RAILROAD INVESTIGATION AND SAFETY COURSE

Approximately every three hours a train collision occurs in the United States often requiring the assistance of first responders at the scene of an incident. The collision scene may be complex and consist of a variety of safety concerns for first responders.

The Railroad Investigation and Safety Course provides first responders with critical information allowing them to effectively respond to and safely investigate incidents involving the railroad.

MODULE 1 - Rail Safety 101
- Safety issues in the railroad environment
- Signs and signals at a railroad crossing
- Developing advanced preparation information
- Railroad contacts and facilities

MODULE 2 - On-Scene Safety & Situational Awareness
- Safety considerations while responding to an incident
- Ensuring on-scene safety
- Identifying your location
- Key safety points to live by

MODULE 3 - Rail Resources & Initial Report Information
- Familiarization with rail cars, locomotives and train documents
- Railroad personnel and rail related equipment
- Common crimes against the railroad; rail equipment of evidentiary value
- Available partner resources to aid with scene safety and investigation

MODULE 4 - Rail Incident Conclusion
- Taking proper steps to ensure the rail scene is clear
- Documentation of rail incidents on state crash reporting forms
- How train incidents may affect the community and support for prosecution
- Operation Lifesaver and Federal Railroad Administration safety education programs

Attendees will learn personal safety techniques while they are investigating a grade crossing collision or trespasser incident, in addition to maintaining on-scene safety unique to the railroad environment.

This course is offered in one-, two-, or four-hour formats and is free of charge.

For additional program information or to schedule a class, email Operation Lifesaver at - RISC@oli.org.