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Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT has launched a new smartphone application to help people make smart choices about designating a sober driver. "Show Me My Buzz" allows users to calculate their estimated blood-alcohol concentration based on their weight, gender and how many and what kind of drinks they've consumed. The app indicates designating a sober driver is the only safe option.

MoDOT is testing a new tool designed to make picking up debris on state highways safer and more efficient. This innovative machine - called the Gator Getter - scoops up trash while the vehicle travels with traffic at a comfortable 45 to 50 mph. Because the Gator Getter operates in the midst of traffic, MoDOT no longer has to provide traffic control or close a lane while removing debris. That means fewer delays for motorists and safer conditions for workers. You can view the Gator Getter in action at www.youtube.com/modotvideo.

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