

A Career In Communications

with the
Missouri State Highway Patrol



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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



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A Career In Law Enforcement Communications With The Missouri State Highway Patrol Is Now Open To You!



It is a career that will make you a member of a team nationally recognized for the professional and essential support it provides in the battle against traffic violators and criminals. A brief description of the work performed by members of the Patrol Communications Division follows.

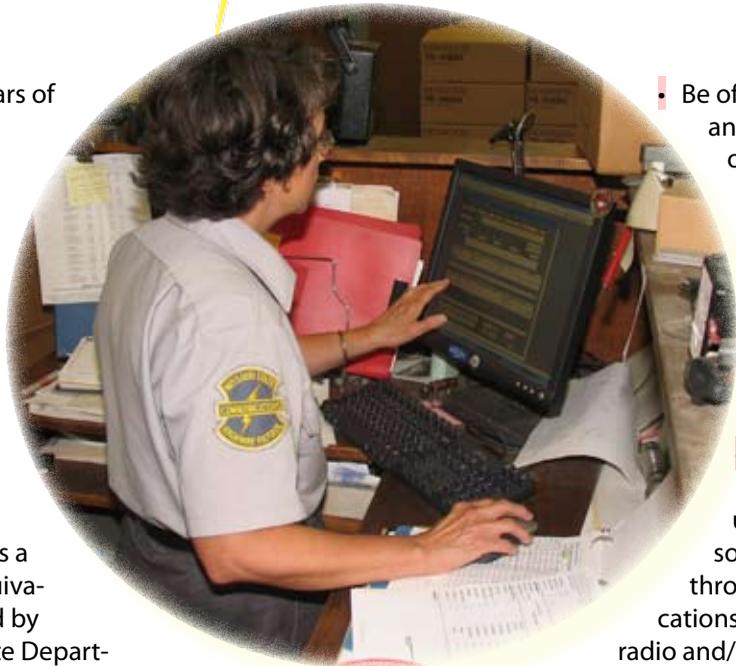
Radio communication is accepted today as one of the most valuable police weapons. The use of radio for emergency services communications makes instantaneous contact possible between troop headquarters and the troopers in the field. Two-way radio contact is maintained with units on patrol in all parts of the state. Primary radio stations are located at the nine Patrol troop headquarters around the state. They are operated by communications personnel on a 24 hour schedule, every day of the year.

As a member of the Highway Patrol Communications Division, you will be assigned to one of these nine troop headquarters. The Patrol operates a statewide computer network to handle the bulk of information exchanged daily between Missouri agencies. The troop headquarters in Jefferson City serves as the Missouri state control point for the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, which connects all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and all Canadian provinces and territories for the purpose of exchanging public safety information. This service, as well as the services provided by the Patrol statewide computer network, is made available to all municipal and county law enforcement agencies in the state.



Communications Division Personnel learn to operate radio equipment and computer equipment. The Highway Patrol Communications Division is made up of licensed and unlicensed personnel. LICENSED MEMBERS OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION perform additional duties, including the installation, maintenance, and operation of communications equipment, radar, computers, breath testing, and audio visual equipment.

Minimum Requirements



- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Missouri at the time of appointment.
- Be a graduate of an accredited four year high school or possess a certificate of equivalency recognized by the Missouri State Department of Education.
- Desired experience includes one or more of the following areas: broadcasting, radio/television, law enforcement, military police, military communications, emergency services dispatcher/telecommunicator, technical expertise, amateur radio-general license or higher, air traffic controller, etc.
- Possess the skill to type at least 25 words per minute, after adjustment for errors, on a standard computer terminal keyboard.
- Be of good character and never convicted of a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude (dishonesty, immodesty or immorality), or have a pending indictment.
- Possess the ability to hear and understand sound sources coming through a communications headset and/or radio and/or standard telephone receiver as well as the ability to hear and understand other outside sound sources while wearing a communications headset.
- Possess the ability to read and discern visual images on a variety of media including the ability to read and understand maps.
- Pass a battery of validated tests.
- Possess the ability to disconnect, remove, and transport mobile radio transmitters and associated equipment from the trunk or under dash area of a mid-sized car.

Benefits

- THE STARTING SALARY is competitive with that of the three largest police departments in the state.
- VACATION and SICK LEAVE accumulate at the rate of 15 days per year.
- FREE HOSPITALIZATION insurance is provided for the employee; LIFE INSURANCE is available at group rates; WORKERS COMPENSATION covers injuries incurred on duty.
- Military veterans may be eligible for ON-THE-JOB TRAINING BENEFITS in addition to regular pay.
- The Patrol has a noncontributory RETIREMENT SYSTEM.



IN SUMMARY, THE MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION:

- Installs, operates, and maintains radio systems providing mobile radio coverage of the entire state.
- Tracks field unit activity with a computer aided dispatch system.
- Serves as the state control point for the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System.
- Provides radio contact with other law enforcement agencies in the state.
- Routinely accesses the FBI National Crime Information Center computer.

