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Dexter, Missouri – The Rotary Club of Dexter is hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, August 18th from noon – 5:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church. Members of the Rotary Club volunteer their time quarterly to set-up and offer assistance to the American Red Cross and ask local Stoddard County residents to donate blood.

If you received a call from the American Red Cross and scheduled an appointment, please come on Monday. You can save 3 lives by donating blood.

The American Red Cross continues to have an urgent need for blood and platelet donations. Though thousands of people have answered the urgent call to donate that was issued on July 22, 2014.

Through the end of July, the Red Cross saw an increase of approximately 7.5% in the number of donors coming to give blood, resulting in more than 11,800 additional donations beyond what was expected.

The Red Cross is grateful for those who stepped up to give this lifesaving gift and reminds eligible donors that hospital patients are still counting on them to roll up a sleeve.

Right now blood donations are being distributed to hospitals as quickly as donations are coming in. Like the emergency room of a hospital, the Red Cross needs to be prepared to respond to patient emergencies 24/7/365. After the donation, it takes approximately three days for the blood to be tested, processed and available for distribution to hospitals.

How to donate blood

Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visitredcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

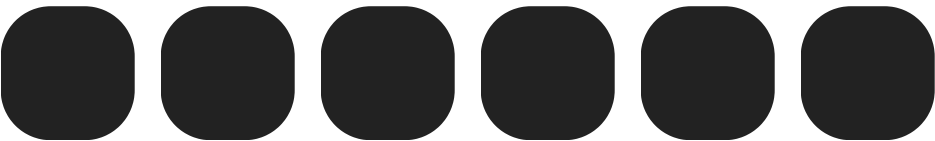
About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visitredcross.org or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

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"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' Campaign Will Target Drunk Drivers"

Dexter, Missouri - From mid-August through Labor Day, local police will be out in force as part of the annual nationwide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" crackdown on drunk driving. The crackdown, which will include high-visibility enforcement throughout Dexter, will run from August 15 through September 1, 2014.

The effective nationwide drunk driving crackdown will include high-visibility enforcement, high-profile events, and will be supported by national paid advertising, creating a comprehensive campaign to curb drunk driving in August and through the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Dexter Police Department said its Officers will be aggressively looking for drunk drivers during the crackdown and will arrest anyone caught driving drunk.

Although it is illegal in all 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to drive drunk (having a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher), far too many people across the nation get behind the wheel after consuming too much alcohol. The latest statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

underscore the serious nature of the nation's continuing drunk driving epidemic.

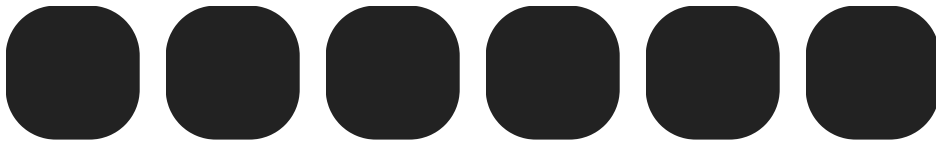
“Every year, about one third of all motor vehicle traffic deaths involve one or more impaired drivers or motorcycle operators,” said Chief Sammy Stone. “In 2013, 223 people died in Missouri crashes involving impaired drivers. That works out to approximately one impaired driving fatality every 1 ½ days.”

Chief Sammy Stone added that holidays such as the Labor Day holiday are particularly dangerous.

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Stoddard County, Missouri - Route 114 in Stoddard County Closed for Pavement Repairs

Route 114 in Stoddard County will be closed as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Route 60 to County Road 599.

Weather permitting, work will take place Thursday, August 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

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Stoddard County, Missouri - Route PP in Stoddard County will be closed as contractors replace bridge with box culvert.

This section of roadway is located from Hawk Street to Hickman Street in Puxico, Mo.

Weather permitting, work will take place Tuesday, Sept. 2 and will re-open Friday, Oct. 31.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For more information, please 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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More Work on the Ohio River Bridge

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Cairo, Illinois - As a reminder, a contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is continuing to restrict traffic to one lane on the US 51 Ohio River Bridge between Wickliffe, KY, and Cairo, IL, this week.

The daytime lane restriction is to allow a detailed inspection of the bridge structure which is expected to continue through this week.

Motorists should be alert for equipment, flaggers, and inspection personnel on the bridge deck in close proximity to traffic flow.

Motorists should be prepared to encounter lane restrictions between about 8:00 a.m., CDT, and 5:00 p.m., each day. There may be periods where the use of climbers to conduct the inspection may not require lane restrictions, or where lane restrictions are on a short section of the bridge. Delays should be minimal.

Inspectors expect to be on the bridge during daylight hours anytime weather permits.

All Kentucky bridges get a detailed inspection every two years with long-span river and lake bridges getting an additional walk-through inspection annually.

The Wickliffe-Cairo Bridge carries US 51, US 60, and US 62 traffic across the Ohio River at US 51 Kentucky mile point 7.372.

Also known as The Cairo Bridge, the US 51/US 60/US 62 Ohio River Bridge carries approximately 5,500 vehicles across the Ohio River each day between Wickliffe, KY, and Cairo, IL. About 35 percent of that traffic is trucks. The bridge connects with the US

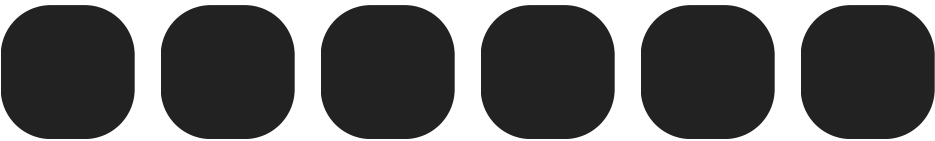
60/US 62 Mississippi River Bridge to Bird's Point, Missouri at the southern tip of Illinois.

The US 51 Ohio River Bridge was constructed by the Cairo Bridge Commission as a toll facility and opened to traffic on November 11, 1936. Tolls were removed from the crossing on November 11, 1948, when the highway departments of Kentucky and Illinois took over maintenance of the structure.

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