

MoDOT Minute – Nov. 10

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT has all its equipment and supplies ready for the first snowfall. The department spends about \$41 million a year on snow and ice removal. Last year, approximately 3,000 employees spent more than 465,000 hours keeping Missouri roads clear and safe.

MoDOT has implemented a new policy prohibiting employees from texting while operating department vehicles and equipment. The rule, which took effect Nov. 1, also applies to texting while driving a personal vehicle when performing department business.

And MoDOT Director Pete Rahn has been named one of *Governing* magazine's public officials of the year. Rahn's willingness to take risks and his desire to make a difference helped him become the first state transportation director to earn this national honor in the 23-year history of the award.

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