

Montana Highway Patrol

Service, Integrity, Respect





Montana Highway Patrol Mission

The mission of your Montana Highway Patrol is to focus on safeguarding the lives and constitutional rights of people traveling the ways of our state.

We support the mission of the Montana Department of Justice by providing courteous, professional, compassionate, and responsive services in the areas of community education, enforcement, investigations, support services, interagency collaboration, and community involvement.

We are committed to maintaining the public's trust, being technologically advanced, and efficiently using the resources entrusted to us.



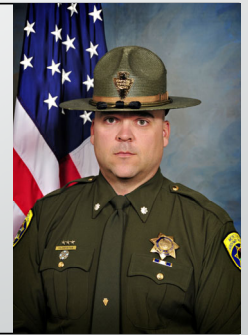
**Administrator
Colonel Steve Lavin**



**Operations
Major Bob Armstrong**



**Field Forces
LTC Jason Hildenstab**



MHP Criminal Interdiction Team (CIT)



- Formed by 2017 Legislature
- Expanded by 2019 Legislature
- East/West teams: 12 FTE/Canines





2020 MHP Drug Arrests and Seizures

Drug Type	Felony Arrests	Seized
Methamphetamine	135	96.17 pounds
Marijuana/Hash/Marijuana Products	48	1124.78 pounds
Heroin	27	385.14 grams
Pharmaceuticals	6	551.5 pills
Cocaine/Crack Cocaine	5	1.1 pounds
Hallucinogen	5	6.43 pounds
Fentanyl	1	4556 tabs
TOTAL	226	

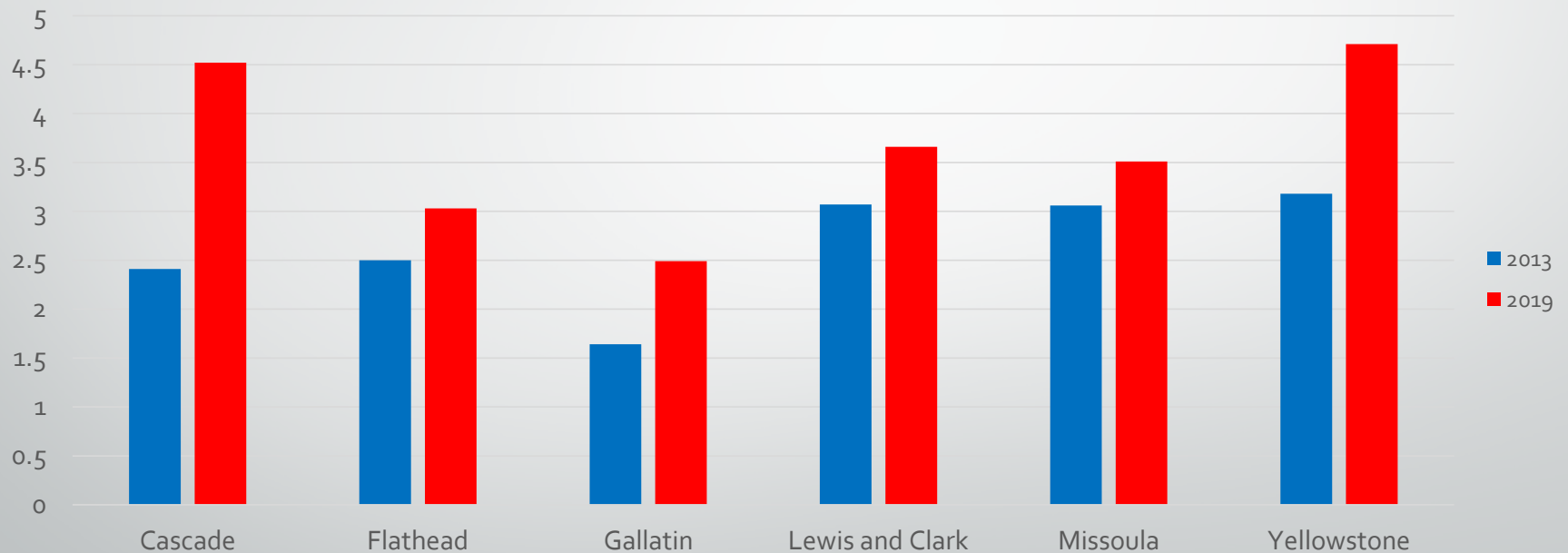
41 weapons seized

\$595,094 seized



Montana has seen a disturbing increase in violent crime, with drug use/sales identified as a major factor

Violent Crime per 1000, 2013 vs 2019



Source: Montana Board of Crime Control



States that legalized marijuana saw higher roadway fatalities and DUIDs

Colorado:

- Traffic deaths in which drivers tested positive for marijuana increased 109 percent while all Colorado traffic deaths increased 31 percent.
- DUIDs increased from 1,902 in 2014 to 3,083 in 2018.

Washington:

- Proportion of fatal-crash-involved drivers who were THC-positive has approximately doubled since legalization.

Sources: *The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact*, September 2019, Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. *Cannabis Use Among Drivers in Fatal Crashes in Washington State Before and After Legalization*, January 2020, AAA.

Montana is home to 3 of the fastest growing 542 micropolitan areas in the United States



#1 Bozeman

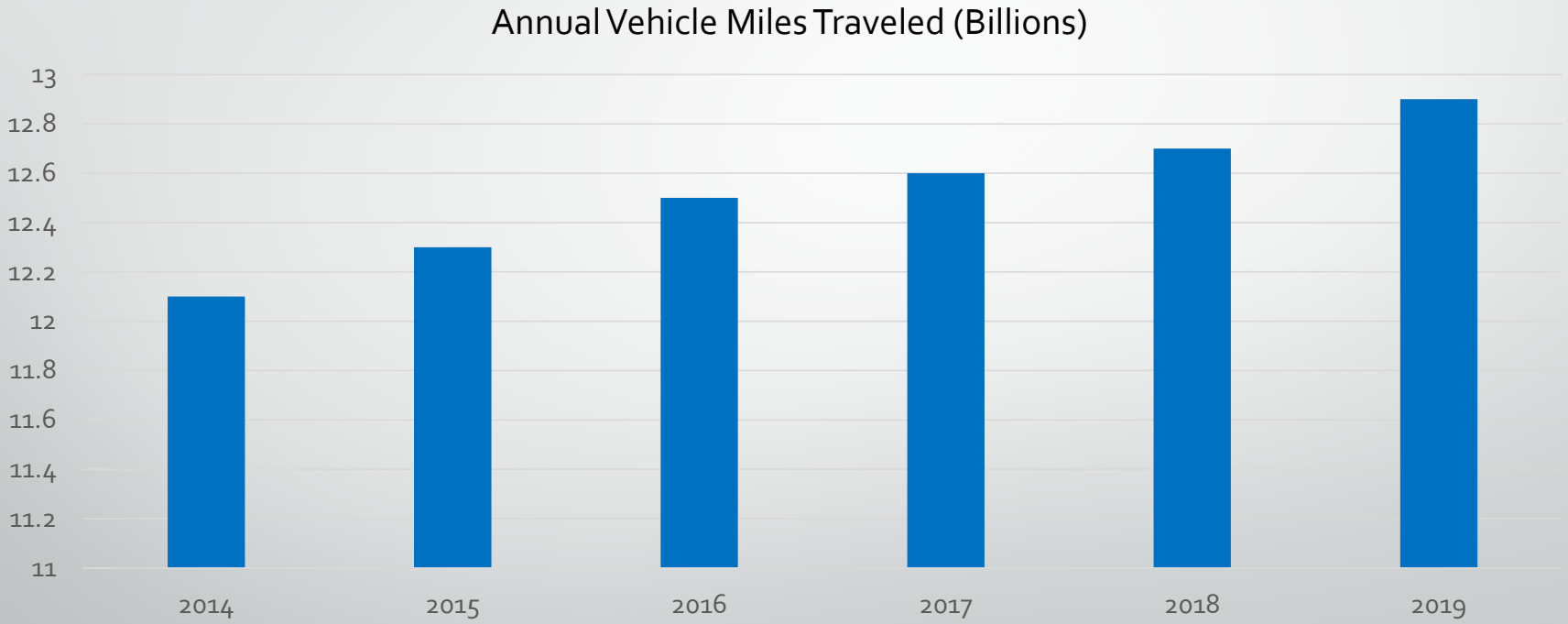
#8 Kalispell

#24 Helena

Source: US Census Bureau, 2018-2019 data



Montana's roads see increased travel every year

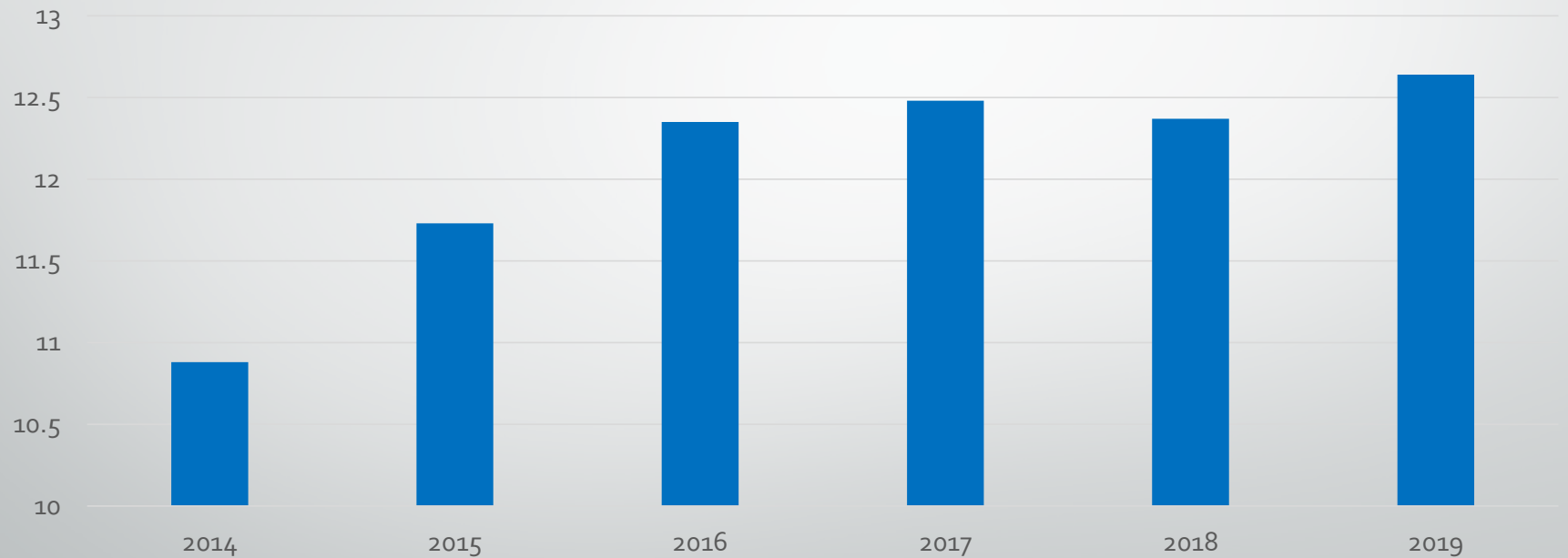


Source: Montana Department of Transportation

Growing year-round tourism fills the roads of Montana with non-residents



Non Resident Visitors (Millions)

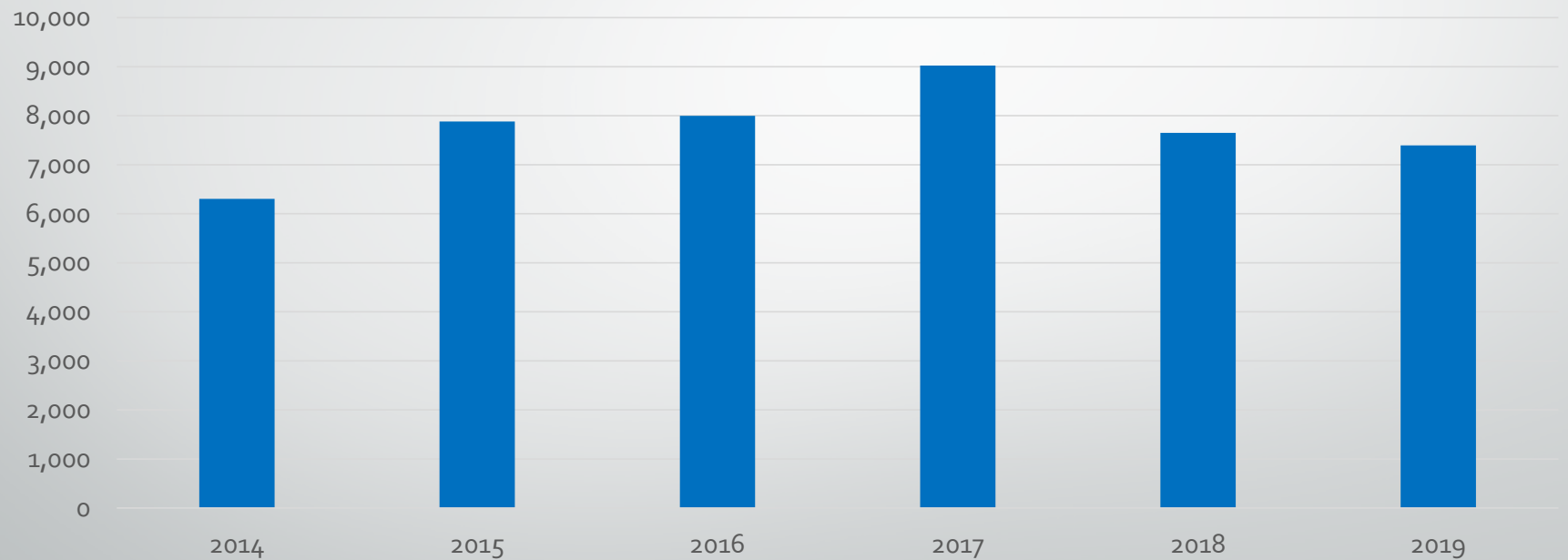


Source: University of Montana Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research

MHP provides crucial assistance to other government agencies



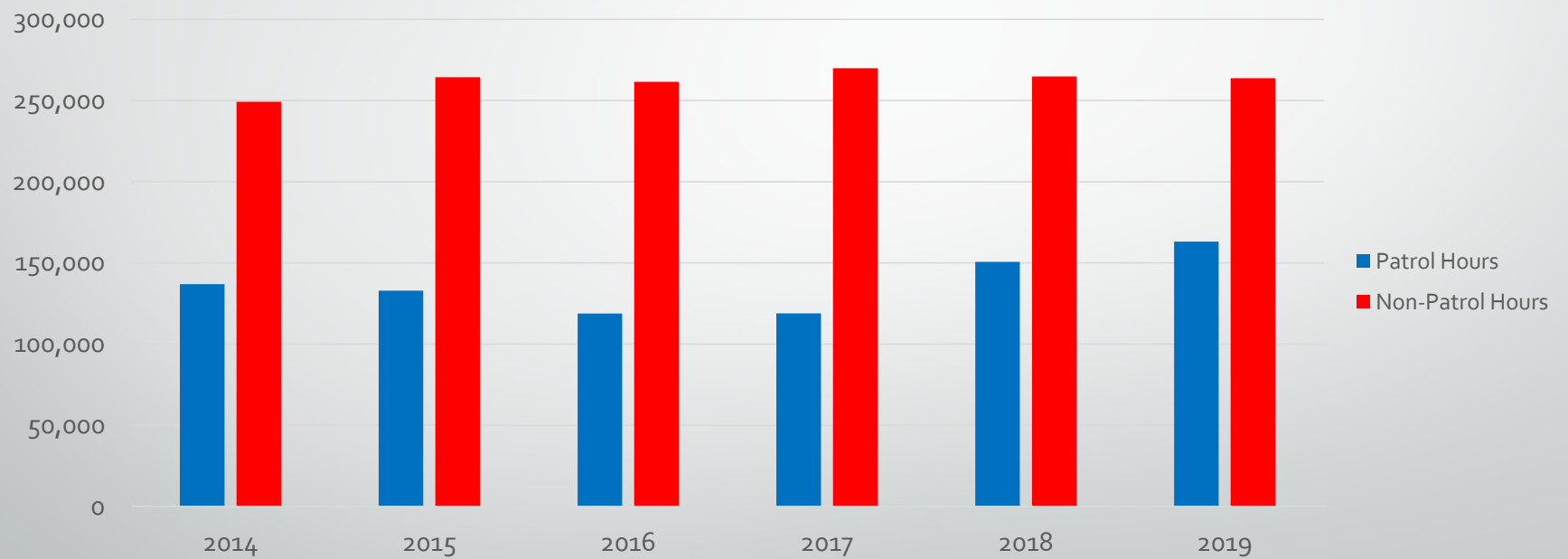
Agency Assist Hours





Increasing workload infringes upon patrol hours

Patrol Hours (Proactive) vs Non-Patrol Hours





Summary of MHP Requests

- **\$1 million from General Fund for enhanced marijuana enforcement**
 - Testing kits
 - Training FTE and operating costs
- **Salary Survey**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



- Your Highway Patrol