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**MINUTES**

**Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council**  
**August 13, 2014 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority**  
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The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council held its third quarter 2014 Council meeting at 10:00 A.M. on August 14, 2014 in Chicago, Illinois.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Donald Sauzek chaired the Council meeting and called the meeting to order. Robin Murphy, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Associate General Counsel, called roll.

Name	Present	Telephone	Absent
Hiram Grau			x
Anita Alvarez	x		
Larry Cholewin	x		
Gerald Farina	x		
Brian B. Fengel	x		
Garry McCarthy			x
Larry D. Johnson	x		
Donald L. Sauzek	x		
Brad Demuzio as designee for Jesse White		x	
Jerry Brady	x		

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

A quorum was established.

**MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING**

Mr. Sauzek asked the Council members if they had any questions, comments, and/or edits with regard to the May 21, 2014 Council meeting minutes. There were no questions, comments, or edits. Mr. Fengel moved to approve the May 21, 2014 Council meeting minutes, and Mr. Cholewin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

Trust Fund Reports – A balance of \$5,578,665 remains in the trust fund as of June 30, 2014. Mr. Stevens noted that there is a projected Trust Fund balance of \$1,994,155 at the end of 2014.

Program Fleet Summary – Mr. Stevens made a brief reference to the Program Fleet Summary in the Council members' materials, which was prepared by Ms. Luisa Salazar.

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Staff Activities – Mr. Stevens made a brief reference to a memo in the Council members’ materials regarding staff activities. Mr. Terry Dugan performed all the scheduled site visits. He noted that the Council collected \$6.6 million in funds this year, the highest ever collected in a year. On July 24, 2014, Ms. Salazar met with Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force in Joliet, which was given a vehicle by American Families Insurance Company, the first car that they ever donated.

## **GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Sauzek called upon Lieutenant Colonel Todd Kilby to report on the Grant Review Committee’s meeting on July 10, 2014 at ICJIA in Chicago, Illinois. The Grant Review Committee met and made several recommendations.

The GRC recommended a revised designation of \$30,000, instead of \$60,000, for the Insurance Vehicle Expense Fund Program as it identified \$30,000 of funds that will be unspent.

Secondly, as to the Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force, the Program identified a lapse of \$6,790 in the Personnel category. There was a request for an additional \$15,000, to replace a vehicle provided by State Farm. Mr. Stevens noted an error in the “2014 Projected Lapses” memorandum. The designated increase of the Task Force was in fact \$15,000, instead of \$6,790.

The GRC also requested a \$15,000 increase from the Insurance Vehicle Expense fund for the Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force.

Finally, the State Local Auto Theft Enforcement Program identified a lapse of \$18,000 in the Personnel Category, and requested this amount be used to purchase a used utility vehicle to replace a State Farm vehicle which must be returned.

There was a global motion on all these recommendations, made by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Farina seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Sauzek then requested a motion to approve or deny the Grant Review Committee’s Calendar Year 2015 program funding proposal. State’s Attorney Alvarez made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cholwein. It was then approved by the Council by unanimous vote.

Mr. Stevens then discussed the issue of 2015 grants appropriations for increased planning. Mr. Stevens referenced the Supplanting Memorandum prepared by ICJIA Office of General Counsel. Supplanting issues make it impossible for local agencies to receive the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) raises that they are requesting. There was discussion whether to expand to underserved areas or continue with existing program locations. The Council discussed the additional logistical difficulties and supervision issues of expanding/adding officers for an auto task force.

Mr. Stevens voiced potential next steps in the process. The current units could submit COLA and expansion dollar requests to the Council. As a guideline, the units will use benefits of a first-year officer. If there is then unspent funds at that time, the Council can then look to underserved locations. Mr. Stevens stated that he can prepare these communications and proposals to the units by the next GRC Meeting in October.

## **PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

### ***Tri-County Theft Task Force***

Mr. Sauzek then called upon Dan Licken, former director of the Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force, to present a summary of progress of the program over the last twelve months. Jason Holtz is the new director of the task force. Mr. Licken noted that a written program profile was in the Council members’ materials behind Tab E. Mr. Licken gave an overview of the program. Mr. Licken then discussed an investigation of “Operation Hot

Air,” which involved several state, local, and federal agencies across the country. A search warrant was executed at the subject’s residence in Minooka. The victims were third and fourth party vehicle owners who paid for stolen cars, which the subject had bought cheaply at auctions. The subject was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison.

**RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION**

A resolution of commendation was presented to the Council for its consideration and approval for Council Member Gerald Farina. The Resolution of Commendation stated that Mr. Farina who served the Council with distinction, and made many outstanding contributions to the Council. Mr. Fengel made a motion to adopt the resolutions of commendation. Mr. Cholewin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

State’s Attorney Alvarez referenced an article in the New York Times yesterday, which reported that auto thefts had been reduced by 60% in New York State, and inquired as to whether Illinois was seeing similar decline. It was learned that the state’s number outside of Cook was similarly reduced overall, but Cook County’s numbers had increased in the past few years.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Cholewin moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Farina seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Murphy  
Associate General Counsel  
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority