

MoDOT Minute – Feb. 8, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

It was all hands on deck last week as MoDOT crews battled one of the biggest snow storms ever to hit the state. The numbers are still coming in, but MoDOT estimates that more than 3,000 employees and 1,600 pieces of equipment were used to clear the state's 32,000-mile highway system. Workers put in more than 40,000 hours of overtime and used in excess of 20,000 tons of salt and other abrasive materials to treat state roads and bridges. Overall, the estimated cost of the storm is upwards of \$8 million.

Once the state highways were mostly clear, MoDOT staff turned their efforts to roads in 16 counties at the request of Gov. Jay Nixon. Maintenance crews opened approximately 1,200 miles of snow-covered county roads over three days.

Whenever winter weather hits the state, travelers are reminded to turn to MoDOT's Traveler Information Map for the latest road conditions. They can also call the department's toll-free number: 1-888-275-6636.

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