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Dear Mr. Britt:

On behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee, I present to you the 2011-2013 Missouri State Highway Patrol Strategic Plan. Committee members developed this plan with thoughtful consideration regarding law enforcement challenges that confront all public safety professionals as we move further into the 21st century.

I challenged the committee to develop a strategic plan that identified and focused on five critical functions: traffic safety, crimes against persons, property, and society, homeland security, department management, and waterway safety. This strategic plan provides an overview of the priority issues within our agency, and establishes strategies for attaining our goals for improved public safety and increased efficiency through technology.

I would like to acknowledge the time and efforts expended by members of the Strategic Planning Committee, and express my sincere gratitude for their dedication and hard work in the development of this document.

This document provides clear direction to all Patrol employees. I urge each person to embrace our agency core value principles, and to remain diligent in their efforts to accomplish the strategies outlined in our plan. I pledge my commitment to work with the citizens and governmental leaders of our great state to implement improvements and enhancements in law enforcement statewide.

Sincerely,

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MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL STRATEGIC PLAN

Vision

By excelling as a criminal justice leader in the delivery of quality services, the Missouri State Highway Patrol will ensure Missouri is a safe place to live or visit.

Mission

The Missouri State Highway Patrol will serve and protect all people by enforcing laws and providing services to ensure a safe and secure environment.

Core Values

The Missouri State Highway Patrol believes public trust and respect must be earned and are essential to attain our vision and accomplish our mission. To maintain public trust and respect, we embrace the following values:

Integrity – Uncompromising principle; honesty; steadfast adherence to a strict ethical code.

Responsibility – Accountability; trustworthiness; use of good judgment.

Respect – Fairness without prejudice; appreciation for diversity.

Professionalism – High standards; dedicated to our mission; unified in purpose.

Compassion – Concern with human welfare; ability to appreciate feelings or emotions of others.

Resourcefulness – Creativity; the ability to be effective in difficult situations.

Character – We are committed to respecting individual dignity in all people and to providing services in a fair, consistent, and impartial manner to the best of our ability. As caring and innovative professionals, the men and women of the Missouri State Highway Patrol will strive to maintain a safe environment through a service orientated organization capable of addressing the most complex challenges that confront us.

Commitment – We are committed to providing services from knowledgeable, capable, and willing employees. We are committed to respecting each employee as an individual and for his or her role in the department. We are committed to maintaining a sense of pride and camaraderie within our department, and to having a workplace where employees are supportive of each other and loyal to the values and commitments of the department.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

STRATEGIC ISSUE: 1.0

STRATEGIC GOAL: REDUCE INJURY & FATALITY RATES RELATED TO TRAFFIC CRASHES ON MISSOURI HIGHWAYS

Overview

Traffic safety is one of our most prominent and widespread public safety issues. Traffic crashes have a profound economic and emotional effect upon the citizens of Missouri. In 2009, a total of 153,007 traffic crashes were reported in the state of Missouri with a total estimated economic loss of approximately \$3.3 billion. This includes the loss of productivity due to injury or death and the long-term treatment of disabling injuries, and the loss of property as a result of traffic crashes.

Fatal traffic crashes are one of the leading causes of death in the United States and the greatest cause of violent death. Law enforcement officers from across the nation are called upon, too often, to notify the next of kin of crash victims. Statewide Traffic Accident Records System (STARS) data revealed that in 2009, alcohol-related traffic crashes accounted for 265 fatalities and 4,358 injuries in Missouri. In fact, one person was killed or injured in these crashes every 1.9 hours.

The primary statutory purpose of the Missouri State Highway Patrol is to enforce traffic laws and promote safety upon the highways. The Missouri State Highway Patrol also serves as the central repository for statewide motor vehicle crash reports, alcohol and drug-related traffic offense convictions, and criminal history records. Through analysis of traffic crash data collected by the Patrol, safety improvements are made to roadways maintained by the Missouri Department of Transportation.

To provide an increased level of service and protection to citizens of the state of Missouri, a paramount importance is placed upon the establishment and continuation of initiatives that address crash reduction, safe and sober driving, and seat belt/restraint usage. A continued effort to educate citizens and enforce traffic laws will have a positive impact on crash reduction efforts as traffic volume increases.

OBJECTIVE 1.1: Reduce the fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, for fatalities related to traffic crashes where alcohol/drug impairment is a contributing factor, by 3% statewide by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: Statewide Traffic Accident Records System (STARS) data; Traffic Arrest System (TAS)/DWI Tracking System (DWITS) data; Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) data

STRATEGIES:

- 1.1.1: Provide enforcement activities that target alcohol/drug impaired driving.
- 1.1.2: Collect, analyze, and disseminate timely statistics and GIS maps relative to alcohol/drug impaired crashes.
- 1.1.3: Develop partnerships as a means of reducing alcohol/drug impaired crashes.
- 1.1.4: Provide law enforcement training programs that target alcohol/drug impaired driving.
- 1.1.5: Provide public education on the effects of alcohol/drug impaired driving.

OBJECTIVE 1.2: Reduce the injury rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, for injuries related to traffic crashes where alcohol/drug impairment is a contributing factor, by 3% statewide by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: Statewide Traffic Accident Records System (STARS) data; Traffic Arrest System (TAS)/DWI Tracking System (DWITS) data; Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) data

STRATEGIES:

- 1.2.1: Provide enforcement activities that target alcohol/drug impaired driving.
- 1.2.2: Collect, analyze, and disseminate timely statistics and GIS maps relative to alcohol/drug impaired crashes.
- 1.2.3: Develop partnerships as a means of reducing alcohol/drug impaired crashes.
- 1.2.4: Provide law enforcement training programs that target alcohol/drug impaired driving.
- 1.2.5: Provide public education on the effects of alcohol/drug impaired driving.

OBJECTIVE: 1.3: Reduce the fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, for fatalities related to traffic crashes where aggressive/hazardous driving is a contributing factor, by 10% statewide by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: Statewide Traffic Accident Records System (STARS) data; Traffic Arrest System (TAS)/DWI Tracking System (DWITS) data

STRATEGIES:

- 1.3.1: Provide enforcement activities that target aggressive/hazardous driving.
- 1.3.2: Collect, analyze, and disseminate timely statistics and GIS maps relative to aggressive/hazardous driving related fatal traffic crashes.
- 1.3.3: Develop partnerships as a means of reducing aggressive/hazardous driving related fatal traffic crashes.
- 1.3.4: Provide law enforcement training programs that target aggressive/hazardous driving.
- 1.3.5: Provide public education that identifies aggressive/hazardous driving as a contributing factor in fatality traffic crashes.

OBJECTIVE: 1.4: Reduce the injury rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, for injuries related to traffic crashes where aggressive/hazardous driving is a contributing factor, by 6% statewide by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: Statewide Traffic Accident Records System (STARS) data; Traffic Arrest System (TAS)/DWI Tracking System (DWITS) data

STRATEGIES:

- 1.4.1: Provide enforcement activities that target aggressive/hazardous driving.
- 1.4.2: Collect, analyze, and disseminate timely statistics and GIS maps relative to aggressive/hazardous driving related injury traffic crashes.
- 1.4.3: Develop partnerships as a means of reducing aggressive/hazardous driving related injury traffic crashes.
- 1.4.4: Provide law enforcement training programs that target aggressive/hazardous driving.
- 1.4.5: Provide public education that identifies aggressive/hazardous driving as a contributing factor in injury traffic crashes.

OBJECTIVE: 1.5: Increase seat belt usage to 84% statewide by December 31, 2013, to match the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's 2009 national average. (Note: 2009 represents the baseline year for this Strategic Plan)

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: University of Central Missouri (UCM) Safety Center Survey; Statewide Traffic Accident Records System (STARS) data; Traffic Arrest System (TAS)/DWI Tracking System (DWITS) data

STRATEGIES:

1.5.1: Provide enforcement activities that target seat belt compliance.

1.5.2: Provide public education on the benefits of seat belt usage.

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS, PROPERTY, AND SOCIETY

STRATEGIC ISSUE: 2.0

STRATEGIC GOAL: SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC BY INVESTIGATING CRIMES AND ASSISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, THEREBY REDUCING CRIME AND THE FEAR OF CRIME

Overview

Most Missourians are fortunate enough not to be victimized by a crime; however, it is likely they know someone who has been, or will be, victimized by a criminal act. Fear of crime guides many of our personal decisions – from where to live and whether to let our children play outside, to our views on gun control. The United States has the highest crime rate of all industrialized nations. For every 100,000 Americans, 4.2 were murdered in 2009.

Violent crimes in Missouri decreased during the 1990's; however, in 2009 both violent crimes and property crimes continued to increase. There are a multitude of reasons for the changes in the rate of crime, such as the economy, demographics, improvements to law enforcement procedures, law enforcement funding, and changes in the laws. Illegal drugs have been one factor that has adversely impacted the rate of violent crimes and property crimes. The proliferation of methamphetamine labs throughout the state of Missouri has brought new challenges to the Patrol, as well as other law enforcement agencies.

Even with periods of decreased violent crime rates nationally, as well as in Missouri; the threat of being victimized continues to significantly impact Missouri citizens. Based upon surveys of Missourians, crime was considered the most important social issue facing law enforcement.

Not only does crime take a physical and emotional toll on all of society, it creates a tremendous financial burden. Although local and state governments bear the brunt of overall criminal justice costs, the fiscal year 2010 federal budget for drug control alone was \$15.5 billion. Besides government expenditures, hundreds of billions of dollars are spent each year on insurance, private security services, and crime prevention products.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has several roles when it comes to responding to crime in the state. There is an obvious enforcement role, but, in addition, there is an even larger role involving preparedness, prevention, support, and coordination of Patrol services with county and municipal law enforcement, as well as other state agencies. Agency initiatives in these areas help enhance the efforts of other Missouri law enforcement officers and contribute to the reduction of crime in the state.

OBJECTIVE: 2.1: Increase the Patrol's response to requests for assistance with crimes against persons by 2% statewide by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: Patrol Investigative System of Reporting system; DDCC Special Investigation Reports; DDCC Request Logs; Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Logs; Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

STRATEGIES:

- 2.1.1: Provide timely collection and processing of criminal investigative evidence and information.
- 2.1.2 Develop strategic partnerships to help reduce crime.
- 2.1.3: Provide training and education to local and state agencies, and the private sector in criminal investigation, crime prevention, crime reporting, and regulatory compliance.

OBJECTIVE: 2.2: Increase the Patrol's response to requests for assistance with crimes against property by 2% statewide by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: Patrol Investigative system of Reporting System; DDCC Special Investigation Reports; DDCC Request Logs; Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Logs; Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

STRATEGIES:

- 2.2.1: Provide timely collection and processing of criminal investigative evidence and information.
- 2.2.2: Develop regional partnerships with other law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate Agri-Crimes.
- 2.2.3 Develop strategic partnerships to help reduce crime.
- 2.2.4: Provide training and education to local and state agencies, and the private sector, in criminal investigation, crime prevention, crime reporting, and regulatory compliance.

OBJECTIVE: 2.3: Increase the Patrol's response to requests for assistance with crimes against society by 2% statewide by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: Patrol Investigative System of Reporting System; DDCC Special Investigation Reports; DDCC Case Assignment Logs; Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Logs; Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

STRATEGIES:

2.3.1: Provide timely collection and processing of criminal investigative evidence and information.

2.3.2: Develop strategic partnerships to help reduce crime.

2.3.3: Provide training and education to local and state agencies, and the private sector, in criminal investigation, crime prevention, crime reporting, and regulatory compliance.

OBJECTIVE: 2.4: Increase the amount of illegal drugs seized by 4% statewide by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: Arrest/Incident/Investigation System data; Traffic Arrest System (TAS)/DWI Tracking System (DWITS) data; Marijuana Eradication System data; DDCC DAG Form

STRATEGIES:

2.4.1: Provide timely collection and processing of illegal drug investigative evidence, information, and intelligence.

2.4.2: Develop partnerships with other law enforcement agencies to enhance drug enforcement operations.

2.4.3: Increase education concerning illegal drug usage and production.

OBJECTIVE: 2.5: Decrease the average processing times for evidence analyzed by the Patrol's Crime Laboratories by 33% statewide by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) data; Crime Lab Annual Report

STRATEGIES:

2.5.1: Assess workloads in subcomponents of the Crime Laboratory Division to provide adequate staffing levels necessary to meet work demands.

2.5.2: Expand and improve facilities to meet the demands of the workload.

HOMELAND SECURITY

STRATEGIC ISSUE: 3.0

STRATEGIC GOAL: REDUCE THE THREAT AND IMPACT OF TERRORISM HAZARDOUS INCIDENTS, AND OTHER DISASTERS

Overview

Missourians are at risk from natural and manmade disasters. These hazards include tornadoes, earthquakes, flooding, hazardous materials incidents, and terrorism.

The potential disasters we face are varied and primarily fall into two categories: natural events and manmade events. The natural events include such things as tornadoes and severe storms, floods, severe winter weather, drought, fires, heat waves, and earthquakes. The manmade events include such things as dam failures, utility interruptions/failures, fires, nuclear power plant events, hazardous materials events, mass transportation accidents, civil disorder, and terrorism.

Missourians are keenly aware of the potential for a serious natural disaster given the frequency of tornado activity throughout the state, and the vulnerability of many citizens to earthquake activity due to their geographic proximity along the New Madrid fault. Missourians also possess a heightened awareness of the potential for serious manmade disasters. Failure to adequately prepare for, and mitigate the effects of these potential disasters will impair response and recovery efforts should one occur.

Life safety, incident stabilization, and property preservation are primary missions for the Missouri State Highway Patrol when providing "Protection and Service" to Missourians. This agency recognizes that in order to successfully accomplish this mission, it has a key responsibility of preparing ourselves and the public for natural and manmade emergencies/disasters they are most likely to encounter. To that end, the Missouri State Highway Patrol seeks to develop partnerships with federal, state, local, volunteer, and private partners, to provide assistance in prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery following potentially disastrous events.

OBJECTIVE: 3.1: Increase the information sharing and collection capabilities and services provided to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies by 5% by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) Audit Log; Missouri Statewide Police Intelligence Network (MoSPIN); St. Louis Regional Intelligence Project

STRATEGIES:

- 3.1.1: Expand investigative services to the identification of suspected criminals/terrorists, associates, and supporters.
- 3.1.2: Expand the mechanisms to facilitate the collection, analysis, evaluation, and distribution of information related to criminals/terrorists, associates, and supporters.
- 3.1.3: Develop and expand terrorism awareness training to local and state agencies, private partners, and court system personnel to promote suspicious activity awareness, and to facilitate intelligence collection.

OBJECTIVE: 3.2: Increase the intelligence capabilities and services provided to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies by 20% by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) Audit Log; Missouri Statewide Police Intelligence Network (MoSPIN); St. Louis Regional Intelligence Project

STRATEGIES:

- 3.2.1: Expand the Strategic Intelligence section within the MIAC specifically tasked with the dissemination of intelligence products appropriate to the counter emerging crime/terrorism trends in Missouri.
- 3.2.2: Establish and implement a comprehensive Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) protocol within MIAC that serves the Urban Area Security Initiative requirements and feeds and enhances the National SAR initiative.
- 3.2.3: Provide coordination and leadership in the development of both Standing and Priority Information Needs (SINS and PINS) with the Urban Area Security Initiatives.

OBJECTIVE: 3.3: Increase the Patrol's operational response capabilities toward acts of terrorism or disasters to 100% NIMSCAST assessment compliance by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: National Incident Management System Compliance Assistant Support Tool (NIMSCAST); NIMS Certification Training Records; MERIS Training Records; State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Event Records; MSHP Component Operational Plans

STRATEGIES:

- 3.3.1: Develop partnerships to prevent, prepare, respond, and recover from acts of terrorism or disasters.
- 3.3.2: Participate in disaster assistance programs, emergency management training, and comprehensive community exercise programs.
- 3.3.3: Provide emergency management and disaster preparedness training as part of the continuing law enforcement education curriculum.
- 3.3.4: Identify and obtain resources, equipment, and infrastructure to improve response to all hazardous events.
- 3.3.5: Develop opportunities for better voice and data communications among affected agencies.

DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT

STRATEGIC ISSUE: 4.0

STRATEGIC GOAL: IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PATROL SERVICES

Overview

The Missouri State Highway Patrol must strive to become more efficient and effective to meet the ever-increasing demands placed upon the agency. Efficiency is the best possible use of time, money, and resources. Effectiveness is the accomplishment of specified goals. The success of the Patrol depends upon accomplishing the right objectives without wasting time, money, or resources.

Continual review and assessment must be made of core budgets, as well as new decision items, to ensure services are being delivered in the most efficient and effective manner. This requires setting performance standards and objectives, analyzing how well activities and results compare against the standards, correcting performance, altering standards, or acting to take advantage of opportunities. Missouri State Highway Patrol services must be administered in a manner that will maximize agency resources.

Advancements in technology have had a significant impact on methods used to deliver services to Missouri law enforcement and the public. The Missouri State Highway Patrol provides information services from internal components, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Criminal Justice Information Service to local, state, and federal criminal justice users. Interoperability between computer systems is necessary to exchange criminal justice information in a timely and efficient manner. As the amount and type of information received, processed, stored, and disseminated increase, and the number of users continues to grow, the Missouri State Highway Patrol will be required to keep pace with the demand for timely delivery of high quality information services.

The Internet has significantly changed the way that the state of Missouri serves its citizens. Opportunities exist to streamline existing processes, reduce paperwork, and make delivery of services to our citizens more efficient. The mechanism for delivering services to our customers via the Internet or other electronic means is commonly referred to as e-Government. The Missouri State Highway Patrol must actively investigate potential applications for e-Government where practical.

In day-to-day operations, natural disasters, and multi-jurisdictional incidents affecting public safety, it is the responsibility of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to assist with the coordination of law enforcement efforts in the state of Missouri. The Missouri State Highway Patrol must have communication systems capable of reliable and effective communication with its officers and other public safety and law enforcement entities in the state.

OBJECTIVE: 4.1: Increase the quality of Patrol services provided to the public by December 31, 2013.

STRATEGIES:

- 4.1.1: Provide requested or required records, statistics, and reports in a timely and accurate manner.
- 4.1.2: Maintain a sufficient, qualified, and diverse workforce to provide optimal service.
- 4.1.3: Develop partnerships to improve services to the public.
- 4.1.4: Conduct periodic satisfaction surveys and address areas of concern.
- 4.1.5: Determine future personnel and equipment needs and potential sources of funding.
- 4.1.6: Seek dedicated agency funding to achieve goals and operational objectives.
- 4.1.7: Provide training in order to achieve broader areas of expertise.
- 4.1.8: Provide educational and informational materials regarding Patrol services.

OBJECTIVE: 4.2: Increase the quality of Patrol services provided to criminal justice agencies and other governmental agencies by December 31, 2013.

STRATEGIES:

- 4.2.1: Provide requested or required records, statistics, and reports in a timely and accurate manner.
- 4.2.2: Employ up-to-date technology and equipment that will improve performance and service.
- 4.2.3: Maintain a sufficient, qualified, and diverse work force to provide optimal service.
- 4.2.4: Develop partnerships to improve services to criminal justice and other governmental agencies.
- 4.2.5: Conduct periodic satisfaction surveys and address areas of concern.
- 4.2.6: Determine future personnel and equipment needs and potential sources of funding.
- 4.2.7: Seek dedicated agency funding to achieve goals and operational objectives.
- 4.2.8: Provide training in order to achieve broader areas of expertise.
- 4.2.9: Provide educational and informational materials regarding Patrol services.

OBJECTIVE: 4.3: Increase the quality of internal Patrol services by December 31, 2013.

STRATEGIES:

- 4.3.1: Maintain a sufficient, qualified, and diverse work force to provide optimal customer service.
- 4.3.2: Employ up-to-date technology and equipment that will improve performance and customer service.
- 4.3.3: Provide expanded training, as well as cross training of department personnel, in order to achieve broader areas of technical expertise.
- 4.3.4: Review programs and projects for efficiency and effectiveness.
- 4.3.5: Develop long-range capital improvement and leasing plans to accommodate growth.
- 4.3.6: Determine future personnel and equipment needs and potential sources for funding.
- 4.3.7: Conduct component services surveys and address areas of concern.
- 4.3.8: Expand career development opportunities and programs.
- 4.3.9: Analyze anticipated workloads and population trends to determine adequate personnel levels.

WATERWAY SAFETY

STRATEGIC ISSUE: 5.0

STRATEGIC GOAL: REDUCE INJURY & FATALITY RATES RELATED TO VESSEL CRASHES ON MISSOURI WATERWAYS

Overview

Missouri is home to 26 major rivers and 14 major lakes. The lakes of Missouri account for approximately 275,000 surface acres of water. The Missouri and Mississippi rivers and their major tributaries have 8,322 miles of shoreline, not including the numerous tributaries and popular float streams across the state. The Current and Jacks Fork rivers are part of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, which was the first designated national scenic riverway in the country. The number of boats using Missouri's recreational waters has increased over the past years. As of 2009, there were 314,131 boats registered in Missouri. This number does not include approximately 200,000 canoes and other non-motorized watercraft, or an additional estimated 30,000 out-of-state boats that use Missouri's waters on a weekly basis.

Water-related recreation is a major source of tourism in Missouri, and added pressure is being placed on the state's waterways by ever increasing boating traffic and criminal activity. With a rise in crime such as thefts, drug distribution and use, and the state's utmost concern for Homeland Security, the Patrol's Water Patrol Division faces many challenges.

The primary purpose of the Water Patrol Division is to enforce boating laws and promote safety upon the state waterways. Boating safety is a widespread public safety issue. Boating accidents and drowning have a significant economic and emotional effect upon the citizens and visitors of the state of Missouri. Water-related death is the second most common source of accidental death in children less than 14 years of age (CDC-2007).

To provide an increased level of service and protection to the citizens and visitors to the state of Missouri, a paramount importance is placed upon the establishment and continuation of initiatives that address accident reduction, safe and sober operation, and personal floatation device usage. The failure to adequately educate citizens and enforce boating laws will hinder accident reduction efforts as traffic volume increases.

OBJECTIVE: 5.1: Reduce the fatality rate per 100,000 registered boats by 6% statewide by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: Boating Accident Records Data System (BARDS)

STRATEGIES:

- 5.1.1: Provide enforcement activities that target alcohol/drug impaired and aggressive/hazardous boating.
- 5.1.2: Collect, analyze, and disseminate timely statistics and GIS maps relative to boating crashes.
- 5.1.3: Develop partnerships as a means of reducing boating crashes.
- 5.1.4: Provide law enforcement training programs that target alcohol/drug impaired and aggressive/hazardous boating.
- 5.1.5: Provide public education on the effects of alcohol/drug impaired and aggressive/hazardous boating.

OBJECTIVE: 5.2: Reduce the injury rate per 100,000 registered boats by 3% statewide by December 31, 2013.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: Boating Accident Records Data System (BARDS)

STRATEGIES:

- 5.2.1: Provide enforcement activities that target alcohol/drug impaired and aggressive/hazardous boating.
- 5.2.2: Collect, analyze, and disseminate timely statistics and GIS maps relative to boating crashes.
- 5.2.3: Develop partnerships as a means of reducing boating crashes.
- 5.2.4: Provide law enforcement training programs that target alcohol/drug impaired and aggressive /hazardous boating.
- 5.2.5: Provide public education on the effects of alcohol/drug impaired and aggressive/hazardous boating.

OBJECTIVE: 5.3: Increase Personal Floatation Device (PFD) wear rate to 22.3% statewide by December 31, 2013, to match the US Coast Guard's 2009 national average.

- ❖ Supporting data reference material: MSHP PFD observation program; JSI Research and Training Institute's Live Jacket Wear Rate Observation

STRATEGIES:

- 5.3.1: Provide patrol activities that target PFD usage.
- 5.3.2: Provide public education on the benefits of PFD usage.
- 5.3.3: Develop a program for obtaining observation data relative to PFD wear rates on Missouri waterways.