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Dexter Police Dept Now Hiring!

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Police Department is currently soliciting applications for TWO positions for Telecommunicator (Dispatcher):

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Citizen of the United States

At least 18 years of age

High school diploma or GED required

Possess a Missouri Drivers License

Must be able to multitask, type and have basic computer skills

Must be able to speak clearly and coherently

Must be able to work 28 day rotating shifts including nights, weekends and holidays

Applicants will be subject to an extensive background check

As a condition of continued employment, the ability to handle stressful emergency communications associated with the E911 Emergency System will be assessed during the training and probationary period

Obtain and maintain MULES (Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System) certifications

JOB DESCRIPTION:

This is specialized police work receiving and sending radio transmissions utilizing a digital radio system.

Police / Fire Dispatch work requires the operation of two-way radio transmitting equipment in conjunction with critical decision making skills, relaying orders and information to and from police personnel, managing radio traffic, and operating computer and telecommunications equipment. Work is performed in accordance with prescribed dispatch procedures and within the scope of FCC regulations and departmental orders.

Supervision is received from a Police Dispatcher Supervisor or Police Sergeant who reviews work for conformance with proper procedures, and confers with employee on unusual or difficult situations.

Receives calls for service from the public, E911 and Officers on duty. Also, makes initial contact with calls for service received from citizens who arrive at the police station in person and assigns appropriate remedies for them.

Prioritizes calls for service, selectively assigning and dispatching of police and fire emergency and non-emergency calls via radio to municipal, county and state personnel using the assigned talk groups while monitoring the safety status of all field units.

Coordinates the movement of multiple law enforcement units engaged in pursuit tactics or responding to life or death situations.

Operates a computer based trunked radio system console to control talk groups and or conventional channels, a dual screen Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) console, and a MULES (Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System) and NCIC (National Crime Information Center) system terminal.

Reviews pages of various data based documentation to determine the existence of outstanding pick-up orders, misdemeanor and felony warrants, validity of driver licenses, and the status of stolen vehicles and vessels, vehicle and vessel registrations, firearm permits, occupational licenses, and criminal backgrounds to relay to field units.

Coordinates multiple tasks simultaneously, using judgment to make operational decisions based on information regarding available units and calls holding within policy and procedural guidelines while utilizing specialized formats to integrate and prioritize information from all three systems into a coordinated dispatch service for optimal efficiency.

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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Missouri - Is the wintery season winds down, anglers throughout the Show-Me State are beginning to show some signs of trout fever. Symptoms include: tying flies, putting new fishing line on reels, checking waders for holes, and practicing casting. Most anglers who get trout fever get rid of it by doing one thing—visiting one of Missouri's four trout parks to participate in the catch-and-keep trout season.

Tuesday, March 1, marks the opening of catch-and-keep trout fishing at Bennett Spring State Park near Lebanon, Montauk State Park near Licking, Roaring River State Park near Cassville, and Maramec Spring Park near St. James.

"This year's trout opener should be good and comparable to previous years," said MDC Fisheries Unit Chief Bruce Drecktrah.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) operates trout hatcheries at all four parks. To help predict angler turnout on opening day, hatchery staff rely on permit records going back more than 70 years. Montauk, Bennett Spring, and Roaring River hatchery staff expect crowds of about 2,000 anglers at each location and Maramec Spring staff are planning for a crowd of about 1,500. Based on these predictions, hatchery staff will stock three trout per expected angler on opening day for a total of more than 22,500 fish averaging around a foot in length. The hatcheries will also stock a mix of "lunkers" ranging in three to 10 pounds.

Trout Season Outlook

Due to the heavy rain and record-breaking flood that took place this past December, MDC crews have been inspecting flood damage and evaluating the impact these floods may have on hatcheries, fish production and fish numbers.

"We have plenty of fish for this year's trout season," said MDC Fisheries Division Chief Brian Canaday. "But due to the heavy rains and flooding our trout stocking will be slightly reduced throughout the season. We will stock approximately two fish per trout tag sold at each trout park instead of our usual 2.25."

Canaday added that MDC staff will continue to evaluate hatchery fish inventories, stocking plans, and make adjustments throughout the season as appropriate.

Permits

It's important to know anglers need a daily trout tag to fish in Missouri's trout parks. Daily trout tags can only be purchased at each of the four trout parks. Missouri residents 16 through 64 need a fishing permit in addition to the daily tag. Nonresidents 16 and older also need a fishing permit.

Economic Outlook

Trout hatcheries are just one way that conservation pays in Missouri. MDC stocks more than 800,000 trout annually at the state's four trout parks and approximately 1.5 million annually statewide. Trout anglers' spend more than \$100 million each year in the Show-Me-State, which generates more than \$180 million in business activity, supports more than 2,300 jobs and creates more than \$70 million dollars in wages. About 30 percent of Missouri trout anglers come from other states, so a substantial portion of trout fishing expenditures is "new money" for the state's economy.

For more information on trout fishing in Missouri, visit https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/where-fish/trout-areas.

REMINDER TO TROUT ANGLERS: To prevent the spread of the invasive alga called didymo or "rock snot," the use of shoes, boots or waders with porous soles of felt, matted or woven fibrous material is prohibited at all trout parks, trout streams, Lake Taneycomo, and buffer areas. Go online for more information to http://on.mo.gov/1V6qc6W.

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will offer skills sessions Feb. 20, from 1 to 5 p.m., and March 10, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center.

Hunter education is required to buy a firearms hunting permit in Missouri for any hunter

born on or after Jan. 1, 1967. Hunters must complete step one, a knowledge portion, and step two, a skills session, in order to become hunter education certified. Either of these two scheduled skills sessions will meet the step two requirement.

"Hunter education has reduced hunting accidents and deaths by more than 70 percent since it became mandatory," said DeeDee Dockins, MDC outdoor skills specialist. "This is why we recommend all hunters become hunter-education certified."

Before registering for a skills session, individuals must first complete part one online, through self-study, or by attending a classroom session. To attend the skills session, they must bring their skills session qualifier certificate or a student manual with their completed review questions. Hunter education student manuals are available everywhere hunting permits are sold. Manuals are also available by mail. A final exam is administered at the end of the skills session.

Students must be 11 years of age at the start of the class and those 15 and under must provide proof of age. Students are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes before the beginning of the skills session to make time for registration.

Hunter Education Program provides a foundation in hunting safety and ethics. It instills responsibility, improves skills and knowledge, and encourages interaction between beginner and veteran hunters. Missouri hunter education includes information on how firearms work and firearm safety, wildlife identification, game care, survival and first-aid skills, hunting techniques, awareness about wildlife conservation and management and rules and information unique to hunting in Missouri.

To register for one of these two skills sessions, or to find other courses and more information on hunter education in Missouri, go online to mdc.mo.gov.

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Dexter, Missouri - Southern Bank is now Hiring full-time Personal Banker and part-time Account Service Representative in Dexter, Missouri.

Benefits include health, dental, vision, and life insurance and 401(k).

Join us as we continue to grow and share in the dreams, possibilities and experiences of our customers. Apply today and learn more by CLICKING HERE.

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Stoddard County, Missouri - Missouri Route 91 in Stoddard County Closed for Railroad Repairs

Route 91 in Stoddard County will be closed as railroad company crews perform repairs.

This section of roadway is located from County Road 341 to County Road 351.

Weather permitting, work will take place Friday, Feb. 12 through Saturday, Feb. 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636) or visit www.modot.org/southeast.

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