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Dexter Police Department Releases Results of Child Restraint Checks Campaign Reminds Motorists to Boost and Buckle Kids Under 8

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Police Department participated in the Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week Law Enforcement Campaign conducted September 18-24, 2016.

During the enforcement effort, officers issued a total of 13 traffic tickets including: 7 speeding tickets; 3 seat belt tickets: 1 stop sign violation ticket: 1 no operator license ticket and 1 uninsured motorist ticket. 2 warrant arrests were made as a result of the crackdown. Officers also issued 36 hazardous moving violation warnings and 35 non hazardous moving violation warnings.

There were a total of 75 traffic stops conducted during this campaign.

Missouri law requires all children under the age of eight to be in an appropriate child safety seat or booster seat unless they are 80 lbs or 4'9" tall. "It's so important for parents and caregivers to understand the importance of child restraints," said Lieutenant Benton.

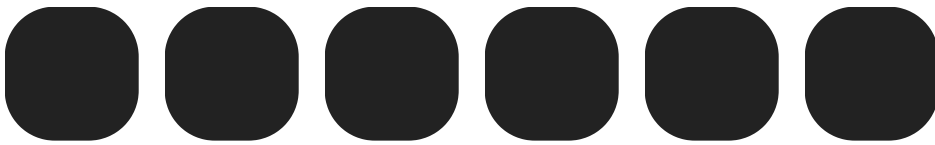
"It's not just about following the law – child restraints help prevent serious injury and may even save your child's life." Funding for this effort was provided through a grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation's Traffic & Highway Safety Division in cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Missouri

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Dexter, Missouri - Ever wondered what the landfill looked like behind the fencing? Here is your opportunity! Republic Services and Lemons Landfill will host an Open House/Annual Customer Appreciation Day along with a canned food drive on Friday, October 7, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Republic Services is also hosting their first Food Drive. They will donate \$250 to the Stoddard County Food Bank as well as all canned and dry goods collected during the Open House.

Lemons Landfill is located at 15250 Old Bloomfield Road in Dexter. Landfill tours will be held from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. BBQ, chips, and cookies along with a soft drink or bottled water will be provided.

There will also be give-a-ways!

Please join Republic Services and Lemons Landfill for their Annual Customer Appreciation Day and Open House. And don't forget to bring canned goods or dry goods for the local Food Bank.

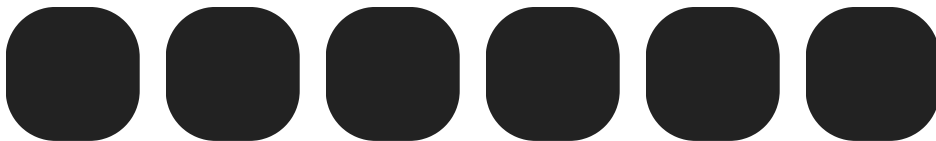
Help them feed the hungry!! Contact Crystal Young at (573) 820-6932 for more information and large groups please RSVP.

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ERNST NAMED CLINICAL DIRECTOR FOR MEDICAL AND CRITICAL CARE SERVICES

Saint Francis Healthcare System announces the appointment of Denise Ernst, BSN, RN, CCRN-CSC-CMC, as the clinical director for medical and critical care services for Saint Francis Healthcare System.

In her new role, Ernst's responsibilities include planning and directing both the administrative and clinical activities of the intensive care units: medical, progressive care and wound care therapy. This position reports directly to the vice president of patient care.

Ernst has been the patient care manager for the cardiac intensive care and progressive care at Saint Francis since 2011. She became the manager of progressive care earlier this year. Prior to coming to Saint Francis, Ernst worked in the intensive care unit at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Southeast Missouri State University.

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SUGGS NAMED PATIENT CARE MANAGER OF SURGICAL AND ORTHOPEDICS

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – Saint Francis Healthcare System announces the appointment of Clayton Suggs, BSN, RPN, as the patient care manager of orthopedics and surgical for Saint Francis Healthcare System.

In his role, Suggs' is responsible for the delivery of care, development of policies and procedures, standards of care and protocols in accordance the Saint Francis policies, procedures, philosophy and objectives.

Suggs has been an employee of Saint Francis since 2008 where he started as a staff nurse on orthopedics. In 2015, he became the assistant patient care manager for medical.

He obtained an associate of applied science in nursing from Shawnee Community College in 2008 and completed his Bachelor of Science in nursing from Southeast Missouri State University in 2015.

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Stoddard County, Missouri - County 911 Sales Tax Collection will begin October 1, 2016. The 3/16th of a percent sales tax to fund the Stoddard County 911 Services will begin while the fee levied on land-line telephones will be discontinued.

Carol Moreland, County 911 Administrator, has contacted all telephone companies to notify them that the fee on landlines was to stop on September 30th.

Stoddard County voters approved the sales tax by a 3,270 - 1,044 vote in April of 2016.

Due to a steep decline in landline usage, it was necessary to ask the public to change the sales tax. More than 80 percent of 911 calls were coming from cell phones users. There were 1,387 calls made to 911 in the month of August of those calls, 1,189 were made with cell phones with 857 for EMS services, 373 were for law enforcement and 15 were to report fires. Several efforts through both elections and the legislature were made to levy a fee on cell phone usage, but all have failed.

Moreland said that sales tax receipts will be directly deposited into the 911 Services account.

Based on the 2015 sales tax receipts to the county, it is hoped that more than \$500,000 would be collected. The landline tax was generating only about \$140,000 per year so the additional revenue would now allow for improvements in technology and to update necessary equipment for County 911 services.

One of the largest upgrades will hopefully come in 2017, a \$200,000 system that will allow emergency dispatchers to pinpoint cell-phone callers.

SDR Mapping Company is already half way through the county collecting address points. By November they will receive wireless locations.

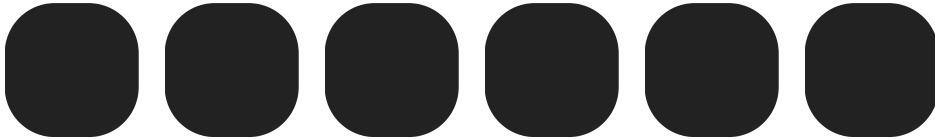
A new app is now implemented for Emergency Responders called Active 911. This will assist them in expedient emergency response.

"Thank you for saving 911," commented Carol Moreland on behalf of the Stoddard County 911 Services.

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