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CITIZENS SUMMARY

Findings in the Audit of Sex Offender Registration

Weaknesses Exist in the Enforcement of Registry Requirements

Chief Law Enforcement Officials (CLEOs) have not adequately pursued noncompliant offenders, resulting in CLEOs being unable to locate more than 1,200 noncompliant sex offenders. In addition, the CLEOs have not adequately updated the next registration dates for sex offenders in accordance with state law.

Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) Procedures

MSHP procedures for maintaining the sex offender registration (SOR) database and supporting CLEO's efforts to enforce SOR requirements need improvement. The MSHP does not always update the compliance status of offenders within the SOR management system in accordance with internal policies. The MSHP has not established agreements with other state agencies to perform batch data matches in order to assist CLEO's enforcement of SOR requirements. The SOR management system does not utilize adequate edit checks to identify inaccurate or inappropriate information entered by the CLEOs.

Weakness in State Laws

Revision to state law is necessary regarding the SAO's access to certain court records. Information requested from the Office of State Court Administrators to evaluate the completeness of the SOR was denied. In addition, state law does not require background checks for school volunteers.

Due to the nature of this report no rating is provided.