



## **Letter of Transmittal**

March 1, 2025

To The Honorable Mike L. Kehoe, Governor of Missouri

On behalf of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, it is our privilege to present for your review the agency's 2024 Annual Report.

In the course of their duties, Patrol employees are professionals who exemplify the Patrol's vision, mission, and core values. Within the pages of the 2024 Annual Report, you will find evidence that they serve and protect the citizens of this great state with dedication, integrity, and professionalism.

We are confident that the Patrol's 2024 Annual Report will convey the quality of men and women who are your Missouri State Highway Patrol.



Michael Turner



Mark S. James

Colonel Michael A. Turner, Superintendent Missouri State Highway Patrol Mark S. James, Director Department of Public Safety

## **VISION**

By excelling as a criminal justice leader in the delivery of quality services, the Missouri State Highway Patrol will ensure Missouri is a safe place to live or visit.

## **MISSION**

The Missouri State Highway Patrol will serve and protect all people by enforcing laws and providing services to ensure a safe and secure environment.

## **VALUES**

The Missouri State Highway Patrol believes public trust and respect must be earned and are essential to attain our vision and accomplish our mission. To maintain public trust and respect, we embrace the following values:

**Integrity** – Uncompromising principle; honesty; steadfast adherence to a strict ethical code.

**Responsibility** – Accountability; trustworthiness; use of good judgment.

**Respect** – Fairness without prejudice; appreciation for diversity.

**Professionalism** – High standards; dedicated to our mission; unified in purpose.

**Compassion** – Concern with human welfare; ability to appreciate feelings or emotions of others.

**Resourcefulness** – Creativity; the ability to be effective in difficult situations.

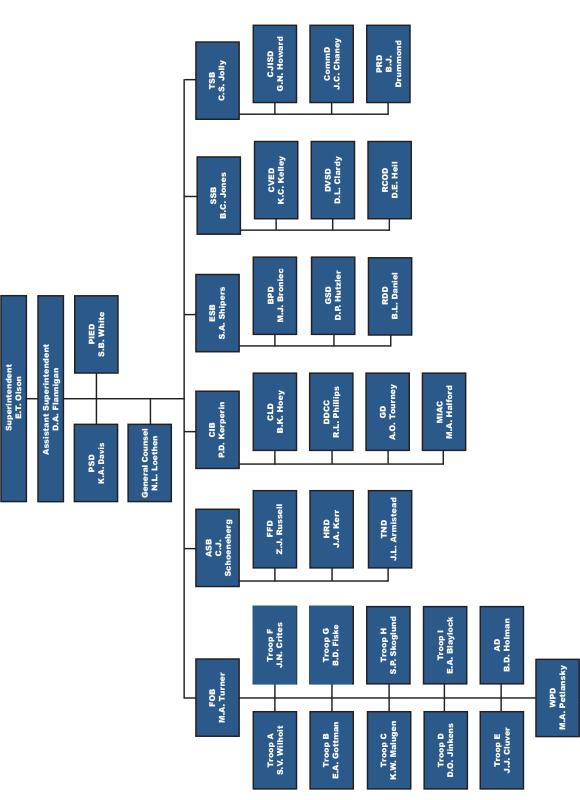
**Character** – We are committed to respecting individual dignity in all people and to providing services in a fair, consistent, and impartial manner to the best of our ability. As caring and innovative professionals, the men and women of the Missouri State Highway Patrol will strive to maintain a safe environment through a service orientated organization capable of addressing the most complex challenges that confront us.

**Commitment** – We are committed to providing services from knowledgeable, capable, and willing employees. We are committed to respecting each employee as an individual and for his or her role in the department. We are committed to maintaining a sense of pride and camaraderie within our department, and to having a workplace where employees are supportive of each other and loyal to the values and commitments of the department.

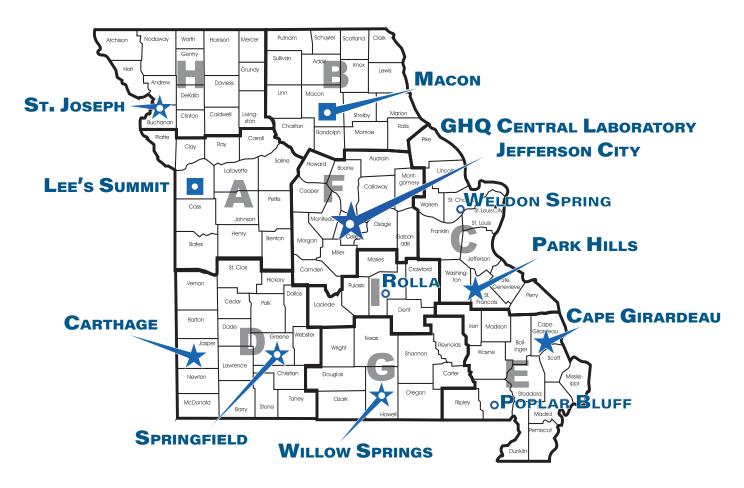
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# \* ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



# **TROOP MAP**



- **★** LABORATORY LOCATIONS
- **TROOP HEADQUARTERS**
- **TROOP HEADQUARTERS &** LABORATORY LOCATIONS
- **TROOP HEADQUARTERS & EVIDENCE DROP OFF KIOSK LOCATIONS**

# **COURAGE & DEDICATION**

#### **2024 Patrol Awards**

Fred M. Mills MASTERS
Public Service Award

Corporal Joseph T. Peart (Troop I)

Career Milestone

Lieutenant Darron F. Blankenship (Q/DDCC)

Superintendent's Award For Excellence In Public Service

Communications Operator Stephanie M. King (Troop H)

Lifesaving Award

Sergeant Michael D. Adams (Troop D)

Sergeant Todd M. Barthelmass (Q/GD)

Sergeant Frederick D. Bierer (Q/GD)

Sergeant Brian D. Foster (Troop G)

Sergeant Taremba Karizamimba (Troop E)

Sergeant Christopher A. Kimes (Troop G)

Sergeant Keegan E. Kindle (Troop B)

Sergeant Shayne K. Talburt (Troop E)

Sergeant James A. Wilson (Troop E)

Corporal Jonathan M. Heimsoth (Troop G)

Corporal Caleb M. Morgan (Troop E)

Corporal Gary S. Sloan (Troop I)

Corporal Bruce E. Thoman (Troop A)

Corporal Travis N. Ziegler (Troop C)

Trooper Lucas J. Combs (Troop G)

Trooper Reese E. Douthett (Troop D) 06/09/24

Trooper Reese E. Douthett (Troop D) 07/04/24

Trooper Nathan W. Downs (Troop C)

Trooper Chase A. Fox (Troop F)

Trooper Robert W. Garrett (Troop D) 07/02/24

Trooper Robert W. Garrett (Troop D) 07/04/24

Trooper Bailey N. Hunsicker (Troop F)

Trooper Christopher R. Kottwitz (Troop B)

Trooper Nicholas I. Kucsik (Troop I)

Trooper Evan C. Macomber (Troop D)

Trooper Roan Oosthuizen (Troop C)

Trooper Colby B. Townsend (Troop I)

CVO Supervisor Mark D. Counts (Troop E)

CVO Patrick W. Patterson (Troop E)

CVO Steve A. Young (Troop E)

Meritorious Award

Sergeant Nolan A. Bax (Troop F)

Sergeant John R. Henry (Troop B)

Sergeant Andrew J. Mayer (Troop C)

Corporal Brent J. Fowler (Troop C)

Corporal Brandon L. Harris (Troop F)

Corporal Gavin C. Leach (Troop C)

Corporal Nicholas W. March (Troop F)

Corporal Roberto A. Rizo (Troop F)

Corporal Jayson R. Spain (Troop E)

Corporal Brett D. Tappendorf (Troop B)

Corporal Michael A. White (Troop C)

Trooper Trey A. Gaedke (Troop C)

Trooper Kristopher B. Geren (Troop B)

Trooper Eric A. Goans (Troop I)

Trooper Justin D. Hedrick (Troop C)

Trooper Peter D. Hummel (Troop B)

Trooper Joshua J. Schuenemeyer (Troop E)

Trooper Joseph C. Southwood (Troop I)

Trooper Dylon M. Wyatt (Troop E)

Matilda "Tillie" Sonnen Civilian Of The Year

Chief Operator John D. Hamilton (Troop D)

Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer Of The Year

Corporal Kyle A. Seabaugh (Q/DDCC)

Valor Award

Corporal Louis B. Lairmore (Q/GD)

Corporal Joseph A. Pithan (Q/GD)

Corporal Gregory K. Tesch (Q/GD)

# COURAGE & DEDICATION

## **Department of Public Safety Team Members of the Month**

January 2024 (Sworn) — Corporal Dustin B. Reed (Q/DDCC)

February 2024 (Sworn) — Sergeant Thomas L. Hall (Troop D)

March 2024 (Sworn) — Corporal Christopher E. Leach (Troop E)

March 2024 (Non-Sworn) — Section Chief James M. Parks (Q/COMM), Section Chief Brad W. Coffey (Q/COMM), and Technical Support Manager Chris S. Wilde (Q/CJIS)

May 2024 (Sworn) — Sergeant Phillip G. Sarakas (Troop E)

June 2024 (Sworn) — Sergeant Ryan S. Smith (Troop A), Corporal Emilio J. Villanueva (Troop A), Trooper Aaron K. Booker (Troop A), Trooper Christopher R. Kottwitz (Troop H), Trooper Matthew W. Neely (Troop H)

July 2024 (Sworn) — Sergeant Chase A. Stallcup (Troop D)

July 2024 (Non-Sworn) — Technical Support Manager Scott A. Robinson (Q/CJIS)

September 2024 (Sworn) — Trooper Roberto C. Rodriguez-Penaflor, Commercial Vehicle Officer Supervisor Mark D. Counts, Commercial Vehicle Officer Patrick W. Patterson (Troop E)

October 2024 (Sworn) — Corporal Jayson R. Spain, Trooper Dylon D. Wyatt, Trooper Joshua J. Schuenemeyer (Troop E)

December 2024 (Sworn) — Trooper Daniel A. Norton (Troop C)

December 2024 (Non-Sworn) — Senior Auto/Marine Technician Justen E. Meyer (Troop C)

## **Missouri's Public Safety Awards**

Sergeant Lance D. DeClue (Troop I) — Medal of Valor

## SUPERINTENDENT



Colonel Eric T. Olson

The Missouri State Highway Patrol is organized pursuant to Chapter 43 RSMo. The statutes within Chapter 43 RSMo established the Patrol and designated the superintendent as being in command of the agency. The superintendent performs the functions and duties prescribed by Missouri law. administrative regulations, and directives from the governor.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol command structure includes six bureaus: Field Operations, Criminal Investigation, Administrative Services, Support Services, Technical Services, and Executive Services

## **Patrol's Strategic Plan** 2023 - 2028

Our essential agency goals are:

- Protect. Effectively and efficiently safeguard life and property.
- Serve. Provide the full range of police agency services.
- Sustain. Guarantee continued protection and services by accurate forecasting and timely acquisition of critical resourcing requirements.

## **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**



**Lieutenant Colonel** David A. Flannigan

All six bureau commanders, the directors of the Professional Standards Division and Public Information and Education Division, and the Patrol's general counsel report directly to the assistant superintendent.

## **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION**



Captain Kirk A. Davis Director

The Professional Standards Division was established in 1990, as part of a reorganization of the Patrol's management structure. It provides the Patrol with a centralized investigative unit that conducts agencywide internal investigations in a consistent, professional, impartial, and timely manner. The division's primary function is to ensure the integrity of the Patrol and its personnel - both commissioned and civilian employees. This is accomplished through a comprehensive and objective process of investigating allegations of employee misconduct as well as auditing concerns that are received and handled by troop personnel or other Patrol divisions.

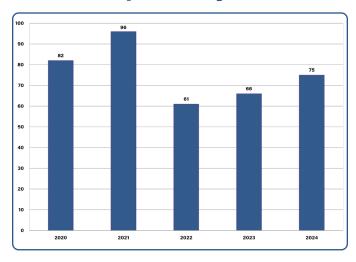
The goal of the Professional Standards Division is to respond in an appropriate and timely manner to all allegations of misconduct through detailed investigations, not only to verify allegations, but also to protect employees from false allegations. Additionally, the division closely monitors departmental disciplinary procedures to promote uniformity and impartiality in the process, identify potential problems and possible corrective actions, and safeguard the rights and due process protections of both citizens and employees. Moreover, the Professional Standards Division recognizes employee conduct that represents the Patrol's Core Values through receipt and referrals of formal commendations.

During calendar year 2024, the Professional Standards Division received a total of 452 concerns and 76 commendations for Patrol Employees. Of the concerns received, 376 were classified as non-misconduct issues (e.g., civil matters, complaints with other agencies, etc.) and 75 involved concerns of misconduct. Of

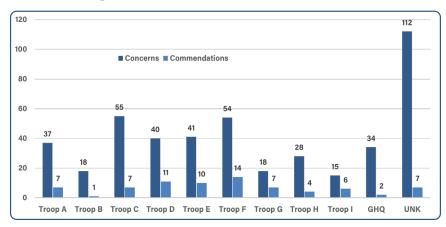
the 75 concerns involving misconduct, 62 were initiated by external stakeholders whereas 13 were generated internally by Patrol employees. Furthermore, 19 of these concerns resulted in formal misconduct investigations. The Professional Standards Division also conducted 45 special inquiries at the direction of the Superintendent.

The chart below reflects the Professional Standards Division's annual statistics for the total number of complaints of misconduct submitted against Patrol employees for the past five years:

#### **Complaints By Year**



#### 2024 Reports Of Commendation/Concern



## **PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION DIVISION**



Captain Scott B. White **Director** 

The Public Information & Education Division is tasked with disseminating information concerning the Patrol to the media and the public and also providing education and safety programs throughout the state.

The Patrol continues to add videos to its YouTube Channel and live-stream graduations, dedication and other ceremonies on its Facebook platform. This has proven effective in involving stakeholders unable to attend such events.

In 2024, the 1959 Dodge Coronet, used as the Patrol's parade and display vehicle, was retired and placed in the Patrol's Safety & Education Center. It was replaced with a newly refurbished 1988 Ford Mustang Patrol vehicle. Additionally, the Communications Division updated Otto the Talking Car's operating system allowing it to be controlled remotely with a laptop.

#### **Public Information & Education:**

News Releases Issued - 116 Troop News Releases (PIOs) - 107 Public Service Announcements - 16 Safety Programs (PIOs) - 1,745 Displays (PIOs) - 449 Schools Visited (PIOs) - 496 Telephone Contacts (PIOs) - 4,872 Media Contacts (PIOs) - 3,223

#### Social Media:

X (17 Accounts) - 76, 331 Followers GHQ Posts - 438 Facebook - 280,535 Followers Facebook Posts - 481 Instagram (5 Accounts) - 15,424 Followers

#### PIED Staff:

Art Projects - 326 Certificates - 794 IDs & Commission Cards - 397 Retiree CCW Permits - 391 Business Cards - 1,450 Photograph Prints - 272 Photographs Taken - 17,326 Engraved Items - 892

#### Safety & Education Center:

Visitors - 2,520



## FIELD OPERATIONS **BUREAU**

Major Michael A. Turner served as commander of the Field Operations Bureau with oversight responsibility for the Aircraft Division, Water Patrol Division, all nine troops, canine units, Major Crash Investigation Unit, Special Weapons and Tactics teams, Filling a V.O.I.D. Program, and the Field Training and Evaluation Program.



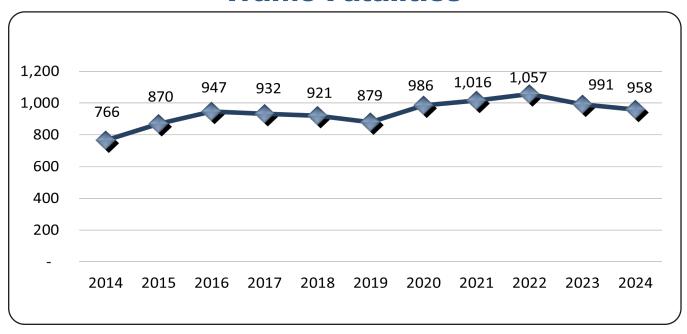
Major Michael A. Turner Commander



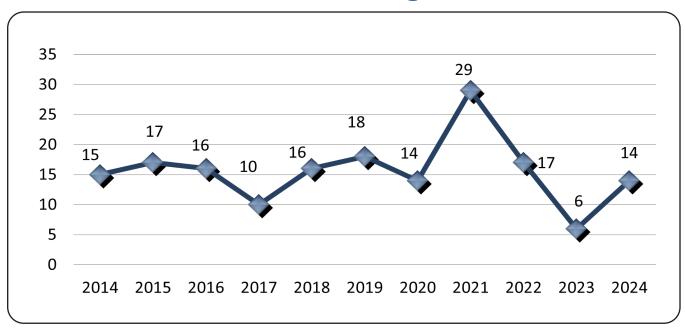
Captain Justin L. McCullough **Assistant Commander** 

## MISSOURI FATALITIES

## **Traffic Fatalities**



## **Recreational Boating Fatalities**



## **ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

## Canine (K9) Program

The Missouri State Highway Patrol proudly operates 10 canine units deployed across the state. In 2024, the Patrol received 778 service requests. The canine teams conducted 359 searches of both passenger and commercial vehicles, and undertook 91 tracking operations, including searches for escapees, individuals fleeing on foot, and search and rescue missions. They also made over 39 public appearances and conducted canine demonstrations at schools and civic organizations statewide. For the first time in Patrol history, all canines were certified in fentanyl detection. Furthermore, three new canines were trained completely in-house by existing trainers, marking the first expansion of the canine units since 2011.

## **Special Weapons and Tactics Teams (SWAT** teams)

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has four fully equipped SWAT teams located in Troop A, Troop C, Troop D, and Troop F. The teams are comprised of officers assigned to regular road duty and the Communications Division. In 2024, the SWAT teams received 36 calls for service, which included five calls for negotiators. These activations included responding to barricaded suspects, high-risk search warrants, hostage situations, and manhunts. The teams conducted 19 presentations for various civic organizations throughout the year. During 2024, the four teams had a combined total of 106 training days.

#### **Criminal Interdiction**

Criminal interdiction remains a top priority for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. In 2024, troopers conducted 67 patrol stops, arresting 95 individuals and pursuing 234 criminal charges. These efforts significantly impacted community safety. Seizures included 714 pounds of raw marijuana, 1.5 pounds of THC concentrates, 89 pounds of methamphetamine, 94 pounds of cocaine, 29 pounds of fentanyl, 117 narcotic pills, 8 pounds of psilocybin mushrooms, 12 weapons, and \$146,164 in U.S. currency. These actions highlight the Patrol's dedication to disrupting illegal activities and ensuring public safety.

#### **Motorcycle Unit**

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's motorcycle program operates two units each in Troops A. C. D. and F. These units are integral to the Patrol's mission, rigorously enforcing traffic laws to prevent crashes. In 2024, motorcycle units provided 57 escorts statewide and participated in over 22 public information displays. They undertook special escorts for events such as Run for the Wall, the NFL Draft, and the Missouri State Fair, showcasing their versatility and commitment. Additionally, motorcycle units played a crucial role in numerous construction zone enforcement projects across the state.

Notably, in 2024, the Patrol successfully trained two new motorcycle officers in-house for the first time using Patrol-certified motorcycle instructors. This initiative significantly reduced training costs and expedited the assignment of these officers, enhancing operational efficiency.

## **Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Projects**

The Patrol's driving while intoxicated enforcement projects are funded by a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, through the Missouri Department of Transportation, Traffic and Highway Safety Division. In 2024, the Patrol conducted a total of 48 DWI saturations throughout the state. During the DWI saturations, troopers contacted 1,614 drivers. These DWI saturations led to troopers issuing 883 traffic citations and arresting 124 drivers for being impaired. In addition to the traffic arrests, troopers also made 63 misdemeanor arrests and 47 felony criminal arrests. The Patrol also conducted 10 Targeted DWI Enforcement projects throughout the year in Troops A, C, D, and F. During the Targeted DWI Enforcement projects, troopers contacted 1,796 drivers. These targeted DWI projects led to 890 traffic arrests, of which 188 drivers were arrested for being impaired. In addition to the traffic arrests, troopers also made 205 misdemeanor arrests and seven felony criminal arrests.

## **Mutual Aid Requests**

Eleven troopers were deployed to Texas in March 2024 to assist the Texas Department of Public Safety. The eleven troopers assisted Texas for thirty days. A second wave of eleven troopers was deployed to Texas in April 2024, for two weeks. Missouri troopers partnered with a Texas trooper

## **ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

to focus on human smuggling and drug smuggling.

Thirty troopers traveled to Wisconsin to assist with the Republican National Convention at the request of the Milwaukee Police Department from July 15-18. The troopers assisted the Milwaukee Police Department with security and traffic direction during the event.

In October 2024, the Patrol received an **Emergency Management Assistance Compact** (EMAC) request to respond to Florida in preparation for Hurricane Milton. The Patrol planned to support Florida with 15 troopers and six support personnel. Hurricane Milton did not cause as much damage as initially predicted when it made landfall and Patrol personnel were not required to respond.

The Patrol has begun participating in planning meetings with the Kansas City Police Department for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

## **Operation C.A.R.E.** (Crash Awareness and **Reduction Effort)**

The Missouri State Highway Patrol participates in the Operation C.A.R.E. program, both on a national level and within the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Region VII. C.A.R.E. operations were conducted on all major highways throughout annual holidays, as well as during both the All-American Buckle-up Week and over the C.A.R.E. Life Saver Weekend. In 2024, troopers with the Missouri State Highway Patrol stopped 69,998 violators, made 1,265 DWI (Alcohol/Drug) arrests, issued 14,503 speeding citations, and 6,622 seat belt arrests during the designated C.A.R.E. periods. Troopers also assisted 16,189 motorists and investigated 1,564 crashes during C.A.R.E. operations.

# **Major Crash Investigation**

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Major Crash Investigation Unit (MCIU) is comprised of five teams with offices located in Higginsville, Warrenton, Rogersville, Jackson, and Jefferson City. Each team is assigned four troopers for a total of 20 full-time crash investigators. The MCIU aids the members of the Patrol and remains available for consultation. The Crash Team frequently supports other agencies by mapping both crash and homicide scenes, completing crash data retrieval system downloads, and providing photographs of crash scenes, in addition to fulfilling their primary reconstruction responsibilities.

The following details represent the number of crashes reconstructed by each team: Team 1, Higginsville- 21; Team 2, Warrenton- 36; Team 3, Rogersville- 28; Team 4, Jackson-23; Team 5, Jefferson City- 17.

MCIU personnel also completed 368 technical supplements and assisted the Division of Drug and Crime Control with a total of 20 crime scene investigations in 2024.

#### Click It or Ticket

The Click It or Ticket operation is an occupant protection Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). During 2024, the Missouri State Highway Patrol utilized several types of enforcement projects to enhance public awareness and educate drivers about the hazards of not wearing safety belts. Maintaining a high visibility during these operations is instrumental for increasing public awareness and affecting increased seat belt usage. As a result of the traffic stops during these campaigns, the following arrests were made: 547 Seat Belt, 29 Child Restraint, 20 DWI, 409 Speed, 1 Careless and Imprudent driving, 5 Following Too Close, 229 Non-Moving violations, 14 Misdemeanor Drug violations, 71 Other Misdemeanor violations, 39 Felony Arrests, and 85 Driver License violations (No DL, DWS/ DWR). 2,842 warnings were issued.

## Filling a V.O.I.D. (Victims of Impaired **Drivers**)

The Missouri State Highway Patrol is committed to assisting victims of DWI related (driving while impaired) crashes through the Filling a V.O.I.D. (Victims of Impaired Drivers) program. Troopers provide the first line of communication to the victims and their families. Following their contact, a Patrol civilian victim advocate facilitates communications, and helps victims and their families obtain assistance from victim service providers.

During 2024, the Patrol provided assistance to 61 children, 218 adults, and 32 elderly crime victims.

#### **Operation Dry Water**

The Patrol's marine enforcement troopers took part in Operation Dry Water, a national crackdown on impaired boaters from July 4 through July 6, 2024. Troopers arrested a total of eleven people statewide for boating while intoxicated, contacted 540 vessels, 3,504 boaters, and issued 78 boating violation citations and 967 warnings.



## TROOP A

Organized in 1931. • Located in Lee's Summit, MO. • Serves 13 counties.

On February 14, 2024, the Patrol assisted the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department with the Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl Victory Parade. The Patrol provided 50 uniformed troopers along with additional Patrol employees assigned to governor's security, emergency operations center overwatch, undercover surveillance, radio communications,

and logistical support. The primary mission for our troopers was to provide security along the parade route and near Union Station.

Around 2:00 p.m., gunfire erupted near the west stage at Union Station and people began to run in different directions. During the chaos, Troopers helped apprehend suspects, provide first aid, secure the crime scene, and search Union Station for additional suspects and victims. The day unfortunately ended with one person killed and 22 others injured or wounded. Our troopers acted quickly and courageously to assist with any task asked of them.

On December 2, 2024, Troop A hosted a retiree luncheon, the last event of its type in the current headquarters. Attendees celebrated 56 years of service and camaraderie with displays of original Troop A construction plans and old photos of Troop A personnel.



Sgt. David Kline providing security over a crime scene near Union Station.





Captain Steven V. Wilhoit **Commanding Officer** 



Missouri and Kansas Troopers at KU Medical Center for Trooper Newton Tov Drive.

On December 13, 2024, in honor of Trooper Newton, troopers from Kansas and Missouri delivered toys to hospitalized children and prepared dinner for families at the Ronald McDonald House, supported by the Newton family.

In 2024, Troop A's enforcement effort resulted in 26,888 citations issued, 54,461 warnings, 1,280 DWI arrests, 442 drug arrests, 42,008 traffic stops, and 3,934 crashes investigated.

Troop A's Support Enforcement Interstate Zone made 57 drug arrests, seizing 4 pounds of fentanyl, 98 pounds of cocaine, 219 pounds of marijuana, and 1.2 pounds of psilocybin mushrooms.

Troop A Commercial Vehicle Officers, CVET's. and certified members commercial motor vehicle enforcement efforts resulted in 8,786 inspections conducted, 2,487 vehicles and 587 drivers placed out of service, 15,545 safety violations recorded, and 13 safety presentations held.

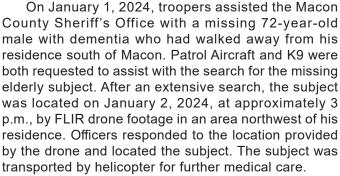
Troop A Motor Vehicle Inspectors conducted 6,225 vehicle inspections, and 2,461 school buses inspected across 112 districts. Troop A Driver Examiners Administered 144,405 written driver tests and 45,803 skills tests.

Troop A retirees joined together for a luncheon at Troop A Headquarters.



## TROOP B

Organized in 1931. • Located in Macon. MO. • Serves 16 counties.



On June 17, 2024, the Cass County Sheriff's Office in Indiana notified Troop B via radio of a missing female juvenile. Cass County was pinging her cellular phone, and it appeared she was westbound on US 72 in Illinois, and would soon be entering Missouri. Updates were relayed to Troop B radio of each new ping and location. Initial information was given to troopers which identified the missing juvenile as a 14-yearold Hispanic female, last seen leaving in a black SUV from her parents' residence in Indiana. The vehicle was reportedly occupied by three Hispanic males believed to be around 18 years of age.

Troopers, along with the Macon Police Department and the Macon County Sheriff's Office, set up along westbound US 36 just east of Macon to watch for the vehicle. The Shelbina Police Department advised they had observed a black Dodge Durango with Texas plates pass their location, but they were not sure if it matched the vehicle description due to initial information they had been given of the suspect vehicle. Troopers observed the black Dodge Durango and conducted a



Winter Storm Assistance



Captain Erik A. Gottman **Commanding Officer** 



Mobile Field Force Training

traffic stop on westbound US 36 east of Macon.

Troopers quickly advised this was the correct vehicle and the female juvenile had been located. The Macon County Juvenile Office was contacted and took protective custody of the juvenile. The Cass County Sheriff's Office was notified, and the juvenile was subsequently returned to Indiana.

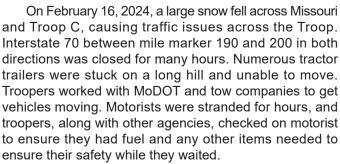


Troop B Outdoor Range



# TROOP C

Organized in 1931. • Located in Weldon Spring, MO. • Serves 11 counties.



On May 15, 2024, the MADD Awards Banquet "Heroes for Heroes" event occurred. Nine Troop C and three Troop I troopers were recognized for their outstanding aggressive enforcement of removing impaired drivers from our roadways. The nine Troop C troopers had a combined 522 DWI arrests.

On May 24, 2024, Troopers once again participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run across Troop C.

On July 15 and 16, 2024, the Troop C SWAT Team and Troop C Marine Division participated in the Task Force 46 Dense Urban Terrain Exercise along with the Missouri National Guard and other local police and fire departments. The training was held on the Mississippi River as well as at Busch Stadium.

On July 25, 2024, Troopers participated in a joint hazardous moving operation with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Deptartment (SLMPD). During the one-day operation, troopers wrote 139 citations and 47 warnings for a variety of traffic violations. SLMPD wrote 97 citations during the operation.



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Captain Kevin W. Malugen Commanding Officer

On September 7, 2024, Troop C hosted a community alliance program. Participants who attended enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the many different components of the Highway Patrol.

On November 7, 2024, torrential rain fell across Troop C. Many areas received 10 inches of rain, causing many major roadways and interstates to be closed for several hours due to flooding. Troopers worked with MoDOT and area law enforcement agencies to block roadways and provide detours to motorists.

Troopers
participated
in a joint
hazardous
moving
operation with
the St. Louis
Metropolitan
Police
Department.





Torch Run



# TROOP D

Organized in 1931. • Located in Springfield, MO. • Serves 18 counties.



Captain Dale O. Jinkens **Commanding Officer** 

Troop D ended the year with a 10 percent decrease in motor vehicle fatalities from the previous year. Unbuckled fatalities were 59 percent; a 13 percent decrease from the previous year. Greene County, with the highest density population in Troop D, led with 37 fatalities.

Troop D conducted approximately eighteen traffic enforcement saturations throughout 2024. The DWI, Hazardous Moving saturations, and seat belt campaigns met the objectives to increase visibility and mitigate risky driving behavior. The saturations netted approximately 24 DWIs, 163 speed arrests, 141 moving violations, and 258 seat belt/child restraint arrests. 36,899 arrests and 1,064 DWI arrests were made in Troop D overall in 2024.

Troop D had nine combined water-related fatalities from nineteen reported incidents this year including three drownings and six boating crashes. This is a decrease from 23 boating related fatalities in 2023.

Troop D had eighteen interdiction stops/seizures in 2024. These stops netted 336 pounds of marijuana, 42 ounces of cocaine, 10.3 pounds of meth, 225 ounces of fentanyl, three stolen firearms, and two stolen vehicles. Additionally, a \$42,000 stolen skid steer from Michigan was recovered.



Construction of the new radio tower was completed early this summer at Troop D Headquarters.







# TROOP E

Organized in 1931. • Located in Poplar Bluff, MO. • Serves 13 counties.

2024 brought a major infrastructure remodel to our Troop Headquarters. A new heating and air conditioning system was installed, along with new duct work, ceiling tiles and paint. This displaced everyone who maintained an office at Troop Headquarters; they had to either move their office to the basement, or in some cases completely lose their office. We could not have completed this task without the teamwork and dedication of our building and grounds maintenance crew.

In June, Rock the Country, a large, two-day concert, was held in Butler County. The estimated crowds were between 19,000 and 21,000 attendees each day. 30 officers were assigned to traffic posts around the event to assist attendees with directions and how to navigate the traffic.

On April 8, 2024, a portion of Troop E was in the path of the total solar eclipse. Troop E and the surrounding area saw a substantial increase in visitors to the area on April 7 and 8, 2024. This resulted in significant increase in traffic throughout the area. Members of Troop E and the surrounding traffic safety partners worked together during the event to ensure a steady flow of traffic to protect public safety and ensure a memorable event for visitors and residents alike.



Sgt. Clark Parrott and KC Wolf pose for a photo before the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024.



Captain Jason J. Cluver Commanding Officer

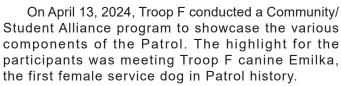


While working the Current River, Cpl. Caleb Morgan safely rescued a fawn.



# TROOP E

Organized in 1931. • Located in Jefferson City, MO. • Serves 13 counties.



In November 2024, Troop F received its second certified canine ready for deployment. Corporal Emilio Villanueva and K9 Len completed training and now serve the community in various capacities.

With an estimated four million visitors per year and growing, Lake of the Ozarks continues to be one of the busiest lakes in the United States. Between two boat races, multiple car-shows, a motorcycle rally, and other events, troopers on the road and water handle an ever-increasing call volume.

The Lance Corporal Leon Deraps I-70 Missouri River Rocheport Bridge officially opened in December. In 2022, construction began to replace the 1960 steel truss bridge. Each side will now carry three lanes of traffic for more than 37,000 vehicles each day.



On May 31, 2024, a truck pulling a trailer attempted to cross a wooden bridge over the Osage River in Cole County. The weight of the vehicle and trailer far exceeded the maximum weight limit of the bridge, causing it to collapse. Luckily, no one was injured.



Captain Jason N. Crites **Commanding Officer** 



On August 22, 2024, troopers at Lake of the Ozarks participated in the Wish on a Ride event, which gives hope, strength and joy to children and adults with disabilities and serious medical conditions through rides on Patrol boats.



On January 23, 2024, Sqt. Nicholas Borgmeyer and Cpl. Tyler O'Brien practiced various ice rescue techniques on a frozen lake.



# TROOP G

Organized in 1946. • Located in Willow Springs, MO. • Serves 9 counties.

In 2024, Troop G achieved a significant milestone in roadway safety, recording its lowest fatality total since 2018. The troop ended the year with 27 fatalities, a 42% decrease from 47 fatalities in 2023, reflecting its ongoing efforts to enhance safety and enforce traffic regulations.

Analysis of the fatal crashes revealed that 73% involved unbuckled occupants, emphasizing the need for continued education and enforcement on seatbelt use. Speeding was the leading contributing factor in 38% of the fatal crashes, underscoring the importance of addressing speed-related violations and raising awareness of the dangers of speeding.

Troop G also experienced a dramatic rise in crashes involving side-by-sides (UTVs), reflecting the growing popularity of these vehicles. In 2024, there were 17 reported UTV-related crashes, a sharp increase compared to just six in 2023. This 183% rise highlights the increasing number of individuals using UTVs for recreational purposes, but also underscores the need for greater awareness of the safety risks associated with these vehicles.

A key factor in the reduction of accidents was the

introduction of the first-ever Travel Safe Zone (TSZ) by MoDOT in Troop G. The TSZ, implemented along a stretch of US 63 between West Plains and Thayer, was based on safety analyses that showed crash rates surpassing those of comparable roadways. The initiative aims to reduce crashes and improve safety in high-risk areas, with early results showing positive

**TRAVEL** SAFE ZONE **FINES** DOUBLED

impacts and reduced crash rates.

In addition to the TSZ, Troop G faced unique challenges in 2024 during the total solar eclipse on April 8. The event attracted a major influx of visitors, placing significant strain on road networks, especially highways and rural roads leading to viewing locations. Traffic surged the day leading up to the eclipse, and, after the event, highways experienced bumper-to-bumper congestion, with average speeds dropping to 20 mph for stretches reaching over 40 miles. Troop G personnel prepared extensively for this influx, and while congestion was inevitable, the response efforts ensured minimal incidents during the eclipse.



Captain Bruce D. Fiske **Commanding Officer** 



UTV crashes are on the rise.

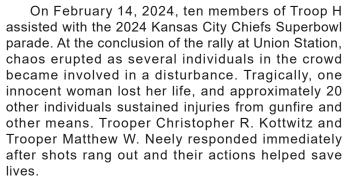


April 8, 2024: Influx of visitors to the Troop G area for the total solar eclipse.



## TROOP H

Organized in 1946. • Located in St. Joseph, MO. • Serves 15 counties.



On April 23, 2024, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control following the discovery of human remains in northeast Mercer County. A turkey hunter found the remains on private property, prompting an investigation. The remains were later identified as those of a 24-year-old male from Centerville, IA. The male had been reported missing by the Centerville Police Department six years earlier.

On June 27, 2024, an agricultural aircraft crashed in a field west of 270th Avenue in rural Harrison County. The pilot, who was the sole occupant, sustained minor injuries. The NTSB and FAA were notified. It is suspected the crash may have been caused by a mechanical failure.



Members of Troop H assigned to the RNC Detail. Left to right - Sgt. Andrew A. Henry, Cpl. Michael J. Miller, Sgt. John C. Gilliland, and Sgt. Mark A. Wilhoit



Captain Shawn P. Skoglund **Commanding Officer** 

From July 12-19, 2024, Troop H deployed four members to the 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Sergeant Mark A. Wilhoit, Sergeant Andrew A. Henry, Sergeant John C. Gilliland, and Corporal Michael J. Miller were tasked with a variety of responsibilities, including crowd control, resource protection, delegate escorts, security, general policing, and other related duties.

From September 14-15, 2024, members and civilians partnered with the 139th Airlift Wing and the City of St. Joseph to provide critical support during the 2024 Sound of Speed Airshow at Rosecrans Airbase, Officers managed traffic control, enabling a safe and efficient flow of visitors to and from the airbase. Marine Operations provided crucial support along the Missouri River. Communication Operators were assigned to the on-site command center, serving as the central hub for all event related information and communications. Members and civilians were assigned to a static display inside the base, where they interacted with attendees.



Pictured is Sgt. Andrew A. Henry along the parade route during the Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl parade.



# TROOP

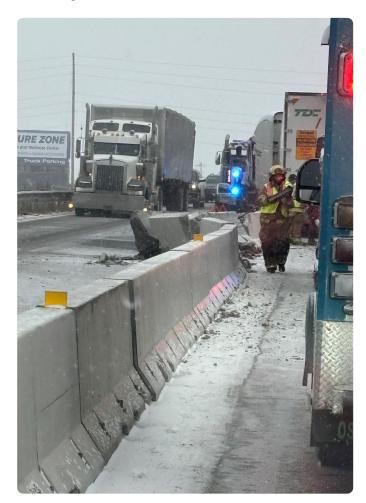
Organized in 1950. • Located in Rolla, MO. • Serves six counties.

Inclement weather became the primary concern for the winter months, causing traffic issues along Interstate 44 in Troop I. Snow and ice-covered roadways posed challenges for troopers.

On September 30, 2024, Troopers successfully stopped a vehicle and located a child from an Amber Alert issued by Texas authorities.

Major highway reconstruction continued along Interstate 44 in Phelps County. Incidents caused significant back-ups and unique challenges for responding emergency personnel. All lanes reopened in October.

On November 5, 2024, the Troop I area received several inches of rain which flooded roadways including Interstate 44 and US 63.



On January 14, 2024, a crash that went into the concrete barriers on I-44 in Phelps County delayed traffic.



Captain Eddie A. Blaylock Commanding Officer



I-44 was flooded during the November 5, 2024, storms.



I-44 became a sheet of ice on January 22, 2024, causing the road to close.

# AIRCRAFT DIVISION

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Aircraft Division fleet in 2024 consisted of three helicopters, four single engine airplanes and one multiengine King Air. These aircraft were operated by 11 full-time pilots and supported by two Aircraft Mechanics and one Administrative Support Professional.

In May 2024, the Aircraft Division acquired a new Kodiak 900 single engine turbine aircraft. This aircraft will be used to transport cargo and/or personnel to support local, state, and federal agencies during large scale incidents and natural disasters. The aircraft has short take-off and landing capabilities and is approved for off-field landings. The Kodiak 900 will also be used for transporting Patrol personnel and state elected or appointed officials as needed.

The Aircraft Division assisted ground officers with aggressive driving operations, which targeted aggressive and hazardous moving violations, as well as the apprehension of fleeing suspects. Camera and mapping systems installed on Patrol aircraft were efficiently used during these operations. The camera allowed officers on the ground to discontinue their pursuit while the flight crews continued to safely track a fleeing vehicle, reducing the risk to the motoring public.

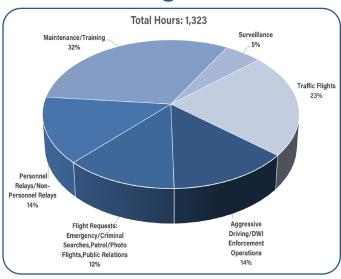
The Aircraft Division received 187 requests for airborne law enforcement services. In addition to the criminal/emergency searches, the requests included personnel transport flights for elected officials, members conducting criminal investigations, and other state agencies. Flights traveled to various airports in Missouri and to locations in Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Idaho, and Texas, in 2024.





Captain Brad D. Holman Director

### 2024 Flight Hours





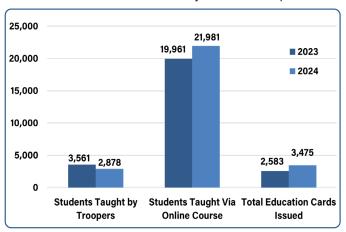
Kodiak 900 single engine turbine aircraft.

## **WATER PATROL** DIVISION

The Water Patrol Division provides oversight of the Patrol's marine operations function, including the training of marine troopers. Administrative management of the boater education, navigational aids, and regatta programs is a primary function of the division. The division also manages and coordinates the Patrol's dive team.

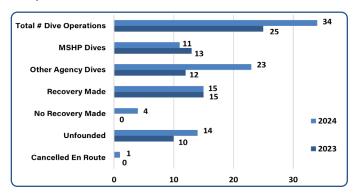
#### **Boater Education**

All boaters born after January 1, 1984, are required to take a boater education course and possess a boater education card while operating a vessel on Missouri lakes. This includes personal watercraft operators. The attendance in Patrol-sponsored courses continues to grow, as does awareness of our state mandatory education requirements.



#### **Dive Team**

The Missouri State Highway Patrol dive eam consisted of 12 divers in 2024 and was comprised of members assigned to both the highway and marine operations functions. Divers were requested to assist federal, state, and local agencies during the year. Dive operations included searches for bodies, weapons, vehicles, and stolen items.

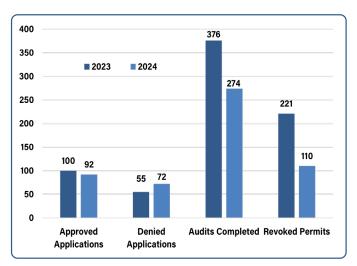




Captain Michael A. Petlansky **Director** 

## **Navigational Aid Regulation**

The Water Patrol Division issues permits for all buoys and other navigational aids in Missouri. Over 5,000 buoy permits are maintained in the Patrol's automated buoy system. Buoy audits are completed by marine troopers each year on a percentage of the existing buoy permits to ensure compliance. Applications are approved based on state regulations after being investigated by a marine trooper and heard by the Patrol's buoy committee at a public hearing.



#### Regattas

Regattas and organized events, such as parades, races, and fishing tournaments, require a permit from the Water Patrol Division. In 2024, the division issued 1,822 regatta permits. The division ensures permitted regattas do not create a danger to public safety or unduly disrupt navigation.

# CRIMINAL **INVESTIGATION BUREAU**

Major Paul D. Kerperin served as commander of the Criminal Investigation Bureau with oversight responsibility for the Crime Laboratory, Drug and Crime Control, and Gaming divisions, and for the Missouri Information Analysis Center.



Major Paul D. Kerperin Commander

## **CRIME LABORATORY DIVISION**

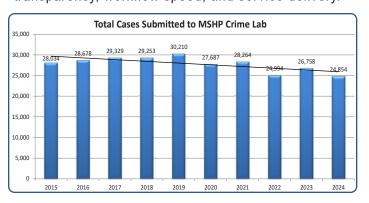
The Crime Laboratory Division provides forensic science support to the Missouri State Highway Patrol as well as over 600 other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The seven laboratories in the division analyze physical evidence recovered from criminal investigations, offering services in DNA, drug chemistry, toxicology, firearms, toolmarks, latent prints, and trace evidence. In 2024 the Crime Laboratory Division received 24,854 requests for analysis and uploaded 14,757 offender DNA samples to CODIS.

#### **Rapid DNA**

Rapid DNA technology allows investigators to develop DNA profiles in the field in as little as 90 minutes and compare the profile against an offender database. In 2024, Rapid DNA was installed in all nine troop locations. 33 DNA profiles were developed, and investigative leads were developed in six cases, including two homicides, resulting from hits to the database.

## **New Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)**

In 2024, the Crime Lab transitioned to a new JusticeTrax® LIMS+ Laboratory Information Management System, streamlining data management and improving operational efficiency. The new LIMS automates evidence and sample tracking, making it easier for staff to monitor case progress from receipt to final disposition. By enhancing data accuracy, ensuring compliance, and enabling seamless reporting for regulatory bodies and stakeholders, the system fosters collaboration and strengthens quality control. This upgrade supports our mission by improving transparency, workflow speed, and service delivery.





Mr. Brian K. Hoey **Director** 



Construction of the new General Headquarters Crime Laboratory.

#### **New General Headquarters Crime Laboratory**

On June 27, 2024, a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new General Headquarters Crime Laboratory was held, followed by the commencement of mass excavation on August 2, 2024. All bid packages have been received, and the final costs remain within budget and the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) includes major add-alternate options. As of late 2024, vertical construction of the structure has begun.

#### **Unidentified Human** Remains

In the 2024 legislative session, the laboratory was awarded \$1.5 million to process unidentified human remains. The laboratory has established a contract with a private laboratory to conduct the analysis. The laboratory is working with law enforcement, medical examiners, coroners, and universities to provide samples to the private laboratory for identification.

## **DIVISION OF DRUG & CRIME CONTROL**

In 2024, the Division of Drug and Crime Control (DDCC) included investigators, criminal intelligence analysts, and support personnel assigned to the following specialized units:

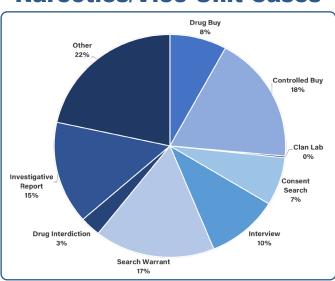
- Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU)
- · Bomb Squad and Technical Services Unit
- Special Victims Unit (SVU)
- Missouri Digital Forensics Center (MDFC)
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
- · Narcotics / Vice Unit
- Polygraph Examinations
- Rural Crimes Investigation Unit (RCIU)
- Organized Crime and Anti-Terrorism Unit (OCAT)
- · Illegal Gambling Unit
- · Human Trafficking Unit
- Public Information and Education Unit (PIED)
- Investigative Analysis Unit (IAU)
- Tactical Analysis Unit (TAU)
- · Special and Support Services Unit

The following charts depict 2024 activity for some of the units within DDCC:

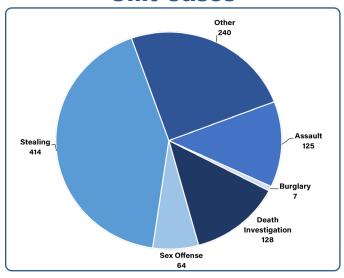
## **Narcotics/Vice Unit Cases**

Captain Roger L. Phillips

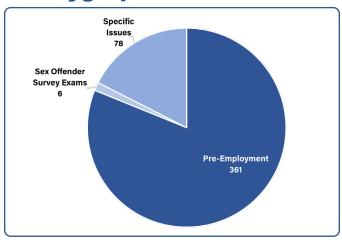
Director



## **Criminal Investigative Unit Cases**



## **Polygraph Examinations**



## **GAMING DIVISION**

The Gaming Division has an authorized strength of 122 members and three civilian employees. Current staffing levels at the end of 2024 included 91 members and two civilians. The division is divided into three primary units: Administrative Services, Investigative Unit, and Enforcement. The Administrative Services section oversees division motor equipment/fleet management, training, criminal records/case management, overtime, recruiting, personnel actions, special projects, and overseeing division property control efforts.

The Investigative Unit conducts comprehensive background investigations of individuals, companies, and suppliers applying for licensures with the Missouri Gaming Commission.

This section is also responsible for conducting specialized investigations related to gaming offenses, white-collar crimes, and public corruption cases, as well as investigations related to Missouri's charitable gaming industry, and statutory compliance reviews for all Fantasy Sports Operators. There are currently 6 Class A (corporate) licensees, 13 Class B (riverboat) licensees, approximately 20 supplier/manufacturing companies, and over 5,000 active occupational licensees, all of which required some level of investigative and regulatory oversight by Patrol members. During 2024, investigators were involved in approximately 300 investigations.

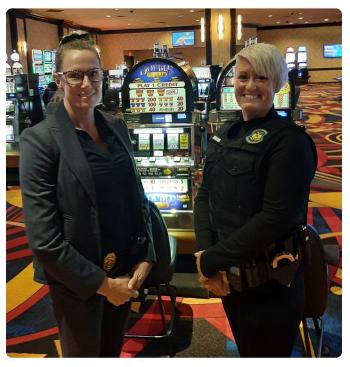


Tpr. Chad Hunter verifies the electronic gaming device to ensure the integrity of the game is maintained.



Captain Andrew O. Tourney Director

During 2024, members assigned to the casino's Enforcement Unit conducted 1,236 criminal investigations, making 1,622 arrests (1,196 misdemeanor and 426 felony). They conducted 2,489 regulatory investigations and issued 2,538 Compliance Directives. Officers assigned to the Gaming Division assisted with processing 350 disassociated person applications to assist problem gamblers with self-exclusion from Missouri casinos.



Tpr. Barbara Collins and Sgt. Amy Johnson working at the Hollywood Casino in Maryland Heights.

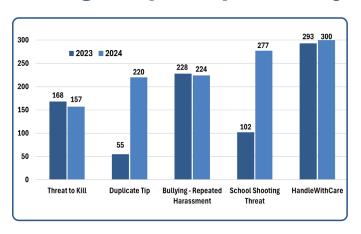
## **MISSOURI INFORMATION ANALYSIS CENTER**

The Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) is recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as the state's fusion center. The MIAC is operational 24 hours a day to provide services and share information among authorized recipients. The purpose of the MIAC is to receive, gather, analyze, and disseminate information associated with counterterrorism efforts, homeland security initiatives, and criminal case support. This is accomplished through tactical and strategic analytic work, along with special projects for geographically defined regions in Missouri.

The MIAC is staffed with a director, two assistant directors, 24 full-time and five part-time Missouri State Highway Patrol criminal intelligence analysts. There is external agency staffing by analysts from the Missouri Department of Public Safety, the Missouri Department of Corrections, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. MIAC analysts provide professional services and case support to federal, state, and local authorities across the entire nation as part of the national network of fusion centers.

The MIAC collaborates on a variety of projects with stakeholders such as the FBI National Threat Operations Center, the Missouri Attorney General's Human Trafficking Task Force, Courage2Report statewide school safety program, and the Cyber Intelligence program. The MIAC also serves as the Missouri Missing Persons Clearinghouse. Threats to life and tips on crimes or terrorism are developed, vetted, and disseminated to local authorities and law enforcement officials to be resolved appropriately.

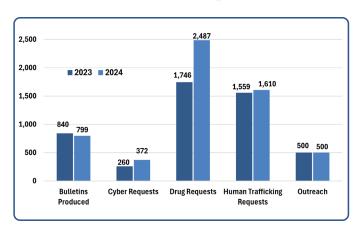
## **Courage2Report Tip Summary**



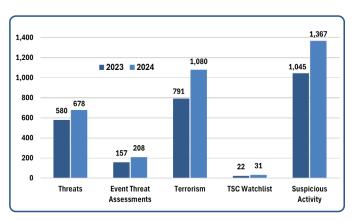


Captain Michael A. Halford **Director** 

#### **Common Requests**



#### **Common Threats**



## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU**

Major Corey J. Schoeneberg served as commander of the Administrative Services Bureau with oversight responsibility for the Fleet and Facilities, Human Resources, and Training divisions.

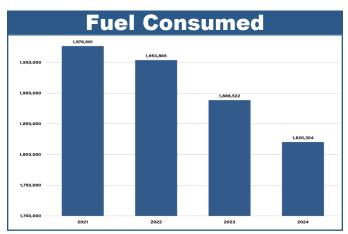


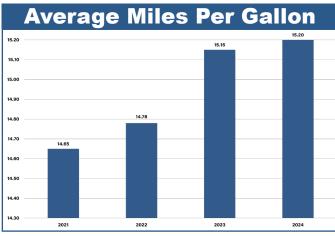
Major Corey J. Schoeneberg Commander

## FLEET & FACILITIES DIVISION

The Fleet & Facilities Division directs the procurement, assignment, maintenance, repair, and eventual sale of Missouri State Highway Patrol vehicles and vessels. Additionally, the Division provides support to Patrol automotive technicians statewide. Approximately 1,345 motor vehicles and 150 vessels were in operation within the Patrol fleet in 2024. Please see charts below for important statistics pertaining to the Fleet & Facilities Division. Each chart represents data for the years 2021 through 2024.

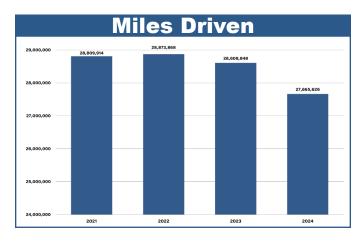
The Fleet & Facilities Division is also responsible for facility and grounds maintenance and janitorial services at the General Headquarters Waggoner Building, Annex Building, Warehouse Building, Training Academy, and other Patrol facilities in the Jefferson City area. The Division provides support to Patrol facility and grounds maintenance staff statewide and works closely with the Office of Administration's Division of Facilities Management, Design and Construction Division on statewide capital improvements, maintenance and repair projects, and all Patrol leases.

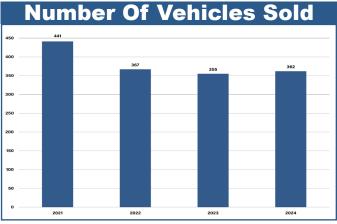






Mr. Zachary J. Russell **Director** 







## **HUMAN RESOURCES** DIVISION

The Human Resources Division coordinates personnel and employee-related functions for all Patrol components. The following represents a synopsis of operations performed by the Human Resources Division in 2024:

The Human Resources Division coordinates selection and promotional processes to further efforts in selecting and retaining a qualified workforce. Other responsibilities include maintaining employee records, administering personnel policies, and coordinating insurance, disability, payroll, and other employee benefits and programs. Personnel within the division provide assistance to over two-thousand Patrol employees.

#### Administrative Services

The Administrative Services team coordinated 307 selection processes, with 3,362 employment applications received and reviewed. Six student internships were also coordinated. The team facilitated the hiring of 361 employees and 250 employment separations, which included 162 resignations and 88 retirements.

## **Trooper Selection Process**

- · Processed five member reinstatements.
- Processed three Trooper Selection Processes:
  - 121st TSP 64 applicants
  - 122nd TSP 433 applicants
  - 123rd TSP 793 applicants

The three Trooper Selection Processes resulted in the hiring of 118 new troopers.



Captain Julie A. Kerr Director

#### **Health and Wellness**

The Patrol has maintained its continued contract with Lexipol to provide an online health and wellness support tool available for all employees, their families, and retirees. The Cordico application continues to be a utilized resource in providing health and wellness tools in an online platform that can be used in a time of need.

## **DEFENSE Program**

The Defending Employees from the Effects of Negative Stressful Experiences (DEFENSE) Program conducted one Basic Peer Training Course for Patrol employees, spouses, and others from law enforcement agencies in Missouri in November, adding additional peers to our DEFENSE Peer Support Team. Three Post Critical Incident Seminars (PCIS) were conducted, which included 106 participants from various agencies including fire, police, ambulance, and communications, along with Patrol personnel. The DEFENSE peer team had a total of 519 contacts in 2024.

## TRAINING DIVISION

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Training Division provides centralized training programs at the Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City, as well as preparing, conducting, and coordinating continuing education, leadership development training rule, and recertification courses. The Academy is an approved peace officer training center under Chapter 590, RSMo. As such, it provides certified basic and career enhancement courses to any law enforcement officer upon proper application and payment of appropriate fees.

The Academy graduated 65 new troopers in 2024.

- The 119th Accelerated Recruit Class began training on January 2, 2024, and graduated April 17, 2024.
- The 120th Recruit Class began training on January 2, 2024, and graduated on June 21, 2024.
- The 121st Accelerated Recruit Class began training on July 1, 2024, and graduated on October 11, 2024.
- The 122nd Recruit Class began training on July 1, 2024, and graduated on December 20, 2024.

The Academy graduated 13 new Commercial Vehicle Officers in 2024. The 16th Commercial Vehicle Officer Training began training on January 2, 2024, and graduated on June 7, 2024. The 17th Commercial Vehicle Officer Training began training on July 1, 2024, and graduated on October 18, 2024.

The Academy provided Marine Enforcement Training for six incumbent members during a four-week course. The training focused on watercraft law and crash investigation, boat operation, stop and approach tactics, water survival and other related topics. Additionally, forty-five members attended one three-day Basic Boat Operation course, one

Captain Joseph L. Armistead
Director

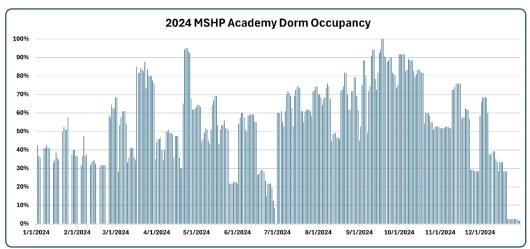
four-day Swiftwater Rescue course and one Swiftwater Boat Operations course in 2024.

The Academy hosted four First Line Supervision courses, in which a total of 155 students trained. Two Police Leadership the West Point Model (PLWM) schools were held with a total of 57 students graduating. The Academy also hosted a Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, graduating 22 students, and a Management Development Course, graduating 18 students.

In a cooperative effort with Mineral Area Community College in Park Hills, Missouri, 16 students applied for college credit for their studies at the Patrol Academy in 2024.

The Multimedia Unit received 317 written requests for Multimedia work in 2024, which is a slight decrease from 2023. Some of that work included video clip conversion, technical assistance, media duplication and other special projects. MultiMedia is also responsible for uploading and coordinating all training videos, documents, and tests to the PowerDMS system agency wide. One of the major responsibilities of the MultiMedia Unit is to provide audiovisual support for recruit classes throughout their training.

During 2024, 510 schools, trainings, and meetings were held at the academy for 3,859 patrol employees and 558 outside students. The academy provided lodging to students from 79 outside agencies. The Academy also served 54,987 meals.



## **SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU**

Major Ben C. Jones served as commander of the Support Services Bureau with oversight responsibilities for the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Driver & Vehicle Safety, and Recruiting & Community Outreach divisions, and capital improvements.



Major Ben C. Jones Commander

# **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) coordinates the uniform enforcement of commercial vehicle laws and regulations. The division is currently comprised of 113 commercial vehicle officers (CVOs) who operate 14 fixed weigh stations and 26 portable scale trucks. In addition, the Patrol has 34 commercial vehicle enforcement troopers (CVETs) and approximately 25 other troopers who are certified to perform various levels of the North American Standard Inspections that enhance the Patrol's commercial vehicle enforcement efforts.

In 2024, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division personnel conducted approximately 44,200 inspections and weighed approximately 610,000 commercial vehicles.

In 2024, the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division retired one scale maintenance truck and replaced it with a new 2024 Freightliner. The truck is used to calibrate and test the scales at the 14 weigh stations the CVE Division currently operates.

One major construction project was started in 2024. C2W I-44 (St. Clair) was demolished, and a new inspection building, scale building, and scale are being constructed. The Missouri Department of Transportation is also adding a new concrete parking lot and extending the acceleration and deceleration ramps. The project is expected to be completed in late 2025.

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division graduated two Commercial Vehicle Officer classes in 2024. The 16th CVO class graduated five officers in June 2024. The 17th CVO class graduated nine officers in October 2024. Both classes filled vacancies throughout the state.



2024 Freightliner



Captain Kevin C. Kelley **Director** 



The CVE Division welcomed two CVO classes in 2024.





C2W I-44 (St. Clair)

## **DRIVER & VEHICLE SAFETY DIVISION**

The Driver and Vehicle Safety Division is comprised of two distinct and separately functioning sections: Driver Examination and Motor Vehicle Inspection. The Division provides oversight to more than 225 driver examination employees and 58 motor vehicle inspection employees assigned to the nine Patrol troops across the state of Missouri. An additional 13 employees serve at the division's

administrative office located at the general headquarters complex in Jefferson City.

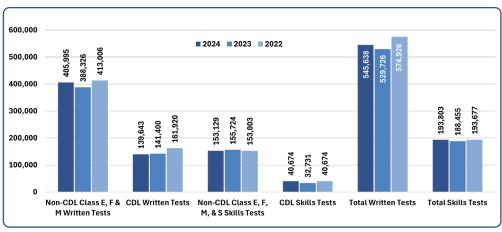
The Driver Examination section (DE) is tasked with statewide administration of written and practical driver testing for both CDL and non-CDL licensees. The program exists to ensure that Missouri licensed drivers have both the practical skills and basic knowledge of Missouri traffic laws necessary to safely and competently navigate Missouri's roadways. In November of 2024, all 156 MSHP testing sites (both CDL and non-CDL) were

migrated to the Fusion database system in concert with the Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR). This transition to the Fusion network allows real-time interaction with DOR regarding reporting test scores and sharing vital driver information between both agencies.



Captain Darewin L. Clardy **Director** 

### **Driver Examination Operations**



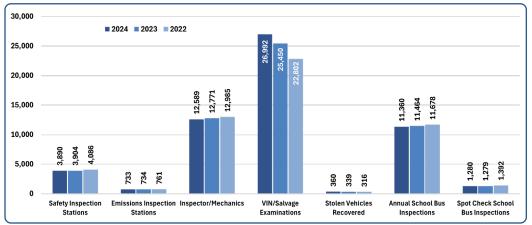
The Motor Vehicle Inspection section (MVI) is responsible for the statewide administration of MVI programs, including the Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Program, the School Bus Inspection Program, and the VIN/Salvage Examination Program, as well as the Emissions Inspection Program in the St. Louis area.

Division personnel represent the Patrol at numerous state and national professional organizations, committees,

> and seminars related to division programs.

Total 2024 state revenues of the Driver and Vehicle Safety Division were \$4,924,034.30, which included \$2,865,194.30 related to the Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Program and \$2,058,840.00 related to the Emissions Inspection Program.

### **Motor Vehicle Inspection Operations**



## **RECRUITING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIVISION**

The Recruiting and Community Outreach Division (RCOD) develops closer relationships with individuals, groups, and businesses in communities that may not frequently interact with the Patrol. Division members work to recruit qualified and diverse candidates for positions as troopers and for the more than 60 civilian career classifications within the agency. Additionally, this division oversees the mentor program and assists the Human Resources Division with trooper applicant testing.

The division continues to maintain a strong presence through various media and advertising platforms including internet, television streaming services, print and digital advertising, billboards, radio, and state and national newspapers and magazines. In 2024 we began utilizing a third-party company, All-Star Talent, to bolster our social media presence through Facebook, X, Instagram, and Indeed, which has proven to increase our applications and new hires for the Trooper position.



Capt. Danielle Heil (Q/RCOD) at the Sista Strut Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness.



Tpr. Roberto Rizo (Q/RCOD) at the St. Louis Cardinals First Responders event.



Captain Danielle E. Heil Director

In 2024, members of RCOD attended numerous recruiting and outreach events. Some of the activities included the following:

- · Recruiting events for uniformed and civilian career opportunities within the Patrol
- · Patrol University, a multi-week program designed for criminal justice students at University of Central Missouri for the spring 2024 semester and Lincoln University for the fall 2024 semester
- · Youth Camp at Eagle Sky of the Ozarks in Piedmont
- FFA State Convention
- MSHSAA state high school competitions
- St. Louis Cardinals Law Enforcement Day
- · American Legion Cadet Academy
- · Mount Calvary Church outreach program in Poplar Bluff
- · Annual Gala Dinner Association of Venezuela in Missouri
- · Annual Christmas Giveaway event with Meet the Need, Inc., for children in southeast Missouri
- Trunk or Treat events in multiple locations throughout the state
- · "Shop with a Hero" giveaway events throughout the state
- · Fiesta Cardinales Christmas event with Telemundo and iHeart Radio
- Taste of Venezuela event with Venezuelan Association in Missouri
- · Lincoln University Cooperative Extension "Bridging the Gap" event in Charleston
- · Sista Strut Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness iHeart Radio

The Recruiting and Community Outreach Division fostered and maintained numerous working relationships with community leaders, educational institutions, and military installations in 2024. Some of these included faithbased organizations and churches, Consulate of Mexico, NAACP, U.S. Army, Venezuelan Association and the Hispanic Leaders Group.

# **TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU**

Major Christopher S. Jolly served as commander of the Technical Services Bureau with oversight responsibility for the Communications, Criminal Justice Information Services, and Patrol Records divisions.



Major Christopher S. Jolly Commander

## COMMUNICATIONS **DIVISION**



Mr. J. Corey Chaney **Director** 

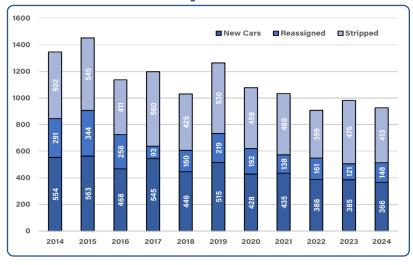
The Communications Division maintains and operates a 24-hour communications network covering nine troop headquarters located throughout the state. This network supports communications with the public, troopers, our own personnel, as well as other state and local public safety agencies.

In 2024, the Operations and Training Section worked on configuring the new CAD (computer aided dispatch) system purchased in 2023. The new system went live at the beginning of 2025. All Radio Operators were trained at GHQ on the new CAD system at the end of 2024.

The User Support Section retrofitted marine vessels with a new video system. Technicians also received training on the new Radio Management System to make programming radios statewide easier. The software is scheduled to be implemented early in 2025.

Communications field engineers provided statewide technical support for MOSWIN equipment installation, programming upgrades, and repairs. They assisted with finishing the tower replacements of the Carthage tower and the tower at the Troop D headquarters in Springfield that were started in 2023. Field engineers replaced antennas and feed lines at several other tower sites around the state.

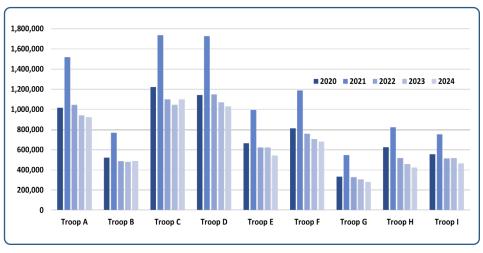
### **Radio Shop Car Installs**





Technician Robert Hoelscher (Q/COMM) installs a radio in a patrol vehicle.

### **MOSWIN Push-To-Talk Console Totals**



# **CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION**

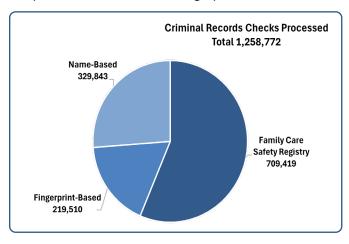


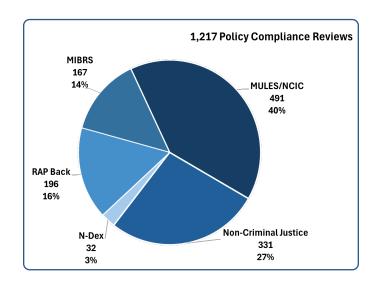
Captain Gara N. Howard Director

The Criminal Justice Information Services Division provides 24/7 service and support to criminal justice entities. As the state's Central Repository, CJIS compiles and disseminates criminal history record information, trains and audits systems and users, oversees the Missouri Sex Offender Registry, and ensures criminal justice data remains secure. CJIS also provides information technology solutions and support for the Patrol and statewide law enforcement agencies.

Below are the 2024 calendar year statistics for the CJIS Division:

- · Missouri's State Rap Back Program provided 2,540 notifications of arrests. The Federal Rap Back Program provided 833 notifications of arrests occurring outside the state of Missouri.
- At year end, there were 18,470 registered sex offenders on the Missouri Sex Offender Registry. There were 89,667 registrations. The Sex Offender Registry unit conducted 13 trainings across the state.
- · The CJIS Division hosted the annual CJIS Conference. The conference welcomed 317 representatives from Missouri's law enforcement and criminal justice community.
- Missouri Automated Fingerprint Identification System houses over 7.3 million fingerprint sets. CJIS processed over 396,016 fingerprint submissions.





- The Technical Systems Training and Auditing Section hosted the following classes:
  - 287 MULES Certifications
  - 126 Non-Criminal Justice PCR classes
  - 33 Livescan Certifications
  - 33 Train the Trainer classes
  - 36 N-DEx classes
  - 26 Rap Sheet Reading classes
  - 16 Criminal History Reporting classes

## **PATROL RECORDS** DIVISION



Captain Brent J. Drummond Director

The Patrol Records Division serves as the data repository of statewide motor vehicle and boating crash reports, alcohol- and drug-related traffic offenses, dispositions on Missouri State Highway Patrol traffic and marine arrests, and statewide assignment of unique numbers for inclusion on Uniform Citations. The division also maintains Missouri's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and serves as the Custodian of Records for the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

In 2024, Patrol troopers reported 29,281 motor vehicle traffic crashes to the Patrol Records Division. This was a decrease of 3,374 crashes from the previous year. In addition, the division processed 190,095 court dispositions to the Traffic Arrest System/DWI Tracking System as a result of arrests made by troopers.

The division accepts traffic crash reports in an electronic format from various local agencies. A total of 109,104 electronic reports, from 339 local agencies and the Patrol, were processed in 2024. Currently, approximately 94 percent of agencies submit crash reports electronically. The advantages of the electronic submission of reports include more timely analysis of crash data and relieving local agencies from the requirement to forward paper copies of reports to the Patrol.

On August 1, 2024, the Patrol Records Division implemented an online electronic crash report request process for customers wishing to request boating crashes or traffic crashes worked by Patrol officers to improve accessibility and efficiency to the public. This process allowed for the elimination of the paper request form and created an online request process that captures the same information with more efficiency and a much quicker turnaround time for the user. Once the report is ready for release, customers have the option to make electronic payment online and receive the requested reports immediately, via the online portal. Considering the Patrol processes approximately 36,000 requests for crash reports per year, this system has proven to be a positive change for the Patrol.

### 2024 Traffic Crash **Statistics**

In 2024, Patrol troopers and local agencies' officers reported 103,960 motor vehicle traffic crashes to the Patrol Records Division. This was a decrease of 32,879 crashes from the previous year. These reports revealed 958 people were killed statewide and 40,302 injured during the year. This is equivalent to one person being killed or injured every 13 minutes on Missouri trafficways.

### **Boating Crashes/Accidental Drownings**

In 2024, Patrol officers investigated 128 boating crashes. This was a decrease of 31 crashes from the previous year. These reports revealed 14 people were killed and 71 injured. Troopers also investigated 35 accidental drownings.

### **Custodian of Records**

In 2024, the Custodian of Records section received 9,158 requests for copies of records and/or reports maintained by the Patrol. The Custodian of Records section averaged 763 requests per month in 2024, as compared to only 555 per month in 2020. This was an increase of 37% when compared to five years ago.

Note: The statistics on this page reflect the work of troopers. The numbers provided are preliminary; 2024 crash reports are still being processed. Statistics for all Missouri law enforcement agencies will be found on the Patrol's website, www.statepatrol. dps.mo.gov, within the Statistical Analysis Center page after all reporting is complete.

## **EXECUTIVE SERVICES BUREAU**

Major Scott A. Shipers served as commander of the Executive Services Bureau with oversight responsibility for the Budget & Procurement, Governor's Security, and Research & Development divisions, and governmental affairs.



Major Scott A. Shipers Commander

## **BUDGET &** PROCUREMENT DIVISION

The division prepares and presents the Patrol's budget requests. It maintains records of all expenditures incurred and all revenue received by the agency during the year and uses this information in preparing future budget requests and to provide information for the state auditor. Division personnel also coordinate the Patrol's fiscal response to legislation filed by the members of the general assembly.



This section prepares financial projections, and reports, as well as performs budget maintenance and analysis. Division personnel oversee accounts payable and accounts receivable for the Patrol, including the processing of vendor payments, employee expenses, uniform allowance reports, and processing deposits.

### Grants

The grants section is the central point of contact for the Patrol's grants program. Personnel assigned are responsible for the coordination of all grant-related activities for the Patrol, including the identification of alternate funding sources, facilitation of grant applications, monitoring grant activities, and administration of subawards.

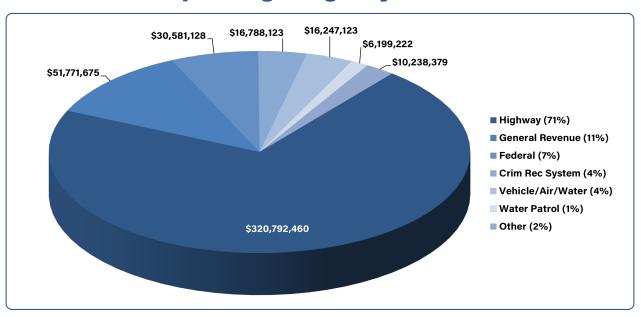


Captain Matthew J. Broniec Director

### **Supply and Procurement**

The supply and procurement section coordinates Patrol purchases. Section personnel maintain a stock of necessary supplies and issue them as needed to agency employees throughout the year. The section maintains an inventory record of assets owned by the Patrol. Section personnel also produce forms, brochures, and other printable material for use by people inside and outside the organization.

### **FY24 Operating Budget by Fund Source**



## **GOVERNOR'S SECURITY DIVISION**

Lieutenant Diana P. Hutzler **Acting Director** 

The Governor's Security Division is responsible for providing security for the governor and his immediate family, visiting governors, and other dignitaries.

During 2024, the division provided protective services to Governor Michael Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson, as well as Governor-Elect Mike Kehoe and First Lady Elect Claudia Kehoe. Individual Governor's Security Division officers were assigned to 241 out-of-state travel days and 932 travel days in cities across the state of Missouri.

During 2024, the division handled advance and security for travel outside of the continental United States to Italy, England, France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Monaco, and Panama. Some high-profile travel included security and transportation to the Republican Governor's Association Winter meeting in Marco Island, FL; Disney World in Orlando, FL; Kansas City Chiefs Superbowl LVII game in Las Vegas, NV; the Chiefs Celebration Parade in Kansas City, MO; and Eagle Pass, TX twice while the Governor visited the Mexico Border. Other travel included Dallas, TX; Nashville, TN; Washington D.C.; and Salt Lake City, UT.

Division members were trained in Active Shooter scenarios and assisted the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy in the instruction of a basic and dignitary protection courses for Patrol and outside agencies.



Sgt. Stacey Mosher walks along a parade route with First Lady Teresa Parson.



Cpl. Jonathan Conrad stands with Governor Parson at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

## **RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

The Research and Development Division (RDD) is a support component tasked with the management of various agency administrative functions. RDD efforts support the continued accomplishment of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's mission by providing internal services and risk mitigation to the agency and its members. During 2024, RDD accomplished the following:

### Studies, Collaborations, etc.

- Collaborated with JusticeTrax to assess the viability of upgrading the Patrol's property and evidence management system through the ChainLinx application.
- · Explored the need for enhanced training and potential integration of new pursuit mitigation techniques into use-of-force policies.
- · Partnered with the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command to request the creation of a specialized training course focused on the Police Allocation Model and its application for state agencies.

### **Organizational Support & Administrative Services Section**

#### **Directives**

· Managed the cyclic and ad hoc reviews of 103 agencywide directives.

#### **Forms and References**

· Managed the cyclic and ad hoc reviews of 301 departmental forms.

#### **CALEA Accreditation**

- · Successfully completed the Year 1 online CALEA policy and standards assessment.
- Submitted proofs of compliance for 461 external standards.

#### Strategic Planning

- · Strategic Planning Committee met via Webex.
- · Updated the Strategic Plan objectives with emphasis on technology and public education.

### Statistical Analysis & Internal **Support Services Section**

#### **Staff Inspections**

- Troop D
- Troop H
- · Missouri Information Analysis Center
- · Aircraft Division
- · Crime Laboratory Division



Captain Brian L. Daniel **Director** 

- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division
- Training Division

#### **Compressed Staff Inspections**

- Troop B
- · Fleet and Facilities Division
- · Gaming Division
- · Water Parol Division
- · Professional Standards Division
- Research and Development Division

#### **Property Control**

- Annual Property Control Supervisor Meeting
- Inspected 10 component property control rooms

#### **Statistical Analysis Center**

- Completed analysis and reporting regarding racial profiling, use of force, and vehicular pursuits.
- Fulfilled 152 ad hoc data requests.
- Utilized various new and existing applications to create, maintain, and update multiple new and existing dashboards.
- Optimized multiple processes within the SAC to facilitate quicker response times with more accurate and consistent data.
- Completed the biennial Public Opinion Survey to assess public views on the performance of Patrol personnel.

#### National Violent Death Reporting System (VDRS) Unit

- · Violent death case files sought and collected from 414 police departments and sheriffs' offices.
- · Analyzed 2,069 case files and entered research data into the Violent Death Reporting System.
- Introduced the MOVDRS program to 28 continuing education members of the Missouri Sheriffs' Association.
- Achieved on-time completion of abstracting case files for the 6th straight year.
- For the 2023 casework (completed in 2024), the CDC end-of-year error report found NO substantive errors in the MSHP/MOVDRS Team's abstracting.

## **SUMMARY OF ARRESTS \***

## **Traffic Arrest Summary Totals**

Alcohol & Drug-Related Driving Violations	3
<b>Criminal Arrest Totals</b>	
Criminal Felonies 1,837 Criminal Misdemeanors 3,092  Boating Arrest Totals	
Boat & Motor Registration Violations	
Warrant Arrests 10,728	,
Juvenile Referrals 193	

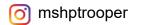
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