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Enforcement Operation Targets Railway Safety

Riverside, CA – On Wednesday, November 18, 2009, motorcycle enforcement officers from the Riverside Police Department joined allied law enforcement agencies and conducted an enforcement program targeting railway safety at grade crossings. Officers and personnel from the California Highway Patrol, Union Pacific Railroad Police Department, and Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad Police Department were also involved in the four hour operation that took place in the northeastern part of Riverside.

During the operation a total of 149 drivers and pedestrians were cited for various railway safety violations to include driving around closed gates with a moving train approaching the roadway. Two persons were arrested on misdemeanor drivers license charges and their vehicles were impounded.

The intent of the program is to conduct enforcement to reduce the number of collisions between trains and both vehicles and pedestrians as they most often result in a fatality. The operation is conducted periodically throughout the year.

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