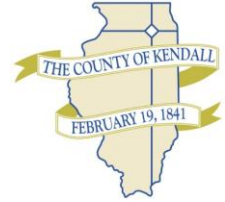




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## **Kendall County Sheriff's Office Trains with BNSF**

On October 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, members of the Kendall County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division conducted training involving railroad emergency response and hazardous materials awareness. The training was presented by Jeff Thomas, Manager of Safety and Training with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Chicago Division. The training consisted of classroom presentation and a hands-on section working with valves and appurtenances from railroad tank cars.

The classroom presentation was an introduction to the railroad industry, and included topics such as safety considerations while working around a railroad, flagging procedures to stop a train, emergency contact phone numbers and methods, specialized equipment and resources, types of hazardous materials transported, risk analysis and traffic flow.

The hands-on workshop was conducted using training tank cars. The training focused on familiarization with various valves and fittings on pressure and general service cars. Hands-on topics included tank car construction and safety features, railcar nomenclature, tank car valve and fittings and locomotive hazards.

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office is committed to deliver exceptional law enforcement training to both sworn and professional staff to prepare them for exemplary service to the communities we serve. The training division will constantly strive to create an atmosphere conducive to the learning process and utilize a variety of methods to enhance deputies' skills and professionalism in law enforcement.