

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Public Safety _____

HB Section(s): 8.095

Program Name: Field Operations Bureau _____

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Enforcement

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Protection and Service

1b. What does this program do?

Field Operations Bureau (FOB) service descriptions:

- Coordinates, plans, and analyzes the traffic and patrol functions of the nine geographic troops, which provide the full spectrum of police services to citizens throughout the state.
- Eight canine units are strategically located to assist law enforcement personnel in the detection of controlled substances, locating lost or missing persons, enhancing officer safety, and apprehending criminal suspects.
- Four 20-member Special Weapons and Tactics Teams are stationed at Troop A-Lee's Summit, Troop C-St. Louis, Troop D-Springfield, and Troop F-Jefferson City. The teams respond to a variety of critical incidents ranging from hostage situations to high-risk warrant services.
- Sixteen officers assigned to four Major Crash Investigation Units (MCIU), are positioned throughout the state. The units investigate and provide detailed reporting of serious crashes involving multiple-vehicle fatalities, commercial motor vehicles and crashes resulting in felony criminal charges.
- The Driving While Impaired Victim Advocacy program provides support, information and resources to victims of alcohol/drug related traffic crashes. Patrol officers interact more often with victims than other professionals in the criminal justice system.
- The Patrol Dive Team is comprised of 14 divers. The divers are located across the state and conduct dive operations to recover drowning or boating crash victims, or to recover criminal evidence for felony cases.
- FOB facilitated the Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) Training. This statewide initiative assists troopers with the identification of criminal indicators surrounding human trafficking. These cases are often multilayered and extremely complex, which necessitates extensive documentation for the successful prosecution of suspects and the recovery of victims from illicit activities.
- Mobile Field Force Training is critical for an enhanced state of readiness. The Field Operations Bureau provides guidance and support, and assists with the command and control during large scale deployments. Each troop maintains multiple squads ready for rapid deployment anywhere within the state.
- Coordinates the Aircraft Division, Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs, Combined Accident Reduction Effort, Criminal Interdiction operations, the Gubernatorial Inauguration Detail, and large-scale natural disasters.

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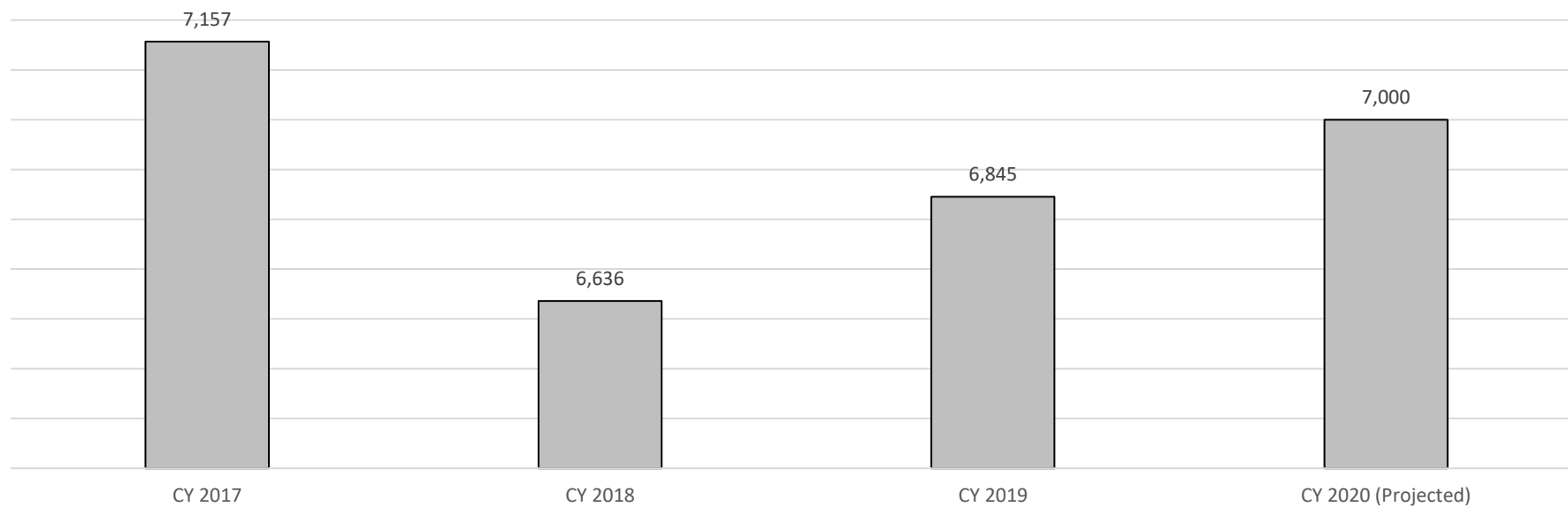
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

One of the primary goals of the Missouri State Highway Patrol is to remove intoxicated drivers from Missouri's roadways. National trends support a growing number of drug impaired drivers are frequenting our highways, and with the passing of Amendment 2, the number of drug impaired driving cases are expected to rise. To address this concern, the Field Operations Bureau mandated all enforcement personnel with three or more years of experience to complete Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training. The ARIDE class focuses on identifying drug impaired drivers and provides direction to improve the documentation and prosecution of these cases. The Patrol will have 746 of its 927 members trained in ARIDE during the first quarter of 2021. The Patrol continues to conduct numerous DWI saturations, Wolf Packs, and participates in all national impaired driving enforcement campaigns. These efforts are in support of the Patrol's mission of making our roadways safer through the reduction of alcohol/drug related drivers, injury, and fatality crashes. The Patrol's commitment has been steadfast, and new methods to address impaired driving will remain a top priority for enforcement efforts. No targets are set for number of arrests.

DWI Arrests



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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

Members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol attend approximately 1,190 hours of instruction at its Law Enforcement Academy in order to become troopers. That is 50% more than the state requirement. Recruits score an average of 91% on all administered tests. This additional instruction produces extremely qualified troopers to keep Missourians safe.

2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

The information below provides a comparison of the fatality rates for Missouri and the surrounding eight states. Many fatalities occur due to the frequency of human errors which include a large number of contributing circumstances drivers could easily avoid. The current trends still reflect seat belt usage to be the most prominent contributing factor to Missouri's fatality rates. As of August 12, 2020, the total number of fatalities resulting from traffic crashes in Missouri was 535, and 68% of those fatalities were not wearing their seat belt. Unrestrained fatalities continue to be one of the most critical factors that could easily change the outcome of vehicular crashes. The Missouri State Highway Patrol emphasizes the importance of seat belt usage, and will continue to participate in National Seat Belt Enforcement Programs in an effort to educate motorists within Missouri.

<u>State</u>	<u>Fatalities</u>		<u>Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Tennessee	1,024	1,041	1.24	1.28
Illinois	1,090	1,031	1.01	0.96
Missouri	932	921	1.23	1.20
Kentucky	782	724	1.59	1.46
Oklahoma	657	655	1.33	1.44
Arkansas	525	516	1.44	1.41
Kansas	461	404	1.43	1.26
Iowa	330	318	0.99	0.96
Nebraska	228	230	1.09	1.10
USA	37,473	36,560	1.17	1.13

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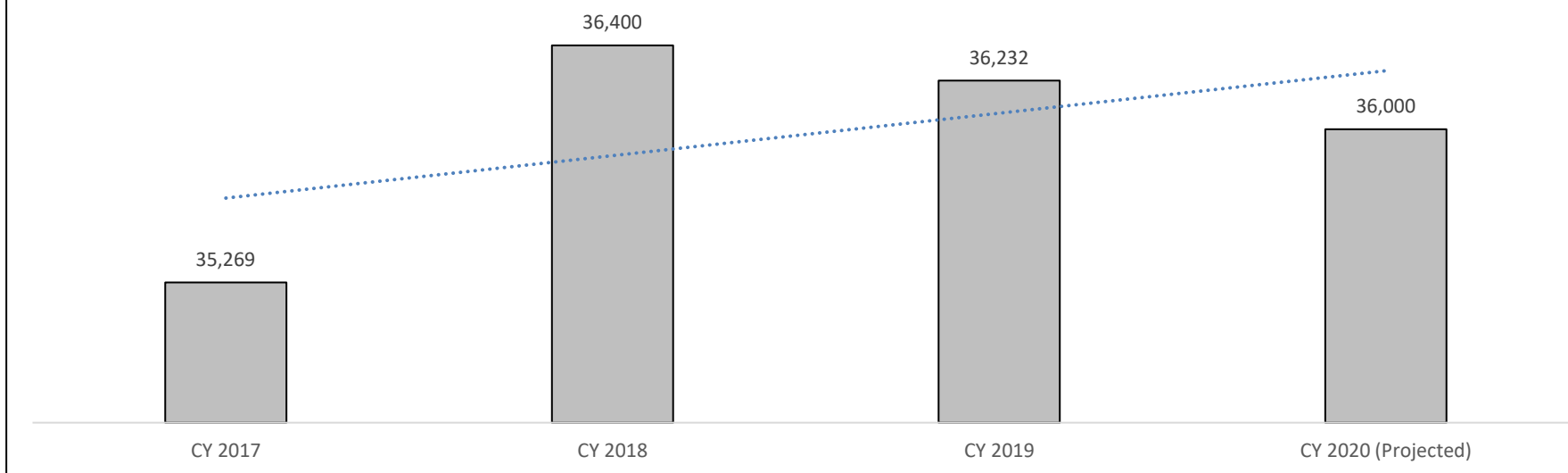
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The Missouri State Highway Patrol works tirelessly to reduce the number of traffic crashes within Missouri. These efforts are supported through daily enforcement, and conducting specialized enforcement projects which target hazardous moving violations, the removal of impaired drivers, and the promotion of seat belt usage within our state. The Field Operations Bureau supports all national enforcement programs, works closely with surrounding states during CARE enforcement projects, ensures additional officers are working during peak travel periods, and encourages high visibility enforcement to alter driving behavior. Additionally, Zone Commanders are encouraged to adjust staffing levels according to local trends and festivities within their respective counties.

Patrol Investigated Crashes



No targets are set for crashes.

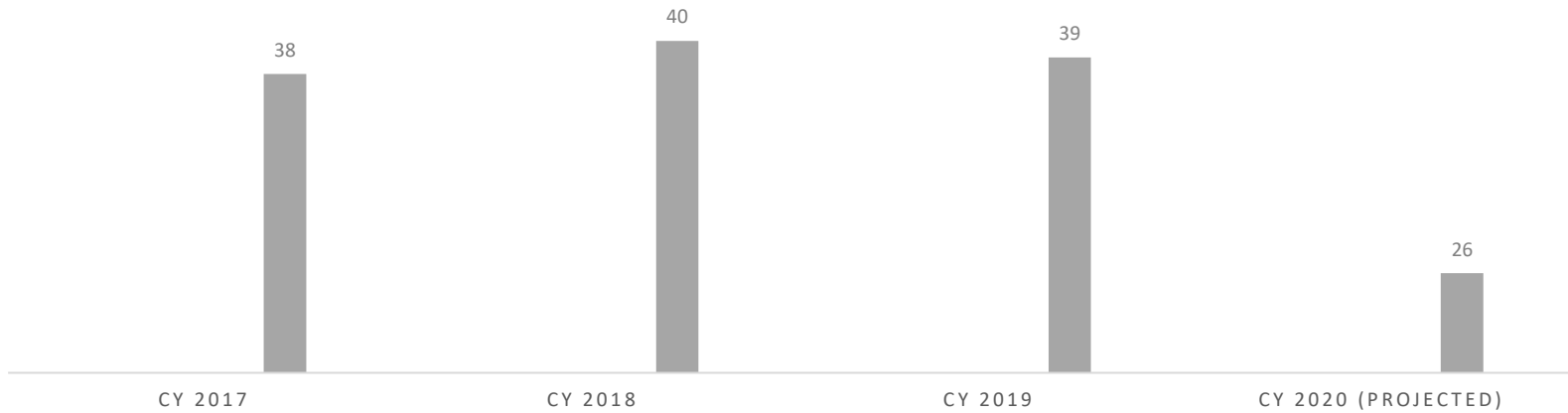
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF CRASHES INVESTIGATED PER TROOPER



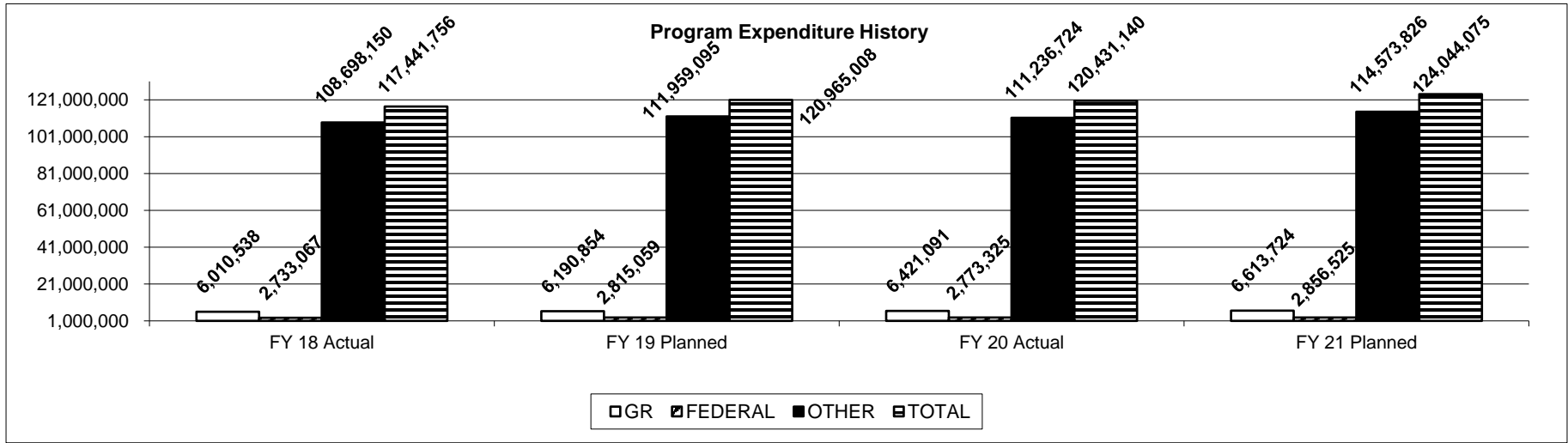
During 2020, the total number of crashes investigated by the Patrol has decreased as a result of reduced traffic during COVID-19.

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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



4. What are the sources of the "Other" funds?

WP (400), Highway (644), Retirement (701), OASDHI (702), MCHCP (765)

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

In 1931, the Missouri State Highway Patrol was created by the enacting of Missouri Revised Statute Chapter 43 by the General Assembly. Section 43.020 allowed for the creation of a force consisting of a superintendent, sergeants, corporals, patrolmen, and radio personnel. Members of the Patrol were vested with law enforcement powers which would supplement and not limit the duties of sheriffs, police officers, and other peace officers of this state. The primary purpose of the Highway Patrol is to enforce the traffic laws and promote safety upon the highways.

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

No

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

No