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Biography:

Wende Corcoran is Vice President of Operation Lifesaver, Inc., the national, nonprofit rail safety education organization based in Washington, DC. She manages the organization's budget and relationships with federal grant partners, and oversees volunteer training, educational materials and tools. Corcoran has been with OLI since June of 1999 and has developed instructional programs and award-winning e-Learning programs for the public.

Before joining Operation Lifesaver, Corcoran was an educational resource specialist for gifted and talented in Loudoun County, Virginia public schools. There, she managed as many as 91 teachers and 2,100 students in a specialized educational program, including screening students for special placements and administering I.Q. tests.

Corcoran holds a master's degree in Curriculum Development and Training from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia and a B.S. in Education from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Title of presentation: Highway-Rail Safety Challenges for School Bus and Professional Drivers

Summary:

This session will provide a review of three of Operation Lifesaver, Inc.'s educational pieces; eLearning programs for school bus drivers and professional drivers, and a video for cement, garbage and dump truck drivers. These educational materials are developed specifically for these audiences to provide useable information about safely navigating highway-rail grade crossings with these vehicles. The goal is to better equip drivers of these vehicles to handle any emergency situations that may arise in real-life situations.