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Watch for Slow-Moving MoDOT Trucks

Spring cleaning not only involves your house, but also Missouri's roadways. Part of the annual maintenance is repainting the lines on the road that have faded or been worn down by tires, rain and snow, and snowplow blades.

The Missouri Department of Transportation's Southeast District will kick-off striping operations by working in cities and towns. Striping crews will restripe state routes in Poplar Bluff, Kennett, Dexter, Malden, Sikeston, Cape Girardeau, and Jackson.

To help reduce the impact to traffic, striping in cities will take place overnight from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m. Weather permitting, the schedule for striping includes:

Poplar Bluff: May 5-8

Kennett, Dexter and Malden: May 12-16

Sikeston, Cape Girardeau and Jackson: May 19-23

Drivers will see slow-moving caravans of trucks refreshing the lines on the roadway with paint containing glass beads that reflect light from headlights in the dark.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and allow the machinery the space needed to properly apply the reflective paint.

When workers are painting white and yellow lines on the highways, striping trains move between 8 and 12 mph. The trucks have flashing lights, boards with flashing arrows and signs that say "SLOW VEHICLES" and "WET PAINT."

Safety Tips

Please don't drive distracted, wear your seat belt and put your phone down. Be patient if you come across MoDOT crews and give them the space to do their job safely.

Start to slow down as soon as you see the lights and signs and keep your distance until it is safe to go around the trucks.

On four-lane divided highways, pull around the striping train by merging carefully into the open lane, passing all the trucks in the train before moving back into the lane.

On two-lane highways, stay behind the last truck in the striping train. This vehicle is placed well behind the striping truck to give the new paint the few minutes it needs to dry. If traffic backs up behind the striping train, MoDOT crews will pull out of the way where it is safe to do so and let congestion clear.

MoDOT uses water-based paint in all of its highway operations. If you drive through wet paint, clean your car as quickly as possible with a high-powered water hose, such as those used in car washes.

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Dexter, Missouri - On Thursday April 18th 2019, a local bank contacted the Dexter Police Department to report someone placing a "skimming" device on an ATM machine. During the investigation, it was revealed the device was placed on and removed from the ATM on April 3rd 2019. The local bank contacted their compromised customers and made them aware of the situation.

The "skimmer" or "skimming device" is an electronic device which reads and stores data contained within a credit/debit card, commonly associated in the theft or credit/debit card information.

The Dexter Police Department is requesting the public's help in identifying the person captured on surveillance video at the ATM location. Please contact the Dexter Police Department at 573-624-5512.

The Dexter Police Department offers these tips for staying safe from card skimmers:

- Wiggle the partition where you place your credit or debit card prior to conducting any transaction. If the credit card slot area is loose, notify an employee of the business of your findings.
- Check gas pumps before inserting any credit card into a scanner. Consumers can look for a sticker that crosses between a pump and the pump access door that is located near the credit card slot. If that sticker has been cut or if there is tape residue, notify a store attendant and law enforcement should be notified.
- When entering your Personal Identification Number (PIN), cover the keypad with your other hand to shield your PIN from any cameras in the vicinity. Change your PIN number occasionally.
- Monitor bank accounts and credit card statements for fraudulent charges. If any appear on your statements, immediately contact your banking institution or credit card company to dispute them. Then notify your local law enforcement agency.

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Bernie, Missouri - On Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. the Bernie Police Dept will host the annual DEA National RX Take Back Day.

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic. That's why it was great to see thousands of folks from across the country clean out their medicine cabinets and turn in - safely and anonymously - a record amount of prescription drugs.

Bring your unused, unwanted, or expired medications for safe disposal to the Bernie police Department.

This even is sponsored by Southeast Missouri Behavioral Health, local law enforcement, and local pharmacies.

"Keep them safe! Clean them out! Take them back!"

"The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet."

The DEA's Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

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Dexter, Missouri - "Bootheel Recycling is a Missouri scrap metal recycling company whose customer base includes regional utility companies, large manufacturing businesses, tool and die shops, local Dexter scrap dealers, haulers, farmers and individuals across Southeast Missouri and Arkansas."

"We comply vigilantly with the laws set forth by OSHA, EPA, federal and Missouri. Our scrap metal recycling policies are honest and transparent. Our scales are certified yearly and calibrated twice a year. We belong to the Chamber of Commerce and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries. We are OSHA 10 certified. We have the highest graded material in the industry."

"We buy most forms of ferrous and non-ferrous metals, including copper, aluminum, stainless steel, brass, scrap iron, radiators and catalytic converters. Please consult our Scrap Metal Selling Guide to find out more about how to sell scrap metal, and how to get the most money for your scrap metal. The best indication of our success is our loyal customer base. We are nice people with good business practices. We have a very high level of return business, and our new customers often come to us by way of referral."

"Our friendly customer service staff will ensure that your recycling experience is simple and hassle-free. Our modern and streamlined processing system allows us to offer competitive prices. Please contact us today if you would like to inquire about our services."

Check out their website by clicking HERE.

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Teens Reminded to Buckle Up and Arrive Alive

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Police Department participated in the statewide youth seat belt mobilization conducted March 15-31. During the enforcement effort, officers issued a total of 27 seatbelt tickets

"Seat belts are your single best defense in a crash," stated Chief Trevor Pulley. "Law enforcement will continue to encourage drivers to make a simple, smart choice to buckle up and Arrive Alive."

Despite evidence proving the benefits of wearing a seat belt, 26 percent of teens do not buckle up. Seven out of ten Missouri teens killed in traffic crashes are unbuckled

Buckle Up and Arrive Alive. For information on Missouri seatbelt usage, visit www.saveMOlives.com.

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