Sealed Corridor Concept

Railroad Perspective
Norfolk Southern Railway Company Overview

- Operates approximately 19,500 route miles in 22 states and the District of Columbia, serves every major container port in the eastern United States
- Provides efficient connections to other rail carriers
- Norfolk Southern operates the most extensive intermodal network in the East and is a major transporter of coal, automotive, and industrial products.
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• Law Enforcement:
  – Be sure to have proper signage around the crossing calling out the statute for stopping on the tracks
  – Have law enforcement do paperwork in an open quadrant to deter gate running and stopping on the tracks.
  – Have one on one with local judges to explain the importance of safety around the railroad
  – Install automated ticketing at crossings for people stopping on the track. Providing warnings only when violator completes a survey on why the violation occurred and providing a monetary reprimand the following violations