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**MINUTES**

**Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council  
December 17, 2015 – 10:00 A.M.  
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
300 W. Adams, Suite 200  
Chicago, Illinois 60606**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chief Fengel called the meeting to order. Lisa Castillo, Associate General Counsel for Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, called roll.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
State's Attorney Anita Alvarez			X
State's Attorney Jerry Brady	X		
Larry Cholewin			X
Director Sydney Roberts as designee for Jesse White	X		
Chief Brian B. Fengel	X		
Larry D. Johnson	X		
Donald L. Sauzek	X		
Director Leo Schmitz			X

(5 members need to be physically present to constitute a quorum)

A quorum was established.

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING**

Chief Fengel asked the Council members if they had any additions, deletions, or questions regarding the September 10, 2015 Council meeting minutes. There were no questions, comments, or edits. Mr. Sauzek motioned to approve the minutes of September 10, 2015 Council meeting. Director Roberts seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Chief Fengel asked Program Director Greg Stevens to present his report. Mr. Stevens reported as follows:

***"A working partnership of the public and private sectors fighting vehicle theft in Illinois"***

Trust Fund Reports – Mr. Stevens referenced the Fiscal Status Report for the period of January 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015. The report indicates there is a balance of \$2,086,693 that remains at the end of the reporting period through October 31, 2015.

The Cash Flow Projection Report for 2015 and the Lapse Funds Report for 2010 to 2014- It is projected that there will be a trust fund balance of \$1,905,647 at the end of 2015. Fiscal staff was available for any questions.

The Program Vehicle Fleet Summary has a chart prepared by Luisa Salazar summarizing the entire vehicle fleet utilized by the programs. Vehicles were transferred from the programs that are no longer operational. Also, programs swapped the leased vehicles for program owned vehicles.

Mr. Stevens highlighted the staff activities. He noted that Ms. Salazar has been working to transfer vehicles and equipment to programs that are still in existence. Mr. Stevens attended the Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force Policy Board meeting on October 8, 2015. They have not taken a formal vote to disband the task force but they have cut their expenses on the hope that the budget is resolved soon and we can enter into a grant agreement.

Dwayne Killian from Tri-County stated that their policy board had a meeting last Tuesday. Everyone was “still in” as of the meeting. However, the Task Force assumed that once the budget was approved, they would be able to recoup funds from January through December. He is not sure which direction they will go once they find out there is no reimbursement.

Mr. Stevens provided an update on the trust fund balance. The trust fund balance was over \$2 million which could be used for programming. Since the State does not have a budget, there is no appropriation to use funds for grant purposes. We will not be able to enter into grants until there is a state budget. The Authority also administers federal grant funds. Through legislative action, we have been authorized to distribute those funds. There has not been legislative action to release state funds. Therefore, we are unable to use state funds for Motor Vehicle purposes. If and when a state budget is passed, which includes an appropriation for Motor Vehicle, the current balance can be used. A portion of money will be collected in February. We have spending authority to use up to \$7 million. If a budget were passed today, it would carry us to June 30<sup>th</sup>. We would need another budget as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Scott Wayman from Metro East was present via telephone. He stated that they were waiting for funding and “ready to go”. They picked up other vehicles from other task forces, along with the bait equipment. Cases are currently referred back to local departments to be handled.

A SLATE representative stated that they are closing their doors December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Stevens presented the Grant Review Committee Report in Mr. Biffany's absence. Mr. Stevens stated that the previous meeting was canceled because of lack of agenda items. There are items that need to be addressed by the Council. Last year we were on the strategy path to make new designations that would have started January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Council delayed its strategy development to have new grants start July 1<sup>st</sup> of next year for these reasons: the state budget process and the legislation introduced by the insurance association to expand the role of the Council. With a July 1, 2016 start date, it leaves current programs hanging out there for 6 month period. This chart was the program designation for the period of July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Program	Six-month designation
Cook County State's Attorney Prosecution Unit	\$ 411,822
Metro East Task Force	\$ 375,905
Northern IL Task Force	\$ 311,158
Tri-County Task Force	\$ 400,459
Total:	\$ 1,499,344

Due to lack of state appropriation for these grants, the Authority was unable to enter into grant agreements with those programs. Mr. Stevens suggested that there be a designation for these programs at the prorated amount for the period of January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. This will allow us to enter into a grant agreement if a budget is passed.

*Motion to designate the funding of the four continuing programs for the period of January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016*

Motion: Mr. Johnson

Second: Mr. Brady

Vote: approved unanimously

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2016-2019 STATEWIDE MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION STRATEGY

Mr. Stevens noted that the current strategy ends December 31, 2015. The Council is without a formal strategy from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 because the strategy timeline changed. Mr. Stevens suggested that the Council make a motion to adopt the current strategy for the next six months until the new strategy is implemented on July 1, 2016.

***"A working partnership of the public and private sectors fighting vehicle theft in Illinois"***

*Motion to adopt and use the current strategy for the next six months*

Motion: Director Roberts  
Second: Mr. Johnson  
Vote: approved unanimously

Mr. Stevens presented a memo for the Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy for 2016-2019. Mr. Stevens noted that at some point there will be a budget. The Council will be rebuilding from scratch. The majority of our programs are not operational. The programs we do have are in peril. With programs closing, we'll have around \$3-\$4 million. We will need to decide how to program these funds to achieve the goals and objectives of the strategy.

The recommendation is that the Council undertake a more robust planning process for the use of the \$3-\$4 million of funding. It is proposed that the Grant Review Committee host a Strategy Development Hearing in late February. There would be five panels of learning with the biggest topics in auto theft. The five main topics in our current strategy are: the extent of Motor Vehicle Theft problems, role of law enforcement, role of prosecution, insurance partnership, and public awareness. The following day would be a Council meeting where a recap of the Hearing would be provided. The items, suggestions, and thoughts that come out of the panel discussions would be incorporated into the new strategy. With those items, suggestions, and thoughts, we would offer funding.

There was further discussion regarding the attendees of this potential panel for the Strategy Development Hearing and possible expansion of the Motor Vehicle Statute.

### **MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING FOR GMAT UPDATE**

Mr. Robin Murphy, Associate General Counsel, from the Authority's Office of General Counsel was present to provide Council an update on the closing of this program. The Council went into closed session to discuss pending litigation. The Council voted unanimously to go into closed session.

*Motion to close the meeting*

Motion: Director Roberts  
Second: Mr. Sauzek  
Vote: approved unanimously

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

***“A working partnership of the public and private sectors fighting vehicle theft in Illinois”***

## **ADJOURN**

There were no additional items on the agenda after the session was concluded. Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Roberts seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/Lisa Castillo*

Lisa Castillo

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