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### **B&O Railroad Museum Honors First Responders on 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11**

BALTIMORE, MD – September 2, 2021 – The B&O Railroad Museum honors the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 and those who answer the call every day by educating the public about lifesaving practices with First Responders' Appreciation Day on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Join us as we pay tribute to those dedicated to saving lives and protecting their community. Our day includes a bomb squad demonstration, display of the CSX "Pride In Service" locomotive and a special honor guard ceremony with a moment of remembrance.

#### **What Happens When a Train & Car Collide?**

On First Responders' Day, the B&O is showcasing the importance of railroad safety with the opportunity to witness a live controlled collision between a locomotive and car! Visitors will witness a reduced speed collision with an extrication training exercise by a volunteer fire department. The collision demonstrates the importance of motorists yielding to trains at railroading crossings. Representatives from Operation Lifesaver, a non-profit organization and nationally recognized leader of rail safety education, will be on-site to help spread awareness about this critical aspect of railroad safety.



"The average freight train traveling 55 miles per hour can take a mile or more to stop — the length of 18 football fields. Our train will only be going 10 mph with no freight behind it and the collision will be significant" said Executive Director, Kris Hoellen. "This event clearly shows why one should never race a train. We are proud to partner with Operation Lifesaver in their mission to save lives at railroad crossings and on train tracks."

To watch a video from an earlier safety demonstration, please visit: [www.BORail.info/TrainCollision](http://www.BORail.info/TrainCollision)

There will be two train rides to view the collision demonstrations with extrication exercises happen at 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM. First Responders receive free admission to the Museum with ID! For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.BORail.Events/FirstResponders](http://www.BORail.Events/FirstResponders).



### Safety Procedures:

Please be advised face masks are required for all visitors, staff, and volunteers when inside or on the train. The Museum's full safety measures can be found at [www.BORail.events/Visit](http://www.BORail.events/Visit).

### **About the B&O Railroad Museum**

The B&O Railroad Museum™, a full affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of American railroading and its impact on American society, culture and economy. The Museum is home to the oldest, most comprehensive collection of railroad artifacts in the Western Hemisphere including an unparalleled roster of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century railroad equipment. The 40-acre historic site is regarded as the birthplace of American Railroading and includes the 1851 Mt. Clare Station, the 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse and first mile of commercial railroad track in America. In 2019, the Museum welcomed guests from all 50 states and 40 countries. For further information on the B&O Railroad Museum, please call 410-752-2490 or visit [www.BORail.org](http://www.BORail.org).

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