



## Department of Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety is organized into nine divisions working to make Missouri safer and more secure: Office of the Director, Missouri Capitol Police, Division of Fire Safety, Division of Alcohol & Tobacco Control, Missouri State Highway Patrol, State Emergency Management Agency, Missouri Veterans Commission and Missouri Gaming Commission.

**The Office of the Director**, the central management unit, coordinates the other divisions, and includes the Office of Homeland Security, Missouri Office of Victims of Crime, Crime Victims Compensation, Missouri Interoperability Center and the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Program. It also administers federal and state grant programs.

**Missouri Capitol Police** is the primary law enforcement agency for the Capitol Complex, as well as other state buildings in Jefferson City, patrolling the buildings and grounds 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**The Division of Fire Safety** provides training and certification to firefighters and emergency response personnel, investigates fires across the state and has responsibilities related to the safety of fireworks, elevators, explosives, amusements rides, day care centers and boilers.

**The Division of Alcohol & Tobacco Control's** responsibilities include alcoholic beverage excise tax collection, liquor licensing along with liquor and tobacco enforcement, and providing training to licensees in these areas.

**The Highway Patrol's** responsibilities include law enforcement on state highways and waterways, criminal investigations, criminal laboratory analysis, motor vehicle and commercial vehicle inspections, boat inspections, and public education about safety issues.

**SEMA** helps Missourians prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, including coordinating state disaster response and developing state emergency plans working with local, federal and nongovernmental partners.

**The Veterans Commission** is charged with meeting the needs of Missouri's veterans through its seven Veterans Homes, service officers who provide veterans with benefit counseling and assistance, and five state Veterans cemeteries.

**The Missouri Gaming Commission** regulates commercial and charitable gaming in the state, including protecting the integrity of the industry and helping ensure a safe environment for customers, working with the assistance of the Highway Patrol.