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DEATH OF BARBARA BUSH

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

On this solemn day, we mourn the loss of Barbara Bush, an outstanding and memorable woman of character. As a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, military spouse, and former First Lady, Mrs. Bush was an advocate of the American family. Mrs. Bush lived a life that reminds us always to cherish our relationships with friends, family, and all acquaintances. In the spirit of the memory of Mrs. Bush, may we always remember to be kind to one another and to put the care of others first.

As a mark of respect for the memory of Barbara Bush, 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.

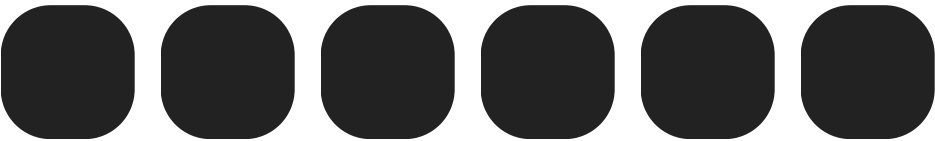
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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Dexter Police Department To Participate in Six-State Drug Impaired Driving Enforcement Campaign **“Driving High? Kiss Your License Goodbye!”**

Like drunk driving, drugged driving is impaired driving, which means it is illegal in all 50 States Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. Whether the drug is obtained legally or illegally, driving while drug-impaired poses a threat to the driver, vehicle passengers and other road users.

Between April 20 and April 22, Dexter Police will join participating law enforcement from Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma in “Driving High? Kiss Your License Goodbye!”— a six-state Drug Impaired Driving enforcement campaign to put an end to drug impaired driving.

Law enforcement officers across the state will patrol approximately 32,318 miles of roadway. By concentrating law enforcement on high traffic corridors, organizers hope to put motorists on guard and encourage sober and safe driving.

Local Impact

“Drug impaired driving is a serious safety issue for drivers and law enforcement on Dexter’s roadways,” said Captain Trevor Pulley. “By intensifying enforcement of drug impaired driving laws, we hope people will think twice before driving while impaired by any drug. It is deadly for the driver, but also for his or her passengers, and for other people on the streets. If you are taking any type of drug, prescription, over-the-counter or illegal, make plans for a sober driver. Do not get behind the wheel of a vehicle.”

Drug impairment effects on drivers

It is never safe to drive when impaired. This not only means refraining from drunk driving, but also from drug-impaired driving. If you think driving while high won't affect you, you are wrong; it has been proven that THC – the chemical responsible for most of marijuana's psychological effects – slows reaction times, impairs cognitive performance and makes it more difficult for drivers to keep a steady position in their lane. The bottom line is this: It doesn't matter what term is used, if a person is high, stoned, wasted or drunk, he or she is impaired. Driving while impaired by any substance is illegal and can be deadly to the driver and other road users.

“Our goal is to save lives and we're putting all drivers on alert – Drug impaired driving is against the law. Remember “Driving High? Kiss Your License Goodbye!” said Captain Pulley.

For more information on drug impaired driving, please visit <http://trafficsafetymarketing.gov/>.

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Dexter Police Releases Results of Click It or Ticket Enforcement Motorists Reminded to Buckle Up and Arrive Alive

Dexter, Missouri— Law enforcement agencies throughout Missouri participated in this statewide effort to get more motorists to buckle up — and save more lives. During the enforcement effort, officers issued a total of 7 traffic citations. Including

Despite evidence proving the benefits of wearing a seat belt, nearly one in five Missouri motorists are still not making it click. Even more concerning, six out of ten Missourians killed in traffic crashes are unbuckled.

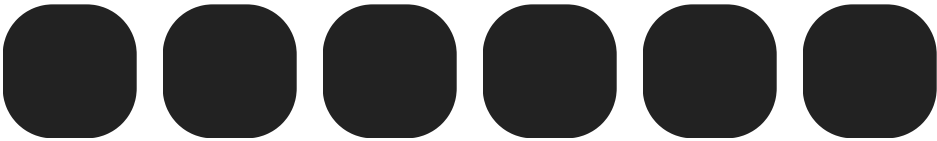
“Seat belts are your single best defense in a crash,” stated Captain Trevor Pulley. “We will continue to encourage drivers to make a simple, smart choice to buckle up and Arrive Alive.”

For more information on Missouri’s seat belt use, visit www.saveMOlives.com. Buckle Up and Arrive Alive.

Pictured is Lieutenant Joshua T. Benton 914 of the Dexter Police Department.

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Missouri's 16th annual No MOre Trash! Bash will focus on "spring cleaning" the outdoors by asking residents to pick up litter throughout the state April 15 - May 15. The litter prevention campaign is sponsored by the Missouri departments of conservation and transportation.

The annual Trash Bash encourages people to clean up litter across Missouri from roadsides, parks, neighborhoods, rivers, streams, trails and other places. Trash Bash activities also include educational efforts in schools, community events and Earth Day celebrations.

Each year, MoDOT spends about \$6.75 million to remove litter from more than 385,000 acres of roadsides along 34,000 state highway miles. Annual volunteer efforts to pick up litter along Missouri highways are valued at more than \$1 million.

Littering also hurts wildlife and Missouri outdoors.

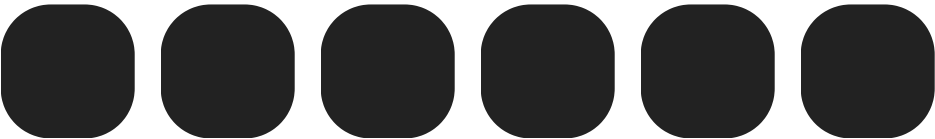
"Many animals mistake litter for food and become sick and die when they try to ingest it," said Joe Jerek, the Missouri Department of Conservation's No MOrE Trash! coordinator. "Birds, fish, turtles and other animals get tangled in litter, such as plastic six-pack holders and fishing line, and it can kill them."

Volunteers are needed across the state to participate in litter cleanup activities. Participants can report their cleanup efforts and will receive a thank you No MOrE Trash! pin. For more information and to learn how to participate, visit www.nomoretrash.org/ or call 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636).

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MoDOT reminds motorists to slow down and not be distracted when driving through construction areas. The emphasis on safety is part of National Work Zone Awareness Week.

In 2017, 13 people were killed in work zone crashes on state system routes and an additional three on the local system, for a total of 16 fatalities.

Interstates and major roads will have numerous work zones set up through the fall. There will be work zones along interstates 44, 55, 64, 70, 270 and on U.S. Route 65.

Motorists are urged to observe warning signs and merge before reaching lane closures. Please be aware of changing traffic conditions. Traffic could slow or stop unexpectedly, traffic lanes can merge or equipment and workers can enter the roadway. Be aware and be prepared to slow down. Driving too fast for the conditions is a major factor in work zone crashes.

**The best defense in a work zone crash, or any crash, is a seat belt.
In 2017, 65 percent of vehicle occupant fatalities were not wearing one.**

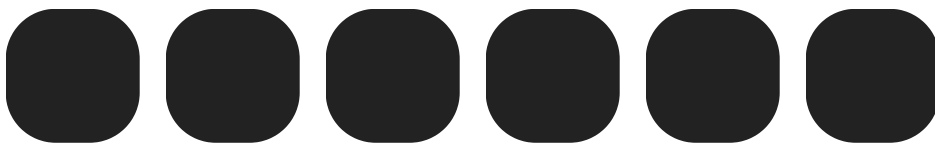
To help make your travel safer, visit [MoDOT's Traveler Information Map](#) for work zones. Motorists can comment on the quality of MoDOT's work zones with an [online customer survey](#).

For information on work zone safety and a list of high impact work zones across the state, visit <http://www.modot.org/workzones/index.htm>.

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