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CN Police Wants to Raise Awareness About Safe Behaviour While Driving on a Railway Crossing During the Winter Months

MONTREAL, Nov. 4, 2021 — CN Police officers are spreading a rail safety message in your community. Last year in North America, there were over 3,400 collisions with trains, resulting in over 2,200 serious injuries or fatalities. Rail safety is a core value at CN and CN Police wants to be a part of the effort to minimize the risk of accidents related to winter driving.

This winter, chances are that locally, people will face some challenging driving conditions. Freezing rain, snow, sleet and whiteouts can make winter driving downright dangerous. According to the *Federal Railroad Administration*, there is a spike in railway crossing incidents during the winter months. Reducing the likelihood of being in a serious car accident at a railway crossing in winter starts with proper planning and knowing some rail-safety basics.

“Safety is a core value at CN and we want to take every opportunity to raise awareness on safe behaviour around rail. It is our job to make sure that the locals know that the risk of being involved in a railway crossing incident is higher during winter months. It is important for CN Police officers to engage the population on the dangers related to a railway incident. We want everyone to Be Rail Smart; Stop. Look. Listen. Live.”

- Joram Jardine, Constable, CN Police Prairie Division

Safety tips for winter driving for your audience:

- Check the weather forecast before travelling.
- Reduce speed: when road conditions are poor, it takes longer to stop.
- When approaching railway crossings, turn off your radio and heating fans so you can listen for trains.
- Look for railway warning signs and signals and remember that snow may cover train tracks at a crossing.
- Use winter tires.
- Do not drive impaired: exhaustion, alcohol, and drugs such as marijuana reduce your ability to pay attention, react quickly, and make safe driving choices.
- Stalls or stuck vehicles must be left behind. Once safe, immediately notify emergency responders by calling 911.
- Be rail-smart this winter: Stop. Look. Listen. Live.

For additional safety tips or other information regarding rail safety or CN Police, follow this link: <https://www.cn.ca/en/safety/cn-police-service/>

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