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Missouri - AMBER ALERT! A 9-year-old girl taken from school in Tennessee by an uncle with no custodial rights may be in Missouri. Around 3:00pm Tuesday, an Amber Alert was sent out alerting people around Otterville, MO.

Be on the lookout for this van, a white 2002 Dodge conversion van with TN license plate 173GPS or either of these two people. Gary Simpson, age 57 years old, abducted Carlie Trent, age 9 from Rogersville, TN.

They could be literally anywhere even in surrounding states like Missouri or Tennessee. They may possibly be camping in this vehicle. People in rural areas, farmland, state parks, isolated areas, etc need to be on special alert. Help find Carlie Trent and bring her home to her family safely.

There is a combined reward of \$12,500 being offered for her safe return. Carlie's pediatrician put up \$10,000 and the U.S. Marshals Service put in \$2,500. Call the Rogersville Police Department at 1-276-272-7555, contact the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation at 1-800-TBI-FIND with any information, or dial 911. Keep in mind he may have changed license plates or even vehicles by now.

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Dexter Police Department's Youth Alcohol Enforcement Campaign Joins National Crackdown To Reduce Drunk Driving Fatalities

'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' Campaign Will Target Substance-Impaired Drivers.

Dexter, Missouri - Local and state law enforcement will be out in full force as part of the annual nationwide May/Youth Alcohol Enforcement Crackdown "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" substance-impaired

driving crackdown. The crackdown, which will include high-visibility enforcement Dexter, will run from **May 5-16, 2016**.

The effective nationwide substance-impaired driving crackdown will include high-visibility enforcement, high-profile events, and will be supported by national paid advertising, creating a comprehensive campaign to curb substance-impaired driving during the enforcement period.

Dexter Police said its **Officers** will be aggressively looking for substance-impaired drivers during the crackdown and will arrest anyone caught driving impaired.

Although it is illegal in all 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to drive impaired (having a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher), far too many people across the nation get behind the wheel after consuming alcohol or other illegal drugs. The latest statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration underscore the serious nature of the nation's continuing drunk driving epidemic.

"Every year, about one third of all motor vehicle traffic deaths involve one or more substance-impaired drivers or motorcycle operators," said **Lieutenant Benton**. "In 2015, 178 people were killed and 605 seriously injured on Missouri's roadways in crashes that involved at least one substance-impaired driver." That works out to approximately one substance-impaired driver involved fatality every (2) two days.

Lieutenant Benton added the St. Patrick's Day holiday is particularly dangerous. During the Youth Alcohol Enforcement Campaign May 1-12, 2015, four (4) people were killed and eighteen (18) seriously injured involving at least one substance-impaired driver that was under 21 years of age.

Research has shown that high-visibility enforcement like the 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign reduces substance-impaired driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent. By joining this nationwide effort, we will make [Local Area]'s roadways safer for everyone throughout the holiday," said **Lieutenant Benton**.

"We want to remind everyone that getting behind the wheel impaired is a terrible idea. Unfortunately, not only does being under the influence impair your ability to operate a vehicle safely, it also impairs your judgment and good sense about whether you can, or should drive. If you have any doubt about your sobriety, do not get behind the wheel. If you do chose to drive impaired, you will be arrested. No warnings. No excuses," **Lieutenant Benton** said.

Lieutenant Benton noted that being arrested for driving under the influence of any substance brings a wide range of negative consequences into one’s life. Substance–impaired drivers face jail time, loss of their driver licenses, and steep financial consequences such as higher insurance rates, attorney fees, court costs, lost time at work, and the potential loss of their job. When family, friends and co-workers find out, violators also often face tremendous personal embarrassment.

“Driving while impaired is simply not worth the risk. So don’t take the chance. Remember, we will be out in force and we will be watching, so ‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over,’” said **Lieutenant Benton**.

For more information, visit the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Campaign Headquarters at

www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov , or www.saveMOlives.com .

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Northbound ramp from I-55 to I-57 in Scott County will be closed as contractor crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is the ramp coming from I-55 north to I-57 north.

Weather permitting, work will begin Tuesday, May 3 at 6 a.m. and will reopen at 7 p.m.

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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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter Police ticketed 2 motorists for not wearing seat belts during the April 14th Click It or Ticket mobilization. Law enforcement agencies throughout Missouri participated in this statewide effort to get more motorists to buckle up — and save more lives.

During the enforcement effort, officers issued a total of 7 traffic citations including: 2 seat belt tickets and 5 other traffic violations. Officers also conducted a safety checkpoint where seatbelt pamphlets were passed out to motorists reminding them of the importance of seatbelts.

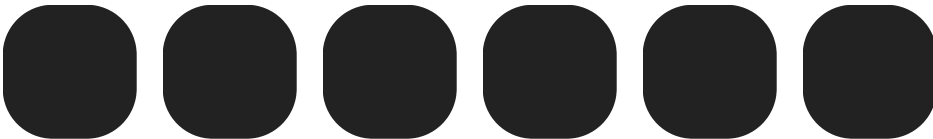
Despite evidence proving the benefits of wearing a seat belt, nearly one in five Missouri motorists are still not making it click. Even more concerning, six out of ten Missourians killed in traffic crashes are unbuckled.

“Seat belts are your single best defense in a crash,” stated Lt. Joshua Benton of the Dexter Police Dept. “We will continue to encourage drivers to make a simple, smart choice to buckle up and Arrive Alive.” For more information on Missouri’s seat belt use, visit ww.saveMOlives.com. Buckle Up and Arrive Alive

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Bash Trash with MDC and MoDOT's Annual Trash Bash

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Bash Trash with MDC and MoDOT's Annual Trash Bash

Missouri - Missourians from every corner of the state are asked to do spring cleaning outdoors and help fight litter through the state's annual No MOre Trash! Bash April 15 to May 15. The Trash Bash is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and MoDOT as part of their ongoing No MOre Trash! statewide anti-litter campaign.

The annual Trash Bash encourages people to clean up litter across Missouri from roadsides, parks, neighborhoods, rivers, streams, trails and other places. Trash Bash activities in April also include educational efforts in schools, community events and Earth Day celebrations.

Each year, MoDOT alone spends about \$6 million to remove litter from more than 385,000 acres of roadsides along 34,000 state highway miles. Annual volunteer efforts to pick up litter along Missouri highways are valued at \$1 million.

Last year, more than 60,000 bags of litter and several truckloads of debris were picked up during the one month Trash Bash. People also attended numerous educational events stressing the importance of not littering. Volunteers participated through Adopt-A-Highway and Stream Team litter cleanup events. Missouri Stream Team Program volunteers removed 581 tons of litter from waterways and dedicated over \$1.8 million worth of volunteer time to annual statewide litter removal.

Littering isn't just ugly, it also hurts wildlife and Missouri outdoors.

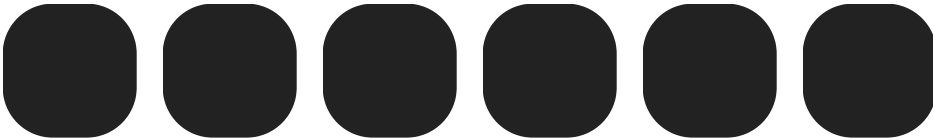
Volunteers are needed across the state to participate in litter cleanup activities. Participants can report their cleanup efforts and will receive a thank you No MOre Trash! pin.

For more information and to learn how to participate, visit www.nomoretrash.org or call 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636).

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