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- No. Regardless of cost, we need to make certain that pedestrians and motorists cannot veer into the paths of trains.
- Yes. Millions of dollars have been spent to bolster divert traffic and warn motorists and pedestrians.
- Perhaps. Sure, we can spend more and buy more safety. However, the only sure-fire solution is to stay away from the tracks.
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The Riverside County Medical Association held its 120th installation of officers Friday, Feb. 1, at Wilson Creek Winery in Temecula, with more than 250 people in attendance.

Installed as president for 2013 was Dr. Gerardo W. Hizon, of Temecula, a board certified sports medicine and family practice doctor. Hizon is the medical director of Summit Family Medicine in Murrieta and serves as assistant clinical professor in the Department of Community Medicine at UC San Diego with the Sports Medicine Fellowship Program. Hizon also serves as team physician for the San Diego Chargers.

Installed as President Elect for 2013 was Dr. Tarek Z. Mahdi, a board certified doctor in family medicine and hospice and palliative medicine. Mahdi is an active member of the Riverside and Corona communities who founded and chairs the Inland Empire Palliative Care Coalition and is an assistant clinical professor at Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Installed as Secretary-Treasurer was Dr. Timothy D. Watson, a board certified pediatrician. Watson serves as medical director of Mission Pediatrics and is the founder of the Pediatric Admitter Team Program (PATPRO) that provides sustainable, affordable pediatric hospital services in the Inland Empire. He serves as a clinical professor of pediatrics for Loma Linda University, Stanford University, Azusa Pacific University and Riverside and Moreno Valley Community Colleges.

The Riverside County Medical Association currently represents more than 1,200 physicians in Riverside County.

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