

MoDOT Minute – April 20, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

It's Work Zone Safety Week, and MoDOT is reminding you not to barrel through work zones. The department has launched a new television spot called "What Have I Done?" that shows what can happen when you don't pay attention in work zones. In addition, more than 100 state landmarks are turning orange to raise awareness for work zone safety. Last year, 13 people were killed and 670 were injured in work zones, an increase from 2008 when 12 people were killed and 599 were injured.

With winter weather behind us, MoDOT has tallied up how the past snow season stacked up. The department spent \$49.4 million on snow and ice removal, about 20 percent more than the annual average of \$41 million. More than 227,000 tons of salt and 260,000 gallons of beet juice were used in the snow fights. MoDOT workers logged more than 631,000 hours clearing roads.

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