

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT has released preliminary figures for 2008 showing only one cross-median highway death where guard cable was installed. In 2002, with only limited miles of guard cable installed on Interstate 70, there were 24 cross-median fatalities. In 2008, statistics show there was one such fatality. Interstate 44 had 25 crossover deaths in 2006. That number dropped to zero in 2008 thanks to the guard cable.

It's Rail Safety Week in Missouri and MoDOT is joining forces with other safety advocates to urge you to stay off the rails and use caution when driving over railroad crossings. While accidents at rail crossings are decreasing, railroad incidents where people are struck while walking on the tracks are on the rise. Four people have already been killed this year while walking on railroad tracks.

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