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Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announces Missouri's Blue Alert System is now operational. Senate Bill 34, signed by Gov. Eric Greitens on July 6, becomes effective on Monday, August 28, and called for the creation of the Blue Alert System in Missouri.

“Blue Alert is an important program that lets every law enforcement officer in the state of Missouri know that the community supports them and has their back,” said Governor Eric Greitens. “Our police officers do dangerous work to protect all of us, and this program will help us ensure that anyone who assaults a law enforcement officer is quickly found and brought to justice.”

According to Section 650.520 RSMo., a Blue Alert can be issued in Missouri if the following criteria are met:

1. A law enforcement officer is killed or seriously injured in the line of duty; or
2. An officer is missing in connection with official duties; or
3. There is an imminent and credible threat to kill or seriously injure a law enforcement officer; and
4. There is actionable information known about a suspect for a public notification to be helpful to law enforcement; and
5. The law enforcement agency involved requests or approves the alert being issued.

Missouri's Blue Alert System is a cooperative effort that includes the Department of Public Safety, Missouri Department of Transportation, State Emergency Management

Agency, Missouri State Highway Patrol, broadcasters and state law enforcement agencies to quickly get word out to the general public of an attack on a police officer or an imminent threat.

A Blue Alert will work similar to an AMBER Alert and use the same technology. Using television and radio broadcasts through the Emergency Alert System, text messaging, and MoDOT message boards, each Blue Alert will provide the public with a description of the offender, the offender’s vehicle, and license plate number, as available. Cell phone customers should contact their cellular service provider for information on whether Blue Alert text messages will be made available.

Quickly and widely disseminating this information enlists the public’s assistance in identifying and capturing the suspect, and reducing the threat to the general public and law enforcement officers.

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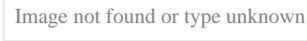
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Dexter, Missouri - "Bootheel Recycling is a Missouri scrap metal recycling company whose customer base includes regional utility companies, large manufacturing businesses, tool and die shops, local Dexter scrap dealers, haulers, farmers and individuals across Southeast Missouri and Arkansas."

"We comply vigilantly with the laws set forth by OSHA, EPA, federal and Missouri. Our scrap metal recycling policies are honest and transparent. Our scales are certified yearly and calibrated twice a year. We belong to the Chamber of Commerce and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries. We are OSHA 10 certified. We have the highest graded material in the industry."

"We buy most forms of ferrous and non-ferrous metals, including copper, aluminum, stainless steel, brass, scrap iron, radiators and catalytic converters. Please consult our Scrap Metal Selling Guide to find out more about how to sell scrap metal, and how to get the most money for your scrap metal. The best indication of our success is our loyal customer base. We are nice people with good business practices. We have a very high level of return business, and

our new customers often come to us by way of referral."

"Our friendly customer service staff will ensure that your recycling experience is simple and hassle-free. Our modern and streamlined processing system allows us to offer competitive prices. Please contact us today if you would like to inquire about our services."

Check out their website by clicking **HERE**.

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Route P in Stoddard County Reduced for Pavement Repairs

Route P in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from North Route Y to South Route Y.

Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, Aug. 28 through Wednesday, Aug. 30 from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The Stoddard County Historical Society will have guest

speaker, Dr. Courtney Kisat, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of History at Southeast Missouri State University - Cape Girardeau, on Monday, August 28, 2017.

Their meeting will be at the Stars & Stripes Museum beginning at 6:30 p.m.

From 1860 - 1967 individuals were buried in the Stoddard county Poor Farm Cemetery because society deemed them poor both medically or mentally unhealthy. A memorial stands as a permanent reminder of those named individuals and unknown souls who were buried and have a final resting place.

The Stoddard County Historical Society hosts monthly meetings at the Stars and Stripes Museum/Library on the fourth Monday of the month. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. with a short presentation on a historical topic. It is open to the public and admission is free.

Follow the Stoddard County Historical Society on Facebook by clicking [HERE](#).

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How to Protect Your Animals During the Eclipse

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How to Protect Your Animals During the Eclipse

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Stoddard County, Missouri - No one knows exactly what will happen with our pets during the Total Solar Eclipse on Monday. One thing is for sure is that all pets should be on a leash or fenced in during the Eclipse.

During 1932 there was a major eclipse so there is some research available and there have been other partial eclipses to view animal behavior. Dogs and other animals don't typically look up at the sun, but they could damage their eyes just like people so it's best to keep them inside during the eclipse.

Dogs are among the most affected household animals during eclipses. During a major eclipse in 1932, the Boston Society of Natural History recorded data suggesting around half the nation's pet dogs were emotionally affected. For most dogs, this meant they became quite frightened, though some terrified pups went as far as trying to hide from the eclipse. So, during the eclipse, give your dog a little extra love and take measures to ensure they don't try to run away. If you head outside, keep your dog on a leash.

Cats don't seem to be affected too much. They may nap right through the eclipse!

For at least a century, they have known birds hate eclipses. In the 1932 eclipse, there were reports nationwide of birds stopping their singing, with many appearing visibly shaken. As anyone who keeps birds knows, they can be sensitive animals at the best of times, so you should do everything you can to shelter your feathered buddy from the phenomenon.

This is Mother's Nature's "fake-out" when day becomes night and back to day again so many animals think it is night and begin to either settle down for the night or go out and hunt for dinner if they are nocturnal. Spiders have known to destroy their webs or even spin in circles. Many zoos will have animals show strange behavior during the eclipse and will take extra precautions to make sure the animals are safe.

More than likely your pets will be more affected by their human's behavior during the eclipse. If the owner is anxious, so will their pet. If the owner is excited, their pet may be excited also.

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