossings is not only a Portuguese but an international issue which is why we welcome ILCAD today in Portugal. A transgression at level crossing is 10 times higher than a transgression anywhere on the roads. Involvement of Portuguese local and regional authorities with the railways in level crossing safety through a common understanding agreement shows decision makers on a national level how we can work together.”*

Read more: uic.org/com/uic-e-news/403

To launch ILCAD 2014, UNECE: www.unece.org, UIC: www.uic.org and the Federal Office of Transport of the Swiss Confederation (FOT) www.bav.admin.ch co-produced a documentary film “Save lives at level crossings”. The film provides a non-exhaustive picture of safety at level crossings around the world with the aim of raising further awareness among political decision-makers and the public of the current risks at level crossings. The film can be viewed: www.ilcad.org/ILCAD-2014.html or <http://dai.ly/x1vlrv3>

UIC is also pleased to have actively contributed to the creation of an international Group of Experts (GE1) in the area of level crossing safety under the auspices of UNECE: www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/eg_level_crossings_02.html This group is composed of Safety experts from the road and the rail sectors (including Operation Lifesaver Estonia represented by Mr. Tamo Vahemets), psychologists, human factors’ specialists, and delegates of UNECE member states. The kick off meeting was held in January 2014; the group whose objective is to produce a strategic report and recommendations covering key important areas of level crossing safety has met 4 times until now.

Finally on 29 April 2014, **Isabelle Fonverne**, UIC, Coordinator of the International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) was awarded with the OLE’s Honorary medal to recognize her input in promoting

public level crossing safety and Operation Lifesaver Estonia's (OLE) activities worldwide.

Historically she is the second person outside Estonia to receive this medal, first one was Mr. Dan Di Tota (former OL Canada) in 2010.

The Medal was remitted to her by Mr. Hanno Pevkur, Minister of Internal Affairs in Estonia. Read: uic.org/com/uic-e-news/398

The event to launch the next edition of ILCAD will take place on 3 June 2015 in Istanbul, Turkey, at the kind invitation of TCDD (Turkish Railways).

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Visit: www.uic.org; www.ilcad.org

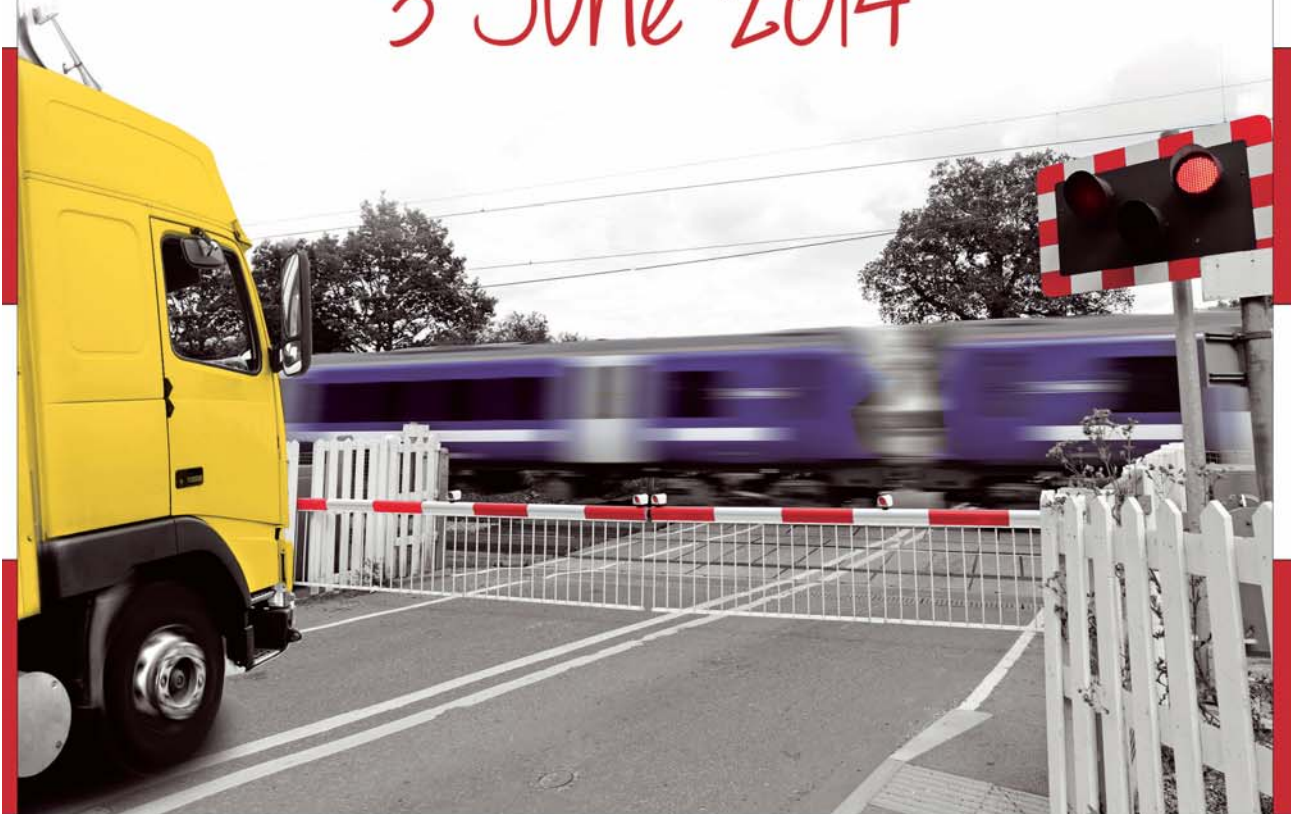


ILCAD

Act safely at level crossings

The most important
stop of the day

3 JUNE 2014







Educational programme

Getter Toome
Training Manager

OLE's 10th year of activities has just passed. During this year we got new OLE presenters and made numerous presentations in schools and at trade fairs.

In 2014, OLE organised one training course for presenters that took place in the beginning of March in Viljandi Centrum Hotel. The audience consisted of eight youth police officers from the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board. After the two training days, OLE presenter's certificates were issued to Elerin Tetsmann, Greten Sööli, Kirsika Jõks, Krista Klaus, Önnela Kõva, Pille-Riin Pihelgas, Aivi Saareoks and Mari-Liis Mölder. Let me quote one of the participants of the training who said: *"This course taught me many presentation skills and pointed out how I can make listeners to really listen. I also learned a lot about general railway safety. Before attending, I did not know many of the things a police officer should know."* It is nice to say positive things about yourself when looking back at the year and therefore I quote another participant: "I am very grateful to the organisers! It was the coolest training course I have had during my short life!" I am very pleased that the new presenters supplement our nation-wide network of railway safety presenters.

During 2014, we continued developing our training materials that was started already in 2013. In this year we made a step forward with the design of the materials and bound them all together into a collection that is comfortable to use. Our training package was valued highly by the participants. As the environment and topical railway safety issues continue to change, we will certainly improve our materials also in the future. During its 10 years of activity, OLE has organised 14 presenter trainings with 91 participants in total.

OLE's safety presentations were held in schools all over Estonia. Our presenters were also present at many trade fairs and youth events, for example Võru County Youth Forum, Education Fair Intellektika 2014, Defence League camp for scouts and girl guides held in Põlva County, Lasva Fair, Rõuge Youth Safety Camp, etc. Together with the presentations held during the KEAT programme of the Estonian Rescue Board, OLE's message was delivered to more than 5000 young people in Estonia.

The objective of OLE's presentations is to provide information about railway safety issues and thereby change people's attitudes and behaviour. The following thoughts are taken from the feedback forms of our presentations and they indicate how important this topic actually is and how professional are our presenters:

"The presentation changed my attitudes. As I pedestrian, I will try not to cross railways when level crossing gates are closed." (participant from Ülenurme Gümnaasium)

"I am taking this issue more seriously and I will pay more attention when approaching railway. I shall tell my kids about safety too." (teacher from Tallinn Vesiroosi Kindergarten)

"I learnt that being on railway can be dangerous." (participant from Tapa Vene Gümnaasium)

"I liked the entire presentation. It made me think about railway safety, as I did not know about many dangers before. The presenter was very good and the films made me think along." (teacher from Tallinn Vesiroosi Kindergarten)

I am very grateful to all our presenters and cooperation partners for communicating the railway safety message.





Public events

Birgit Vahemets
Project Manager

Public events continue to be the best method to reach people from different regions of Estonia. During these events people often tell their concerns and point out the issues. While analysing the events we attended in 2014 it could be concluded that our activities have reached the general public and it has been noticed. Our campaign messages have reached their audience as well. It is truly heart-warming to hear children shouting: "Look, there is the OLE's tent over there, let's go!"

We are pleased to see that we do not need to search for events and invite ourselves but we have our good cooperation partners who take care of that. In 2014 we had new events and projects where OLE was delighted to participate. We invested a lot of effort in the KEAT camps taking place all over Estonia and were pleased about our volunteers who made sure that we were represented in all the camps organised across Estonia. We also participated in several safety events organised by towns and counties.

In 2014 we focused our activities on such a topical issue as wearing headphones in traffic. We organised a campaign that used two slogans: "Take off your headphones and let the train pass!" and "Get off your bike and let the train pass!" The message asking to take off the headphones proved to be the most popular, as it relates both to road traffic and everyday life, not only to railways. During several events we witnessed lively discussions and received many positive messages and feedback about our campaigns. It seems that people really care about it and many people have their personal experience with this issue, which helps them to understand the relevance of this problem in railway traffic.

In 2014 OLE had the opportunity to participate in "Rail Rally 2014" where teams from several railway companies competed on hand-driven trolleys on railway sections with different length (150 km in total). We wanted to draw attention to our campaigns and thus participated with two OLE teams: the "Take off headphones" team consisting of our cooperation partners and the "Get off your bike" team consisting of our best volunteers. This fun event offered our volunteers and cooperation partners the chance to communicate in casual environment and exchange views and ideas. It was a great event in terms of teambuilding for OLE.

We value the work and contribution of our volunteers extremely highly and we hope that we are able to motivate or volunteers well enough, so that they would have strength to participate also in our future projects. We are grateful to them.



Railway Safety Week

On April 28 – May 05 was organised the nationwide railway safety week with the campaign message “Let the Train Pass!” The purpose of the campaign was reminding road users that attentiveness is a precondition for safe railway crossing and that “one should keep safe distance if a train approaches and let it pass”.

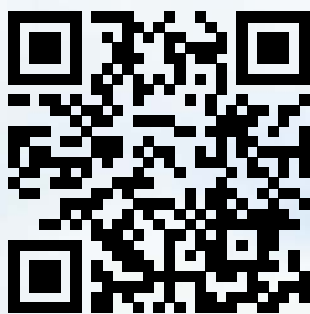
„Trains have been given preferential right because locomotive drivers cannot halt quickly or manoeuvre for avoiding accidents. Motor vehicles drivers should select appropriate speed while approaching level crossings, which would allow stopping before the tracks if necessary. Pedestrians should consider that railway pedestrian crossings are different from road crossings and do not give them the preferential right to cross. They should not expect that a train would stop before a crossing.“

During the ninth Railways Safety Week campaign posters were displayed in urban environment, safety messages were broadcast in malls and public transport vehicles and railway safety presentations were made in schools.

The campaign was organised in cooperation with the Estonian Technical Surveillance Authority and the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board.



LET THE TRAIN PASS



Qr - Camapign video

„Get OFF THE BIKE, remove YOUR HEADPHONES and let the train pass!”

On June 23-30, 2014 was organised the nationwide railway safety campaign “Get OFF THE BIKE, remove your HEADPHONES and Let the train pass!” that is targeted to bicyclists and pedestrians wearing headphones.

One of the objectives of the campaign is to remind bicyclists that they should get off their bikes while crossing railways at pedestrian crossings and do it pushing their bikes on their side.

The bicyclists are often drivers who use their advantage of moving on cycle and pedestrian tracks, forgetting that bicyclists can cross railways only at designated level crossings. The terms level crossing and pedestrian crossing define quite clearly how road users should use them. A level crossing is meant for vehicles including bicycles, whereas a pedestrians crossing is meant for pedestrians only.

The purpose of the security barriers installed at railway level crossings is to prevent bicycles riding onto the railway lines and remind people that they are entering a dangerous area where they should be extremely cautious. Unfortunately, we often notice bicyclist putting their life into danger by violating all applicable safety rules.

The second message of the campaign is equally important: “Take off your headphones!” As road users, we must acknowledge that we limit a significant part of our attentiveness while wearing headphones in traffic. This increases the risk of getting involved in dangerous situations.

Upon crossing railways people should avoid activities impairing their concentration like listening to music using headphones or talking on mobile phones. This applies both to passengers and vehicle drivers. Your mind should be 100% on what you do. If there is a train approaching, you should keep safe distance and let it pass!

The campaign posters were displayed on billboards all over Estonia during several months after the official end of the campaign.

The campaign was organised in cooperation with the Estonian Technical Surveillance Authority, the Estonian Police and Boarder Guard Board and the Estonian Road Administration.





"YOU SHOULD ALWAYS GET OFF YOUR BIKE, REMOVE YOUR EARPHONES AND BE CONVINCED THAT A TRAIN IS NOT APPROACHING WHILE CROSSING RAILWAY AT A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING! CROSS RAILWAY AS A PEDESTRIAN, PUSHING YOUR BIKE ON YOUR SIDE!"

LET'S SAVE LIVES!"



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GET OFF THE BIKE

AND LET THE TRAIN PASS



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Christmas campaign

OLE's traditional Christmas campaign "Let the Train Pass! You are Expected Home for Christmas" was organised on December 15-25, 2014.

Although OLE has been organising various safety campaigns reminding people about the dangers related to railway traffic already for many years, the number of railway accidents still grew in the year 2014. This sad fact tells us that OLE, its cooperation partners and volunteers have still a lot of work to do in order to improve awareness about crossing railways, so that people would prioritise safety.

We hope that the message of OLE's traditional Christmas campaign reached the audience. We wanted to remind them that they should be extremely cautious when crossing railways and make sure that there are no trains approaching.

During the campaign, OLE published its updated advertising materials that depict a father going to a

forest to find a Christmas tree and his family that waits him. The father comes back home to his family but the advertising clip hints that things could have also gone wrong.

We hope that the advertising materials developed point out to the people that they are in a danger zone while crossing railways and they need to follow all the safety requirements in order to make their Christmas wishes to come true.

The campaign's TV ad was supported by a radio commercial broadcasted in all major Estonian radio stations and in shopping malls, posters on streets and advertisements in the printed media. In addition, railway safety presentations were made in schools.

The campaign was organised in cooperation with the Estonian Technical Surveillance Authority, Police and Border Guard Board, Rescue Board and Road Administration.

Campaign impact assessment

JCDecaux

In December the traditional Christmas campaign of Operation Lifesaver Estonia (OLE) carrying the holiday message "Let the Train Pass! You are Expected Home for Christmas!" reached the streets of Estonia. The connection between trains and Christmas time was created in placing the messages in country environment where people go to look for Christmas trees and where they often need to cross railway lines.

For attentive audience the OLE campaign has already become a sign that Christmas are coming. One of our respondents said that it is actually not the poster itself that makes him think about railway safety but as this campaign has been organised already for several years, the slogan "Home for Christmas" already reminds the messages of the previous similar campaigns. All these factors together make you think about railway safety, said this 38 years old respondent from Tallinn. This response summarises well the strengths of OLE's campaigns – continuity and linking certain slogans with the topic of railway safety.

The campaign took place in 17 towns and in three different formats – in bus pavilions/lighted billboards, on outdoor billboards and columns. The post-campaign survey studied how well people remembered the campaign, how well did they understand its message and how well did they spontaneously remember the campaign slogans. The survey was carried out among Tallinn residents. The data was collected by web study

method Norstat AS who questioned 311 persons age 15–74.

The citizens of Tallinn also answered to a background question – have they already had a chance to ride the "new orange trains". The average "yes" rate was quite high – 48% of the respondents had already used the new trains. Among the public transport users, this percentage was even as high as 62%, which is much more than the average, and among the respondents aged 15-24 this rate was 81%.

Before showing the respondents the campaign poster, we asked the railway safety slogans that they remember. The most well-known slogans were "Let the Train Pass!" and "You are Expected Home (for Christmas)!" We also had a new entry in our popularity table - the third place was taken by "Take off your headphones!" from the OLE's 2014 campaign. When the respondents were asked to recall which media channel broadcasted the railway safety messages then the most frequent answer was outdoor media. 49% of the respondents claimed that they have noticed OLE posters on streets. 47% of the respondents had noticed the Christmas campaign poster, which is less than last year but still more than the average result for this type of advertisement (43% among 30 similar campaigns surveyed, data collected by TNS Emor and Norstat). The

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Kas Te olete näinud tänaval sellist plakati?



impact of a campaign can be measured by comparing the attitudes of those who do remember the campaign and those who do not. If 68% of all the respondents thought that the poster is good for communicating the railway safety message then among those who remembered the campaign this percentage was even 80% and among those who did not remember the campaign the percentage was 58%. Both of these numbers are high and 80% rate among the people who remember the campaign indicates clearly that the campaign was a success.



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Interactive version of campaign poster



Qr - Campaign video

Recognition of cooperation partners

A strong cooperation network is the basis for making changes in society. Although the official partners are often organisations and agencies, the signed agreements and protocols are not the only thing that makes cooperation efficient. It rather relies on people sharing common values and goals and considering with the capabilities of their partners.

OLE's cooperation partners are people with a mission who represent businesses, state agencies and various organisations. They all share the wish to make Estonia a safer place. They all value human life and are willing to take some action to improve public awareness.

Together we can do more. We cooperate with each

other to avoid controversial messages and support each other's activities. Thereby we develop common perception about safe behaviour in the society and improve traffic behaviour in general. This, on the other hand, allows saving resources and using them for other activities improving the quality of our life.

We are sincerely grateful to all our cooperation partners and do everything we can in order to be at their level for making the world a better place.

"Golden Level Crossing Gates" gratitude event

The "Golden Level Crossing Gates" award ceremony was held on April 29 to recognise organisations and private persons for their contribution to promoting railway safety.

Minister of Interior Affairs **Hanno Pevkur** stressed that it is logical that people make their choices based on prior experience and knowledge and for that reason the continuous reminding of safe behaviour rules is the best measure for shaping safe behavioural patterns. *"It is worth reminding that people's values are established through the common efforts of various parties. I am very glad that Operation Lifesaver Estonia (OLE) has been able to involve in its systematic activities volunteers, different public agencies and responsible railway undertakings. I am sure that the awareness of people regarding the dangers present on the railway has improved considerably as a result of their joint efforts."*

The "Golden Level Crossing Gates" award

The "Golden Level Crossing Gates" is an award given to recognise an organisation or private person who is not working for the railway sector but has contributed significantly to the achievement of the railway safety objectives.

In 2014, the award was given for volunteer work in the field of railway safety to the **Harju County Department of Estonian Health Promotion Association**. It recognises the efforts of the organisation and its staff with a mission for supporting OLE's work and promoting railway safety activities.

The winners of the "Golden Level Crossing Gates" award

- 2006 Tallinn City Government, Mr. Jüri Ratas
- 2007 Ms. Liivika Juksar
- 2008 Kristiine Shopping Mall
- 2009 Mr. Tarmo Miilits
- 2010 Järva County Department of the Western Estonian Rescue Centre
- 2011 Mr. Andrei Sozionov
- 2012 Mr. Marek Lindmaa
- 2013 JCDecaux Eesti OÜ



OLE's honorary medal

OLE's honorary medal is given to Estonian or foreign citizens who have contributed significantly to the development of railway safety promotion activities in Estonia or to persons whose professional activities have prevented serious railway accidents or incidents.

In 2014, OLE's honorary medals for professional activities were given to:

- Ms. Maris Orgusaar** – Police and Border Guard Board, Southern Prefecture, Criminal Police Officer and volunteer
- Ms. Isabelle Fonverne** – UIC, ILCAD project manager (France)
- Ms. Svetlana Safronova** – Police and Border Guard Board, Eastern Prefecture, Youth Police Officer and volunteer
- Mr. Tõnu Aruste** – Estonian Railways, Instructor – Locomotive Driver
- Mr. Viktor Teska** – Edelaraudtee Infrastrukture, Development Specialist

OLE's honorary medals have been previously given to:

- 2010 **Mr. Riivo Sinijärv** – Estonian Railway Culture Foundation
- 2010 **Ms. Urve Miidla** – NPO Safety Training Centre
- 2010 **Mr. Daniel (Dan) Di Tota** – Operation Lifesaver Canada
- 2011 **Mr. Tarmo Miilits** – Police and Border Guard Board
- 2011 **Mr. Urmas Lükki** – Edelaraudtee AS
- 2011 **Ms. Annela Floren** – Police and Boarder Guard Board, Eastern Prefecture
- 2012 **Ms. Malle Hermanson** – Police and Border Guard Board, Western Prefecture
- 2012 **Ms. Marju Tamsalu** – Police and Border Guard Board, Western Prefecture
- 2012 **Ms. Lea Leopard** – Police and Border Guard Board, Western Prefecture
- 2012 **Mr. Mati Lõhmus** – AS EVR Infra
- 2013 **Mr. Ain Pilipenko** – AS Edelaraudtee
- 2013 **Mr. Gennadi Jurkin** – Estonian Railways
- 2013 **Riho Tānak** – Police and Border Guard Board
- 2013 **Alo Tammsalu** – Rescue Board
- 2013 **Getter Toome** – AS Swedbank

“Best Presenter 2013” title

The honorary title of the best presenter of 2013 was given to **Ms. Tiina Kiik**, Police Officer of the Southern Prefecture of the Police and Boarder Guard Board who received only positive feedback after making railway safety presentations.

In addition, during the “Golden Level Crossing Gates 2014” event Hanno Pevkur, Minister of Interior Affairs, handed out 40 OLE's letters of gratitude to private and legal persons.









Annual Financial Statement

Statement of financial position

(In Euros)

	31.12.2014	31.12.2013
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	25 764	12 278
Receivables and prepayments	2 083	0
Total current assets	27 847	12 278
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	8 618	9 625
Total non-current assets	8 618	9 625
Total assets	36 465	21 903
Liabilities and net assets		
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Payables and prepayments	24 480	11 380
Total current liabilities	24 480	11 380
Total liabilities	24 480	11 380
Net assets		
Accumulated surpluses (deficits) from previous periods	10 523	29 472
Surplus (deficit) for the period	1 462	-18 949
Total net assets	11 985	10 523
Total liabilities and net assets	36 465	21 903

Statement of revenues and expenses

(In Euros)

	2014	2013
Revenue		
Fees received from members	176 142	170 706
Other income	21	685
Total revenue	176 163	171 391
Expenses		
Direct cost of projects financed by grants for special purposes	-85 978	-92 534
Other operating expense	-28 688	-37 742
Employee expense	-56 338	-53 611
Depreciation and impairment loss (reversal)	-3 700	-6 457
Other expenses	0	-4
Total expenses	-174 704	-190 348
Surplus (deficit) from operating activities	1 459	-18 957
Other financial income and expense	3	8
Net surplus (deficit) for the period	1 462	-18 949

Statement of cash flows, indirect method

(In Euros)

	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus (deficit) from operating activities	1 459	-18 957
Adjustments		
Depreciation and impairment loss (reversal)	3 700	6 457
Total adjustments	3 700	6 457
Adjustments for operating receivables and prepayments	-2 083	11 596
Adjustments for operating liabilities and prepayments	13 100	77
Interest received	3	8
Proceeds from grants with special terms	0	-685
Total cash flows from operating activities	16 179	-1 504
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	-2 693	-2 220
Total cash flows from investing activities	-2 693	-2 220
Total cash flows	13 486	-3 724
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	12 278	16 002
Change in cash and cash equivalents	13 486	-3 724
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	25 764	12 278

Statement of changes in net assets

(In Euros)

		Total net assets
	Accumulated surpluses deficits from previous period	
31.12.2012	29 472	29 472
Net surplus (deficit) for the period	-18 949	-18 949
31.12.2013	10 523	10 523
Net surplus (deficit) for the period	1 462	1 462
31.12.2014	11 985	11 985

Note 6: Fees received from members

(In Euros)

	2014	2013
Fees not intended for specific purposes		
Membership fees	176 142	170 706
Total fees received from members	176 142	170 706

Note 7: Labor expense

(In Euros)

	2014	2013
Wage and salary expense	39 298	39 535
Social security taxes	13 246	13 527
Other	3 794	549
Total labor expense	56 338	53 611
Average number of employees in full time equivalent units	3	3

Accounting principles

General information

The annual financial report for 2014 has been prepared in compliance with the Estonian good accounting practices and using the acquisition value principle. The main requirements of the good accounting principles are laid down in the Accounting Act endorsed on November 22, 2002 and the respective regulations of the Government of the Republic and Minister of Finance that are supplemented by the manuals published by the Accounting Committee of the Republic of Estonia.

For the purpose of the annual financial statements, the non-profit organisation is treated as an organisation pursuing its activities and the accounting continues using the same accounting principles, evaluation criteria and reporting schemes.

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with manuals RTJ 14 ("Non-profit orga-

nisations and foundations") and RTJ 12 ("Government support") of the Accounting Committee. The revenue from members is recorded in the period for which it has been paid.

Targeted financing is recorded as revenue in the periods during which occur the costs for the compensation of which the targeted financing is designated.

The non-current assets acquired for targeted financing are recorded using the gross value method described in the manuals RTJ 12 and 17. The non-current assets are recorded at acquisition cost; depreciation is recorded linearly; depreciation rate is 20% per annum. The principle that NPOs costs should be related to achieving its statutory goals is followed strictly, the profit or financial result of the activities is not distributed between the NPO members.

The report is prepared in euros.

Note 4: Property, plant and equipment (In Euros)

			Total
	Machinery and equipment	Other property, plant and equipment	
31.12.2012			
Carried at cost	42 210	6 223	48 433
Accumulated depreciation	-32 236	-2 335	-34 571
Residual cost	9 974	3 888	13 862
Acquisitions and additions		2 220	2 220
Depreciation	-5 198	-1 259	-6 457
31.12.2013			
Carried at cost	42 210	8 443	50 653
Accumulated depreciation	-37 434	-3 594	-41 028
Residual cost	4 776	4 849	9 625
Acquisitions and additions		2 693	2 693
Depreciation	-2 047	-1 653	-3 700
31.12.2014			
Carried at cost	42 210	11 136	53 346
Accumulated depreciation	-39 481	-5 247	-44 728
Residual cost	2 729	5 889	8 618

Note 3: Tax prepayments and liabilities (In Euros)

	31.12.2014	31.12.2013
	Tax liabilities	Tax liabilities
Personal income tax	1 142	1 232
Social tax	2 116	2 116
Contributions to mandatory funded pe	127	127
Unemployment insurance tax	173	191
Total tax prepayments and liability	3 558	3 666

Independent auditor report

To the annual general meeting of non-profit organisation Operation Lifesaver Estonia

We have audited the annual financial statements of non-profit organisation Operation Lifesaver Estonia that contains the balance sheet as of 31 December 2014, an income statement for the financial year ended on this date, a report on changes in equity and a cash flow statement, a summary of the accounting principles used for preparing the annual financial statements and other explanatory notes. The audited financial statements are presented on pages 4 to 10.

Management Board's liability for annual financial statements

The Management Board is responsible for preparing the annual financial statements, their timely presenting and their compliance with the Estonian good accounting practices. It is also responsible for the internal audit that it deems necessary for the purpose of preparing the annual financial statements that are expected to not include any wrongful or erroneous misrepresentations.

Liability of a sworn auditor

Our obligation is to publish a summary about the annual financial statements. The audit was conducted in compliance with International Standard on review Engagements (ISRE) (Estonia) 2400 (amended). ISRE (Estonia) 2400 (amended) requires us to prepare a summary of our findings that should state if we have become aware of anything that would make us to believe that the annual financial statements as a whole have not been prepared in its material parts in compliance with the applicable financial reporting framework. According to this standard, we are also obliged to follow the applicable ethical norms.

The audit of the annual financial statements in accordance with ISRE (Estonia) 2400 (amended) is a process offering limited assurance. During the audit are conducted procedures that mostly means making inquiries to the management and other persons in the economical entity (as relevant), applying analytical procedures and assessment of the evidence gathered.

The procedures carried out during the audit are less extensive than those that are carried out during an audit corresponding to the International Auditing Standards. Therefore, we are not publishing an auditor's statement for these annual financial statements.

Summary

During the audit we did not find anything that would make us to believe that the annual financial statements are in their material part not reflecting fairly the financial situation of non-profit organisation Operation Lifesaver Estonia as of 31 December 2014, the financial results of the year ended on that date, and cash flows in accordance with the Estonian good accounting practices.

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