### INTRODUCING...







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# REDUCING RISK AND EXPOSURE





- One of the three objectives in the National Unified Goal (NUG) is Safe, Quick Clearance.
- In an effort to reduce exposure to traffic and the risk of being struck, MoDOT regions looked at various strategies to accomplish those goals.
- The urban areas of Kansas City and St. Louis implemented two similar tactics.





# REDUCING RISK AND EXPOSURE





January 1st–July 15th 2019: 1,604 debris calls in St. Louis Region







## **REDUCING RISK AND EXPOSURE: JAWS**

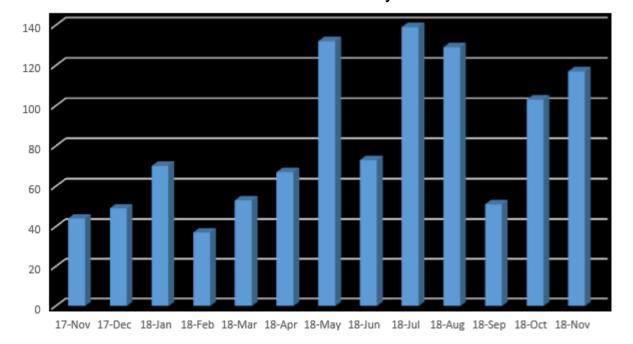




#### November 2017–November 2018

- Total Emergency Response Debris Incident: 1,575
- JAWS Debris Incidents: 1,064

#### Total JAWS Incidents by Month



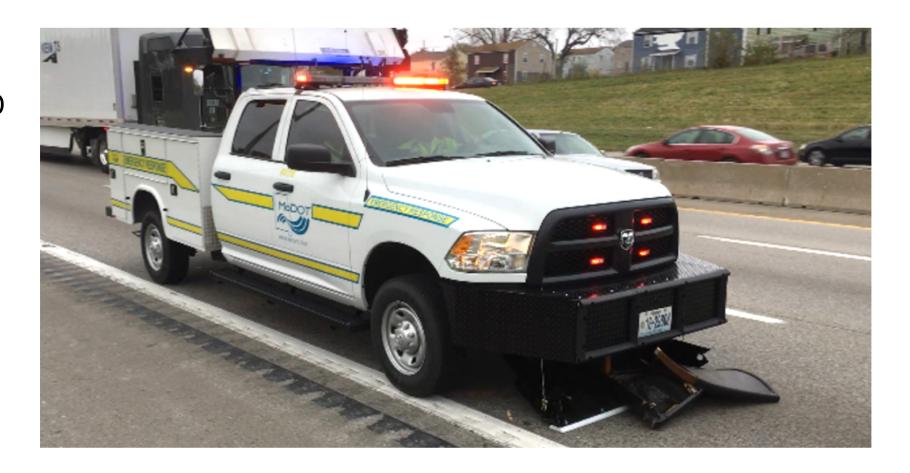


# JAWS UNIT: DROP-DOWN SKID PLATE





The JAWS unit is equipped with a drop down skid plate to remove debris from lanes of traffic.





# JAWS: HOW TO USE IT

- Electronic switch inside the cab indicates when the device is in the up or down position.
- Controlled with a joystick; similar to inside a truck's cab for snow plows.
- Forward-facing camera, installed in the rear view mirror, allows the operator to see the debris and ensure it's being pushed off the roadway.
- Floating unit means no snagging on bridge joints, rumble strips or drain inlets.



# ST. LOUIS: UNDERBODY DEBRIS REMOVAL

- Similar to an underbody "snow" plow used on heavy snow removal fleets
- Lighter, and uses thick rubber with steel frame reinforcement
- Located in front of the vehicle's front tires
- Deployed to relocate basic debris from out of travel lanes to the shoulder or safer location





# **DEBRIS REMOVAL**





- Debris (tire treads, dead animals, gravel, etc.) are used to clear clogged storm drains during heave rain downpours.
- Eliminates the need for operators to be outside of the truck relocating lane blocking roadway debris.
- Reduces exposure time to traffic.
- Expedites removal of debris, reducing traffic impact.







# QUESTIONS?





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