Be aware of train dangers

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KEARNEY — No, don’t doubt, at some point, you’ve read or heard about train accidents. It’s safe to assume that you’ve seen them on the news, read about them in newspapers and magazines, and perhaps even heard about them from friends or family members.

The non-profit international coalition Operation Lifesaver, which is designed to end railroad-related deaths, recommends that railroad fans read about train safety and learn how to prevent train accidents.

In fact, Operation Lifesaver says that the number of train-related deaths has increased in recent years. In 2014, there were 36 people in Nebraska killed by trains, according to the Federal Railroad Administration. The national total was 1,079.

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