



WARNING:
THE CARY POLICE
DEPARTMENT
Enforces Railroad Safety Laws:

◆ **PEDESTRIAN DUTIES**

11-1011 (c) No pedestrian shall enter, remain upon or traverse over a railroad grade crossing or pedestrian walkway crossing a railroad track when an audible bell or clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device is operational giving warning of the presence, approach, passage, or departure of a railroad train. Mandatory \$250.00 fine or 25 hours of community service for a first violation, and a \$500.00 fine for a second or subsequent violation.

OBEDIENCE TO SIGNAL INDICATING APPROACH OF TRAIN

11-1201 (b) No person shall drive any vehicle through, around or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed. Mandatory \$250.00 fine for a first violation, and a \$500.00 fine for all subsequent violations.

WAIT FOR THE GATE!

As police officers we must investigate collisions involving trains, notify relatives, and deal with the lasting tragedy created by someone's impatience or disregard for the law. Everyday people risk their lives to "beat the train" even though signals and gates warned them to stop. Is waiting a minute for a train to pass too great of an inconvenience to save your life? Many trains on 2 tracks cross Cary each day, with speeds varying greatly. The relative speed of a train is difficult to judge. Railroad tracks are not a place for children to play or for adults to set bad examples on safety practices. Safe and lawful conduct around railroad crossings is contagious. Set an example for other commuters to practice. Remember that trains always win, don't violate warning signals.

Common CROSSING COLLISION Causes

- ◆ The person sees the train coming, but misjudges speed and distance.
- ◆ The person races the train to the crossing, and is either struck by the train, or runs into the side of it.
- ◆ As the train clears the crossing, the person immediately starts across the tracks without looking for other trains, and either strikes or is struck by a train running on an adjacent track.
- ◆ A person becomes "too familiar" with a crossing and uses no caution when approaching the crossing.
- ◆ A person is incapable of making a clear decision due to alcohol.

Look! Listen! Live