

MoDOT Minute – April 22

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Immediately following last week's earthquake, Missouri Department of Transportation bridge inspectors were out in force examining about 2,500 state bridges in the eastern part of the state. They also checked major Missouri River crossings. The inspections were completed in one day, and no damage was found.

In coming months, you may find yourself stopped at a highway-rail crossing, but not because of a passing train. Instead, MoDOT, the Highway Patrol, Operation Lifesaver and other safety partners will be passing out rail safety tips. Between 2006 and 2007, the number of rail crossing collisions in Missouri decreased from 58 to 47. However fatalities increased from six to seven. There was also a decrease in the number of people injured or killed while walking on railroad property or tracks. Four people were killed in 2007, compared to 11 in 2006.

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