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OPERATION ORANGE - Work Zone Safety

REPUBLIC, MO - The City of Republic will participate in the National Work Safety Awareness Week, April 7-11. Banners will be placed along US Highway 60 to remind citizens to "Drive Smart in Work Zones to Arrive Alive."

In 2007, five people were killed and approximately 800 people injured in work zones. Between 2002 and 2006, 113 people were killed and 6,582 people were injured in Missouri work zones. Since 2000, eight MoDOT employees have been killed in work zones. Inattention, exceeding the speed limit, and following too closely are the leading causes of work-zone crashes. The number one reason people die in traffic crashes in work zones and elsewhere is failure to wear safety belts. In 2007, 67 percent of vehicle occupant fatalities were not wearing a seat belt.

Helpful tips:

Buckle Up! - Every trip, every time - safety belts save lives.

Stay Alert! - Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.

Follow signs! - They'll guide you through work zones safely.

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Expect the Unexpected! – Watch for flaggers, workers and equipment.

Pay Attention! – Turn the radio down and don't use your cellular phone.

Be Patient! – Remember workers are improving the road for future travels.

Don't Speed! – Follow posted limits and adjust for weather conditions.

Don't Drink and Drive! – Impairment of any kind is unacceptable.

Be Nice! – Merge as directed, don't tailgate and don't change lanes in a work zone.

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