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USA - Patriot Day falls on 11th September (also commonly known as 'Nine-Eleven') and is remembered globally as the anniversary of the catastrophic terrorist attacks on the USA of 11th September 2001.

Embedded in the memories of everyone who lived through it, this was the day four jet planes were hijacked and crashed into the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, causing the deaths of 2,977 people. The fourth plane (United Airlines Flight 93) was directed at Washington DC, but its passengers bravely attempted to take back control and it crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The large majority of those lost after the attacks on the Twin Towers were working at or above the points of collision; thousands of people who had gone to work that morning like every other day, found themselves suddenly stranded at the top of a burning skyscraper. A number made the choice to jump from the flaming buildings rather than wait to be caught by the flames or for the building to collapse. No one could forget the terrifying and heartbreaking stories and images captured by the news footage of the day.

In the wake of the World Trade Center collisions, many brave men and women from the emergency services risked their lives to try to help rescue victims of the attacks, and of them 411 lost their own lives attempting to fight fires and rescue people.

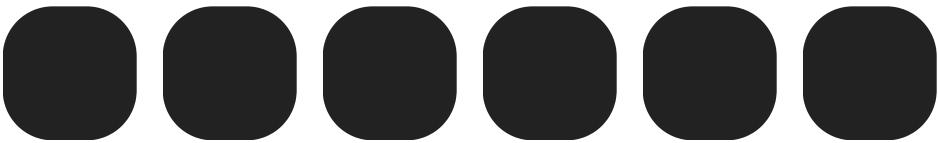
Patriot Day is recognized by US law as the official day of remembrance for these tragic events, and has been observed every year since. Each year on this day, American flags are flown at half-staff to honor and commemorate those lives lost. The US President asks fellow Americans to observe a moment of silence at 8.46am (Eastern Daylight Time), the time of the first plane collision into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

While the events took place within the USA, the shock and grief experienced in response to the attacks was shared across the globe, and for this reason Patriot Day will be observed not only in America, but all over the world.

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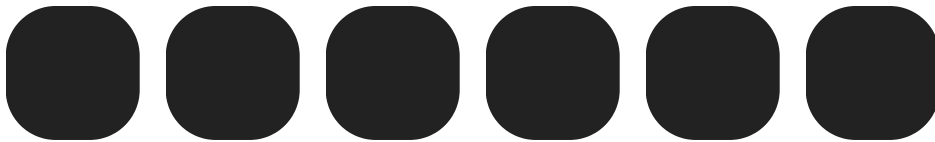
Missouri - In accordance with state law, the United States and Missouri flags at all government buildings statewide will be flown at half-staff on Friday (Sept. 11) to honor those who died in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

“The events of Sept. 11, 2001, changed our world in many ways,” Gov. Jay Nixon said. “I ask Missourians to take time on Friday to remember those who lost their lives on that day, and to honor those in uniform who willingly put themselves in harm’s way on our behalf.”

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Arkansas - Marion County Sheriff Joan Vickers is asking the public for help in locating a missing teenager.

Justiny Irene Michael Ply is a 15 year old juvenile white female who was last seen at a residence in Baxter County on September 7 around 1 a.m. and no one has had contact with her since.

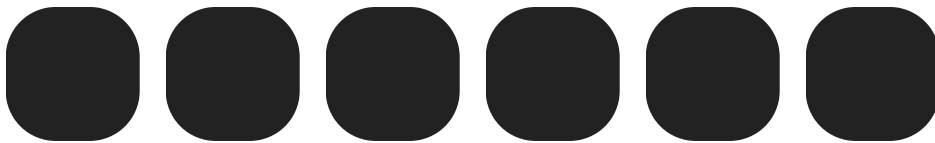
She has brown hair and brown eyes. She is 5'4 165 lbs with a mole over her lip under the right side of her nose.

If anyone has any information to the whereabouts of Justiny they are asked to contact their local law enforcement agency immediately.

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August/Labor Day Crackdown 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' Enforcement Campaign a Success

Dexter, Missouri - Declaring **Dexter Police Department's** participation in the national August/Labor Day Crackdown "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" substance-impaired driving crackdown a major success, Lieutenant Joshua Benton reported that 1 substance-impaired driving arrest and **104** citations were made during the enforcement period, which ran from August 21-September 7, 2015.

"I am proud of our **Officers** for their hard work and dedication to making our region's roadways safer," said **Lieutenant Benton**. "Substance-impaired driving is more than a reckless choice by a few individuals," **Lieutenant Benton said**. "Each year, substance-impaired driving costs the lives of thousands on America's highways.

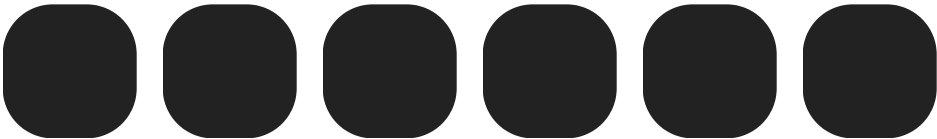
Last year there were 197 fatal and 659 serious injury crashes in 2014 that involved at least one substance-impaired driver. That equates to one substance-impaired driving fatality every 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ days and one substance-impaired driving serious injury $\frac{1}{2}$ day. There were 11 people killed and 42 seriously injured in Missouri traffic crashes involving a substance-impaired driver from August 15, 2014 through September 1, 2014.

Dexter Police Department joined forces with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and nearly 10,000 law enforcement agencies across the country in this year's "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign.

For more information, visit the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Campaign headquarters at **www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov**,

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - There’s a new face of conservation in Cape Girardeau County. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports Ben Stratton is the new conservation agent for the county.

“Ben is a natural fit since he’s from the county and knows it well,” said Russell Duckworth, MDC Protection District Supervisor. “He’s got a great reputation throughout our region and we continue to expect great things out of him.”

Stratton graduated from the Conservation Agent Training Academy in Jefferson City in 2009 before working as the Mississippi County conservation agent for six years. He is a Cape Girardeau native and an alumnus of both Cape Central High School and Southeast Missouri State University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in biology with an emphasis in wildlife management. His minor was criminal justice.

For Stratton, the complexities of being a conservation agent are a positive aspect of the job.

“I like not knowing what I’ll be doing from one day to the next,” he said. “The job transitions with the seasons, so one day I’ll be working with dove hunters, another day we may do swift water rescue or teach hunter education.”

He also said the law enforcement role of a conservation agent is rewarding.

“I enjoy making a solid case against a perpetrator that’s stealing the wildlife resources from other Missouri citizens,” he said. “It’s my portion of protecting our resources for future generations.”

Stratton said being a conservation agent has given him exciting new opportunities that he never expected, including teaching people about conservation and sharing his love of the outdoors.

Stratton can be reached at (573)450-1763 or Ben.Stratton@mdc.mo.gov. For more information about conservation agents in Missouri, go online to mdc.mo.gov.

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