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Statewide DWI Enforcement Day

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Southeast Missouri DWI Task Force, MoDOT and MADD partnered for Saturation Saturday August 25th, 2018

The Dexter Police Department, Cape Girardeau Police Department, Malden Police Department, Kennett Police Department and the Hayti Police Department teamed up for this event.

On August 25th, 2018, the Southeast Missouri DWI Task Force, partnered with MODOT and MADD for an aggressive Saturation Saturday DWI Enforcement Campaign. During this event, the Southeast Missouri DWI Task Force made 4 DWI arrests, issued 40 traffic citations including, but not limited to 6 speeding citations and 5 seat belt violations during this event. Officers made 3 felony arrests as well as 6 other arrests during this event.

Saturation Saturday was a high visibility evening where police departments stepped up their DWI enforcement efforts to remind the communities that they're out in full force, looking for impaired drivers. It is a public awareness campaign that reminds the community: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

Saturation Saturday is a campaign being held in conjunction with the national 'Drive Sober, Get Pulled Over' campaign.

As a second year campaign, efforts have grown from a statewide campaign to a national campaign with the state of New York and Illinois participating as well.

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As a mark of respect for the memory and longstanding service of Senator John Sidney McCain III, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, on the day of interment. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same period at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.

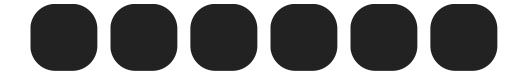
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* Senator McCain will be laid to rest Sunday September 2, 2018 at the cemetery of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

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City of Dexter Public Hearing Notice: Tax Rates

Dexter, Missouri - There will be a PUBLIC HEARING held by the Dexter Board of Aldermen at 5 p.m., August 27th, 2018 at the Dexter City Hall, 301 East Stoddard Street, Dexter, MO.

This will be a PUBLIC HEARING at which citizens may be heard on the tentative property tax rates proposed to be set by the City of Dexter, a political subdivision.

The tax rates shall be set to produce the revenues which the budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, shows to be required from the property tax.

Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation.

The results is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

The above information tax rates are based on info available at this time. The rates may be adjusted following receipt of additional data and recalculation of final tax rates.

Board of Aldermen, City of Dexter, MO

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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 Housing Authority Accepting Applications for Apartments

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Dexter Housing Authority Accepting Applications for Apartments

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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