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Volunteer as a Speaker for California Operation Lifesaver

(Feb. 29) Want to help save a young life? California Operation Lifesaver needs volunteers to make rail safety presentations at schools and community organizations in Los Angeles.



"This is an urgent situation," says Nate Baguio, Public Affairs communications assistant, who helps coordinate the MTA's participation in the nationwide program. "We've identified more than 80 schools in close proximity to the Metro Blue Line that haven't received rail safety information in some time."

30-minute presentations

Baguio and Rich Morallo, public affairs officer, need to train 15 to 20 volunteers during March to make 30-minute presentations to groups ranging from kindergartners to teenagers to adults. They hope to conduct presentations in some 50 schools by the end of June.

"We're looking for anyone who has presentation skills and wants to speak to youngsters," says Baguio. A one-day training course is planned in March before volunteers are sent out to schools. Because many presentations are conducted during the work day, volunteers must work out schedules with their supervisors.

Presenters are certified

[California Operation Lifesaver](#), which is affiliated with the nationwide, federally supported Operation Lifesaver rail safety program, provides instructors to train volunteers to become certified presenters. The program also provides videotapes and visual aids that will be of interest to audiences of kids, teens and adults.

"We try to make this as easy as possible for the volunteers," says Baguio. "We'll map out the speaking locations, provide contact numbers, set up the audio-visual materials and give the presenters handouts for the kids."

For more information about the Operation Lifesaver volunteer speaker program, contact Nate Baguio at 922-2285 or Rich Morallo at 922-5432.

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