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Dexter PD to Participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

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Dexter PD to Participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Dexter, Missouri - On Saturday, October 28th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m, the Dexter Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 14th opportunity in 7 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills for disposal to the lobby of the Dexter Police Department at 305 Cooper Street, in Dexter. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last April, Americans turned in 450 tons (900,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,500 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,200 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 13 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 8.1 million pounds—more than 4,050 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

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Dexter, Missouri Breaking Boundaries is seeking a staff worker in the Dexter center.

High School diploma or equivalent is required.

Experience working with developmental disabilities is also preferred.

Contact Alanna Lee at (573) 614-5745 or stop by at 812 West Oak Street in Dexter.

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Dexter Police Dept 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 17-23, 2017. During the enforcement effort, officers issued a total of 35 traffic tickets including: 3 child safety seat violations; 11 safety belt tickets; 7 speeding tickets; and 14 other traffic violations. 1 felony arrest was made as a result of the crackdown along with 1 fugitive apprehended. 34 warnings were also issued during the traffic stops for various violations.

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," Chief Sammy Stone. "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 Safety Center.

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Dexter, Missouri - Everyone knows that social media was created to be a positive way to communicate; however there are always those few people that think it's cool or fun to create FAKE Facebook pages. What they don't realize is that some people fall for those FAKE news reports and think badly about someone or a business and it does harm to those people.

Most recently a FAKE Facebook page was created called The City of Dexter. Posts are ridiculous; however it has cause concern among residents in Dexter.

The best thing you can do is to NOT Like that page, but to follow the City of Dexter by clicking HERE. If you have Liked that page, go back and unlike it. That takes the power away from FAKE postings.

City Administrator Mark Stidham said, "The City of Dexter has been receiving inquiries about a Facebook post that is not affiliated with Dexter what so ever. The first inquiries came on Wednesday the 6th and continued into the 7th."

"If you pull up the post you'll notice other cities Sikeston, Jackson, and Poplar Bluff have been blessed by this hack also please let your followers know this is fake."

It's up to everyone to "police" Facebook and other social media outlets and to distinguish between what is real and what is fake; however sometimes it's hard to tell. The City of Dexter has one page on Facebook and always sends notices to local media outlets to get information out to the public.

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Dexter Police Department's August/Labor Day Crackdown DWI Enforcement Crackdown 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' Enforcement Results.

Dexter Police Department reported that 1 felony arrests was made and 36 citations were issued during the enforcement period, which ran from August 18 - September 3, 2017.

Preliminary data shows in 2016, there were 218 fatalities and 664 serious injuries that involved at least one substance-impaired driver. That equates to one substance-impaired driving fatality every 1-3/4 days.

During the holiday August 19 – September 5, 2016, 16 people were killed and 34 seriously injured which involved at least one substance-impaired driver.

Dexter Police joined forces with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and nearly 10,000 law enforcement agencies across the country in this year's "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign.

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