



**CALIFORNIA OPERATION  
LIFESAVER VOLUNTEERS &  
INTERESTED PUBLIC INVITED TO  
COME HEAR BILLY PARKER'S  
STORY**

**Tuesday, June Seventh, 2011**

**10:30a — 12:30p**

**METROLINK AND CAOL PROUDLY PRESENT OPERATOR  
BILLY PARKER'S STORY OF TRAGEDY, PERSEVERANCE AND  
INSPIRATION.**

One day in 1993, Billy Parker was the engineer of a Miami-bound Amtrak train. By the next day, he'd had front-row seats to the deaths of six people. His locomotive hit a fuel tanker truck that was boxed in at a grade crossing because of heavy traffic. The resulting blast killed the truck's driver along with 5 others waiting at the crossing.

Traumatized by his experience and compelled to promote safe and responsible conduct, Billy got off of the train and into the classroom—dedicating the next ten years of his life to Operation Lifesaver. By giving presentations and spreading the message of rail safety, Billy hoped he could change the way people, especially truckers, behave around railways.

When Billy was ready to take the controls again, he knew that he'd done all he could to make the rails a safer place. So when tragedy struck a second time in 2006, what did Mr. Parker do? Hear his powerful story about how to "get back in the saddle" when your horse is a 210,000 lb. mass of metal. He hopes recounting his experiences will make drivers think again before trying to beat a train through a crossing. "People don't realize how long it takes for a train to stop," Parker said. "If someone tries to beat a train, it may be the last race of their life."

**Hear Billy's Story at Metrolink's  
New Administration Offices:**

**One, Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles CA**

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