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ASLRRRA Honors Record Number of Member Railroads for Safety Performance *Jake Award Recognizes 364 Railroads for Above Industry-Average Safety Performance in 2021*

WASHINGTON – June 29, 2022 – The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) today awarded a record number of [Jake Safety Awards](#), including twenty member railroads being recognized as [President’s Safety Award](#) winners. The Jake Award program recognizes member railroads for above-industry average safety performance during 2021. Of the 364 [Jake Award recipients](#), 332 member railroads will be honored “[with Distinction](#)” recognizing their FRA reportable injury-free performance in 2021. For the second year in a row, a record number of railroads earned ‘with Distinction’ honors - 332 vs. 316 in 2020 and 278 in 2019.

“The railroad industry is safe, and getting safer. Our short line members are doing their part to continue to drive those statistics in the right direction, placing safety above all competing priorities,” said Chuck Baker, President of ASLRRRA. “The short line industry average safety incident rate has dropped once again to 2.17 reportable incidents per 200,000 person-hours worked. 364 of our member railroads performed at or above the industry average, a 5% increase from 2020’s list of 346 railroads. In addition, 91% of Jake Award recipients had zero reportable injuries, noted as Jake Awards with Distinction.”

To be honored with a Jake Award, an ASLRRA member must perform better than the industry average reportable injury frequency rate for railroads other than Class I, commuter railroads and Amtrak based on data reported to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) during the calendar year and must have completed all FRA-required Employee-On-Duty reporting for 2021.

Twenty ASLRRA members are President's Award Winners, designated as a Jake Award recipient that posts the lowest reportable injury frequency rate per Federal Railroad Administration regulations as measured within person-hour categories. The awards will be presented at the 2022 [ASLRRA Regional Meetings](#) held this fall.

Central Region Winners

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| Belt Railway Company of Chicago | Lowest Frequency Rate: more than 500,000 person-hours |
| Terminal Railroad Assoc. of St. Louis | Lowest Frequency Rate: 250,000 – 500,000 person-hours |
| Fort Worth & Western Railroad | Lowest Frequency Rate: 150,000 – 250,000 person-hours |
| Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad | Lowest Frequency Rate: 50,000 – 150,000 person-hours |
| Rio Valley Switching Company | Lowest Frequency Rate: less than 50,000 person-hours |

Eastern Region Winners

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| Consolidated Rail Corporation | Lowest Frequency Rate: more than 500,000 person-hours |
| Gary Railway Company | Lowest Frequency Rate: 250,000 – 500,000 person-hours |
| Columbus & Ohio River Rail Road Co. | Lowest Frequency Rate: 150,000 – 250,000 person-hours |
| New England Central Railroad, Inc. | Lowest Frequency Rate: 50,000 – 150,000 person-hours |
| Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad Corp. | Lowest Frequency Rate: less than 50,000 person-hours |

Pacific Region Winners

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| Montana Rail Link, Inc. | Lowest Frequency Rate: more than 500,000 person-hours |
| Pacific Harbor Line, Inc. | Lowest Frequency Rate: 250,000 – 500,000 person-hours |
| Terminal Switching Services | Lowest Frequency Rate: 150,000 – 250,000 person-hours |
| Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad | Lowest Frequency Rate: 50,000 – 150,000 person-hours |
| Texas & New Mexico Railway | Lowest Frequency Rate: less than 50,000 person-hours |

Southern Region Winners

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| Conrad Yelvington Distributors, Inc. | Lowest Frequency Rate: more than 500,000 person-hours |
| Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. | Lowest Frequency Rate: 250,000 – 500,000 person-hours |
| Railserve Inc. – Switching | Lowest Frequency Rate: 150,000 – 250,000 person-hours |
| Bay Line Railroad, LLC | Lowest Frequency Rate: 50,000 – 150,000 person-hours |
| Tennessee Southern Railroad Co. | Lowest Frequency Rate: Less than 50,000 person-hours |

The Jake Awards are named for the late Lowell S. “Jake” Jacobson, the President and General Manager of the Copper Basin Railway. After achieving a perfect safety record for the CBRY in 1993, Jake realized that there was no award that recognized smaller railroads’ safety records. In 1999, the ASLRRRA Safety Committee adopted the Jake Awards, and since then, has continued Mr. Jacobson’s legacy of rewarding and drawing attention to the high safety standards of the small railroad industry.

Since its inception in 1995, the Jake Award program has distributed nearly 6,600 Jake and Jake with Distinction Awards to America’s small railroad community.

ASLRRRA would like to recognize the following members for their generous sponsorship support of the Jake Awards: Titanium Sponsors Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc. and Rio Grande Pacific, and Iron Sponsors Indiana Harbor Belt and OmniTrax.

About ASLRRRA - The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of the nation’s 603 short line and regional railroads and railroad supply company members in legislative and regulatory matters. Short lines operate 47,500 miles of track in 49 states, or approximately 29% of the national railroad network, touching in origination or termination one out of every five cars moving on the national railroad system, serving customers who otherwise would be cut off from the national railroad network.

