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Department: Public Safety

HB Section(s): 08.095

Program Name: Highway Patrol Gaming Division

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

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

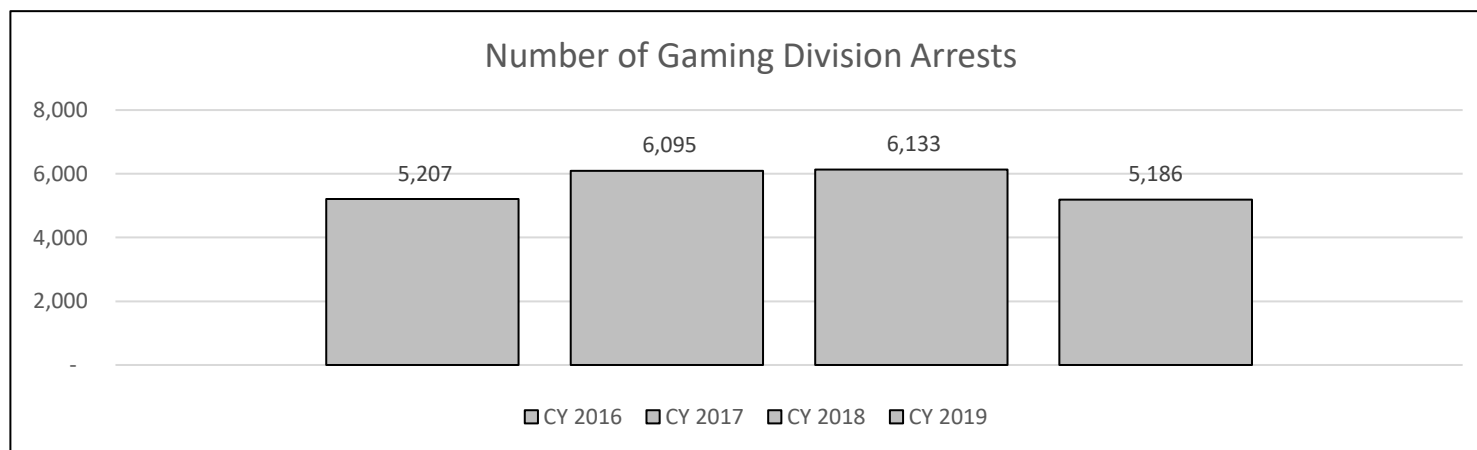
Protection and Service

1b. What does this program do?

The Gaming Division regulates the gaming industry by enforcing statutes, regulations, and internal controls. The division provides background investigations to determine suitability for gaming licenses for charitable gaming and for the casino gaming industry. The division also ensures public safety by providing police services at gaming facilities. Police services include the investigation of patron complaints, enforcement of state laws and regulations, and making arrest. Criminal investigations by the Gaming Division have resulted in arrests for offenses such as identity theft, counterfeiting, fraud, cheating at gambling games, and stealing by both patrons and casino employees.

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

There are 13 licensed casinos, 21 gaming equipment suppliers, and 215 charitable gaming license holders. During Calendar Year 2019, Gaming Division Troopers made 5,186 arrests. During 2019, along with criminal arrests, 1,345 containers of criminal evidence were added to the property control section. For Calendar Year 2019, Gaming Division Troopers had 1,973 regulatory investigations with 2,730 regulatory actions taken. For Calendar Year 2019, the Investigative Unit provided oversight to the 216 licensed charitable gaming operations, and conducted 83 license investigations.



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

Although no official awards or recognition exist for our type of work, the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Gaming Division is routinely recognized as the leader in all categories of activity by its peers at annual conferences and other functions. These categories include criminal and regulatory work, background investigations, and intelligence gathering/dissemination. As members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Gaming Division had: seven (7) members received Lifesaving Awards, one (1) member received the Meritorious Service Award and one (1) member received the Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer of the Year Award.

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

Since its inception, the Highway Patrol's Gaming Division has been tasked with providing for the safety and security of the state's riverboat gaming operations, as well as ensuring the integrity of the industry is not compromised through strict enforcement of the regulations and thorough investigations of the licensees. To date, no known infiltrations of gaming licenses by criminal organizations have occurred. Multiple instances of first responder intervention by the Gaming Division Troopers are documented yearly, most recently with multiple life saving techniques being applied to victims of opioid overdoses.

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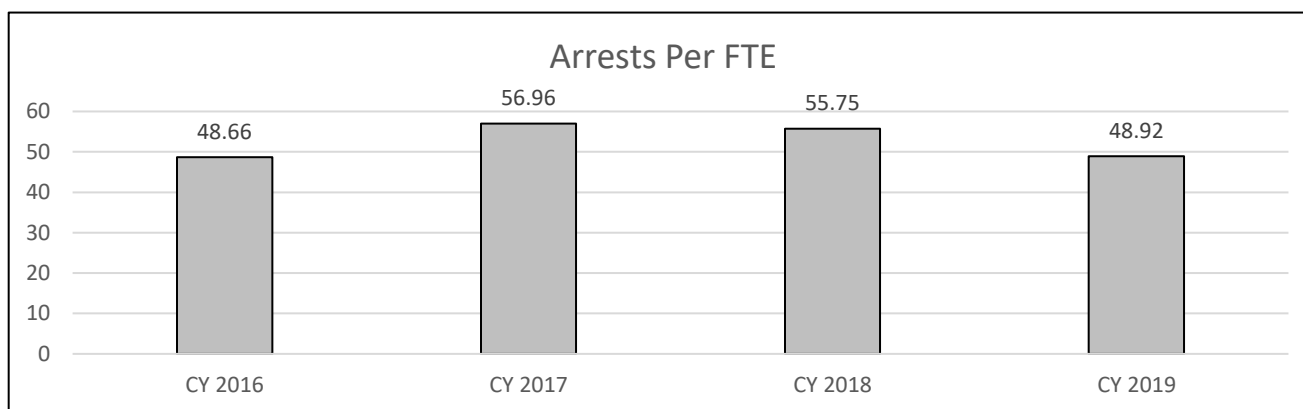
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

With the amount of work being produced within the Highway Patrol's Gaming Division with a smaller workforce compared with historical manpower, it is highly efficient. There are 106 FTE enforcement positions in the Gaming Division. On average, these officers had 48.92 criminal arrests and 25.75 regulatory actions taken, along with their accompanying investigations and reporting for calendar year 2019.



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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.)

See Missouri Gaming Commission Program Description for Gaming Expenditures

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

N/A

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

Section 314.824 RSMo. directs the Missouri Gaming Commission to provide such staff as necessary to protect the public on any gambling excursion boat. Section 313.004 (9) RSMo. permits the Missouri Gaming Commission to enter into agreements with other state agencies to carry out the duties of the Commission.

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

No

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

No

