

MoDOT Minute – Sept. 21, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

The number of fatal crashes involving commercial motor vehicles has dropped by half in the past five years, from 173 in 2005 to 88 in 2009. The number of fatalities resulting from those crashes fell 52 percent from 205 to 99. The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety cites several reasons for the decline, including fewer trucks leaving their lanes or crossing the median, defensive driving, better road conditions and faster emergency response time.

Eight billion, four hundred and seventeen million and twenty thousand. That's how many pounds of waste MoDOT has either recycled back into our roads or kept from area landfills since 2005. Over the past five years, MoDOT has recycled almost 3.6 billion pounds of industrial waste, enough to fill the Empire State Building four times. The department also has used 4.8 billion pounds of reclaimed material on construction projects.

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