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MoDOT's annual roadway striping operations have started and drivers will see slow-moving caravans of trucks refreshing the lines on the roadway.

Striping crews must travel slowly as they paint roadway markings to ensure a good quality line. The striping trains move between 8 and 12 mph when workers are painting white and yellow lines on the highways. The trucks have flashing lights, boards with flashing arrows and signs that say "SLOW VEHICLES" and "WET PAINT."

MoDOT crews will be striping two-lane roadways in the spring and fall and working on freeways and expressways in June, July and August.

Crisp, easy-to-see striping is a significant safety feature on roadways. The paint contains glass beads that reflect light from headlights in the dark.

Most of the striping is done during daylight hours; however, it is not uncommon to see crews working at night on interstate highways and other high-volume divided highways. Rain or very damp conditions will cancel or cut short any striping work that is scheduled.

Check out these safety tips that will help you navigate striping operations:

- Please don't drive distracted. Wear your seat belt and put your phone down. Be patient if you come across MoDOT crews. and give them space to do their jobs safely.
- Start to slow down as soon as you see the lights and signs, and keep your distance until it is safe to go around the trucks.
- On four-lane divided highways, pull around the striping train by merging carefully into the open lane, then passing all the trucks in the train before moving back into the lane.
- On two-lane highways, stay behind the last truck in the striping train. This vehicle is placed well behind the striping truck to give the new paint the few minutes it needs to dry. If traffic backs up behind the striping train, MoDOT crews will pull out of the way where it is safe to do so and let congestion clear.
- MoDOT uses water-based paint in all of its highway operations. If you drive through wet paint, clean your car as quickly as possible with a high-powered water hose, such as those used in car washes.

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Northbound Route 25 in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Business 60 to Route 60.

Weather permitting, work will take place Thursday, May 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Dexter, Missouri - Multi-Family Garage Sale on Friday, May 11th from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 12th from 7:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 1103 Wildwood Drive in Northwest Oaks Subdivision.

Directions to Wildwood Drive: Take North Outer Road in Dexter and turn north on Wildwood Drive between American Outdoors and the new Animal Health Care Clinic.

There are more than 150 items at \$1.00 each. Plus antiques, collectibles, books, glassware, small to extra-large women's clothing, purses, jewelry and much more.

Avon 1960s soaps and other avon items, Christmas decor, Corning Ware, Cutlery, Decorative Pillows, 1970s fruit jars, some vintage/blue fruit jars, Imperial glassware, porcelain items, State of Georgia Marble Figurines, umbrellas, Vintage Ruby Red Bohemian cut Glass Water Decanter with matching glass,

Lenox Pierced Heart Scalloped Ivory color fine China Candy/Nut Bowl with 24K gold trim

Two Lenox Rose Blossom Ivory color fine China Vases, 24K gold trim

Braun Electric 6-speed hand held Immersion Electric Blender/Mixer with mounting bracket

11 Piece Nativity Ivory color with gold trim Porcelain Sculpture Set.

Handmade crochet Afghans

Precious Moments by the dozens!

Lots to see and buy!!!

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Warm spring weather has arrived, and motorcyclists are eager to hit the road. As they rev their engines and prepare for numerous road trips to come, the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety wants to remind motorists and motorcyclists alike to watch for motorcycles to help prevent motorcycle crashes, deaths and injuries on Missouri roadways.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration offers the following tips to drivers on how to prevent a fatal crash with a motorcycle:

- Allow the motorcycle the full width of a lane at all times.
- Always signal when changing lanes or merging with traffic.
- · Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic, especially at intersections.
- · Never drive distracted or impaired.

Motorcyclists must also take precautions to remain safe on the road. Motorcyclists can increase their safety by following these steps:

- Wear a DOT-compliant helmet and other protective gear.
- Obey all traffic laws and be properly licensed and trained.
- Wear brightly colored clothes and reflective tape to increase visibility.
- Ride in the middle of the lane where you will be more visible to drivers.
- Never ride distracted or impaired.
- Anticipate the moves of other drivers and be extra cautious of road conditions and debris.

Motorcycle experts recommend motorcyclists also complete some type of training before getting out on the road. There are 25 training locations in Missouri. You can find the one nearest you at www.mmsp.org.

For more information, visit www.saveMOlives.com or find us on social media at Save MO Lives. Arrive Alive.

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Route AC in Stoddard County will be closed as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from County Road 223 to Route AA.

Weather permitting, work will take place Wednesday, May 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 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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