

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

More Missouri motorists arrived alive in 2007. Traffic fatalities were down 11 percent. This decline allowed the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety to reach its goal of 1,000 or fewer highway deaths in 2008 one year early. 970 people died in traffic crashes last year, the lowest number in 15 years.

In a letter to St. Louis newspaper editors, MoDOT Director Pete Rahn thanked St. Louisans for their cooperation during the recent closing of Interstate 64. He encouraged St. Louis motorists to keep up the good work and pledged MoDOT would continue to work to minimize congestion and traffic jams.

MoDOT led the way in charitable giving in the 2008 Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign. The department raised more than \$165,000 - the highest amount raised by a single agency in the campaign's 23-year history.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Remember to visit modot.org every Tuesday for new information.