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# Dexter Native Honored with Meritorious Service Award

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## Patrol Honors 17 Employees At Annual Awards Banquet

Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, would like to recognize the 17 employees honored at the Patrol's annual awards and The MASTERS banquet this past weekend. Family, friends, and members of The MASTERS (Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society) gathered at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO. The Troop C Color Guard presented the colors. Trooper Orry R. Baker, Troop C, sang the national anthem. Senior Pastor D. Doug Richey, Pisgah Baptist Church, gave the invocation and benediction. Ms. Mary Paulsell, president of Central Missouri Honor Flight, provided the keynote address. Col. Karsten presented the Patrol awards; Mr. Kevin Zoellner, president of The MASTERS, presented The MASTERS Public Service Award.

The following awards were presented April 28, 2018:

### **The MASTERS Public Service Award Trooper Michael L. Bradley, Troop B**

Trooper Michael L. Bradley, Troop B, is currently assigned to Zone 8, serving and protecting Marion and Ralls counties. He understands the importance of strong relationships with his co-workers and people living in the communities he serves. He

represented the Patrol well at the Missouri State Fair, the Legislative Black Caucus Foundation's 32nd Annual Midwestern Conference, and two DWI operations in 2017. In both May and October 2017, he assisted at "Big Truck Night" at two schools. This program brings law enforcement and emergency services and equipment to schools for youth to see and experience. He welcomes and is eager to answer their many questions. Tpr. Bradley served as a staff member for the Patrol's first-ever, week-long Youth Academy Program. This five-day camp teaches leadership to youth and fosters a positive relationship between them and law enforcement. Through his affiliation with Park Chapel Church, Tpr. Bradley was asked to serve at an area youth Bible camp in Palmyra, Missouri, sharing his knowledge of law enforcement and the Patrol. Tpr. Bradley also is a member of the Patrol's mentor program.

The MASTERS Public Service Award honors Trooper Bradley's professional and personal service to the people of Missouri.

### **Lifesaving Award**

#### **Trooper Brian R. Siercks, Troop A**

On November 13, 2017, Trooper Brian R. Siercks, Troop A, was advised of a hunting accident on County Road NW 10001 in Bates County, Missouri. He responded to the area and learned a subject had dropped his rifle while hunting. The rifle discharged and a bullet struck the subject in the chest, which was bleeding profusely. Tpr. Siercks applied a chest seal dressing and monitored the situation until emergency medical services personnel arrived.

#### **Trooper William J. Crose, Troop B**

On August 8, 2017, Trooper William J. Crose, Troop B, was off duty and traveling southbound on Business U.S. Highway 63 in Kirksville, Missouri, when he came upon an injury crash involving a motorcycle and passenger car. Tpr. Crose stopped to assist. He found the motorcycle driver in the roadway suffering from critical injuries. Recognizing the driver's airway was compromised due to bleeding, Tpr. Crose cleared the man's airway of blood, placed him in the recovery position, and monitored his breathing until emergency medical services arrived.

#### **Trooper Mark W. Hedlund, Troop C** **CVE Inspector II Brian J. Hulsey, Troop C**

On April 18, 2017, Trooper Mark W. Hedlund, Troop C, was on routine patrol in Franklin County. CVE Inspector II Brian J. Hulsey, Troop C, was with Tpr. Hedlund on a ride-along. When Tpr. Hedlund came upon a single vehicle crash on Missouri Route N near Missouri Route O, he stopped to assist. Tpr. Hedlund and Insp. Hulsey ran to the vehicle, which was on fire, and found the seriously injured driver trapped inside the passenger compartment. Working together they removed the driver from the vehicle as it became engulfed in flames.

**Corporal Mark C. Mason, Troop D**  
**Sergeant John S. Ashby, Q/DDCC**

On September 16, 2017, while assisting the St. Louis Police Department with the social unrest after the Stockley verdict, Corporal Mark C. Mason, Troop D, and Sergeant John S. Ashby, Q/DDCC, responded to a call for assistance after a Chevrolet Trailblazer had almost struck a patrol vehicle on the shoulder of Interstate 64. The vehicle then struck a median wall, took an exit, and struck another median wall before coming to rest. As the subject was placed on the grass in the process of being arrested, Cpl. Mason and Sgt. Ashby arrived. Cpl. Mason recognized the driver's breathing was shallow and he was becoming unresponsive. Sgt. Ashby positioned the driver and performed a head tilt, and Cpl. Mason administered rescue breaths. When it was determined the driver was under the influence of heroin, Narcan was requested. Cpl. Mason administered rescue breaths for 10 minutes, until Narcan arrived on scene and was administered. The driver awoke and became alert.

**Trooper Nicholas W. March, Troop F**

On July 14, 2017, Trooper Nicholas W. March, Troop F, was on routine patrol when he overheard radio traffic regarding a possible cardiac arrest at the White Castle in Columbia, Missouri. He responded to the restaurant, and working with members of the Columbia Fire Department determined a female had overdosed on heroin. Tpr. March assisted with cardiopulmonary resuscitation until a member of the fire department could obtain Narcan. When the Narcan was administered, the woman revived. She was then transported to the hospital for treatment.

**Lieutenant Steven V. Wilhoit, Q/DDCC**

On January 18, 2017, Lieutenant Steven V. Wilhoit, Q/DDCC, was traveling from Troop B to Troop A to assist in a manhunt after a subject fired a weapon at a trooper. While traveling on Missouri Highway 240 east of Missouri Route D in Saline County, he observed thick, black smoke coming from a garage attached to a residence. He immediately notified Patrol communications and requested fire personnel respond. He then stopped at the residence checking for the owners. Lt. Wilhoit woke the sleeping homeowners who were unaware their home was on fire, and got them to a safe location.

**Sergeant Christopher M. Turner, Q/GD**  
**Trooper Zachary A. Harrison, Q/GD**

On December 9, 2017, Sergeant Christopher M. Turner and Trooper Zachary A. Harrison, Q/GD, responded to a medical emergency at the Mark Twain Casino in LaGrange, Missouri. A patron had collapsed and was unresponsive. Along with a casino employee, Sgt. Turner and Tpr. Harrison took immediate action. Tpr. Harrison and the casino employee began administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation, while Sgt. Turner obtained an AED. Sgt. Turner then used the AED to shock the patron as directed. The troopers then monitored the patron until paramedics arrived.

**Trooper James R. Sauer, Q/GD**

On May 17, 2017, during an investigation, a subject being frisked for weapons at the Lumiere Place Casino in St. Louis, Missouri, broke away from a trooper and fled to the back of the Missouri Gaming Commission Office. Trooper James R. Sauer, Q/GD, assisted the first trooper with regaining custody of the subject. After he was handcuffed, several small, plastic baggies with various controlled substances and loose pills were observed on the floor under the suspect. A short time later, the man began choking, stopped breathing, and lost consciousness. Tpr. Sauer lifted the man into an upright position and administered six abdominal thrusts, dislodging an obstruction. The man then began breathing on his own and was placed in the recovery position. Tpr. Sauer continued to monitor the man until emergency medical services personnel arrived.

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***Trooper Ryan J. Windham, Troop E***

***On March 6, 2017, Trooper Ryan J. Windham, Troop E, was on routine patrol southbound on Interstate 57 near its intersection with Interstate 55. When he observed a silver Pontiac Grand Prix without a front license plate, he activated his emergency equipment to stop the vehicle. The driver failed to yield, resulting in a pursuit. The***

*vehicle exited the highway, and made a couple of turns before sliding off the roadway, and coming to a stop. Tpr. Windham stopped his patrol vehicle and exited. A right, rear passenger exited the vehicle and began firing at Tpr. Windham. Utilizing his training, Tpr. Windham moved toward the rear of his vehicle and returned fire. Neither the passenger nor Tpr. Windham were struck in the exchange. A manhunt ensued during which the two passengers and driver were located and taken into custody. All three were convicted felons and members of a violent Southeast Missouri gang with outstanding warrants for their arrest.*

**2017**

**Matilda Tillie Sonnen Civilian of the Year**

**Supply Manager II Christopher L. Terry, Q/BPD**

Supply Manager II Christopher L. Terry, Q/BPD, possesses a keen understanding of the resources and logistical support necessary for the Patrol to successfully achieve its mission to serve and protect. One example was his preparation and resourcefulness prior to the detail deployed to St. Louis after the Stockley verdict. His foresight and execution ensured that critical resources were available during that detail. In December 2017, Mr. Terry accepted the Missouri State Recycling Program's Annual Recycling Award. He has made outstanding contributions in the areas of waste reduction and recycling on behalf of the Patrol and state of Missouri. He coordinates the Patrol's effort throughout the state. Mr. Terry goes to great lengths to work with the Supply Section's procurement personnel to ensure recycled products are purchased and supplied throughout the warehouse system he manages. He is a resourceful, committed asset to the agency.

**2017**

**Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer of the Year**

**Corporal Dwade F. Isringhausen, Troop C**

Corporal Dwade F. Isringhausen, Troop C, has been a vital part of his zone and troop operations. In 2017, he made 1,124 total arrests and 20 driving while intoxicated arrests, issued 1,052 warnings, worked 51 traffic crashes, and made 69 drug arrests. When the St. Louis City detail was formed, Troop C staff chose Cpl. Isringhausen to lead the detail. He attended Crisis Intervention Training, which when coupled with his training as Troop C's SWAT team negotiator proved beneficial to several critical incidents within the troop. He has also taken a personal interest in the development of his fellow zone members. Cpl. Isringhausen designed and provided several training sessions in Standard Field Sobriety testing, courtroom testimony, and the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test for his zone mates. He sets high standards for himself and those reporting to him. When the city detail was

downsizing, he was the only corporal who was requested to stay in the city in a supervisory role. This is a direct reflection of Cpl. Isringhausen's ability to lead and the trust other officers place in his abilities.

## **Valor Award**

### **Sergeant Kurt C. Merseal, Q/WPD Corporal Bryan S. Silverthorn, Troop I**

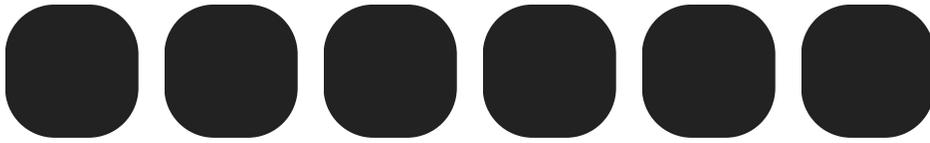
On April 30, 2017, Sergeant Kurt C. Merseal, Q/WPD, and Corporal Bryan S. Silverthorn, Troop I, responded to the Meramec River near Bird's Nest Lodge after a report of an adult and two juveniles clinging to trees in the water. Due to their location and the swift current filled with debris, rescuing the victims by boat was not possible. Thus, Sgt. Merseal and Cpl. Silverthorn relied on their rescue swimming training. They tied their jet powered rescue boat to a nearby railroad bridge, which was barely out of the water, then crossed it on foot. The bridge was approximately 80 yards from the three victims. Sgt. Merseal jumped into the flooded Meramec River and performed an in-water swimming rescue of one young female before she could be swept away. Cpl. Silverthorn entered the water with a rope and personal floatation device and swam to a second young female. He evaluated her, then secured the rope to the tree, and made his way to the male victim. This placed Cpl. Silverthorn close enough to Sgt. Merseal to throw a personal floatation device to him for use by the first victim. Additional marine operations troopers arrived and worked with Sgt. Merseal and Cpl. Silverthorn in getting all three people to safety.

These employees' actions are a credit to themselves and reflect the core values of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Congratulations to each of them.

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# Border to Border Seat Belt Initiative Kicks Off

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## **Border to border seat belt initiative kicks off 2018 *Click it or Ticket***

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration kicked off the 2018 Click It or Ticket seat belt initiative on Monday. Border to Border, a one-day national seat belt awareness event was coordinated by participating state highway safety offices and their respective law enforcement liaisons. B2B aims to increase law enforcement participation by coordinating highly visible seat belt enforcement and providing seat belt fact sheets for drivers at heavily traveled locations at state lines. The B2B event begins Click It or Ticket week, which runs through June 3 and covers the busy Memorial Day holiday weekend.

"Past Border to Border initiatives have proved helpful toward our overall goal of spreading the message about the importance of buckling up," said Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The focus of B2B is on the nighttime hours when seat belt use is at its lowest. "We are working across the state to do all we can to keep our drivers and passengers safe. Wearing a seat belt is the number one thing anyone can do to help prevent death or injury during a vehicle crash," she said.

The B2B program is also a successful study in collaboration between local law enforcement offices: During the 2017 B2B program, participating nationwide law enforcement offices issued citations for 5,695 seat belt and child car seat violations, as well as 14,619 citations for other traffic infractions. This, in turn, reminded drivers to drive safer.

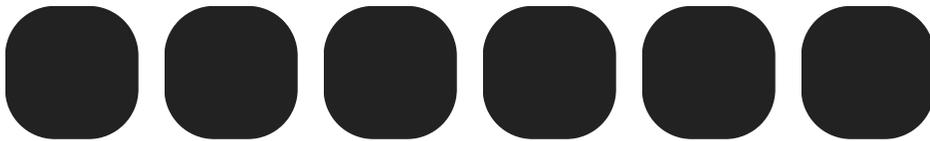
According to NHTSA, nearly half (48 percent) of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in 2016 were unrestrained. From 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m., that number soared to 56 percent of those killed. That's why one focus of this year's B2B and Click It or Ticket campaigns is nighttime enforcement. During the week of Click It or Ticket, participating law enforcement agencies will be taking a no-excuses approach to seat belt law enforcement, writing citations day and night. In Missouri the maximum penalty for a seat belt violation is \$10.

"If one of your friends or a family member does not buckle up when they drive, please ask them to change their habit," said Colonel Karsten. "Help us spread this life-saving message before one more friend or family member dies needlessly. Seat belts save lives, and everyone - front seat and back, child and adult - needs to remember to buckle up - every trip, every time."

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# Dexter Police Department's Youth Alcohol Enforcement Campaign Results

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Dexter, Missouri - Declaring Dexter's participation in the States May/Youth Alcohol Enforcement Crackdown "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" substance-impaired driving crackdown. Dexter Police reported 14 citations along with 39 warnings issued during the enforcement period, which ran from May 3 - 14, 2018.

"Substance-Impaired driving is more than a reckless choice by a few individuals," Chief Trevor Pulley. "Each year, impaired driving cost the lives of thousands on America's highways. "There were 185 people killed and 592 seriously injured in 2017 Missouri traffic crashes that involved at least one substance-impaired driver (Alcohol and/or drugs). That works out to approximately one substance-impaired driving involved fatality every two days"

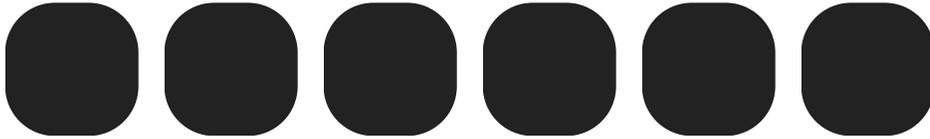
A substance-impaired driver less than 21 years of age was involved in 51 of the fatalities and serious injury crashes. Dexter Police joined forces with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and nearly 10,000 law enforcement agencies across the country in this year's Youth Alcohol Enforcement "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign.

For more information, visit the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Campaign headquarters at

[www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov](http://www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov), or [www.saveMOlives.com](http://www.saveMOlives.com).

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# Potential Internet and Cable Company SCAM in the Stoddard County Area

## Potential Internet and Cable Company SCAM in the Stoddard County Area

BEWARE! Reports have been coming in from all over Stoddard County, Missouri and the Piggott, Arkansas area that employees from a company named Clear Home may be posing as NewWave Communications employees asking to come into YOUR home and inspect YOUR equipment. They then try to sell you Internet and Cable packages for their company.

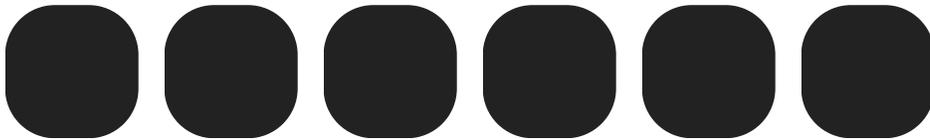
These are NOT NewWave employees. If you have questions regarding NewWave Communications please call 888-863-9928. If you feel someone is trying to SCAM you please contact your local police department immediately!

Please be diligent when sales people come to your door. If you know of a an older person or someone that does not stay informed via social media, take time to give them a call and let them know these people are targeting our area going door to door.

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## Watch for Slow-Moving Striping Crews on the Roads

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### Watch for Slow-Moving Striping Crews on the Roads

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.

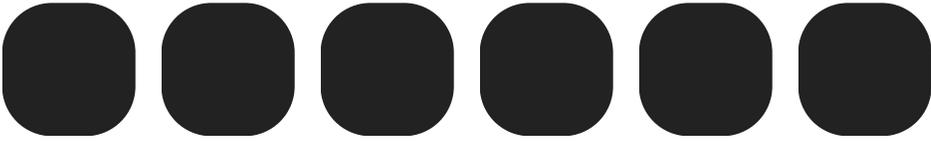
Most of the striping is done during daylight hours; however, it is not uncommon to see crews working at night on interstate highways and other high-volume divided highways. Rain or very damp conditions will cancel or cut short any striping work that is scheduled.

#### **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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