Department of Public Safety

Established in 1974, the Department of Public Safety coordinates statewide law enforcement, criminal justice and public safety efforts to ensure a safe environment for Missourians. The department’s mission “will provide a safe and secure environment for all individuals through efficient and effective law enforcement, national defense, disaster preparedness, service to veterans and education.” The department is organized into 10 separate agencies: Office of the Director, Missouri Capitol Police, Division of Fire Safety, Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri State Water Patrol, Missouri National Guard (Office of the Adjutant General), State Emergency Management Agency, Missouri Veterans Commission and the Missouri Gaming Commission.

Office of the Director

The Director of Public Safety is appointed to this cabinet level position by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The director is responsible for developing public safety programs, peace officer training and certification and providing legislative guidance on criminal justice issues. Additionally, the director is responsible for overseeing distribution of state and federal resources and funds in contracts for narcotics control, victims’ assistance, crime prevention and juvenile justice. As the department’s central management unit, the director’s office coordinates departmental budget, personnel, legislative matters and related financial and administrative activities. The director’s office is also responsible for the administration of specific programs conferred upon it by the legislature or governor. These programs are:

- Administration of federal Narcotics Control Assistance Program (NCAP) funds, Delinquency and Youth Violence Prevention (Title V) funds and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds from the U.S. Department of Justice for projects to improve juvenile justice in Missouri and provide staff support for the state Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG).
- Administration of federal Narcotics Control Assistance Program (NCAP) funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Justice Administrative Grant Program (JAG) for state and local projects in the area of drug enforcement, crime control and community policing.
- The Missouri Crime Victim Services Unit administers the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA); federal STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA); Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP); the State Services to Victims Fund (SSVF) and oversees the Missouri Office for Victims of Crime, which maintains the statewide automated crime victim notification system (MoVANS). VOCA, VAWA, SAPS and SSVF provide grants that fund local victim service providers, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and other public and private non-profit agencies to assist crime victims in Missouri. The unit strives to ensure that people affected by crime are treated with fairness, dignity and respect; and to open up lines of communication between victim organizations and the government.
- The Crime Victims’ Compensation Program (CVC) provides financial assistance to victims who have suffered physical harm as a result of violent crime. In the case of death, the program helps the victim’s dependents. The CVC Program is designed to assist victims of violent crimes through a period of financial hardship as a payor of last resort. If a victim has exhausted other collateral sources, such as health insurance, and has no other sources of reimbursement, the program can help pay for medical costs, wage loss, psychological counseling, funeral expenses and support to a maximum limit of $25,000.
- Administration of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Program (POST), which deals with the certification of peace officers who have received training specified by Chapter 590, RSMo, and provides staff support for the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission.
- Administration of the Missouri Crime Laboratory Upgrade Program including the disbursement of state funds to aid in the operation of the regional crime labs as specified in Chapter 595, RSMo, subject to appropriations.
- Administration of the Internet Cyber Crime Grant Program (ICCG). This program is administered by the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Office of the Director, pursuant to Chapter 650, RSMo, Section 650, 120 and House Bill 1672. This program was developed by the state of Missouri in correlation with House Bill 1698, also known as Jessica’s Law. The ICCG program distributes funding to support a broad range of activities to control and prevent internet cyber crime and to improve public safety. Contracts are awarded to fund and train Missouri law enforcement personnel.

Missouri Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

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Field Operations
Missouri Capitol Police officers patrol the buildings and grounds in their jurisdiction, 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Patrols are made on foot, by vehicle and on bicycle. Criminal investigations, medical emergencies, traffic accidents, security and fire alarms and security escorts are only a few of the many incidents and calls for service that officers provide to over 15,000 state employees and over 200,000 annual visitors to the seat of government.

Executive Protection
Since 1978, officers have staffed the Missouri Governor’s Mansion. A team of specially trained and certified police officers are assigned on a full time basis to the Missouri Governor’s Mansion. Officers on this team provide residential security for the state’s first family 24-hours a day. Training has been provided for these officers by the U.S. Secret Service, Pennsylvania State Police and other executive protection agencies.

Communications Operations
Capitol Police Communications and Command Center is a point of contact for those who need police services in the Capitol Complex 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Communications operators utilize computer terminals that interface with the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES), the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), the Missouri Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle and License Division, the Missouri Motor Vehicle and License Division Operator files, and other information systems. In addition to radio and telephone communications with the public and other agencies, communications operators are responsible for management of a fire/life safety monitoring system, which includes fire, intrusion and duress alarms; after-hours building access for most complex facilities; and collection of weather-related information for completion and dissemination of the State Employee’s Hazardous Travel Policy.

Special Services
Capitol Police members provide specialized training and services on request. Special investigations involving suspected criminal conduct, site security surveys and programs covering personal safety and other safety related issues have been provided at several sites in Jefferson City.

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The Missouri State Fire Marshal’s office was established by the 76th Missouri General Assembly in 1973. Effective September 1985, the office was renamed the Division of Fire Safety and was housed within the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

The division is charged with the oversight and enforcement of programs that maintain the safety and well-being of the general public. Responsibilities include: providing fire safety standards and inspections for all state-licensed facilities; investigating all suspicious fires and explosions in the state upon request; regulating the use and sale of fireworks and licensing fireworks operators (shooters); training and certification of fire fighters and emergency response personnel; inspecting and licensing nonexempt boilers and pressure vessels; inspecting and issuing operating permits for elevator-related equipment; inspecting and issuing operating permits for amusement rides; monitoring of fire emergencies and assisting local, regional and state fire authorities through the State Fire Mutual Aid System; overseeing the rules and regulations relating to the licensing of explosive blasters and the registration of explosive users; and evaluating and issuing practicing licenses for private fire investigators doing business in Missouri.

Missouri Fire Safety Advisory Board
The Missouri Fire Safety Advisory Board makes recommendations and monitors programs within the Division of Fire Safety.

Fire Service Training
The Division of Fire Safety’s Training Unit is responsible for the training and certification of over 23,000 fire fighters in the State of Missouri. In addition, the Training Unit’s customers include representatives from law enforcement, private industry, emergency response personnel, and other state agencies. The division offers 14 different courses and 15 levels of state certification. The Missouri Division of Fire Safety is accredited through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress and the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission.

The training unit is also responsible for the Fire Fighter Training Contracts, National Fire Incident Reporting System, the State Fire Mutual Aid System and fire department registration. When appropriated, the division also provides funding for free training that is available to all Missouri fire fighters and emergency response personnel.

Fire Inspection
Fire Safety Inspectors conduct fire safety inspections of facilities and locations licensed or certified by state agencies including the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Department of Mental Health, the Division of Family Services, and Senior Citizens Nutrition Centers. These inspections, based upon
of Licensed Private Fire Investigators, the authority to license only qualified individuals.

**Fireworks Enforcement**

The Division of Fire Safety is charged with enforcing 320.106, RSMo, involving the investigation, permitting, and inspection of the fireworks industry in Missouri. This statute requires prospective manufacturers, distributors, jobbers, wholesalers, and retailers to acquire a fireworks permit before conducting business in Missouri. Applicants must meet certain requirements, follow safety procedures, and acquire a fireworks license.

The scope of this program was broadened by the 2004 legislature with the addition of testing and licensing of individuals who shoot fireworks for public displays. This includes the previously exempt proximate (indoor) fireworks shows.

The division’s inspection and investigation staff conduct inspections of facilities selling, manufacturing, or distributing fireworks.

In fiscal year 2008, the program generated $199,475.00 which was deposited to the credit of the Fire Education Fund to provide free fire-fighter training.

**Blasting Safety Act**

The Blasting Safety Board continues to advise, with the Missouri Fire Education Commission, the 1995 creation of the Blasting Safety Act. This legislation places certain requirements upon amusement ride owners/operators when a death or serious physical injury occurs as a result of the operation of an amusement ride. If an injury or death occurs under the purview of the statute, the Division of Fire Safety initiates an investigation into the cause of the accident. The legislation also places certain restrictions on the riders of amusement rides. A violation of any restriction may result in criminal prosecution.

Staff from the Elevator Safety program perform the duties required to support the Amusement Ride Safety Act. This program is overseen by a nine-member Amusement Ride Safety Board which advises the division on rules and regulations governing the program.

**Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules**

The Missouri Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act, 650.200–650.295, RSMo, was passed in 1984 and became mandatory on November 12, 1986. The purpose of the law is to assure the safety of the general public, those who work in the vicinity of boilers and pressure vessels, and to protect property.

The act requires periodic inspections of boilers and pressure vessels and the issuance of a state operating certificate. These inspections are performed by certified inspectors in accordance with nationally recognized standards. Vessels found to have violations in relation to these standards are required to be repaired prior to the issuance of the state operating certificate. Accidents involving boilers or pressure vessels are investigated by the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Unit.

The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Board advises the division on rules and regulations governing the program.

**Elevator Safety Act**

In 1994, the 86th General Assembly enacted House Bill 1035 creating the Elevator Safety Act. This act established an Elevator Safety Board to develop and adopt a code of rules and regulations relating to the construction, maintenance, testing, and inspection of all elevators and similar devices, as well as the evaluation of variance requests.

The legislation requires annual safety inspections of every elevator and similar devices as specified in the statute. Upon an approved inspection, a state operating certificate is issued.

**Amusement Ride Safety Act**

In 1997, House Bill 276 was enacted relating to amusement ride safety. It requires annual safety inspections of all amusement rides and mandates that those rides to obtain state operating permits before commencing operation in the state. Additionally, the division staff has the authority to conduct spot inspections on any ride operating in the state.

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**Missouri Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control**

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The Department of Liquor Control was established by the Liquor Control Act in 1934 and was restructured as a division within the Department of Public Safety in 1974. The Division of Liquor Control’s name was changed to the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC) in 2003. The division’s responsibilities are to enforce the
liquor control laws under Chapter 311, RSMo, the youth access to tobacco law under Chapter 407, RSMo, and the rules and regulations of the State Supervisor of Alcohol and Tobacco Control. The agency’s responsibilities are primarily threefold: revenue collection, liquor licensing and liquor and tobacco enforcement. The liquor control laws and the state’s system of alcoholic beverage regulations are designed to ensure the public health and safety as affected by intoxicating beverages. Alcohol and Tobacco Control supervises the state’s revenue derived from the collection of excise taxes on alcoholic beverages and license fees. Additionally, state statute mandates the division protect the consumer from tainted alcoholic products and the liquor industry from infiltration and exploitation by the criminal element.

The Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control is headed by the state supervisor, who is authorized to appoint and employ all agents and assistants as is necessary for the proper enforcement and administration of the Liquor Control Law and Youth Access to Tobacco Law.

The state supervisor has the authority under Chapter 311, RSMo, to promulgate regulations, issue liquor licenses, suspend, revoke or fine liquor licenses for liquor control law violations. The supervisor also has the authority under Chapter 407, RSMo, to issue citations prohibiting outlets from selling tobacco products for violations of youth access to tobacco law.

Licensing and Revenue Collection Section

The main function of the licensing and revenue collection section is to assure general compliance with liquor control laws requiring the collection of excise taxes on all alcoholic beverages brought into the state of Missouri. Approximately $32 million is collected annually from liquor, wine and beer taxes for deposit into the general revenue fund. This is achieved by regularly conducting audits of licensed manufacturers, wineries, breweries and wholesalers.

This section is responsible for overseeing compliance regarding primary American source of supply, product testing and brand registration, which provides assurances to Missouri citizens that products are safe for consumption, and all excise taxes due have been paid. The licensing section annually collects and processes over $4 million in license fees and processes over 28,000 license applications. This section is also responsible for retention of the division’s records.

Enforcement Section

Alcohol and Tobacco Control’s enforcement section consists of three districts. The enforcement section is supervised by the Chief of Enforcement and staffed with POST certified district supervisors, special agents and agents. Special agents and agents are assigned territories within a district. Each section is responsible for enforcing the liquor control and tobacco laws with a special emphasis on youth access to alcohol and tobacco. This is achieved by conducting undercover investigations, routine inspections, responding to citizen complaints, working with local law enforcement, and educating licensees on liquor control laws, tobacco laws and regulations.

Badges in Business

Alcohol and Tobacco Control, in partnership with the Division of Highway Safety (DHS), has a successful and innovative enforcement program called Badges in Business (BIB). The BIB allows State ATC Agents to pose as employees at the request of the retailer. Agents assist store employees in the detection of underage patrons and fraudulent identifications. Minors who show fake identities or who otherwise attempt to purchase alcohol are cited. The success of this project is due largely to the cooperative efforts of DHS, local prosecutors, licensed retailers and local law enforcement agencies.

Educational Programs

In recent years ATC has taken a more proactive stance by providing industry education, server training and law enforcement education programs. Seminars for thousands of retail servers across the state have been conducted to reduce underage drinking, the over-serving of alcohol to customers and the sale of tobacco products to minors. Informational pamphlets are also provided to assist liquor licensees and tobacco outlets in complying with liquor control laws and tobacco laws. Alcohol and Tobacco Control also has an educational program to train law enforcement on the liquor control laws.

Summary

Recently, ATC has streamlined the liquor renewal process, utilized grants to provide more services and modernized revenue collections. The Division has provided enhanced employee training to increase the professionalism of personnel. Greater information is provided to the public, liquor and tobacco industries, and local law enforcement to achieve an unprecedented level of efficiency and cost-effectiveness for Missourians.

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Missouri State Highway Patrol

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Since its inception in 1931, the Missouri State Highway Patrol has evolved from a highway patrolling force to a full service law enforcement agency with its primary emphasis remaining on traffic safety. The patrol’s original force, established by the enactment of Chapter 43, RSMo., was 55 officers and a handful of civilians. Today, there are 1,141 uniformed members, 106
of whom are assigned to the Gaming Division, and 1,119 civilians in the Missouri State Highway Patrol. During its first 43 years, the patrol answered directly to the governor; however, during the government reorganization of 1974, it was placed under the Department of Public Safety. The patrol is responsible not only for law enforcement on our state’s highways, but also motor vehicle and commercial vehicle inspection programs, drivers license examinations, motor vehicle and commercial vehicle inspections, law enforcement on our state’s highways, but also motor vehicle and commercial vehicle inspection programs, drivers license examinations, motor vehicle and commercial vehicle inspections, criminal investigations, crime laboratory analysis and research, public education on safety issues, and more.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol is nationally known for the success of its drug interdiction program. Because of its central location in the United States and its major interstates, Missouri has become a crossroad for the distribution of drugs. Operation Cash Crop, the methamphetamine hotline, and the drug-trained canine unit make the patrol’s drug interdiction program a success. In 2008, the patrol’s drug interdiction program resulted in the seizure of over 12,330 pounds of marijuana, 197 pounds of cocaine, eight pounds of methamphetamine, and 3.75 pounds of heroin, in addition to quantities of other illegal drugs. In connection with the drug interdiction program, 239 criminal arrests were made, and $1,841,059 in cash and 10 weapons were seized. In 2008, 1,487 methamphetamine laboratory incidents were conducted, leading to the seizure of 500 operational clandestine methamphetamine laboratories.

Since October 1997, the patrol’s major crash investigation teams have provided a higher level of expertise and reporting in the field of traffic crash investigation. The office locations of Higginsville, Jackson, Wentzville, and Springfield were chosen as the best sites in which to serve the main population of the state. In 2008, approximately 151 Level IV reconstructions (fatalities involving commercial vehicles, school buses, or with felony charges against a driver, etc.) were completed. Additionally, these teams answered 192 calls for service to assist patrol members and other agencies with mapping of homicide scenes, crash data retrieval system downloads, photography of crash scenes, mapping and crash scene expertise.

The patrol’s four fully equipped Special Weapons and Tactics Teams (SWAT) are located in Troop A, Troop C, Troop D, and Troop F. The teams are comprised of officers assigned to regular road duty. In 2008, the SWAT teams responded to a total of 21 incidents. The activations included barricaded subjects, high-risk search and arrest warrants, presidential security details, and manhunts.

Missouri’s Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) is maintained and operated at the patrol’s Criminal Records and Identification Division. The system houses over 2 million ten-print cards. The system allows for the comparison of a set of fingerprints to the more than 2 million prints on file in a matter of minutes. AFIS has proven to be an exceptional identification tool for law enforcement agencies throughout the state in identifying and tracking criminals, identifying persons assuming another’s identity, identifying persons who were at a crime scene, and identifying deceased persons found without identification. Law enforcement agencies are able to submit tenprints electronically via livescan devices.

In accordance with Missouri statutes, DNA collection includes all felons. The laboratory generated 684 “hits” against Combined DNA Index System entries in 2008.

The superintendent commands the patrol, with the help of an assistant superintendent who is second-in-command, five majors (each commands a bureau), and his chief of staff, all of whom are uniformed members. A captain commands each of the nine troops and answers to the major assigned to the Field Operations Bureau. Twenty divisions organized under the remaining four bureaus lend administrative support to the troops and fulfill additional duties of the patrol. In addition to the divisions, the Missouri Information Analysis Center reports directly to a bureau. The chief of staff serves as a legislative and governmental affairs liaison. This member serves at the pleasure of the superintendent and is considered a member of the patrol’s command staff.

Executive Offices

The Professional Standards Division ensures integrity and fairness in the patrol’s dealings with the citizens it serves and with its employees. It also establishes consistency and uniformity within the troops/divisions.

Field Operations Bureau

The state of Missouri is divided into nine troops with headquarters in Lee’s Summit, Macon, Weldon Springs, Springfield, Poplar Bluff, Jefferson City, Willow Springs, St. Joseph, and Rolla. The Field Operations Bureau supervises all field activities.

The Aircraft Division assists in all phases of traffic law enforcement; in manhunts and searches for lost or missing persons; and during major disasters, such as floods, tornadoes, or major fires with an aerial observation platform, and rescue assistance. The division also plays a primary role in marijuana eradication activities.

The patrol consolidated Homeland Security duties in 2006. Those duties were assigned to a uniformed member, who acts as a liaison to local, state and federal agencies.
Criminal Investigation Bureau

The Crime Laboratory Division analyzes evidence found at the scene of crimes throughout the state. The division is comprised of eight laboratories: two full service laboratories located in Jefferson City and Springfield, and satellite laboratories located in St. Joseph, Macon, Park Hills, Cape Girardeau, Willow Springs, and Joplin. Services are provided to local law enforcement agencies at no cost. Initially, the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Laboratory Accreditation Board accredited the Crime Laboratory in 1985. It has been re-accredited every five years since. The Patrol Crime Laboratory is responsible for managing Missouri’s Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) database.

The Division of Drug and Crime Control provides prevention for the governor and the governor’s family. The division also provides security to the lieutenant governor, at his request when acting as governor, as well as to visiting governors and other dignitaries.

The Missouri Information Analysis Center was formed to collect, evaluate, analyze, and disseminate information and intelligence to local, state, and federal agencies tasked with homeland security responsibilities. The center was placed within the organizational structure of the Criminal Investigation Bureau in 2009.

Technical Services Bureau

The Communications Division operates a statewide voice and data communications network from our nine troop headquarters on a 365-day/24-hour basis. Division personnel communicate critical and often time-sensitive information to troopers on patrol throughout the state. Personnel also communicate and coordinate traffic safety and criminal apprehension activities with other law enforcement jurisdictions on a statewide basis. The division is responsible for the patrol’s state highway emergency hotline (800-525-5555, and wireless *55), the Missouri recorded road report system (800-222-6400), Missouri America’s Missing Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert system broadcasts, and communications for emergency state area command operations. All patrol communications assets and special emergency response equipment are maintained and supported by division personnel at the installation and repair facilities. Highly trained field and technical engineers are located at the main repair facility in Jefferson City and troop locations around the state.

The traffic arrest records section maintains the sex offender registry. This division also maintains the sex offender registry hotline. This division also manages data repositories for wanted/missing persons, stolen property, criminal records, traffic arrest records, and the fatality analysis reporting system. The traffic arrest records section maintains traffic crash records for the patrol. The division also manages the Uniform Crime Reporting program.

The Information Systems Division (ISD) manages information technology solutions and computer network services for the patrol and the Department of Public Safety. The division manages data repositories for wanted/missing persons, stolen property, criminal records, traffic accident and arrest records, drug and alcohol offender records and other related criminal justice information. ISD also supports connections to the National Crime Information Center, the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, the National Crime Information Bureau, the Missouri Department of Revenue and other regional justice systems.

Support Services Bureau

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division operates 24 weigh stations and 25 portable scale units in an effort to provide uniform enforcement of the laws and regulations governing the...
Administrative Services Bureau

The Driver Examination Division develops standards, policies, and procedures for the driver examination program, including the commercial driver licensing program. It creates the written tests for operators, chauffeurs, and motorcycle operators’ licenses, and aids in the preparation of the Missouri Driver’s Guide.

The Motor Equipment Division directs the maintenance, replacement, and general operation of the patrol fleet. It is responsible for policies controlling the expenses for fleet operation.

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The Public Information and Education Division prepares news releases, arranges press conferences, creates brochures and disseminates information to the news media and the general public. The division coordinates the patrol’s statewide traffic safety education program and is a resource for the 13 public information and education officers assigned throughout the state. This division is also responsible for the Safety Education Center (patrol museum) open to the public Monday-Friday (except holidays) from 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Administrative Services Bureau

The Budget and Procurement Division prepares the budget, maintains records of all federal and state purchases and expenditures for the patrol, maintains a perpetual inventory of all equipment and supplies, prepares the payroll and administers the patrol’s insurance program.

The Human Resources Division recruits, tests, selects and maintains records of civilian and uniformed employees; monitors agency personnel policies; ensures actions to ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations; and coordinates the patrol’s retirement, evaluation, and promotional systems.

The Training Division provides in-service and continuing education programs and courses for uniformed and civilian employees, and certified basic and career-enhancement courses for full-time law enforcement officers.

Operations of commercial motor vehicles. Commercial vehicle enforcement troopers assigned to each troop are responsible for enforcing commercial vehicle and special mobile equipment hazardous laws, inspecting radioactive shipments, and have homeland security training.

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Water Patrol officers perform marine dealer inspections subsequent to an application for licensure as a boat manufacturer or boat dealer.

The MSWP administers a mandatory boating safety course. This water safety education program is directed toward Missouri boating enthusiasts, both adults and children. Programs are taught by Water Patrol officers during the winter months, primarily November through March. The goal is to teach water safety to current and future boaters. Knowledge and awareness from educational programs, in conjunction with law enforcement, have reduced injury and fatality rates associated with water-related accidents. Therefore, in 2004, the legislature enacted legislation requiring boat operators born after January 1, 1984, to obtain a certification card from an approved boating safety course.

The total number of accidents, injuries and fatalities fluctuate from year to year but have generally declined even though the number of watercraft has increased. Enforcement policies, education and safety awareness have been contributing factors to these reductions.

The Water Patrol provides many other services to the public, including public safety exhibits; boat safety inspection stations; boat and motor verifications; authorization of regulatory markers and navigational aids; issuing permits for regattas, races and organized fishing events plus patrolling those events; investigation of citizen complaints, navigational obstructions, boating and water-related accidents and crimal activities; drug eradication and coordinated enforcement activities with other agencies; and recovery of accident victims. The MSWP has many specialized teams such as a scuba dive team, SWAT team and K-9 units.

Coordinated Activities

Flood Duty—The Water Patrol provides rescue and recovery assistance during flooding conditions. The division works closely with the State Emergency Management Agency and various other state and local agencies requesting flood assistance. The Water Patrol is one of the few agencies with proper equipment and experience to work in flooding conditions.

Dive Team—Dive team members are fully trained for dive operations in lakes, rivers and ponds.

Assistance—The Water Patrol often assists other agencies in emergency situations such as searches for fugitives and missing persons, felony criminal investigations, drug eradications and specialized enforcement activities.

Office of the Adjutant General

The Missouri National Guard is the hometown guard working to serve Missourians and the United States. The Missouri guard is an active participant in emergency management and response for the state and routinely deploys forces worldwide to perform federal missions as a partner in the Army and Air Force, including combat missions and operations other than war.

The oldest Missouri National Guard units claim a military lineage to pre-territorial times, when militia units were organized in the St. Louis area under French and Spanish colonial rule. Since then, guard units have performed state emergency duty hundreds of times in their federal role. In the 20th Century, Missouri National Guard units or members saw active service in World Wars I and II, Korea, the Berlin Crisis, Vietnam, Kuwait, Desert Shield and Storm, Somalia, Haiti, Joint Endeavor/Joint Guard in the Balkans, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

People—Approximately 11,500 men and women serve in the Army and Air National Guard units based in approximately 65 communities across the state. They are trained in hundreds of specific skills, most with direct application to civilian work and professions.

Roles and Missions—Unique among all the nation’s armed forces, the National Guard has a dual state and federal role under the U.S. Constitution.

The Missouri Guard is one of the National Guard forces in times of disaster and emergency. Recent state missions have included flood response on the Upper Mississippi River in July, 2008, and winter storm recovery in January, 2009 in Southeast Missouri. In addition, the Missouri National Guard supported six additional emergency duties in 2008 and early 2009, including assisting the states of Louisiana, Texas and North Dakota.

State duty is performed under orders of the governor, the guard’s peacetime commander in chief. The governor appoints the Adjutant General, who wears the two stars of a major general and oversees the Army and Air National Guard units assigned to the state by the federal government. He is advised by a state military council of senior leaders of the Army and Air National Guard, including the commanders of each major unit in the state.

The guard is also a federal reserve force, fully accessible to the president for short-notice duty in times of national emergency. Federal missions have kept Missouri Army and Air National Guard units very busy since the terrorist attacks on our nation on Sept. 11, 2001. The Missouri National Guard has seen more than 11,000 citizen-soldiers and airmen mobilized overseas in support of the global war on terrorism and homeland security roles here in the United States. In 2008, the Missouri National Guard saw its largest single deployment since World War I, with 1,000 citizen-soldiers comprising Kosovo Force 10.

The Missouri National Guard has several important initiatives in place to help support the needs of our guard members and their families.

Our Family Readiness Program continues to expand and improve, reaching out to provide support to the families left in Missouri when the citizen-soldiers and airmen mobilize away from home.

We’ve also developed a robust Yellow Ribbon Program, which helps soldiers, airmen and families prepare for a deployment and under-
stand the benefits that are available during and after a deployment.

The Military Family Relief Fund is headed up by the lieutenant governor and provides financial assistance to families who have been affected by a mobilization.

The Missouri Committee for Employer Support of Guard and Reserves works closely with employers and reserve military members across the state, helping them understand their roles and responsibilities.

Missouri is fortunate to have a strong arsenal in support of Homeland Security. The 22-member Missouri National Guard 7th Civil Support Team is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood. This team is highly trained to advise, assess and assist incident commanders in situations involving weapons of mass destruction. The team also facilitates military support to local first responders across the state.

Another homeland security tool available to the Missouri National Guard is the Adjutant General’s Office, and in turn, the governor, is the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or High Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package, or CERFP team. The CERFP team is specially trained to save lives while responding in a homeland security role or to an incident site involving weapons of mass destruction. The team has a robust capability to decontaminate casualties impacted by a terrorist attack or accident. It was certified by Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) in 2009.

The National Guard Bureau, a joint agency of the U.S. Army and Air Force, provides peacetime federal oversight of National Guard units. While the governor commands the Guard on a day-to-day basis, most costs are paid with federal funds. That includes the regular pay for soldiers and airmen of the guard, except when they are on a state emergency mission. The federal funding and a force of full-time, federally paid employees ensure the readiness of the guard for federal missions or state duty if called on by the governor. The federal government pays approximately 95 percent of the annual cost of the guard.

Missouri Military Council: Alewel, Col. Randy; Warrensburg; Anderson, Col. John; O’Fallon; Cotter, Brig. Gen. Stephen; St. Joseph; Danner, Brig. Gen. Stephen; president, Houlister; Hagler, Col. Wendel; Columbia; Hancox, Col. Kathleen; St. Louis; Irwin, Brig. Gen. David; Ballwin; Kay, Brig. Gen. Larry; Boonville; Leeker, Col. Robert; Defiance; McCord, Brig. Gen. Craig; Bates City; McNulty, Col. Michael; Platte City; Newman, Col. David; Millstadt; Il.; Thomas, Col. William; Rogersville.

Ex officio members Bamvakas, Lt. Col. (Ret), Anthony; Odessa; Beckley, Lt. Col. Brent; Jefferson City; Delgado, Jill; (Record), Centertown; Jenkins, CSM, Matthew; Jefferson City.

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The Missouri Army National Guard offers additional benefits. It provides Missouri communities and civilian employers. They earn GI Bill and other educational benefits, including state-funded educational support and matching scholarships provided by many Missouri colleges and universities, unique to the National Guard.

The Missouri National Guard works with community groups in drug demand reduction programs while also supporting local, state and federal agencies in drug supply reduction efforts. Other innovative readiness training projects let guard unit’s train by working on projects benefitting their communities.

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The State Emergency Management Agency’s (SEMA) mission is to protect the lives and property of all Missourians when major disasters threaten citizens in any city, county or region. Disasters include major ice, floods, tornadoes, severe weather, earthquakes, hazardous material, nuclear power plant accidents, radiological, biological and terrorisms. SEMA manages a nationally accredited program.

To meet this mission, SEMA coordinates and develops the State Emergency Operations Plan which directs the actions of Missouri state departments and agencies to aid requesting local jurisdictions. SEMA oversees Missouri’s disaster preparedness, floodplain management, hazard mitigation, disaster public assistance programs and coordinates the state’s response operations for all types of large-scale emergencies anywhere in the state. SEMA also administers the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grants for Missouri.
to determine if damaged buildings are safe for occupation. The SAVE Coalition members are building inspectors and construction industry professionals. Coalition members are required to pass the ATC-20 (Applied Technologies Council) structural evaluation course prior to receiving SAVE credentials and performing inspections.

SEMA provides administrative support to the Missouri Seismic Safety Commission (MSSC), which was established by 44.227, RSMo, to initiate a comprehensive program to help Missouri prepare for and respond to a major earthquake. The commission prepared and updates a strategic plan for reducing earthquake hazards in the state. Members also help organize Earthquake Awareness Month (February) activities.

Missouri Seismic Safety Commission Members

Berry, Kenneth, Chesterfield;
Bond, Art, St Louis;
Bono, Timothy, Ballwin;
Garnatz, Jeffery, Columbia;
Gould, Phillip, Richmond Heights;
Hasheider, Mark S., Cape Girardeau;
Hemphill, Gregory L., Dexter;
Herrmann, Robert B., Kirkwood;
Juden, Charles (Drew), Sikeston;
Landon, Donald, Springfield;
Lakenan, Jack, Perryville;
Mayer, Senator Rob, Dexter;
Palmer, James, Kansas City;
Reilly, Michael, St Charles;
Rogers, Jonathan (David), Joplin;

State and Federal Disaster Assistance

When a disaster overwhelms the ability of local communities to respond and/or recover, the governor may declare a state of emergency for the impacted area. This action allows state resources to augment the needs of local governments.

Based on the impact of the disaster event, and the results of joint damage assessments, the governor may request a federal disaster declaration in accordance with Public Law 93-288. If approved by the president, such a declaration enables the state to receive federal assistance to repair disaster damaged roads, bridges and critical infrastructure. Certain communities may be eligible for federal emergency management assistance to help communities prepare for and respond to a major earthquake.

Federal Disaster Declarations for Missouri since January, 2007

- January 2007 Winter/Ice Storm (Public Assistance).
- SBA Economic Declaration for the December 2006 Winter/Ice Storm.
- August 2007 Floods (Public Assistance).
- January 2008 Storms and Tornadoes (Public Assistance).
- February 2008 Winter/Ice Storm (Public Assistance).
- May 2008 Tornadoes (Individual Assistance).
- SBA Physical and Economic Declaration for the May 2008 tornadoes.
- January 2009 Winter/Ice Storm (Direct Federal Assistance, Public Assistance).

Volunteer Coordinator

During a disaster, SEMA’s volunteer coordinator works with state agencies, faith-based organizations and volunteer organizations to coordinate disaster assistance for victims. As local governments recover from the disaster, this coordinator provides technical assistance to local long-term recovery committees for unmet needs. The coordinator is the point-of-contact for the Missouri Disaster Recovery Partnership and the Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

Homeland Security/Terrorism Activities

SEMA administers the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds at the direction of the Homeland Security Advisory Council based on recommendations from the Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees (RHSOC), members of the council and state agencies.

This branch is responsible for all active HSGP (FY2005–FY2008) grants, which integrates the State Homeland Security Program, the Urban Areas Security Initiative, the Citizen Corps Program, the Transit Security Program, Buffer Zone Protection Program, the Metropolitan Area Critical Transportation Infrastructure (MACTI) Grant program, the Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Grant program, the Grant Program for the Protection of Nuclear Power Facilities, and the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) program.

Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC)

The Missouri Emergency Response Commission implements the federal Emergency Management and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and related Missouri laws pertaining to hazardous chemicals storage. The commission supports infrastructure, as well as provides technical assistance in the areas of chemical emergency preparedness and response, training, and education. The MERC administers the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Program (HMEPP) for HAZMAT training to local public sector employees and the Chemical Emergency Preparedness Funds (CEPF) for planning and training for LEPCs to carry out their responsibilities designated under EPCRA and 292.600-625, RSMo.

MERC Members

Bindbeutel, Joe, director, Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City;
Brinton, William C., St Joseph;
Britt, John, director, Department of Public Safety, Jefferson City;
Cardone, Lisa A., Ava;
Corwin, James, Kansas City;
Days, Sen. Rita, St Louis;
Derickson, Bob, O’Fallon;
Donnelly, Margaret, director, Department of Health and Senior Services, Jefferson City;
Halmich, Bill, Washington;
Hill, Rep. Kay, California;
Martin, Linda, director, Department of Revenue, Jefferson City;
Payne, Marie L., Warsaw;

Advisory Committee for 911 Service Oversight

The Advisory Committee for 911 Service Oversight adopts 911 standards, helps communities with 911 issues, and reviews and comments on proposed 911 legislation. The committee’s priorities include 911 compliance issues, reviewing the rule on 911 service repairs, and becoming a resource for communities either developing a 911 system or those systems who want help upgrading their service.

Asahl, James, Jefferson City;
Berry, Mary M., Maysville;
Britt, John, director Department of Public Safety, Jefferson City;
Corryell, Sam, Springfield;
Head, Mark D., Leslie;
Heiss, Charles M., Centerview;
Hudett, Peggy, Kansas City;
Jarrett, Terry M., Public Service Commission, Jefferson City;
Jungmann, Becky J., Springfield;
Knight, Beth A., Kansas City;
Pierson, Elizabeth M., Norborne;
Person, James, Belton;
Jones, Rep. David, St Joseph;
Porter, Roger (R.D.), Columbia;
Robb, Dr. Brian J., Liberty.
Missouri Veterans Commission

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The Missouri Veterans Commission is vested with the responsibility of representing all Missouri veterans, ensuring their needs are met and defending the entitlements of those who have served their country with honor and distinction. This is accomplished through programs and services funded by the state and federal government as well as private and corporate contributions.

Our Mission

In recognition of the sacrifices made by veterans in service to our country, the Missouri Veterans Commission will provide our veterans with timely benefits assistance, skilled nursing care and a final resting place with honor.

Our History

The State Federal Soldier’s Home was established in 1896 by the Women’s Relief Corps Soldiers’ Home Association and was deeded to the State of Missouri in 1897. Its original purpose was to provide care to aging Missourians who had fought for the Union in the Civil War. In 1931, the state legislature, at the request of organized veterans groups, created the Office of State Service Officer for the purpose of counseling and assisting veterans of World War I (WWI) and earlier conflicts whose service connected disabilities were becoming manifest and for whom numerous benefits were being made available through the newly established Veterans Administration.

In 1974, the Omnibus Reorganization Act placed the Division of Veterans Affairs within the Department of Social Services. The State Federal Soldier’s Home Office of State Service Officer remained separate entities until the Reorganization Act of 1974 combined the two, re-naming the home and establishing the Division of Veterans Affairs within the Department of Social Services.

As defined in the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974, the Division of Veterans Affairs, as provided in Chapter 42, RSMo, 1978, was transferred from the Department of Social Services to the Department of Public Safety, Office of the Adjutant General, by a type 1 transfer. Executive order 81-18 (February 1981) passed at the first regular session of the 81st General Assembly, put this law into effect in September of 1981.

On August 28, 1989, the Division of Veterans Affairs was replaced by the establishment of the Missouri Veterans Commission as a type III transfer. Chapter 42, RSMo governs the commission’s operation as a state agency. The commission is comprised of five veterans appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The commissioners then appoint an executive director, who implements commission policies and is responsible for statewide management of veterans programs. The executive director reports regularly to the commission concerning all aspects of program operations through quarterly commission meetings.

Administrative offices are located in Jefferson City at 205 Jefferson Street, 12th Floor. This location also houses the local Veteran Service Office. Services and benefits provided to veterans by the Missouri Commission are:

Veterans Services Program

Through the Veterans Service Program, the Missouri Veterans Commission provides counseling and assistance to veterans throughout the state in filing claims for benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Veterans Service Offices are located in almost every county of the state to make services available to veterans close to their homes.

Information concerning location and phone numbers of veteran service officers may be found on the commission’s web site: www.mvc.dps.mo.gov

Veterans service officers are thoroughly trained and knowledgeable in all areas of veterans benefits, including compensation, pension, education, burial and widow’s benefits. Information and counseling regarding medical eligibility, VA Home Loan Guaranty, and other benefits, including those offered by the state, may also be obtained from the veterans service officer as well.

Veterans service officers are available to give presentations and instruction regarding the benefits for which veterans are eligible as a result of honorable military service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Veterans Home Program

The Missouri Veterans Commission currently operates and maintains seven long-term skilled nursing care facilities with a total of 1,350 available beds.

Veterans in need of nursing home care may seek admission to a Missouri veterans home by filing an application with the home of their choice. Prospective residents may obtain application forms from any Missouri Veterans Home, from a Missouri veterans service officer or by contacting the Missouri Veterans Commission Headquarters at (573) 751-3779. Home applications may also be downloaded from the commission’s web site: www.mvc.dps.mo.gov

Eligibility

- Applicant must be an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces;
- Applicant must have resided in the state of Missouri for at least 180 days during his/her lifetime;
- Applicant must have been determined to require nursing home care.

Funding/Costs

- State general revenue;
- Federal funding, through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Per Diem Grant Program;
- Charges to the veterans themselves, based on the individual’s ability to pay.

The maximum amount that a veteran may be charged currently is $1,800 per month. Ability to pay is based upon the veteran’s (and his/her spouse’s) total income and assets.

Missouri veterans homes are inspected at least annually by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the continuance of per diem payments. Policies for health care administration are centrally managed by the commission’s superintendent of homes, who routinely reviews management practices and clinical outcomes. Therapeutic modalities of physical, psychosocial and rehabilitative origin are provided in each facility.

Missouri Veterans Homes

St. James

620 N. Jefferson, St. James 65559
Telephone: (573) 265-3271 / FAX: (573) 265-5771
patty.saenger@mvnc.dps.mo.gov
Patricia Faenger, Administrator

St. James is the site of the first state veterans home. It was originally opened in 1896 by the Women’s Relief Corps Soldiers’ Home Association, and was deeded to the State of Missouri in 1897. A new, 150-bed facility was dedicated and opened on the original campus in 1996, in conjunction with the 100-year anniversary of the home. St. James is proud of its continuous 100-year tradition of providing care for veterans.

Mt. Vernon

1600 S. Hickory, Mt. Vernon 65712
Telephone: (417) 466-7103 / FAX: (417) 466-4040
don.long@mvnc.dps.mo.gov
Don Long, Administrator

In June of 2004, a new, state of the art, 200-bed facility was opened on Hickory Street in Mt. Vernon. The Missouri veterans home at Mt. Vernon was established April 1, 1983, in a wing of the Missouri Rehabilitation Center. The home is operated by the Missouri Veterans Commission to provide quality rehabilitative nursing care to Missouri’s disabled veterans.

Mexico

1 Veterans Dr., Mexico 65265
Telephone: (573) 581-5356 / FAX: (573) 581-5356
caryl.lybarger@mvnc.dps.mo.gov
Cheryl Lybarger, Administrator

As the state’s third veterans home, the Mexico facility was opened in 1985, and serves the north central area of the state. The 150-bed home features a large, open mall, containing dining rooms, lounges, a library, recreation and therapy areas, a general store and medical and administrative offices. An outdoor walking trail among the trees and flowers on the grounds provides much enjoyment and physical exercise for veterans at the Mexico home.

Cape Girardeau

2400 Veterans Memorial Dr., Cape Girardeau 63701
Telephone: (573) 290-5870 / FAX: (573) 290-5909
vivian.rains@mvnc.dps.mo.gov
Vivian Rains, Administrator

Serving veterans in southeastern Missouri, the 150-bed veterans home at Cape Girardeau was opened in 1990. It is designed to resemble a small village, with cluster design features consisting of three, 50-bed living units surrounding a central administration building. The home affords residents many amenities, including a lovely chapel adjacent to the lobby, made possible by a fund raising drive led by the American Legion and its auxiliaries.

St. Louis

20600 Lewis and Clark Blvd., St. Louis 63136
Telephone: (314) 240-6399 / FAX: (314) 240-6399
jan.rau@mvnc.dps.mo.gov
Jan Rau, Administrator

Missouri’s fifth veteran home, a 300-bed facility, is located in Belledonteau Neighborhood, off highways I-270 and 367 in St. Louis County. The home opened October 1, 1993. On the grounds of this veterans home are reminders of
the military service and sacrifice by veterans, including the display of a U.S. Army M60A3 tank, made possible by the St. Louis Veterans Home Committee (Assistance League).

Cameron
1111 Eufaula, Cameron 64429
Telephone: (816) 632-6610 / FAX: (816) 632-1361
celia.reed@mvc.dps.mo.gov
Celia Reed, Administrator

This 200-bed facility is the commission’s sixth veterans home and is located on a 20-acre site donated by the City of Cameron. It was dedicated February 4, 2000 and admitted the first resident on April 3, 2000.

Warrensburg
1300 Veterans Rd., Warrensburg 64093
Telephone: (660) 543-3064 / FAX: (660) 543-5075
eric.endeasy@mvc.dps.mo.gov
Eric Endeasy, Administrator

This 200-bed facility was dedicated July 14, 2000 as the commission’s seventh veterans home. The first resident was admitted September 26, 2000. The design for the Cameron and War-rensburg facilities is identical. They are divided into five sections. Sections A, B, and C are each 50-bed-long-term skilled nursing care units. Section D is a 50-bed dementia unit that contains its own dining room, activity area, and enclosed courtyard. Section E houses the administrative offices and ancillary services such as the recreation area, barbershop and rehabilitation area.

State Veterans Cemetery Program
Signed into law in 1996, this program gives the Missouri Veterans Commission statutory responsibility to establish, operate and maintain veterans cemeteries in Missouri. The vision and goal of the State Veterans Cemetery System is to locate cemeteries strategically throughout the state, making it possible for veterans and their families to have access within a 75-mile radius of their homes. The mission is to provide interment for veterans and their eligible dependents in a dignified, efficient and compassionate manner.

Higginsville
20109 Business Hwy. 13, Higginsville 64037
Telephone: (660) 584-5252 / FAX: (660) 584-9525
jess.tsamara@mvc.dps.mo.gov
Jess Rasmussen, Director

The cemetery is located on a 54-acre site and will contain approximately 21,000 burial sites. Groundbreaking occurred June 6, 1998. The cemetery was dedicated November 13, 1999 and the first burial was conducted January 22, 2000.

Bloomfield
17357 Stars and Stripes Way, Bloomfield 63825
Telephone: (573) 568-3871
celis.reed@mvc.dps.mo.gov
Ken Swearengin, Director

The Missouri Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield was established October 12, 2003. Interments began September 29, 2003. The cemetery is built on 64.21 acres of land, which was donated to the state of Missouri by the people of Stoddard County.

Jacksonville
1479 County Rd. 1675, Jacksonville 62620
Telephone: (660) 295-4217
ejerry.gagle@mvc.dps.mo.gov
Jerry Gagle, Director

The Missouri Veterans Cemetery at Jack-sonville was established October 25, 2003. It occupies 117.4 acres of majestic green land and includes a lake. The land for the cemetery was donated by Associated Electric.

Eligibility Criteria:
Eligibility criteria for burial in state veterans cemeteries will be the same as that for burial in national cemeteries, as stated in Missouri statute, signed into law in 1998. “…solely for the burial of veterans and eligible dependents as defined by the Department of Veterans Affairs….” Veterans interested in burial should contact the individual cemetery for a pre-determination of eligibility.

Benefits:
• burial space;
• grave liner;
• opening and closing of the grave;
• perpetual care;
• placement of cremation remains in either columbarium niche or inground burial;
• upright granite headstone.

Veterans Trust Fund
The Veterans Trust Fund was established in 1989 and is a means by which individuals and corporations may donate money to expand and improve services to veterans in Missouri. Approvals from the fund are being used to improve training of service officers to expand capabilities in meeting the special needs of residents of state veterans homes and to promote public awareness of the program, benefits and services available to Missouri’s veterans.

All contributions to the Veterans Trust Fund are tax deductible. Individuals and corporations can donate any amount over two dollars of their tax refund on their Missouri tax return, or by sending their contributions directly to the commission at any time. Monies from the fund are used to enhance, not replace existing programs.

Veterans Ombudsman Program
The Missouri Veterans Commission has developed an evolving program to match national corporation dollars and government and state agencies to the needs of the men and women supporting Operations Iraqi and Endur-ing Freedom and Noble Eagle (or Global War on Terrorism [GWOT]). As a one-stop of referral information, the program functions to bring con-nections and dollars to the families of deployed service members as well as returning veterans faced with:
• financial constraints due to deployment;
• legal issues as a result of service commit-ment;
• job retraining due to deployment injury;
• education needs for service member or family;
• filling the gaps between the Department of Defense, the Veterans Administration and life.

Minority Veterans Program
The Minority Veterans Program was established to encourage minority veterans and dependents to visit local veterans service offi-cers. In order to receive benefits they might be legally entitled to through the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs. The program’s goals include:
• increase benefit awareness among minority veterans;
• increase benefit awareness among widows of deceased veterans;
• increase Missouri Veterans Commission visibility among community agencies;
• collaboration with other veterans agen-cies to increase awareness of veterans programs;
• co-brand with businesses to promote veter-ans benefits awareness.

Women Veterans Program
The Missouri Veterans Commission is dedi-cated to finding all women veterans, past, pres-ent and future. They have appointed a women veteran coordinator and her mission is to ensure that Missouri women veterans have equitable access to federal and state veteran services and to ensure veterans are aware of their VA benefits, who to contact, and how to apply for these benefits.

The mission of the Women Veterans Pro-gram is to facilitate proactive leadership and services for women veterans, their dependents and survivors in Missouri.

Incarcerated Veterans Program
In February 2007 the Missouri Veterans Commission and the Department of Correc-tions signed a formalized agreement to provide direct services to Missouri incarcerated veterans. The Incarcerated Veterans Program works to facilitate the transition of veteran offenders to a productive life in the community. The program serves veteran offenders and their families as a principal advocate in ensuring that they receive appropriate services and empower the offenders with hope and new direction.

Veterans Commission Members
Frank, Joseph J., chair;
Comerford, John D., member;
Connors, Paul E., member;
Fairfax, Emmett W., member;
Nelson, Nancy M., member.

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The Missouri Gaming Commission was established in 1993 by the 87th General Assem-bly as specified by Chapter 133, RSMo. The commission assumed the responsibility for regu-lating riverboat and charitable gaming on July 1, 1994.

The commission is composed of five mem-bers, no more than three of whom may be mem-bers of the same political party. Commission members are appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of three years. Pursuant to statute, the overall membership of the commission reflects experi-ence in law enforcement, civil and criminal investigation and financial principles.

The commission’s role is to monitor gaming related activities to ensure that criminal ele-ments do not co-mingle with the program licensed gaming opera-tions. In addition, the commission works to protect the public by ensuring that games are conducted fairly, according to their rules and with full disclosure.

As a state regulatory agency, the commis-sion and its staff hold themselves to the highest
The key regulatory responsibilities of the commission are:

- to conduct thorough background investigations on all key persons involved in gaming operations, including substantial owners, management personnel, key operational employees and suppliers;
- to thoroughly investigate the finances of applicants and their key persons to determine if they have the financial resources and responsibility to meet their proposed obligations;
- to investigate the background of all occupational licensees, including dealers, slot attendants, food and beverage servers, security and surveillance personnel and all other employees who have access to the gaming area to ensure that the personnel operating the casino are of sufficient character to maintain the integrity of Missouri gaming;
- to photograph and fingerprint each employee so as to maintain a complete and accurate database of gaming personnel;
- to assign appropriate staff to each gaming operation to be present at all times when gaming is conducted. Enforcement agents are charged with ensuring that gaming is conducted in accordance with the Missouri gaming statutes, the rules and regulations of the commission and the licensee’s own internal controls;
- to ensure that the safety of the passengers is guarded, to conduct investigations of suspected wrongdoing and to receive complaints from customers;
- to review and audit the finances and compliance of the gaming operation through the combined use of commission staff, independent public accounting firms and internal casino audit staff that are retained by the licensee and approved by the commission;
- to monitor the financial integrity of gaming operators to ensure that Missouri’s financial interests are protected;
- charitable, fraternal, religious, service, social and veteran organizations are eligible to hold licenses to conduct charity bingo games in the state. Regular bingo licenses, special bingo licenses, abbreviated pull tab licenses, supplier licenses, manufacturer licenses and bingo hall provider licenses are all issued by the bingo division. Missouri Gaming Commission staff will assess qualifications of organizations applying for a charitable bingo gaming license, conduct required background investigations, audits, collect taxes and maintain all records related to charitable bingo.

Office of the Executive Director

The Office of the Executive Director is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the commission. The director supervises all staff activities, reports to the commission and is responsible for organizing and distributing all public documents and reports. The director oversees the Administration, Corporate Securities and Finance, Enforcement, Legal, and Charitable Bingo sections of the Missouri Gaming Commission.