

MoDOT Minute – April 5, 2011

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Standing at an impressive 11 feet tall and made from recycled orange and white barrels, Barrel Bob is the new spokesperson for work zone awareness. Motorists will begin hearing Barrel Bob's safety messages on the radio this week, National Work Zone Awareness Week. The work zone awareness mascot will also be popping up at construction sites throughout the state to remind motorists to drive safely in work zones. In 2010, 15 people died in Missouri work zones, an increase from 2009 when 13 people were killed. The most common causes of work zone crashes are following too closely, inattention, improper lane use, driving too fast and failing to yield.

On a related note, MoDOT is again asking the public to rate any work zones they drive through. The department will use the feedback to make adjustments and increase safety for both motorists and workers. The survey can be found online at www.modot.org/workzones.

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