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# Countywide Insurance Presents City With Refund Check

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Representatives from Countywide Insurance Agency delivered a Dividend Refund Check from Missouri Employers Mutual to the city of Dexter on Tuesday.

Missouri Employers Mutual is a worker's compensation carrier for Countywide Insurance. They are recognizing Dexter for their 2012 safety record. The City of Dexter received this partial return of their insurance premium because they had a very low loss ratio for 2012. Insurance premiums are partially based on a policy holder's claims history over a 3-year period.

Zach Hedrick and Sharon McCord of Countywide Insurance presented a check in the amount of **\$4,076.41** to Crystal Bishop, City Clerk and Mark Stidham, City Administrator.

*Shown in the photo are Sharon McCord, Zach Hedrick, Crystal Bishop, and Mark Stidham.*

"County Wide Insurance Agency is located in Dexter Missouri. They provide personal insurance packages for [car insurance](#), [homeowners insurance](#) and more. Businesses throughout Arkansas and Missouri also rely on them for complete commercial insurance needs, whether you need a [Business Owners Policy](#) , [agricultural insurance](#) , [commercial auto insurance](#) or a customized package incorporating many difference coverage options.

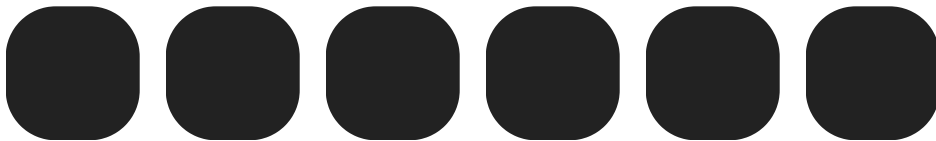
As an independent insurance agency, they will shop around with several carriers to get you the most affordable rates. Not sure what you need? That is what they are here for. They will assess your risks and offer you a variety of products to choose from. Service, whether it is in response to an insurance claim or general question, is the most important value they offer you."

If you are interested in purchasing insurance or would like a quote please contact them at 573-624-5540 or visit their website **County Wide Insurance**. You can also follow them on Twitter and **Facebook**. County Wide Insurance is located at 140 S. Walnut in Dexter.

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# President Obama Issued Proclamation to Lower Flags

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## President Obama Issued Proclamation to Lower Flags

U.S. President Barack Obama issued a proclamation Tuesday, honoring the five serviceman slain in Chattanooga Thursday, by lowering the flags across the country to half-staff.

The statement, titled "HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE TRAGEDY IN CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE" was dated July 21, 2015.

*THE WHITE HOUSE*

*Office of the Press Secretary*

*For Immediate Release July 21, 2015*

*HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE TRAGEDY IN CHATTANOOGA,  
TENNESSEE*

*BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*

*A PROCLAMATION*

*Our thoughts and prayers as a Nation are with the service members killed last week in Chattanooga. We honor their service. We offer our gratitude to the police officers and first responders who stopped the rampage and saved lives.*

*We draw strength from yet another American community that has come together with an unmistakable message to those who would try and do us harm: we do not give in to fear. You cannot divide us. And you will not change our way of life.*

*We ask God to watch over the fallen, the families, and their communities. As a mark of respect for the victims of the*

*senseless acts of violence perpetrated on July 16, 2015, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, July 25, 2015. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.*  
**BARACK OBAMA**

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# Dexter Police Dept Seeking Dispatcher

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## Dexter Police Dept Seeking Dispatcher

**Dexter, Missouri** - The Dexter Police Department is now accepting applications for a full time Dispatcher.

Applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED. Prior dispatch experience preferred, but not required. Due to the nature of the job, applicants should be able to multitask under high stress situations. Applicants must be able to pass a thorough background examination and drug screening.

Benefits include health insurance, dental and vision insurance (optional), life insurance and enrollment with Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS), which is paid for by the City of Dexter. Vacation time, sick time, personal and safety days are also included in the benefits package.

If you are interested in this unique job opportunity, download and print the application AND release form located at:

<http://dexterpd.com/employment.html>

Once the application is completed, return the application in person or via mail to:

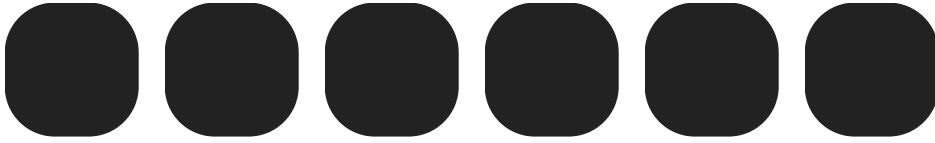
Dexter Police Department  
305 Cooper Street  
Dexter, Missouri 63841

E-mailed applications will not be accepted.

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# 7th Annual Greenwing Event Slated for July 25th

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**Dexter, Missouri** - It's July and local duck watchers know it's time for the 7th Annual Greenwing Event at Otter Slough.

The Dexter Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and the Missouri Department of Conservation provide this unique opportunity each year during late July at Otter Slough Conservation Area.

The 2015 event is Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and begins at 7:00 a.m. This event is free and open to the public.

They will meet in the large parking lot next to Cypress Lake. Department of Conservation biologists are going to demonstrate electrofishing techniques in Cypress Lake.

Everyone in attendance will have a front row seat while fisheries biologists run a shocking boat along the shoreline. Meanwhile, MDC staff and Ducks Unlimited volunteers will be checking traps for mourning doves and wood ducks.

Any ducks and doves trapped that morning will be brought to the headquarters to be banded and released.

They hope to capture enough birds to allow each youth to help band and release their own dove or duck. If you have attended past events, you know that trapping ducks and doves can be unpredictable. They currently have mourning doves and wood ducks hitting bait sites regularly so keep your wings crossed.

Regardless of trapping success, this will be an excellent opportunity to spend some quality family time in the outdoors and meet Conservation Department and Ducks Unlimited folks in person.

They have a couple of other activities planned, which are sure to be fun for everyone, and Ducks Unlimited has provided some nice items for the kids. The day's activities should be completed by 10:00 a.m. depending upon weather and trapping success.

For more information please contact Mark Reed at 573-421-3240, Otter Slough at 573-624-5821, or Mike Wilburn at 573-421-3713.

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# MDC Changes Deer Hunting Regs to Slow CWD

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## MDC Changes Deer Hunting Regs to Slow CWD

**Missouri** - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is asking deer hunters in 19 central and northeastern Missouri counties to help limit the spread of a deadly deer disease through increased harvest opportunities this fall and winter. The Missouri Conservation Commission recently approved several changes to regulations for the upcoming 2015-16 fall deer hunting season that focus on slowing the spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD).

Chronic Wasting Disease infects only deer and other members of the deer family by causing degeneration of brain tissue, which slowly leads to death. The disease has no vaccine or cure and is 100-percent fatal.

“A primary way CWD is spread is through deer-to-deer contact,” explained MDC State Wildlife Veterinarian Kelly Straka. “Deer gathering and interacting in larger numbers can potentially increase the spread in an area. Young bucks can also potentially spread the disease to new areas as they search for territories and mates.”

## REGULATION CHANGES



The regulation changes focus on slowing the spread of the disease in and around counties where CWD has been found. The changes will remove the antler-point restriction so hunters can harvest more young bucks. The changes will also increase the availability of firearms antlerless permits from 1 to 2 to help thin local deer numbers.

## COUNTIES IMPACTED

These regulation changes add to similar measures MDC enacted in 2012 for six counties in northeastern Missouri after CWD was discovered in Linn and Macon counties. Counties affected by those regulation changes were Adair, Chariton, Linn, Macon, Randolph, and Sullivan.

The recent regulation changes add five more northeastern counties of Knox, Scotland, Schuyler, Shelby, and Putnam and come after six deer tested positive for CWD this past fall and winter in Adair County.

The recent regulation changes also include eight counties in central Missouri and come after a buck harvested in Cole County tested positive for the disease this past winter. Those counties are Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, and Osage.

“The challenge with CWD is that there is no way to fully eradicate the disease from an area once it has become established,” said Dr. Straka. “While we do not expect short-term population impacts from the disease, CWD is likely to have serious long-term consequences to the health of Missouri’s deer herd. Therefore, we have and will continue to focus on slowing the spread of the disease among deer in the affected areas, and trying to limit the spread to new areas of the state.”

## CWD TESTING RESULTS

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports that a total of 16 new cases of CWD were found in free-ranging deer through its testing efforts this past fall and winter. Of the 16 new cases, nine were found in Macon County, six in Adair County, and one in Cole County.

These 16 new cases bring the total number of Missouri free-ranging deer that have tested positive for CWD to 26 overall since the disease was first discovered in the state in 2010.

MDC collected more than 3,400 tissue samples for CWD testing from harvested and other

free-ranging deer this past fall and winter. The Department has collected more than 43,000 tissue samples since it began testing for the emerging disease in 2001. MDC will continue increased testing efforts this fall and winter in areas where CWD has been found.

MDC is also considering regulation changes for the 2016-17 deer season that would require testing of deer harvested during the opening weekend of the fall firearms season in the 19 counties in and around where CWD has been found.

## **DON'T TRANSPORT CARCASSES!**

Dr. Straka said that hunters can also spread the disease by transporting and improperly disposing of potentially infected deer carcasses. She explained that CWD can be spread through carcass parts that contain brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, or lymph nodes.

“To help prevent the spread of diseases, such as CWD, we strongly discourage deer hunters from moving carcasses of harvested deer from the immediate area,” she said. “If possible, remove meat in the field and leave the carcass behind. If it’s necessary to move the carcass before processing, place the remaining carcass parts after processing in trash bags and properly dispose of them through a trash service or landfill.”

She added that some parts of a harvested deer are safe to move out of the immediate area.

“Items that are safe to transport are meat that is cut and wrapped, or has been boned out,” she explained. “Also safe to transport are quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spine or head attached, hides or capes from which all excess tissue has been removed, antlers including ones attached to skull plates or skulls that have been cleaned of all muscle and brain tissue, and finished taxidermy products.”

MDC is considering regulation changes for the 2016-17 deer season that would prohibit the movement of carcass parts from the 19 counties in and around where CWD has been found and prohibit the importation of certain cervid carcass parts into Missouri.

## **AVOID FEEDING DEER**

Dr. Straka added that MDC strongly discourages hunters and others from feeding or providing salt and minerals to deer.

“Feeding and mineral sites can concentrate deer from a broad area and place them in very close proximity to one another,” she explained. “This can increase the transmission of the

disease.”

A regulation that prohibits the feeding of deer and placement of consumable products -- such as salt and mineral blocks -- that are intended to concentrate deer is already in effect in Adair, Chariton, Linn, Macon, Randolph, and Sullivan counties.

MDC is considering a regulation change for the 2016-17 deer season that would expand that regulation to include the 13 additional counties in northeastern and central Missouri in and around where CWD has been found.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS WELCOME

MDC welcomes public comments on the regulation changes under consideration for the 2016-17 deer season. Comment online at [mdc.mo.gov/node/6](http://mdc.mo.gov/node/6).

## DEER HUNTING IN MISSOURI

Missouri offers some of the best deer hunting in the country, and deer hunting is an important part of many Missourians' lives and family traditions. The continued spread of CWD in Missouri is likely to reduce future hunting and wildlife-watching opportunities for Missouri's nearly 520,000 deer hunters and almost two million wildlife watchers. Deer hunting is also an important economic driver in Missouri and gives a \$1 billion annual boost to the state and local economies.

## DEER HUNTING DATES

Fall deer hunting season dates are as follows.

Archery: Sept. 15 to Nov. 13 and Nov. 25 to Jan. 15

Urban Firearms: Oct. 9 to 12

Youth Firearms: Oct. 31 to Nov. 3 and Jan. 2 and 3, 2016

November Firearms: Nov. 14 to 24

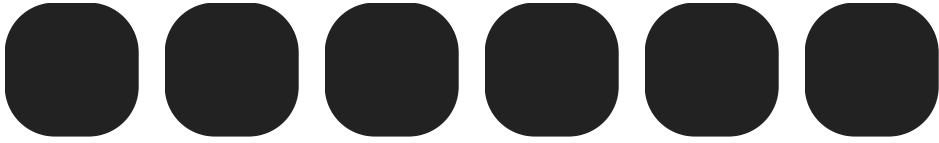
Antlerless Firearms: Nov. 25 to Dec. 6

Alternative Methods: Dec. 19 to 29

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