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This Labor Day, and Every Day: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Each year, Americans mark the end of summer with the Labor Day holiday weekend, a time to celebrate the hard work and many accomplishments of our country. Friends and families eagerly await pool parties, backyard barbecues, and other occasions to enjoy the last days of summer sunshine. Sadly, the Labor Day holiday has also become one of the deadliest, with drunk drivers endangering themselves and others on their way home from these holiday festivities.

This year, the Dexter Police Department is partnering with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to get drunk drivers off the roads and help save lives. The high-visibility national enforcement campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, runs from August 17 through September 3, 2018. During this period, local law enforcement will show zero tolerance for drunk driving. Increased State and national messages about the dangers of driving impaired, coupled with enforcement and increased officers on the road, aim to drastically reduce drunk driving on our nation's roadways.

Sadly, the statistics prove that we have a lot of work to do to put an end to drunk driving. According to NHTSA, 10,497 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2016. On average, 10,000 people were killed each year from 2012 to 2016—one person killed every

50 minutes in 2016. That's the equivalent of 20 jumbo jets crashing each year, with no survivors. This is why the Dexter Police Department is working with NHTSA to remind drivers that drunk driving is not only illegal, it is a matter of life and death. As you head out to Labor Day festivities, remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

Over the 2016 Labor Day holiday period (6 p.m. September 2 – 5:59 a.m. September 6), there were 433 crash fatalities nationwide. Of the fatal crashes, more than one-third (36%) involved drivers who were drunk (.08+ blood alcohol concentration [BAC]), and one-fourth (25%) involved drivers who were driving with a BAC almost twice the legal limit (.15+ BAC). Age is a particularly risky factor: Among the drivers between the ages of 18 and 34 who were killed in crashes over the Labor Day holiday period in 2016, 47 percent of those fatalities involved drunk drivers with BACs of .08 or higher.

"We need our community to understand: It's up to them to make the smart decision to drive sober—Labor Day, and every day," said Chief Trevor Pulley. "Drunk driving is a huge problem in our country, and the numbers are rising, little by little. This isn't about a ticketing campaign. This is about a campaign to get the message out that drunk driving is illegal, and it takes lives. Help us put an end to this senseless behavior," he said.

There is a small, silver lining: During the 2016 Labor Day holiday, 36 percent of fatalities in traffic crashes involved a drunk driver, which was one of the lowest percentages over the five-year period from 2012 to 2016. "We still have a lot of work to do," cautions Chief Pulley. "The trend for the Labor Day holiday is in a positive direction, but our goal is to have zero fatalities, always," he said.

Dexter Police and NHTSA are reminding citizens of the many resources available to get them home safely. "Drunk driving is not acceptable behavior," said Chief Pulley. "It is essential to plan a sober ride home before you ever leave for the party. That's why, during the Labor Day holiday, we will make zero exceptions for drunk driving. There are just no excuses," he said.

Dexter Police recommends these safe alternatives to drinking and driving:

- · Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride sharing service to get home safely.
- · Download NHTSA's SaferRide mobile app, available on Google Play for Android devices: (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nhtsa.SaferRide&hl=en), and Apple's iTunes Store for iOS devices:

(https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/saferride/id950774008?mt=8). SaferRide allows users to call a taxi or a predetermined friend and identifies the user's location so he or she can be picked up.

- · If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact local law enforcement.
- · Have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely.

For more information about the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, visit www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Housing Authority is accepting applications for two and three bedroom apartments.

Stove, refrigerator, and wash/dryer hook-ups. Central heat and air. Water, sewer and trash as well as lawn care included.

For qualified individuals. Low income/rent based on income. Income limits do apply.

Applications accepted at the Dexter Housing Authority office located at 1 Jennings Lane from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Dexter Housing Authority is an Equal Housing Opportunity.

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August 7, 2018 Primary Election Results are as follows:

US Senator (REP) Tony Monetti 442, Austin Petersen 231, Josh Hawley 2,687, Fred Ryman 63, Christina Smith 188, Kristi Nichols 297, Bradley Krembs 24, Ken Patterson 142, Brian Hagg 35, Courtland Sykes 52, Peter Pfeifer 155, Undervote 408, Overvote 1

State Auditor (REP) Kevin Roach 1,158, David Wasinger 690, Paul Curtman 609, Saundra McDowell 1,331, Undervote 937, Overvote 0

US Rep. Dist. 8 Jason Smith 4,075, Undervote 650, Overvote 0

State Rep. Dist. 151 Herman Morse 4,071, Undervote 654, Overvote 0

Circuit Judge, Circuit 35 (REP) Rob Mayer 4,151, Undervote 574, Overvote 0

Associate Circuit Judge, Div. 3 (REP) Brad Jarrell 3,857, Undervote 868, Overvote 0

Presiding Commissioner (REP) Danny Talkington 2,189, Brock Williams 994, Sam Huey Jr 690, Jeff Riddle 714, Undervote 136, Overvote 2

County Clerk (REP) Cecil Weeks 3,955, Undervote 770, Overvote 0

Circuit Clerk (REP) Paula Yancey 3,898, Undervote 827, Overvote 0

Prosecuting Attorney (REP) Russ Oliver 3,875, Undervote 850, Overvote 0

US Senator (DEM) Carla Wright 102, Angelica Earl 19, Leonard Steinman 13, John Hogan 34, Travis Gonzalez 9, DAvid Faust 32, Claire McCaskill 861, Undervote 37, Overvote 0

State Auditor (DEM) Nicole Galloway 887, Undervote 220, Overvote 0

US Rep Dist 8 (DEM) Kathy Ellis 911, Undervote 196, Overvote 0

State Rep Dist 151 (DEM) J.T. Howard 917, Undervote 190, Overvote 0

Associate Circuit Judge Div 2 (DEM) Joe Satterfield 933, Undervote 174, Overvote 0

Recorder of Deed (DEM) Kay Asbell 979, Undervote 128, Overvote 0

US Senator Libertarian Party Japheth Campbell 7, Undervote 5, Overvote 0

State Auditor Libertarian Party Sean O'Toole 7, Undervote 5, Overvote 0

US Rep Dist 8 Libertarian Party Jonathan Shell 6, Undervote 6, Overvote 0

State Rep Dist 151 Libertarian Party Rick Vandeven 6, Undervote 6, Overvote 0

US Senator Green Party Jo Crain 2, Jerome Bauer 0, Undervote 2, Overvote 0

State Auditor Green Party Don Fitz 1, Undervote 3, Overvote 0

State Auditor Constitution Party Jacob Luetkemeyer 3, Undervote 0, Overvote 0

MO Prop A Yes 2,844, No 3,000 Undervote 44, Overvote 2

Stoddard County Prop 1 Yes 3,490, No 2,339, Undervote 60, Overvote 1

Stoddard County Prop 2 Yes 3,248, No 2,488, Undervote 154, Overvote 0

These election results are unofficial.

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Dexter, Missouri - The City of Dexter will be working on a water main leak near the 200 block of East Business 60 tonight, Wednesday, July 11, 2018 beginning at 9 p.m. through the morning hours.

"We would like people to use an alternate route if possible while we have men out their working tonight," commented Mark Stidham, City Administrator.

The location of the repairs is between N. Poplar Street and Walnut Street. Vehicles will be detoured during that time.

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AMBER ALERT

"We are seeking public assistance in locating a missing juvenile."

On July 4, 2018, at around 1:00 P.M., the juvenile was seen leaving her residence near 77th and Quivira in Lenexa. The juvenile told a parent that she was walking to Oak Park Mall at 95th St. and Quivira in Overland Park. The juvenile was seen leaving her residence in the company of a 22 year old male.

On July 4, 2018 at approximately 4:00 P.M., the juvenile and adult male were seen at the Greyhound Bus Station ticket counter in Kansas City, MO. It is believed that the juvenile and adult male took a Greyhound bus from Kansas City to the Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN area later in the evening on July 4.

Suspect: Dechon White, black male, 22 years old. Last seen wearing a black t-shirt and unknown pants. White is approximately 6'00" tall and 250 lbs, with a large "afro" style hairdo that is dyed orange. White is also known to pull his hair back into a short ponytail.

Anyone with information about the juvenile's disappearance or her whereabouts is asked to call the Lenexa Police Department at 913-477-7301 or the Crime Stoppers Tips Hotline at 816-474-TIPS.

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