

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT and the Department of Natural Resources are joining forces to improve air quality and public health in the state's metropolitan areas. Thanks to a federal grant, MoDOT will retrofit a portion of its fleet in St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield with new technologies that will reduce diesel emissions by approximately 288 tons per year. Or enough to fill about 427 Goodyear blimps. The upgrades will also make the vehicles and equipment more fuel efficient.

The HEAT is on this summer. Only in this case the heat stands for High Enforcement Action Teams. These law enforcement teams are partnering with MoDOT to slow speeders, ticket unbuckled drivers and get impaired drivers off the road. For the past four years, Missouri has recorded the highest number of fatal crashes between July and September. To help combat that trend, enforcement will be coupled with advertising in July and August.

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