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**CN Police mark Rail Safety Week 2011  
with public appeal to help reduce rising number of trespassing  
incidents and fatalities**

HOMEWOOD, Ill., May 2, 2011 — With trespassing incidents and fatalities on the rise in the United States, CN (TSX:CNR) (NYSE:CNI) is marking Rail Safety Week from May 2 to May 8, 2011, with a public awareness campaign that stresses the deadly risks of trespassing on railroad tracks and property. CN Police are issuing a call to action with their **SEE IT? REPORT IT! You Could Save a Life** initiative, urging members of the public to call CN Police at 1- 800-465-9239 when they witness unsafe behavior on railroad property.

“Disobeying railroad crossing signals or trespassing on railroad property is dangerous and illegal. We don’t tolerate people who put their lives — and the lives of others — at risk. We are getting tougher about enforcing the law, and are engaging the public in helping CN Police fight unsafe activity,” said CN Police Chief Bobby Walker. “Help us by reporting dangerous behavior you see; you could save a life. At CN, when it comes to safety, there is no compromise.”

CN Police will be out in full force during Rail Safety Week, conducting safety blitzes at commuter stations, CN intermodal terminals and railroad crossings in the United States and Canada. This year, CN is increasing its focus on commuter stations, to target a larger audience of rail users, many of whom are parents who will be urged to pass on safety information to their children.

In 2010, there were 2,837 grade crossing and railroad trespassing accidents across the United States, causing 712 fatalities and 1,192 serious injuries, according to the Federal Railroad Administration. A number of disturbing trends were seen in the 2010 statistics:

- Accidents, fatalities and serious injuries in 2010 increased by 5.7 percent, seven percent and 10 percent, respectively, over 2009 statistics.
- Trespassing remains the leading cause of rail-related fatalities in the United States. Last year, the number of trespassing-related fatalities increased by eight percent, totalling 451.
- Serious injuries resulting from trespassing increased in 2010 by 11 percent, to 382.
- In 2010, there were 833 trespassing-related accidents, an increase of 9.6 percent from 2009.

Faced with the growing seriousness of the trespassing issue, CN Police are undertaking a targeted, year-round endeavor focused on reducing trespassing incidents, fatalities and injuries. Recognizing that youth become more vulnerable to risk-taking behavior around the ages of 13 and 14, CN Police will be intensifying outreach to this youth group. In addition, CN Police across the system will work to identify the highest risk areas for trespassing in their territory and develop targeted strategies to reduce incidents.

“The consequences of trespassing can be tragic and CN Police are very concerned to see that dangerous behavior on railroad property is on the rise,” said Walker. “Through a combination of education and targeted enforcement, including the issuing of more tickets, we will work to change attitudes and behavior.”

CN has been promoting railroad safety for more than 25 years through its *All Aboard for Safety* community education program. Every year, CN Police officers make hundreds of *All Aboard for Safety* presentations and talk to more than 300,000 children and adults at schools and community events in the United States and Canada about the importance of safety and the dangers of walking or playing on or near railroad tracks. Part of the strength of this program is the collaborative relationship with major community safety partners Operation Lifesaver and Safe Communities America.

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Link to photos:

<http://www.newscanada.com/cn-see-it-report-it-images>

For more information about the CN safety blitzes in your area, see the attached list.

For an interview with the CN Police Chief, contact:

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## 2011 Safety Blitz Locations

City	Street	Activity	Date	Start/Finish
<b>ILLINOIS</b>				
Carbondale	401 South Illinois Street	Commuter AMTRAK Station	May 2 & May 3	17:00 – 18:00
Carbondale	401 South Illinois Street	Commuter Amtrak Station	May 3 & May 4	07:00 - 08:00
East Hazel Crest	1904 W. 174 <sup>th</sup> Street	Commuter METRA Station	May 2	05:30 - 06:45
Homewood	18015 Park Avenue	Commuter METRA Station	May 2	17:00 – 18:30
Lockport	13 <sup>th</sup> Street & State Street	Commuter METRA Station	May 5	17:15 - 19:15
Matteson	211 <sup>th</sup> Street & Olympia Way	Commuter METRA Station	May 3	05:30 - 06:45
West Chicago	500 West Main Street	Commuter METRA Station	May 4	17:00 – 18:30

City	Street	Activity	Date	Start/Finish
<b>INDIANA</b>				
Dyer	602 Joliet Road	Little League Field – Enforcement Blitz	May 3	16:30 – 20:30
Schererville	1350 Eagle Ridge Road	Tri-Town Safety Village	May 4	09:15 – 12:15
Schererville	1350 Eagle Ridge Road	Tri-Town Safety Village	May 5	09:15 – 12:15

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<b>LOUISIANA</b>				
Hammond	404 N. W. Railroad Avenue	Commuter AMTRAK Station	May 2 & 3 May 3 & 4	13:00 – 14:00 14:00 – 15:00

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<b>MICHIGAN</b>				
Clinton Township	Railroad crossing near Weybridge street and South Groesbeck Highway	Safety Blitz Safety Blitz	May 4 May 7	08:00 – 10:00 09:00 – 11:00
Flat Rock	Railroad Crossing at Vreeland & Hall Roads	Safety Blitz Safety Blitz	May 4 May 7	17:30 – 19:00 17:30 – 19:30
Royal Oak	Railroad Crossing South Washington avenue and West 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	Safety Blitz Safety Blitz	May 2 May 5	08:00 – 10:00 12:00 – 14:00

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<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>				
Jackson	300 West Capital Street	Commuter AMTRAK Station	May 2 & 3 May 3 & 4	07:00 – 08:00 17:00 – 18:00

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<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>				
Greenville	Railroad Crossing on Shenango Street, East of Race Street	Safety Blitz Safety Blitz	May 3 May 5	08:00 – 10:00 08:00 – 10:00

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<b>TENNESSEE</b>				
Memphis	545 South Main Street	Commuter AMTRAK Station	May 2 & 3 May 3 & 4	06:00 – 07:00 10:00 – 11:00

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<b>WISCONSIN</b>				
Oshkosh	Ceape Avenue and Broad Street Crossing	Safety Blitz	May 2	12:00 – 13:30
Peshtigo	Hale Road at CN Crossing	Safety Blitz	May 5	12:00 – 13:30