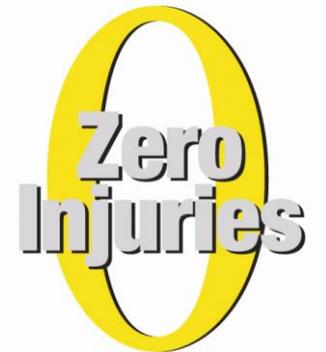


# AZER / Apache Tribe Partnership



October 16, 2014





***Our Goal Every Day***

## Overview

- AZER Partnering with the Apache tribe.
- Our commitment for continued safety and track maintenance.
- Raising our track speed from 10 MPH to 25 MPH across our line.
- Operation life saver in San Carlos and Bylas Schools.

# Arizona Eastern partnering with Apache tribe

The AZER has partnered with the tribe over the last year to accomplish some great things for the community.

- We have donated and helped hook up a washer and dryer for the Senior Center as well as donated hams and turkeys for thanksgiving.
- The AZER supplied couches for the youth home at 7 mile.
- The Railroad adopted a family for Christmas last year.
- The AZER donated money to help the orphanage in San Carlos.

# AZER Railroad Improvements Under G&W

## 2011 When G&W Took Over

- Frequent derailments
- Large amount of slow orders
- Inconsistent service



## Current Status

- Significant infrastructure investment (\$33 million) has enhanced track condition
- Reliable service
- Good communication
- **Safer Operating Practices: Two years injury free**



# Raising the track speed to 25 MPH.

- With all of the improvements that have been taking place on the AZER over last 3 years we are finally able to raise our track speed to 25MPH.
- We will be posting no trespassing signs in English and Apache around the high foot traffic areas of the reservation, as well as all bridges.
- We will need the continued support of the San Carlos PD to keep trespassers off the ROW.



# Operation Lifesaver in San Carlos and Bylas schools

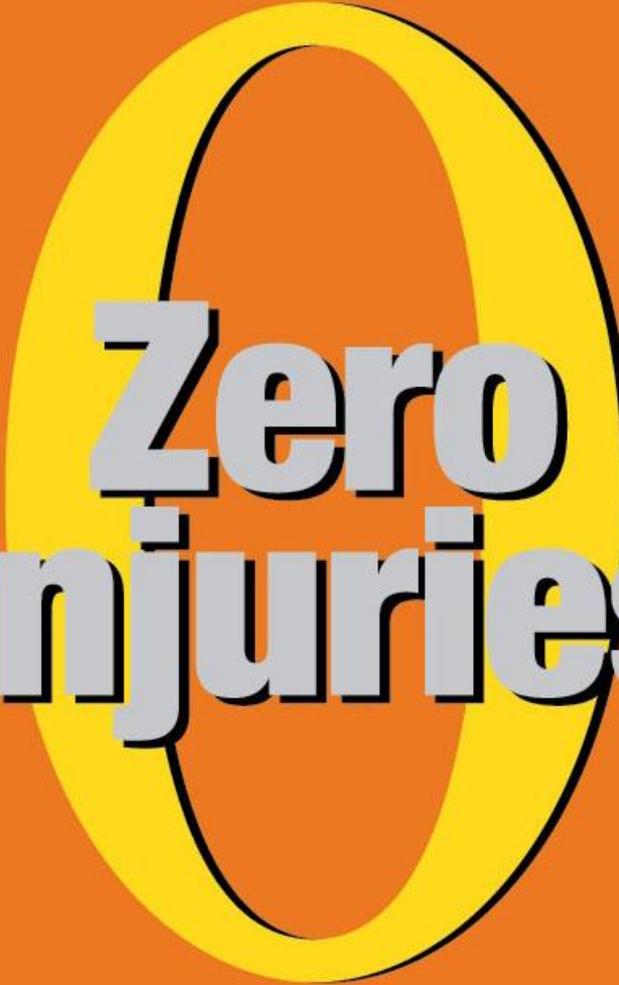
- The three E's of Operation life saver
- **Education:** Operation Lifesaver strives to increase public awareness about the dangers around the rails. The program seeks to educate both drivers and pedestrians to make safe decisions at crossings and around railroad tracks.

**Engineering:** Operation Lifesaver encourages continued engineering research and innovation to improve the safety of railroad crossings.

**Enforcement:** Operation Lifesaver promotes active enforcement of traffic laws relating to crossing signs and signals and private property laws related to trespassing.

## Operation life saver cont.

- The AZER currently has two operation lifesaver volunteers that go around to the local schools, fire departments and bus drivers to talk about railroad crossing safety and trespassing on railroad tracks.
- I would like to get with the local schools in San Carlos and Bylas and talk to the kids, teachers and bus drivers about railroad safety.
- If we can educate the public about Railroad safety it will be a big step in the right direction of reducing vehicle and trespasser related incidents.



**Zero  
Injuries**

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