

Human Resources Division History

The Human Resources Division (HRD) has been in existence under one name or another since 1946. The responsibilities have varied but have always involved the selection of employees. HRD now consists of 16 employees including uniformed staff officers, uniformed support staff, civilian special assistants, professional civilians, and technical/clerical civilians. Division personnel manage comprehensive personnel and employee-related functions, such as recruitment, selection, promotion, retirement, and random drug testing.

On September 1, 1946, a department of Personnel and Training was first created. Lieutenant K.K. Johnson was designated the "Personnel and Training Officer". He was in charge of all personnel records and performed duties relating to selection, training, and classification of all personnel as the superintendent directed. The division handled applications for employment by the Patrol, personnel records, insurance, and the training of all personnel.

From 1931 through 1946, the staff of General Headquarters performed personnel-related functions. From 1937 to 1938, there were 12 civilian employees, and that number increased to 20 civilians in 1939. From 1943 to 1944, there were 88 civilians, including 31 radio personnel, 18 weight clerks, seven janitors, and 32 office personnel. The uniformed complement consisted of 123 members. There were 65 members and nine civilians serving in the armed forces during this time. The base annual salary for a trooper and radio operator in 1944 was \$1,800. The average annual salary for civilian personnel was \$1,354.

Prior to the department of Personnel and Training being formed in 1946, the following recruit schools were held:

October 5 -- November 1931 -- St. Louis Police Academy
July 1- August 15, 1935 -- Camp Clark, Nevada, MO
July 1- August 2, 1937 -- Camp Clark, Nevada, MO
October 1- November 11, 1939 -- Camp Hawthorne, Kaiser, MO
December 22, 1941- February 1942 -- James Gymnasium, Jefferson City, MO
December 14, 1942- January 28, 1943 -- State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO
August 9- September 4, 1943 -- J.C. High School, Jefferson City, MO
July 1- August 20, 1946 -- Cuivre River State Park, Troy, MO

By 1946, World War II was over and many of the 75 members of the Patrol who had been in military service began returning to duty. To help replenish the work force, 62 men were appointed to the department in August, returning the Patrol to its authorized strength of 228 men. They received training at the Cuivre River Recreational Area located near Troy, MO. In June 1948, 15 new recruits were hired

and received training at Fort Leonard Wood. Five additional men were appointed in October 1948.

In 1949, the 65th Missouri General Assembly authorized an increase in the strength of the Highway Patrol from 228 to 260 uniformed members. This authorized strength was reached by the end of 1949, and the age requirement for appointment to the Missouri State Highway Patrol was lowered from 24 to 21 years old.

The year 1951 marked 20 years of service and protection to the citizens by the Patrol. While many changes had taken place within the department during that time, the basic purpose of the organization remained the enforcement of traffic laws of Missouri. To help continue this purpose, 15 men completed training at Troop F in 1951. The next training class was held at Sedalia in 1952 with 40 men. The total strength of the organization had reached 295 men by 1952.

30 men completed eight weeks of recruit training on November 25, 1953, at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. This was the first time the department had given eight weeks of training to a recruit class. The Patrol now had 320 uniformed members. There was limited training in 1954, consisting primarily of a retraining school for current members, held at the fairgrounds in Sedalia. In 1955, however, training of new recruits returned to the forefront. 40 men completed training on November 12, 1955, at the Missouri State Fairgrounds. This brought the strength of the Patrol to 355 members.

Eight recruits completed their training at Troop F on October 21, 1956. The Patrol was 25 years old and had grown from 55 officers to 355 officers, and 233 other employees. Appropriations for one year had increased from \$355,000 to \$4,035,000.

In 1957, the Missouri Legislature enacted two bills, which had a direct effect upon the administration and operation of the Patrol. One bill created the rank of lieutenant colonel, provided for two majors, and an increase of 100 men in the total personnel of the department. The new authorized strength of the Patrol was increased to 455 men. The legislature, however, failed to provide funds for the additional troops authorized by the bill. Thus, any expansion in the total personnel strength of the Patrol was not possible at that time.

In 1959, the legislature authorized the Patrol to operate a training academy for the training of all peace officers in the state. This training was conducted at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy in Rolla. There were no fees charged to the contributing agencies. Five schools were held during this year for sheriffs and city policemen. Additionally, a recruit training class was held at Rolla for 11 men, and nine patrolmen were trained as evidence technicians, one for each troop. From initial training of six weeks in 1931, the Patrol recruits received 16 weeks of training.

In 1960, the Patrol was almost 30 years old. From a small force of 55 men on November 24, 1931, the organization had grown to 455 men. Throughout this year, 17 men received training for the Patrol at Rolla. A water rescue recovery unit was also activated by the Patrol. Four men were selected for this unit and given special training in the use of emergency equipment. There were 315 civilian employees and 64 communications personnel employed by the Patrol in 1961.

In May 1962, examinations were given to 100 applicants for the purpose of selecting 15 recruits to fill existing vacancies. These 15 recruits entered training on July 4, 1962, and graduated August 25. Their training consisted of approximately 466 hours of both classroom and outdoor instruction in a multitude of subjects pertaining to law enforcement. Members of the organization conducted the courses with the assistance of other state agencies, six colleges, and persons who specialized in technical fields of law enforcement.

The 71st General Assembly of the Missouri Legislature authorized an increase in uniformed strength of the Patrol from 455 men to 505. Due to various reasons, there existed five vacancies in the Patrol, thereby creating openings for 55 new patrolmen. The selection of 30 of these 55 men was made from 250 applicants examined on August 30 and 31, 1961. These applicants participated in various examinations, covering English, spelling, reading comprehension, and IQ. They were also given physical examinations based on standards established to maintain the efficiency of the Patrol's operation. The successful applicants of these tests then appeared before an oral board consisting of top-ranking officers of the Patrol. An eligibility list was established from final tabulation of examination scores and character investigation of top-ranking candidates.

This formed the eligibility list for two classes, with the first class of 30 men starting October 15 and graduating December 23, 1961. 29 of these 30 men completed training. The remaining 25 men were selected in February and entered training on April 1, 1962, bringing the Patrol to its authorized strength.

In 1962, training was also held for an additional 16 recruits. Also of significance during 1962 was the inauguration of a physical fitness program for Patrol members. This program consisted of push-ups, pull-ups, and squat thrusts, but no run. This program was mandatory for all members; however, there were no rewards or punitive actions based on performance. This program was discontinued in 1964 due to injuries sustained by members while they were performing the tests.

In 1963, examinations were given to 58 applicants to select 16 recruits to fill existing vacancies in the uniformed ranks. The recruit school was held from January 13 to March 23, 1963, with a total of 466 hours of classroom and outdoor instruction. This brought the Patrol to its total authorized strength of 505 men.

Another examination was held in July to select nine weight inspectors to fill vacancies in the commercial motor vehicle inspectors' ranks.

Examinations were given on March 25 and 26, 1964, to 128 applicants to filling 15 vacancies in the uniformed ranks. The recruit school was held from June 1 to August 8, 1964, with a total of 494 hours of classroom and outdoor instruction pertaining to law enforcement. This was the first class to receive college credits for their training, under an agreement with Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg. The recruits received 22 hours of college credit for their training as troopers, including special English and law enforcement courses given by instructors from the college.

Examinations were given to 26 applicants on May 28, 1964, to select 14 weight inspectors to fill vacancies in the commercial motor vehicle inspectors' ranks. The successful applicants were placed in training from June 16 to July 2, 1964.

A class of 19 Patrol recruits began training at the Academy on August 1, 1965, graduating on October 8. In addition, the 73rd General Assembly increased the authorized strength of the Patrol by 145 to 650 officers. The first class of 40 recruits hired to fill these new positions was placed in training on October 15 and graduated December 23, 1965. Five commercial motor vehicle inspectors' schools were also conducted throughout the year, producing 61 new inspectors for the Commercial Motor Vehicle Division.

In 1966, three basic courses for Patrol recruits were held at the Academy. A total of 107 Patrol recruits were trained and graduated from the Academy after having successfully completed 12 weeks of basic training. Each recruit received over 750 hours of instruction and 22 hours of college credit upon completing the training. The addition of these 107 patrolmen brought the Patrol to a force of 613 men, 37 short of the authorized strength of 650. One commercial motor vehicle inspector school was also conducted in 1966, adding 15 new inspectors to the division.

Effective January 1, 1967, the organizational structure of the Patrol was adjusted to more clearly define responsibility and to provide a smoother operation. The position of Chief of Staff was created, and this officer held the rank of major. The newly created chief of staff supervised Personnel and Training.

In 1967, the legislature authorized 100 additional uniformed officers, bringing the new authorized strength of the department to 750. Two Patrol recruit classes consisting of 79 men graduated from the Academy in 1967, receiving 22 hours of college credit from Central Missouri State College. The addition of these 79 patrolmen brought the official strength of the Patrol to 657 uniformed officers. It was planned at that time to reach the authorized strength of 750 men by January 1, 1969. There were 505 civilian employees and 73 communications personnel employed by the Patrol in 1967.

Training schools were held every month of 1968 for recruits and peace officers at the Patrol Academy in Rolla. Three Patrol classes graduated from the Academy in 1968. A total of 99 recruits received 14 weeks of basic training and 22 college credit hours. With the addition of the 99 patrolmen, the official strength of the Patrol reached 715 uniformed officers, 35 short of its authorized strength of 750 men.

On October 9, 1969, construction began on a new Law Enforcement Training Academy on the grounds of General Headquarters in Jefferson City. This new facility was one of the most modern in the nation and was completed in 1971. The three-building complex contained an administrative building, dormitory, and physical training building with firing range and training tank (swimming pool).

In 1969, two basic courses for Patrol recruits were held at the Academy. A total of 60 Patrol recruits were trained and graduated from the Academy after having successfully completed 14 weeks of basic training. During this training period, recruits were exposed to subject matters ranging from first aid to criminal law and traffic supervision. The classroom and practical training resulted in each recruit receiving approximately 850 hours of instruction, and 22 college credit hours from Central Missouri State College. These 60 new patrolmen brought the Patrol to a force of 745 men, five short of the authorized strength.

In 1970, one Patrol class of 17 recruits graduated from the Academy and received 22 hours of college credit. The addition of these new patrolmen brought the Patrol to its authorized strength of 750 men. One commercial motor vehicle inspector school was conducted, also, and a total of 19 new inspectors were added.

On May 1, 1971, the new Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy was officially opened to accept 40 Patrol recruits for 24, five-day, weeks of training. Previous classes held at Rolla had only returned home twice a month. The lengthened course of instruction and expanded curriculum resulted in these recruits earning 33 hours of college credit for the 1,072 hours of training they received as a trooper. This was also the first recruit class to be given an identifying number, i.e., 40th Recruit Class. 39 recruits graduated. One commercial motor vehicle inspector school was conducted that year, adding a total of 24 new inspectors to the division.

In 1972, the 41st Recruit Class graduated 39 recruits on December 15. The recruits received 24 weeks of training.

On November 1, 1973, the 42nd Recruit Class began. A total of 42 recruits began 22 weeks of basic training. The 1,000 hours of instruction provided the recruits with 32 hours of college credit upon graduation.

The 42nd Recruit Class graduated 38 members on April 3, 1974. Two recruits went into post-recruit training and graduated on May 10. Each graduating recruit received 32 hours of college credit for the 1,005 hours of instruction received. After the 42nd Recruit Class, several changes were made to applicant entrance requirements. The minimum height was reduced from 5'9" to 5'8," and the maximum height of 6'4" was removed. Certain tattoos were permitted, and 20/40 vision was allowed, if vision was 20/20 with glasses.

During 1974, the Patrol was restructured. The major change involved the splitting of the Personnel and Training Division into two separate functions, and the incorporation of the Planning and Research Divisions as a section within the Personnel Division. Up to this point, the Personnel and Training Division facilitated selection and training of all employees. After the re-organization, the Personnel Division focused primarily on the selection of recruits. Also, in 1974, the Personnel Division facilitated the hiring of 139 civilian employees.

The 43rd Recruit Class began training in August 1974. Among the members of this class were the first two female troopers in the history of the Patrol. Bridget Ann Cronin and Patricia Wright were the first women to be commissioned as officers of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

On January 1, 1975, the 43rd Recruit Class was in its 18th week of training, and the 44th Recruit Class began training with 36 recruits. This was followed up with the 45th Recruit Class, of which 15 members began training on November 1, 1975.

In 1976, the 45th Recruit Class completed training, with 14 Patrol recruits being commissioned on April 9, 1976. The 46th Recruit Class began training on March 1, 1977, and 39 new troopers graduated on July 29, 1977. The 46th Trooper Selection Process included a physical agility component, involving the following events: spare tire change, body lift, car push, trigger squeeze, and a mile and one-half run.

Throughout 1976, the Personnel Division processed over 870 applications for 200 various civilian positions. There were over 900 applications processed for trooper positions.

In 1977, there were 839 civilian positions in various troops and divisions. The civilian positions included laboratory personnel, clerical, maintenance, and data entry personnel.

In December 1977, the Patrol applicant testing procedure was validated by a California consulting firm, replacing tests not conforming to Equal Employment Opportunity Commission guidelines. Physical performance tests were to be included as an element of this procedure when applicants appeared at General Headquarters in February 1978.

The 47th Recruit Class began training on June 1, 1978, and 17 new troopers graduated on October 20. The 47th Recruit Class was the first class to be hired using the new validated selection process. Training for the 48th Recruit Class began in August 1978. This class added 18 new troopers upon graduation on December 22, 1978.

In 1979, a new law authorized the officer manpower of the Patrol to be increased from 800 to 900. As a result, 1979 saw the graduation of two recruit classes. The 49th Recruit Class began training on January 15 and graduated on June 8, 1979. The 50th Recruit Class began training on July 8 with 38 troopers graduating on December 7, 1979.

The Patrol had experienced tremendous growth in manpower and scope of operation between November 24, 1931, and December 31, 1979. This would only continue in 1980 with the selection and training of three recruit classes in one calendar year. The 51st Recruit Class began training on January 1 and graduated 17 new troopers on May 30. The 52nd Recruit Class entered training on April 1, with 18 new troopers graduating on August 29. The 53rd Recruit Class began training on July 1 and 11 new troopers graduated on November 21.

Since the inception, 1,577 men and women had been, or were employed, as officers of the Patrol. Of these, there were more than 35 father and son combinations, with one father having three sons as members.

During 1980, the Personnel Records Computerization Program was fully implemented. Work on this system began in 1978, and upon implementation, salaries for all Patrol employees were shown in the system, along with officer daily reports and personnel data. Also, during 1980, there were 40 civilian employees hired. The selection process for the 54th Recruit Class was initiated in 1980 with the class entering training on January 5, 1981. 34 new troopers graduated on June 5, 1981.

During 1981, the Personnel Division began developing an assessment center for sergeants. The Personnel Division was charged with the responsibility of developing an Assessment Center for promotions to the rank of lieutenant. The Assessment Center was designed to provide a means of gathering relevant information, under standardized conditions, about an individual's capabilities to perform in a managerial position. Procedures utilized helped to ensure judgments were relatively free of bias and could serve as the basis for accurate predictions of a candidate's managerial potential. During 1982, 36 sergeants participated in the first Assessment Center.

In 1982, the selection process for the 55th Recruit Class was initiated. On January 3, 1983, the 55th Recruit Class began training and graduated 33 new troopers on April 29, 1983. There were 78 civilian employees hired in 1982. In 1983, the 56th Trooper Selection Process was initiated with 2,045 applicants.

The 56th Recruit Class began training on January 2, 1984, and 21 new troopers graduated on May 11, 1984.

During 1984, Wollack and Associates, a corporation specializing in industrial psychology, assisted in re-validating the trooper selection process. With the re-validation, the trooper selection process complied with the updated Federal Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures. As part of the selection process validation project, the Personnel Division administered two written examinations to approximately 100 incumbent troopers. The objective of the testing was to obtain data to establish cutoff scores. A new written examination (in four alternate forms), a psychological examination, and a new physical skills test were incorporated as part of the selection process. The new validated testing procedures were used in the 1985 Uniformed Selection Process for the 57th Recruit Class.

In 1984, the Personnel Division developed a program to orient new civilian employees about the Patrol, their position, and the department policies and procedures. The orientation program consisted of an induction session with an orientation representative, a formal meeting complete with a video presentation, a question-and-answer session, a tour of the premises, and an annual evaluation of the total process and its components. This program was first implemented in 1985.

The Personnel Division coordinated the second Assessment Center in 1984 with 37 sergeants participating. 10 were promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Utilizing the new trooper selection process, the 57th Recruit Class was selected and began training on September 1, 1985.

In 1985, provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act were extended to all employees. To accommodate this change, the Personnel Division developed policies to ensure compliance and established rules for implementation. A new Automated Time Accounting System was designed as part of the Act's record keeping requirements. The new system was implemented in January 1986.

Members of the 57th Recruit Class graduated on February 7, 1986, producing 42 new troopers. A new field training officer program began in February. The program allowed for daily evaluations using standardized guidelines established for the probationary troopers. Veteran officers chosen by the troop commanders served as field training officers.

The selection process for the 58th Recruit Class was completed with the selection of 50 recruits. This class began training on August 1, 1986.

In August 1986, the Personnel Division conducted the first pre-retirement seminar. 39 employees and spouses attended. Time usage, health and wellness,

financial planning, retirement benefits, Social Security/Medicare, and PEBSCO were among the topics discussed.

In November 1986, the Sergeants' Evaluation Section was created for the purpose of constructing and administering an objective evaluation system to identify those individuals with the greatest potential for success at the rank of lieutenant. This system was used in conjunction with the 1986 Assessment Center, in which 41 sergeants participated.

The 58th and 59th Recruit Classes graduated on January 23 and December 18, 1987, respectively, in ceremonies held at the Law Enforcement Academy. The two classes produced a total of 75 new troopers for the state. When testing began in late January for the 59th Recruit Class, 425 applicants for the Patrol were given the physical skills test as part of the uniformed selection process. Of that number, 306 appeared before oral interview boards. Background investigations were conducted on the overall top scoring applicants, with 30 recruits being selected to enter training.

A statistical analysis was completed in 1987 of all recruit classes that had been taught at the Academy since its doors opened in 1971. A few of the interesting facts included that the average age of recruits had been 25.04 years, with 73 percent of them being born in Missouri. On the average 32.89 percent of all recruits were policemen prior to recruit training, with 23.66 percent being minorities or protected class applicants. Traditionally, 25.33 percent of the classes had military experience, with the average class size being 33.20 students. Finally, the cost to the Patrol (per recruit) before the new officer went on the road with a field training officer was \$25,180.49.

In 1987, the Personnel Division coordinated the assessment center, in which 50 sergeants participated.

The 60th Trooper Selection process was completed with the Recruit Class starting training July 3, 1988. There were 474 applicants for this selection process. The 16-member class graduated December 9, 1988. Also in 1988, the Personnel Division processed over 2,100 applications for 78 civilian vacancies. The 1988 Lieutenant's Assessment Center was conducted with 49 sergeants participating.

The 61st Trooper Selection Process was completed, and members of that class reported for duty on July 2, 1989. The 61st Recruit Class graduated with 35 new troopers on December 8, 1989.

The 62nd Recruit Class began training on January 1, 1990. The 46-member class graduated June 8, 1990. The 63rd Recruit Class reported for training on July 1. This 38-member class graduated on December 7, 1990.

In 1990, the evaluation for sergeants was revised and a new evaluation system for command officers was designed. The new system was intended to take evaluations out of the criteria for promotion, allowing supervisors to evaluate an officer without affecting their promotion eligibility rating. The 1990 Lieutenant's Assessment Center was conducted with 53 sergeants participating.

The Personnel Division, with the assistance of Wollack and Associates, was involved in designing new physical fitness standards for the Patrol. This program required members to meet certain minimum standards. The 1.5-mile run, dynamic arm strength, sit and reach, sit-ups, and body fat composition were among the tests administered and monitored by the new program.

In 1991, the field recruiting staff was expanded to 37 employees, performing recruitment duties on a part-time basis. A training school for recruiters was conducted at the Academy. The school covered such topics as establishing recruiting contacts, interviewing skills, and questions allowable under federal and state EEOC guidelines.

During 1991, the Lieutenant's Assessment Center was conducted with 84 sergeants participating. The 64th Trooper Selection Process was initiated with 2,576 applicants participating. Also in 1991, a Peer Counseling Program was implemented. Peer counseling was designed to assist employees who have been involved in traumatic incidents with a support network of trained volunteers. Peer counselors come from within the agency. About 15 employees attended training at the University of Missouri-Columbia in November.

Due to a sharp drop in state revenues, there was a significant cutback on Patrol funding. As a result, certain steps were taken to ensure the Patrol had sufficient funds to operate. The steps included a hiring freeze, and the cancellation of a recruit class that had been scheduled for that year. With budget issues easing, the 64th Recruit Class reported for training on January 1, 1992. The class graduated 35 new members June 12, 1992.

Random drug testing was first instituted in 1992 with the Personnel Division coordinating the testing. Random drug tests were conducted on uniformed members, commercial vehicle enforcement inspectors, and civilians in drug sensitive positions. In addition, all new employees were given pre-employment drug tests.

On April 1, 1992, the Personnel Division completed a new comprehensive Affirmative Action Plan and Recruitment Plan. The plans were disseminated to each of the nine troop headquarters and a training session for recruiters was conducted at the Academy.

Legislation passed in 1992 allowed the purchase of creditable military service up to four years, if eligible. With these changes, the Personnel Division became

responsible for assisting with military service purchases and processing increased retirement-related paperwork.

During 1992, the Personnel Division, in cooperation with the University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry, began a study in the development and validation of vision standards for entry-level troopers. A career development program was also developed and implemented by the Personnel Division in 1992. This program allowed employees to obtain training that enhanced or developed their careers. This program was implemented as part of the accreditation process.

The state of Missouri initiated a new program in December 1992 called CareLeave. The Personnel Division handled the administrative aspects of this program for the Patrol. CareLeave was designed to offer some assistance to employees who were going off the payroll because they had exhausted all accumulated leave time. Employees could donate some of their accumulated leave time to a pool that could be distributed to their fellow employees who were in need.

The Promotional System Review Committee chaired by the Personnel Division's director revised the trooper and corporal promotional system. The process involved coordination with the Career Development Committee. The new system utilized eight dimensions of performance. These dimensions were standardized for promotional considerations throughout the Patrol.

The 1993 Lieutenant's Assessment Center was conducted, with 98 sergeants participating. During 1993, the Personnel Division entered into a contract with Wollack and Associates, to revalidate selection procedures for the position of entry-level trooper. The revalidation was intended to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the 1991 Civil Rights Act, and applicable case law in the area of employment testing. As part of the revalidation study, Physical Activity Survey forms were forwarded to each uniformed member assigned to regular road duty for completion. In addition, approximately 100 troopers were randomly selected to participate in the physical skills test. A written examination (ALERT) and Police Attitudinal Factors (PAF) test were also administered to the same group of troopers. This process was conducted to obtain normative data with respect to cutoff scores for each testing device.

38 new troopers graduated in the 65th Recruit Class on June 18, 1993. This marked the first time in the Patrol's 62-year history that a father, son, and grandson had graduated from the Patrol Academy. There was a total of 3,797 applicants for the 65th Recruit Class.

Acting Governor Roger Wilson signed House Bill 220 into law on July 8, 1993, authorizing the Patrol to expand its forces from 900 to 940. Due to funding, the Patrol had 889 troopers at that time. In order to return the Patrol to its authorized

strength, the 66th Recruit Class began training on August 1, with 63 students. There was a total of 3,848 applicants for this process.

On August 5, 1993, the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) became law. This Act permitted employees to utilize up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave due to an illness or provide care to a family member. Upon passage of this act, the Personnel Division was responsible for developing the general order covering FMLA.

New legislation in 1994 provided several changes in the retirement system. Employees could retire from state service if the employee's number of years of service to state government and the employee's age equaled at least 80--thus named the "80 and out" bill. 62 Patrol employees retired September 1, 1994.

The Patrol gained 59 additional troopers upon graduation of the 66th Recruit Class on February 4, 1994. The class was the second largest to graduate in Patrol history and included the largest group of females—eight recruits—to graduate from the Law Enforcement Academy. This brought the total number of female troopers in the Patrol to 28. The 67th Recruit Class began training July 1, with the 68th Recruit Class starting on November 1. The Patrol graduated another 59 recruits from the 67th Recruit Class on December 16, 1994. There was a total of 5,366 applicants for the 67th Trooper Selection Process.

On February 1, 1994, the division's name was changed from Personnel Division to the Human Resources Division. The new title more accurately depicted the comprehensive functions the division performed: medical insurance, life insurance, payroll verification, workers compensation, and recruitment, selection, and retention of employees.

Effective November 18, 1994, employees were permitted to work secondary employment within the guidelines of general orders. This change resulted in an additional duty being assigned to HRD. In 1994, HRD processed the retirements of 58 members and 31 civilians.

On March 1, 1995, the entire payroll function was transferred from the Budget and Procurement Division (BPD) to HRD. On June 1, 1996, the entire payroll was transferred back to the BPD. The medical insurance and workers compensation functions were also transferred to that division.

In 1995, the Law Enforcement Academy graduated 116 new troopers. The 68th Recruit Class graduated 20 new troopers on May 5. There were initially 1,582 applicants for the 68th Trooper Selection Process. 41 new troopers were added from the 69th Recruit Class, which graduated June 22. There was a total of 1,064 applicants. Finally, the 70th Recruit Class completed its training December 15 with 55 new officers. There was a total of 3,583 applicants. In 1995, Senate Bill 475 created the Commercial Vehicle Officer (CVO) Program.

As a result, 19 commercial vehicle inspectors became the first class of Commercial Vehicle Officers to graduate from the Patrol's Academy. The CVOs were required to complete a minimum of 240 hours of training under the new program. They were armed and had limited arrest powers involving commercial motor vehicle violations but were not certified peace officers.

The 1995 Lieutenant's Assessment Center was conducted with 56 sergeants participating. Also, during 1995, the promotional process for corporals and troopers was administered. This resulted in 54 officers being promoted to the ranks of corporal or sergeant.

The Patrol graduated 102 new troopers in 1996. The 71st Recruit Class began training on January 1 and graduated with 54 members on June 14. There was a total of 2,587 applicants. The 72nd Recruit Class graduated on December 14 with 48 new troopers. There was a total of 2,497 applicants.

Through this two-year period, the Law Enforcement Academy had trained 218 new troopers. This was the largest number ever trained in such a short period of time and nearly doubled the number that had been trained in the previous five years. This was a turning point in the Patrol's training history when the recruit classes went from an average of one every 13 months to two, and even three classes in the same year. Completion of three selection processes in a short time frame certainly impacted the workload of HRD.

In February 1996, a new radio selection process was initiated. Profile Evaluations, Inc., New Brighton, MN, developed and validated a process for selection of communications personnel. The selection process included a typing test, three written examinations, background investigations, and oral interview. The new "telecommunicator" position was placed under the Communications Division, which necessitated additional testing. In October 1996, HRD initiated another selection process for the new telecommunicator position.

In August 1996, the Lieutenant's Assessment Center was conducted with 70 sergeants participating. During 1996, there were 79 officers promoted to corporal and sergeant, with three officers being promoted to lieutenant.

The 73rd Recruit Class began training at the Academy on January 1, 1997. At their graduation ceremony on June 14, the Patrol appointed 50 new troopers. There was a total of 2,260 applicants for the 73rd Trooper Selection Process.

85 new troopers graduated throughout 1998. The 74th Recruit Class, which began training in 1997, graduated on January 16, 1998. There was a total of 3,672 applicants. The 75th Recruit Class began training February 1, graduating August 1, 1998. The 75th Selection Process included 3,179 applicants. The 9th

CVO class completed their six weeks of training and graduated at the end of March 1998.

HRD received over 390 applications for 56 civilian vacancies in 1998. There were 40 officers promoted to corporal, 36 to sergeant, and 10 to lieutenant. 86 sergeants participated in the 1998 Lieutenant's Assessment Center.

On January 1, 1999, the 76th Recruit Class reported to the Academy and graduated on July 3, with 33 new troopers. There was a total of 2,781 applicants. 229 corporals and 292 troopers participated in the trooper/corporal promotional process in 1999. 61 officers were promoted to corporal, 47 to sergeant, and 20 were promoted to lieutenant.

The 77th Recruit Class entered training on March 15, 2000, graduating from the Academy on September 9, 2000. 41 new troopers were commissioned that day. The 77th Trooper Selection Process included 4,414 applicants. 13 CVOs also completed 12 weeks of training and were commissioned on November 22, 2000.

The Patrol converted their payroll and timekeeping computer systems to the new Statewide Advantage for Missouri II (SAM II) in November 2000. Each employee in HRD attended a minimum of 10 days hands-on training to prepare for the conversion. The SAM II helpdesk also became part of the function of HRD. Five of the seven employees assigned to the Helpdesk worked in HRD.

During 2000, 80 sergeants participated in the Lieutenant Assessment Center. The Academy graduated 53 new troopers in 2001. The 78th Recruit Class began training on January 15 and graduated on July 21. There was a total of 2,516 applicants.

On July 1, 2001, Captain Sandra K. Karsten transferred from the Field Operations Bureau to HRD and became the director. She was the first female division director in Patrol history. Capt. Karsten remained the director until her promotion to the rank of major on August 1, 2011.

The Academy graduated 20 new troopers in 2002. The 79th Recruit Class began training on October 16, 2001, and graduated on April 20, 2002. There was a total of 1,753 applicants. 78 sergeants participated in the 2002 Lieutenant Assessment Center. There were 583 troopers and corporals taking part in the promotional process.

The Academy commissioned 54 new troopers in 2003. The 80th Recruit Class began training on October 20, 2002, and graduated on May 2, 2003. The 81st Recruit Class began training on June 29, 2003, and graduated January 10, 2004. There was a total of 2,480 applicants for the 80th Recruit Class; 1,596 applicants for the 81st Recruit Class.

49 new troopers graduated from the Academy in 2004. The 82nd Recruit Class began training on January 18, 2004, and graduated July 23, 2004. There was a total of 896 applicants for the 82nd Recruit Class. The 83rd Recruit Class began their training on October 18, 2004. There was a total of 1,314 applicants for the 83rd Recruit Class. In 2004, 61 sergeants participated in the Lieutenant Assessment Center. There were 487 troopers and corporals participating in the 2004 promotional process.

The 83rd and 84th Recruit Classes graduated from the Academy in 2005. There was a total of 1,282 applicants for the 84th Recruit Class. The two classes provided 57 troopers.

January 9, 2006, the 85th Recruit Class began with 39 recruits. There was a total of 1,019 applicants. 33 new troopers graduated on July 14, 2006.

HRD completed the 86th Trooper Selection Process and the class began training on January 8, 2007, with 48 recruits. 36 new troopers graduated on July 13, 2007.

HRD completed the 87th Trooper Selection Process and the class began training on January 7, 2008, with 54 recruits. During 2007, HRD provided training for approximately 250 supervisors on the PerForM appraisal system. The new PerForM appraisal system was established by the Office of Administration, Division of Personnel, to address concerns that past ratings were ineffective, or did not accurately illustrate the distribution of employees among the various performance categories.

A new web-based Time Reporting System (TRS) was implemented for all Patrol employees during 2007. This system replaced an outdated mainframe-based system. With the passage of Proposition B in November 2006, Section 290.505, RSMo., changed to require a 40-hour workweek for all employees. Members and CVOs were changed from a 28-day/171-hour FLSA period to a 40-hour work period. Due to this change, HRD was involved in a time recalculation project for the affected employees.

HRD completed selection processes for communications personnel and commercial motor vehicle inspectors in 2007. These processes resulted in the hiring of 32 employees. The 87th Trooper Selection Process was completed, and the class began training on January 7, 2008, with 54 recruits. 42 new troopers graduated on July 11, 2008. The 88th Recruit Class began on July 1, 2008, with 38 recruits. 26 new troopers graduated on December 19, 2008.

HRD completed the 89th Trooper Selection Process and the class began training on January 16, 2009. On July 10, 2009, 29 new troopers graduated from the Academy. The 90th Recruit Class started on July 1, 2009, with 34 recruits. On

December 18, 2009, 25 new troopers graduated. The 91st Recruit Class began training on February 1, 2010, with 34 recruits.

Since 1931, the Patrol has undergone several incremental changes in staffing, structure, and overall responsibility. With changes in responsibility came changes in staffing levels. As of January 1, 2010, the Patrol employed 1,128 persons in civilian positions, and 1,112 in sworn positions. These positions are all critical to the overall Patrol mission, and HRD continued to play a vital role throughout the Patrol's history.

In May 2010, HRD implemented an online Application for Civilian Employment (ACE). The first position to be filled utilizing this program was a criminalist within the Willow Springs laboratory. The full implementation of the ACE system was realized by the end of 2010.

In preparation for the merger of the Missouri State Water Patrol into the Patrol, processes were initiated in 2010 to start the transition. In July 2010, three members of HRD traveled throughout the state and trained Water Patrol employees on the use of the Patrol's web-based TRS. On August 1, 2010, all employees of the Water Patrol started using the TRS as their official time and leave records. In October 2010, the Water Patrol physically relocated from their headquarters building on East McCarty Street in Jefferson City to the Patrol's General Headquarters complex on East Elm Street. HRD coordinated with the BPD and Water Patrol to move all personnel-related files from the location on East McCarty Street to HRD.

Personnel analysts assigned to HRD processed appropriate personnel transactions prior to and after the merger of the Water Patrol. They were challenged also with updating the Patrol's organizational charts on January 1, 2011, to accurately reflect where former Water Patrol employees were assigned after the merger. Through this merger, HRD grew to a total of 22 employees, with nine sworn positions (including three recruiters assigned to work in the troops) and 13 civilian positions.

Since 2000, HRD has sponsored an annual "Take Your Child to Work Day" during the summer months. This program allows employees to bring their child to their work location to introduce them to various aspects of the Patrol's duties. In 2010, children lifted their own fingerprints, visited the firing range, competed in a GPS course, viewed a demonstration from a remote-controlled robot, and viewed PIED's new video "Permanent". Child Identification Cards were also offered.

The 91st Recruit Class graduated in July 2010, with 27 recruits. The 92nd Recruit Class began training on July 1, 2010, with 44 recruits and graduated in December 2010 with 36 recruits. Also in 2010, the 93rd Trooper Selection Process was completed and resulted in the hiring of 46 recruits, who began

training on January 3, 2011. The 93rd Recruit Class graduated 41 troopers. In June 2010, three full-time recruiters were transferred from the troops to HRD. A full-time recruiter continued to be stationed at Springfield and Weldon Spring, and a full-time recruiter position was transferred from Jefferson City to Poplar Bluff. The recruitment coordinator and the three full-time recruiters provided annual recruiter training at each troop during the month of September 2010.

The 94th Recruit Class began July 1, 2011. In March and April 2011, the recruitment section administered written and fitness for duty testing for the 95th Trooper Selection Process. The 95th Recruit Class started Academy training on April 2, 2012. During 2012, the selection process was conducted for the 96th Recruit Class; the process for the 97th Recruit Class began that year.

The Insurance Section was transferred from the BPD to HRD on February 1, 2012. The transfer also resulted in the addition of two employees (insurance clerks) being added. Also, the function of workers' compensation was transferred to HRD on February 1, 2012, and was assigned to three personnel records clerks within the division.

In 2013, the 96th and the 97th recruit classes graduated from the Academy, and in 2014, the 98th and 99th recruit classes graduated. During 2014, HRD started the selection process for the 100th Recruit Class. This was a milestone in the Patrol's history—the first recruit class having graduated in 1931.

The online ACE, implemented in May 2010 and only utilized for civilian applicants, was replaced with the MSHP Online Application System on January 5, 2015. The MSHP Online Application System is utilized by both external applicants and all current employees when applying for posted positions.

On July 1, 2015, the Career Recruitment Division (CRD) was created from the Recruiting Section of HRD. This transferred the responsibilities of EEOC, Affirmative Action, Trooper Selection Process, and recruiting from HRD to CRD. In addition to transferring these responsibilities, all personnel associated with those tasks (a lieutenant, recruiting sergeant, two recruiters, a selection process sergeant, and one clerical) were transferred from HRD to CRD. The transfer of these six employees, along with the transfer of one civilian position from HRD to another component within the Patrol, brought the total number of employees in HRD down to 17 (one captain, two lieutenants, one sergeant, and 13 civilian employees).

In 2016, HRD initiated the Defending Employees From the Effects of Negative Stressful Experiences (DEFENSE) program, which is administered by the lieutenant in charge of the Administrative Services Section. This program was created after reviewing several successful programs, mainly in the southeastern and southern portions of the United States. The program is modeled primarily

from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistance Program and has proven to be very beneficial for employees who have been involved in critical incidents, such as on-duty shootings, traumatic deaths, and other incidents involving highly stressful and unusual situations. The first group of Patrol employees trained for the DEFENSE program was comprised of uniformed members, radio, and one retiree. They graduated from an intensive, one-week peer training course on Friday, April 29, 2016. That same night, a trooper was involved in an on-duty shooting incident that caused the trooper serious injury and resulted in the death of the suspect. The trooper's zone sergeant and captain had just graduated from the peer training and were able to provide instant support to the trooper.

2017 brought HRD several opportunities for growth. Among them included personnel restructuring, additional division responsibilities, and opportunities to serve employees and the community.

On May 1, 2017, the division's human resources manager was designated as an assistant director, bringing the total number of assistant directors to three. A personnel records clerk position was reclassified to a human resources analyst, bringing the total number of analysts to four on October 1, 2017. HRD also regained the previously transferred responsibilities from the CRD on October 1. This transfer included the responsibilities of Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity, Veteran's On-the-Job Training Program, Student Internship Program, and the Trooper Selection Process.

In addition to transferring these responsibilities, personnel associated with the Trooper Selection Process (one selection process sergeant, and one clerical employee) were transferred from CRD to HRD. At the same time, the Patrol's payroll function was transferred from BPD to HRD. Along with the payroll function responsibilities, this included the transfer of one clerical employee. With the transfer of the two CRD employees and the one employee from BPD, the total number of employees in HRD was increased to 20 (one captain, two lieutenants, two sergeants, and 15 civilian employees.)

In 2017, HRD conducted the Trooper Selection Process for the 105th Recruit Class, in which 34 members were hired and started at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy on January 2, 2018.

Division personnel were involved in the 2017 Bring Your Child to Work Day, where 123 children and their parents participated in the event. HRD personnel also coordinated the 2nd Annual MSHP Employee 5K Run/Walk, which allowed employees to participate in a wellness event, develop new peer and professional relationships, and interact with other employees while promoting a health-enhanced event.

By the end of 2017, the Patrol completed its second full year of the DEFENSE program. The continual efforts of the program resulted in 36 additional peer team members being trained by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. This brought the total number of peer team members to 77. DEFENSE provided 320 instances of one-on-one peer support and 16 critical incident group debriefings, which included numerous child fatality incidents, multiple casualty incidents, and officer-involved shootings. HRD also provided Building Resiliency—Surviving Secondary Trauma training to 139 Patrol employees. In addition to providing peer support and training to Patrol employees, DEFENSE provided peer support assistance to four outside agencies.

On July 1, 2018, the member and communications salary grids became fully funded, which allows for these personnel to receive annual salary adjustments up to 15 years in accordance with the current salary grid. In January 2018, the state of Missouri discontinued the PERforM Appraisal System, which was utilized to evaluate the performance of civilian personnel. HRD worked with other Patrol components to develop a new Performance Evaluation, SHP-830, which was utilized for all member and civilian personnel. Additionally, ENGAGE was introduced by the state of Missouri to foster engagement and meaningful face-to-face communication between the employee and their supervisor. HRD coordinated the implementation of ENGAGE within the Patrol.

HRD also began reconvening Civilian and Member Engagement Meetings, previously known as Civilian and Trooper Council Meetings, which had not been conducted since 2009, in 2018. These meetings are utilized for problem-solving approaches to organizational/personnel issues that create unique challenges for the organization.

Bring Your Kid to Work Day was conducted in July 2018. In addition to providing children with the opportunity to learn about the Patrol, an additional activity allowed attendees to serve the community by donating 254 pounds of food to The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri.

The Patrol selected 60 new troopers to begin training as part of the 105th and 106th recruit classes. Entry level testing for troopers is now conducted using an online testing system, which returns immediate test results. This change allows testing to be conducted via a laptop anywhere a broadband connection is present.

In 2019, HRD completed its fourth year of the DEFENSE program. DEFENSE held its third peer team member basic certification training through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. DEFENSE also hosted the first Missouri Post Critical Incident Seminar (PCIS) in Branson, MO. 46 participants from 16 Missouri law enforcement agencies, 16 mental health professionals, and 30 trained peer team members attended the seminar.

Bring Your Child to Work Day took place in July 2019; 90 children and their parents participated. Children had the opportunity to learn about Patrol operations and attend activities that would enhance their knowledge and skills. Attendees again served the community by donating 151 pounds of food and \$41 to the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri.

HRD and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division coordinated the 9th CVO Selection Process. In addition, the 107th and 108th Trooper Selection Processes took place, hiring 77 new troopers. The TSP written examination was conducted online versus a paper test booklet and answer sheet. The use of this technology increased participation of qualified applicants, which benefited both the applicant and the Patrol. The position of human resources supervisor was created within the Support Services Section. To facilitate this, a position was transferred to HRD, bringing the total number of positions within the division to 21.

During 2020, the division became responsible for the implementation and administration of MO Learning within the Patrol. This included providing access to all Patrol personnel. MO Learning (powered by LinkedIn Learning) is an online professional development resource for state of Missouri team members to provide consistent, on-demand training across state government and to improve the quality of individual professional development and team performance through thousands of online learning courses.

2020 found HRD having to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic's effect on the workplace. The division was responsible for providing employees with COVID-19 safety protocols, quarantine requirements, mitigation strategies, and additional health and safety resources. The division also provided weekly agencywide Team Health Reports and a variety of other COVID-19 data to the state. From March 2020 through the end of the year, 16 HRD personnel teleworked, either permanently or on a hybrid schedule. HRD staff obtained the equipment and resources needed to meet these demands. In addition, a statewide hiring freeze was implemented in March 2020, which required HRD to seek exemptions for critical positions before posting career opportunities to the public. Substantial justification was provided for approval to post approximately 80 positions.

The 109th and 110th Trooper Selection Process gained approval, which resulted in the hiring of 84 new troopers. Through the hard work, dedication, and innovation of our employees, the division successfully ensured our continuity of operations.

In the beginning of 2021, HRD continued to be inundated due to the pandemic outbreak of COVID-19. Although state facilities were open, most of the division's employees continued to telework. HRD continued administering duties related to COVID-19, and was also responsible for developing safety protocols for respirator fit testing, monitoring CDC quarantine recommendations, the Families

First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) federal leave policy changes, the Office of Administration quarantine/leave guideline updates, and revising internal Patrol quarantine, leave, and mask wear protocols and guidelines. With the development of COVID-19 vaccinations, Missouri developed a vaccination plan to offer the vaccination to all state employees. HRD served on the Office of Administration microcell committee to coordinate state-sponsored vaccination events. Throughout January, February, and March, HRD assisted MoDOT and DMAT in coordinating statewide vaccination events for all Patrol employees held within the troops.

The OA statewide hiring freeze for vacant positions continued into 2021. HRD continued to analyze new hire vacant positions and provide justification to OA for approval to post those positions. Throughout the hiring freeze, all Patrol requests to post vacant positions were approved. HRD conducted 297 civilian career opportunity/selection processes. In addition, the Trooper Selection Processes for the 111th and 112th recruit classes were conducted, which resulted in hiring 78 new troopers.

An additional human resources supervisor position was approved for HRD in 2021. An existing position was reclassified and transferred to HRD to fill this position, bringing the total number of positions within the division to 22.

During the first half of 2021, some HRD events were canceled due to COVID-19. However, HRD was able to conduct two DEFENSE Program Basic Peer Training Courses for Patrol employees and community behavioral health liaisons; one in Springfield, MO, and the other in Cape Girardeau, MO. In addition, two PCIS were conducted; one in Osage Beach, MO, and one in Branson, MO, which included a total of 56 participants from various agencies including fire, police, ambulance, and communications, along with Patrol personnel. HRD received positive feedback from attendees following PCIS. The DEFENSE Program, in partnership with the Missouri Department of Mental Health, the Missouri Crisis Intervention Team, and volunteers continue to provide quality services to Patrol personnel, outside agencies, and to the public.

In December 2021, a comprehensive overhaul of the Patrol's civilian pay and job structure was initiated. This was aimed to address an outdated pay system, high turnover, pay compression and alignment with the Patrol's Strategic Plan. Implementation began with Job Task Analyses. Classification and Compensation was a phased rollout starting in September 2024.

HRD conducted a remodel in 2024, providing a more open work environment.

In 2025 the Wellness Unit was created. HRD transferred duties such as the DEFENSE Program, Patrol Chaplains, PCIS, and Employee Assistance Programs to the Wellness Unit. HRD remains focused on finding and hiring the

most qualified candidates who meet the Patrol standards, providing benefits, payroll, and conducting various internal promotional processes.

Since the creation of the department of Personnel and Training in 1946, several directors have overseen the personnel function of the Patrol. The following list shows those officers and their dates of service in the division:

From	To	Name	Division's Name
2/1/2026	Present	Captain Scott A. Ballard	Human Resources Division
5/1/2017	1/31/2026	Captain Julie A. Kerr	Human Resources Division
9/1/2012	4/1/2017	Captain David A. Flannigan	Human Resources Division
8/1/2011	9/1/2012	Captain I. David Smith	Human Resources Division
7/1/2001	7/31/2011	Captain Sandra K. Karsten	Human Resources Division
7/1/1994	7/1/2001	Captain Terry W. Moore	Human Resources Division
3/1/1994	7/1/1994	Lieutenant Terry W. Moore	Human Resources Division
2/15/1994	3/1/1994	Captain Ernest G. McCutchen	Human Resources Division
11/1/1991	3/1/1994	Captain Ernest G. McCutchen	Personnel Division
9/1/1986	10/23/1991	Captain Clarence A. Greeno	Personnel Division
12/1/1982	9/1/1986	Captain Robert W. Schmer	Personnel Division
5/1/1981	12/1/1982	Captain John W. Danklef	Personnel Division
7/1/1974	5/1/1982	Lieutenant John W. Danklef	Director Personnel Section, Division of Personnel Planning and Research, Personnel & Training
5/6/1974	7/1/1979	Captain John H. Little	Planning and Research Division
1/1/1971	5/15/1974	Captain Dale E. Crites	Personnel & Training
1/1/1967	1/1/1971	Captain Walter Snyder Jr.	Supervisor, Personnel & Training
10/1/1964	1/1/1967	Lieutenant Walter Snyder Jr.	Supervisor, Personnel & Training
10/1/1957	2/1/1966	Major K.K. Johnson	Personnel & Training
2/1/1953	10/1/1957	Captain K.K. Johnson	Personnel & Training
9/1/1946	2/1/1953	Lieutenant K.K. Johnson	Personnel & Training