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To: Railroad and Labor officials, Commuter rail operators, and other interested parties
From: Ross B. Capon, NARP President and CEO
RE: 2009 Dr. Gary Burch Memorial Safety Award nominations

This is to invite your company or organization to submit nominations for the 16th Dr. Gary Burch Memorial Safety Award. Please note that we welcome multiple nominations from the same organization. The Burch Family has funded and presented the award to honor the railroad employee judged to have done the most to improve the safety of railroad passengers. The award includes a plaque and one thousand dollars.

The “conditions” of the award are enclosed. The award will be presented during our Annual Congressional Reception on April 27, 2010 at the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Nominations must be received at our office by Friday, March 12, 2010, whether by e-mail (preferred; narp@narprail.org), fax (202/408-8287) or regular mail (please note our new address: 505 Capitol Court NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20002-7706).

Please be as specific as possible in explaining what your nominee did to improve safety. Operation Lifesaver activities should not be the only activity to recommend a candidate. The Burch family is particularly interested in candidates who are front-line workers and whose job duties are not specifically related to safety, in other words, an employee who goes above and beyond to improve safety.

Please also note that the employee need not be directly involved in the operation of trains—our 2008 award winner was an Amtrak police officer. Also, a nominating carrier need not run passenger trains for its own account; it is enough to simply host passenger trains operated by others.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Ross B. Capon
President and CEO

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train network that provides a travel choice Americans want**