

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 Jeffery T. Fitzgerald, oversees criminal records, case management, motor equipment/fleet management, training, overtime, recruiting, personnel actions, oversees the collection and preservation of evidence 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 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. Rachel M. Thowe; Clerk Typist, Mrs. Rebecca L. Libbert; and Clerk Typist Mrs. Jessica Southards.

The following chart depicts arrests for all casinos statewide:

2018 MSHP-GD FISCAL YEAR CASINO ARRESTS													
BOAT	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTALS
Ameristar KC	91	103	92	87	85	126	90	43	55	30	58	26	886
Ameristar SC	19	19	14	15	8	21	22	22	27	18	31	43	259
Argosy	53	22	40	28	42	50	62	52	75	37	38	44	543
Harrah's NKC	35	7	21	14	23	36	21	30	11	30	12	3	243
Hollywood - STL	14	43	13	11	11	5	5	15	23	9	22	19	190
Isle of Capri - Boonville	1	2	4	5	0	8	1	7	3	0	3	1	35
Isle of Capri - Cape	9	11	7	6	13	10	9	12	5	6	5	13	106
Isle of Capri - KC	34	23	66	35	63	43	23	51	65	36	49	19	507
Lady Luck/ IOC	1	3	7	0	1	2	2	0	3	0	0	2	21
Lumiere Place	117	183	68	116	140	188	200	193	195	201	185	174	1960
Mark Twain	0	4	0	5	0	1	1	0	2	3	4	0	20
River City	146	110	166	73	34	156	76	105	60	67	117	109	1219
St. Jo Frontier	2	6	3	5	3	6	3	5	2	1	4	3	43
TOTALS	522	536	501	400	423	652	515	535	526	438	528	456	6032