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## **Honor Incident Responders During Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week**

*Media interested in more information or to ride along with an emergency response operator or get a behind-the-scenes live shot in the KC Scout Traffic Management Center can call Michael Quizon at 785-640-9340 or Lairyn McGregor at 816-607-2152.*

LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo. – Across the country every year, hundreds of emergency responders representing fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, towing and transportation agencies are struck and either injured or killed while responding to incidents on the roadway. In order to better educate the public, and hopefully save motorists and responders lives, KC Scout, KDOT, MoDOT, and the Missouri and Kansas Highway Patrols will highlight Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week, Nov. 10-16.

The media is invited to attend a **bi-state press event on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m.** to learn more about Traffic Incident Management. The event will be held in the KC Scout conference room at MoDOT Kansas City's district office building located at 600 NE Colbern Rd. Lee's Summit, MO 64086.

Last year, KC Scout responded to more than 34,000 incidents on metro roadways. That's more than 34,000 times a motorist had a flat tire, a semi overturned during rush hour or debris littered a high-speed lane. Each time, these incident responders were putting their safety on the line to clear the incident and return traffic to normal as quickly as possible.

In the past 15 years, MoDOT's Kansas City district has had two emergency response employees struck and killed while working incidents on the road. Since 2010, KDOT's Motorist Assist Vehicles have been struck 10 times while assisting motorists in the Kansas City metro. In an average year, the tow truck industry loses a driver every week while responding to an incident. Traffic incidents are the number one case of death for police officers and EMS/EMT responders nationwide.

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