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# CITIZENS SUMMARY

## Findings in the audit of the Department of Public Safety - Administrative Practices

### Equipment, Contracts, and Payment for Services

Under the former Director's administration, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) - Office of the Director (OD) abused the Office of Administration's (OA) single feasible source process in order to award a project management services contract to the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation (MPCCF), an organization the former Director had been associated with prior to becoming the Director of the DPS. The services contracted had previously been provided, in part, by the Missouri State Highway Patrol at no cost to the state. The request to OA to designate this organization a single feasible source contained false information that would have had a material impact on the OA's decision to approve the single feasible source request. In addition, the DPS-OD paid \$1.25 million to that organization without a contractual agreement in place in order to circumvent the appropriation process. The MPCCF was allowed to hold \$1.25 million in state funds for approximately 8 months before being disbursed, resulting in a benefit to the organization and lost interest revenue to the state. The DPS-OD was able to make these payments as a result of an appropriation that was moved from the control of the MSHP to the DPS-OD at the request of MPCCF. The DPS-OD did not object to the change in appropriation and helped facilitate the change.

### Administrative Practices

The former Director of the DPS did not comply with all administrative DPS policies regarding annual leave and assigned state vehicle usage. The former Director did not claim any annual leave during his time as Director despite the appearance of taking multiple personal vacations over this time. The former Director and Deputy Director did not follow DPS vehicle usage policies and procedures.

Due to the limited scope of the audit, no rating will be given.