

# 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 122 uniformed members and three civilians. The staffing of 122 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 Edward J. Aylward, oversees criminal records, case management, motor equipment/fleet management, training, overtime, recruiting, personnel actions, collection and preservation of evidence, and special projects.

The Investigative Section, under the supervision of Lieutenant Jeffery T. Fitzgerald, 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 conducts background investigations on both charitable gaming and riverboat supplier companies, investigates complaints, and conducts site inspections.

The Enforcement Section is divided into two districts. The Eastern District is under the supervision of Lieutenant Jody T. Laramore. 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. Stephanie A. Miller.

The following chart depicts arrests for all casinos statewide:

2021 MSHP-GD FISCAL YEAR CASINO ARRESTS													
BOAT	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTALS
Ameristar KC	43	26	44	40	37	74	50	52	56	40	40	58	560
Ameristar SC	17	17	20	22	26	52	40	20	49	31	21	25	340
Argosy	29	38	40	28	11	34	59	25	53	48	64	45	474
Harrah's NKC	26	21	29	7	22	15	14	61	32	19	76	21	343
Hollywood - STL	12	29	10	14	30	25	26	21	10	15	39	25	256
Isle of Capri - Boonville	1	0	0	7	1	1	3	8	4	0	4	2	31
Century Casino - Cape Girardeau	5	3	2	7	4	3	7	6	10	21	8	7	83
Casino KC	59	21	33	67	31	67	37	110	68	65	106	52	716
Century Casino Caruthersville	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	0	1	4	0	0	17
Lumiere Place	10	12	16	15	30	12	23	5	19	16	14	13	185
Mark Twain	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	19	28
River City	48	82	30	124	43	81	58	53	107	62	60	102	850
St. Jo Frontier	2	1	2	0	3	1	3	1	10	0	1	4	28
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>3911</b>