

MoDOT Minute – June 29, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

The first memorial sign to honor drunk driving victims has been installed on Interstate 270 in St. Louis. The sign is the first to be erected under new legislation that allows families of drunk-driving victims to request memorial signs. The signs read "Drunk Driving Victim" and include the person's initials and the month and year they were killed.

Rather than replace defaced highway signs, MoDOT is now cleaning them when it can. The department is the first state in the nation to test various types of paint remover and put them to use on highway signs. Cleaning a sign rather than replacing it saves as much as \$1,000.

MoDOT and law enforcement are joining forces to crack down on impaired drivers this Fourth of July. A statewide sobriety checkpoint is scheduled for July 2-5. The rest of the summer, the HEAT is On as High Enforcement Action Teams take to the highways to enforce traffic laws.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Remember to check back every Tuesday for new information.