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Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen's response to locomotive theft in Nelsonville, Ohio.

State Representative Bob Hagan's press release regarding locomotive theft in Nelsonville, Ohio.

AP Wire report of train theft in Nelsonville, Ohio.

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Press release

**From: Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
and Trainmen's Ohio State Legislative Board
A division of the Teamsters Rail Conference
Timothy R. Hanely, State Legislative Representative**

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen urge Ohio's Legislators to Pass Needed Rail Security Bill

January 17, 2007

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) a subsidiary of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters called upon Ohio's legislators to pass much needed rail security legislation today.

BLET State Legislative Representative Timothy R. Hanely stated the theft and 12-mile joyride of a locomotive in Nelsonville Ohio by two teenagers is proof positive that securing Ohio's railways is long overdue. "What further proof is needed?" Hanely stated; "If we can't secure a potential weapon of mass destruction from kids, how could we ever think our rail networks are safe from terrorist acts?" "This industry has ignored the problem far too long, and it's high time our Legislators stepped in to protect Ohio's citizens."

Ohio has fallen victim to dozens of serious accidents in the recent past, including a train fire in Chillicothe, a runaway train out of Toledo, a fatal accident and train sabotage in Cincinnati, and train crews being shot at while en route between Ohio cities. Enacting a rail security bill could have prevented most of these incidents.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen is the oldest labor organization in North America, and the headquarters of its 60,000-member labor union is in Cleveland, Ohio.



Tim Hanely

From: Paul, Gregg [Gregg.Paul@ohr.state.oh.us]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 11:05 AM
To: sen33hagan@aol.com
Subject: Draft of Advisory

For immediate release:

Contact: Rep. Bob Hagan 330-518-3805
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January 17, 2006

Media Advisory

What: Rep. Hagan to discuss Nelsonville locomotive theft incident and need for passage of former SB 363, “Rail Safety and Security Act”

When: Wednesday, January 17, 2:00 pm

Where: Former B & O Rail Station—Mahoning Ave.

Last night two boys escaped from the Hocking Valley Community Residential Facility in Nelsonville and stole a locomotive from the Hocking Valley Scenic Railways and traveled over 12 miles before being taken into custody by police.

In light of this incident, Rep. Hagan will discuss the need for the passage of former SB363, the “Rail Safety and Security Act”, which will be re-introduced into the Ohio House of Representatives later this week. This legislation requires rail owners and operators to secure their facilities from the threat of terror strikes and provides for proper oversight from the appropriate state agencies to ensure compliance.

Tim Hanely

From: Tim Hanely [thanely@ix.netcom.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 2:02 PM
To: timh@bletohio.org
Subject: Ohio Boys Take Joy Ride on a Train

Sent from Express News

NELSONVILLE, Ohio - Two boys walked out of an unlocked juvenile detention home and took an early morning joy ride on a train - until authorities tracked them down.

The boys managed to start up the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway locomotive early Tuesday morning after breaking through a side door into the building that houses the engine, said Sgt. Edward Kurtz of Nelsonville police. No cars were attached to the engine, which usually hauls tourists.

The tracks go by the windows of the city police station, and Hocking College police also noticed the engine rolling down the tracks.

"That's very unusual. The train runs only on weekends," Kurtz said.

He said the boys rode about 12 miles to Logan, blowing the train whistle and waking residents. They also stopped by a grocery store off U.S. 23, where Athens County sheriff's deputies took them into custody.

Matthew Burks, 16, of Proctorville, and Zachary Walden, 13, of Portsmouth, were charged with juvenile counts of burglary, theft and escape, police said.

Burks, who had some knowledge of trains, was driving the engine, Kurtz said.

"He got it started and away they went," he said.

The boys had walked away late Monday from Hocking Valley Community Residential Center in Nelsonville, where youths stay on the honor system instead of going to a state detention center for juvenile felony convictions, said Valerie Roth, assistant director.

Nelsonville is about 60 miles southeast of Columbus.

The Associated Press

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