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Athens County Prosecutors Diversioners Volunteer at the Hocking Valley Scenic Railroad

ATHENS, OHIO—November 22, 2013 - Thanks to Diversioners from the Athens County Prosecutors Diversion Program, the Hocking Scenic Railway has cleaner train cars, windows, and the buildings are a bit brighter for the holidays. Diversioners showed up a few weeks ago and swept and cleaned the train cars, washed windows, and hung holiday decorations. Now the trains are ready for people to enjoy during the festive season.

The Diversioners went through each of the railway's passenger cars and decorated them for the Santa Trains. Seven cars in all, including the two double-decker cars, are decorated and ready for visitors. One group of the Diversioners worked in the Nelsonville Depot and helped hang the outside decorations. The railroad members present were very pleased with their work. The Santa Trains are the busiest trains of the season, so it is always nice to have the cars looking their best.

County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn said, "Participating in group community service projects allows Diversioners to build a sense of community pride by helping out civic groups and local governments. My desire is to rehabilitate these participants and have them not reoffend. There is no better way than to have them volunteer and assist these organizations and pay their debt to society."

If you are a non-profit organization and need help with a project; call the Athens County Prosecutor's Office at 740-592-3208 and ask for Jay Barrett to arrange for volunteers from the Diversion Program.