

MoDOT Minute – Feb. 26

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

More than 80 Missouri schools took part in this year's Battle of the Belt challenge sponsored by the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. Schools perform a surprise safety belt check, then host activities encouraging students to buckle up. A follow-up survey determines if students got the message. Notre Dame High School in Cape Girardeau had the highest safety belt use, while Pattonville High School in St. Louis increased seat belt use by 61.4 percent. For more information, visit savemoyouth.com.

This has been a tough winter for most of Missouri, and we may not have seen the last of ice and snow. When bad weather hits, remember to check out MoDOT's Traveler Information Map at modot.org for the latest road conditions.

Take a trip on Amtrak and a friend travels for half price through June 15. Check out morail.org for more information.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Remember to visit modot.org every Tuesday for new information.

MoDOT Minute – March 4

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT is again lighting Missouri landmarks orange to raise awareness for work zone safety. From 2001 to 2006, 139 people died and more than 76 hundred were injured in highway work zones. Last year, landmarks such as the St. Louis Planetarium, the Six Flags Ferris wheel and Kansas City's Country Club Plaza fountains were lit orange to mark National Work Zone Awareness week in April. If you're interested in joining this worthwhile safety cause, visit modot.org and click on Safety.

More than 800 first responders have trained to respond to car crashes where the air bags don't go off. Air bags that don't deploy during a crash could be dangerous if they go off during rescue efforts. The training showed first responders where those bags are located in today's vehicles and what might trigger them.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Remember to visit modot.org every Tuesday for new information.