

MoDOT Minute – Nov. 22, 2011

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

With Thanksgiving officially kicking off the holiday season, MoDOT reminds motorists to drive with extra caution. While the holidays are a time of togetherness and fun, they can mean long drives that cause driver fatigue and inattention. Safety officials caution you to stay alert and be ready to react.

This is also the time of year snow and ice tend to make their winter debut, and MoDOT is ready to fight the flakes. When they arrive, remember to check the department's Traveler Information Map at [www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org) to get the latest road condition information. MoDOT also advises you to keep plenty of fuel in the tank, have an ice scraper handy and make sure your headlights work well.

You still have time to take the "Focus on the Road" pledge and enter to win a 2012 Ford Focus. The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety is teaming up with KRCG-TV and Joe Machens Ford to discourage distracted driving. To enter, visit the "Focus on the Road MO" fan page on Facebook.

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