

# Missouri State Highway Patrol

The Gaming Division, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the Missouri Gaming Commission, provides criminal and regulatory enforcement of gaming operations within the state. Under the command of Captain Larry W. Plunkett, Jr., the division is divided into four sections: Administrative Services, Investigations, Eastern District Enforcement and Western District Enforcement. The Gaming Division is one of the Highway Patrol's largest divisions, with an authorized strength of 128 uniformed members and three civilians. The staffing of 128 troopers assigned to the Gaming Division does not impact or reduce the number of troopers assigned to patrol Missouri roadways, as allocated by the legislature.

The Gaming Division was established on May 1, 1994, by order of Colonel Fred M. Mills, and was the first new division established within the Patrol since the creation of the Division of Drug and Crime Control in 1983. Strict criminal and regulatory enforcement, as well as meticulous investigations are essential elements to the successful regulation of legalized gambling in Missouri. Because of its history of service with distinction and integrity, the Patrol was given the responsibility of providing investigative, regulatory and criminal law enforcement services, which ultimately police the gaming industry.

The Administrative Services Section, under the supervision of Lieutenant Mark A. Bielawski, oversees criminal records, case management, motor equipment/fleet management, training, overtime, recruiting, personnel actions and special projects.

The Investigative Section, under the supervision of Lieutenant Edward J. Aylward, is divided into two units: the Investigative Unit and the Charitable Games Unit. The Investigative Unit conducts extensive background investigations to determine the suitability of licensees, suppliers and vendors. The Charitable Games Unit oversees 233 licensed bingo operators and is also charged with conducting background investigations on both charitable gaming and riverboat supplier companies. The Investigation Section also oversees the collection and preservation of evidence.

The Enforcement Section is divided into two districts. The Eastern District is under the supervision of Lieutenant John M. Enderle. The Western District is under the supervision of Lieutenant Andrew O. Tourney. Officers assigned to the Enforcement Units are responsible for enforcing both Missouri criminal statutes and Missouri Gaming Commission regulations on the 13 licensed casino properties.

All four sections of the Patrol's Gaming Division are provided clerical support from Administrative Office Support Assistant, Ms. Jonna R. Farley; Clerk Typist, Ms. Rachel M. Thowe; and Clerk Typist, Mrs. Rebecca L. Libbert.

The following chart depicts arrests for all casinos statewide:

2017 MSHP-GD FISCAL YEAR CASINO ARRESTS													
BOAT	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTALS
Ameristar KC	57	79	55	53	71	76	83	97	140	88	77	59	935
Ameristar SC	43	32	16	10	49	27	38	18	44	12	51	6	346
Argosy	20	18	23	40	18	37	71	77	48	53	38	33	476
Harrah's NKC	15	13	17	9	42	16	3	24	28	12	13	22	214
Hollywood - STL	14	14	12	26	7	23	29	12	11	18	19	18	203
Isle of Capri - Boonville	3	3	3	9	3	3	4	5	4	3	7	1	48
Isle of Capri - Cape	6	8	18	7	2	20	5	9	14	16	28	16	149
Isle of Capri - KC	18	17	39	32	21	15	37	31	39	75	36	39	399
Lady Luck/ IOC	1	2	2	3	2	0	4	3	0	1	1	0	19
Lumiere Place	109	148	64	110	68	85	139	81	121	142	120	145	1332
Mark Twain	0	2	3	6	5	0	4	12	5	5	6	1	49
River City	59	51	56	67	95	129	59	154	138	102	89	102	1101
St. Jo Frontier	3	0	1	3	4	1	2	2	0	7	3	2	28
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>5299</b>