

# HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Operation Clear Track



Operation Clear Track is the single largest rail-safety law-enforcement initiative in North America. Its goal is to reduce the number of railway crossing and trespassing incidents across Canada and the U.S. – incidents which tragically injure or kill more than 2,100 people each year.

Operation Clear Track takes place during Rail Safety Week each September (September 20-26, 2021). Police in Canada and the U.S. work together to enforce rail crossing and trespassing laws, and share rail-safety messaging through virtual or face-to-face outreach to drivers, pedestrians and cyclists across North America.

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 the Harlingen Police Department will be participating in the Operation Clear Track initiative along the railway in Harlingen.

- **Stay off the tracks** - Trains are faster than you think. You won't necessarily hear or feel one coming if you're walking along the tracks. And by the time you do, it might be too late.
- **Use designated Railway Crossings** - These are put up to help you cross the tracks safely. When you choose to cross somewhere else you're putting your life on the line.
- **Obey all signs and signals** - There are many railway signs and warning devices, such as lights, bells and gates, to tell you when a train is coming or where and when you should cross. Following their directions will keep you safe.
- **Stay alert and keep your distance** - The best way to avoid being hit by a train is to stay out of its path. That means paying attention when you're near tracks and trains so that you can hear and see the warnings. Put your phone down and if you're wearing headphones leave #OneEarOut! At crossings, keep a distance of at least 15 feet from the tracks so that you're out of harm's way when a train passes. At stations, stand well behind the platform's edge or safety line.



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