

Major Category Instructions

The charge codes contained in this section are listed in numerical order within each major category.

The Charge Code Manual is available on the Missouri State Highway Patrol website. A copy of this manual with the charge codes sorted in statute order is available on the Highway Patrol's web page along with the revisions and the quarterly supplements. The supplements contain any changes that may occur to specific charge codes after the legislative changes have been incorporated into the annual publication.

To access the charge code manual at the Highway Patrol's home page (www.mshp.dps.mo.gov), select "Publications" in the left hand index, then select "Handbooks/Manuals".

Descriptions of Column Headings:

Statute - Indicates the chapter and section of the Missouri Revised Statutes (RSMo) that relate to a particular charge code.

Type - Indicates the seriousness of a crime as determined by state statute (e.g. Fel = Felony, Misd = Misdemeanor and Infr = Infraction).

Class - Identifies the classification of an offense as determined by statute: A, B, C or D.

Charge Code - Is the eight-digit code associated with a criminal offense that is divided into three segments. The first five digits are pre-assigned by the Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA). The 6th and 7th digits are either pre-assigned or left blank. If the 6th and 7th digits are not pre-assigned, then a selection from the list of available NCIC modifiers, identified in the "Literal Description" column, will need to be made. The NCIC modifier provides additional information specific to an arrest charge and it triggers caution indicators used to enhance officer safety.

NCIC Code - National Crime Information Center Code - 4 digit code to be noted on each arrest.

State Modifier - The state modifier is the 8th and final digit of the charge code. Only the modifiers listed with the charge code are applicable.

0-Not Applicable, 1-Attempt, 2-Accessory, 3-Conspiracy.

F/P OCN - (Fingerprint/Offense Cycle Number) - A "Yes" in this column identifies offenses for which fingerprints must be obtained on the state criminal fingerprint (OCN) card and submitted to the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. A "No" indicates a fingerprint submission is not required. If fingerprints are collected and submitted to the CJIS Division, the fingerprints will be searched through the Automated Fingerprint Identifications System; however, a criminal record for the offense will not be created.

