ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION COUNCIL REQUESTS INPUT ON STATEWIDE FOUR-YEAR MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION STRATEGY

The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council is seeking input on its 2012-2015 Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy.

In 1990, the Illinois General Assembly took action against steadily rising auto theft rates by passing the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act. The Act, which took effect Jan. 1, 1991, established the 11-member Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (MVTPC) and gave it the responsibility for managing a unique cooperative venture between business and government to curb motor vehicle theft in Illinois.

To further this mission, every four years, the MVTPC adopts a statewide motor vehicle theft prevention strategy derived from public comment, expert opinion, data analyses, and performance of funded programs. The strategy describes the nature and extent of the vehicle theft problem in Illinois, the areas of the state where the problem is greatest, particular problems that the Council should focus on, and the types of programs it should support. Vehicle thefts have dropped 56 percent since the creation of the MVTPC.

The current strategy can be viewed at <u>www.icjia.state.il.us/mv</u>. A hard copy of the draft also may be requested by e-mail, fax, phone or U.S. mail (see contact information below).

The MVTPC welcomes your input on the new strategy. You may e-mail, fax, or send written comments to the MVTPC by May 2, 2011. Verbal input may be made in person at the MVTPC meeting at 9 a.m., May 18, 2011, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 3100 South Dirksen Parkway, in Springfield, Illinois. Verbal input will be limited to five minutes. Submission of comments does not constitute an application for grant funding.

Public comments may be e-mailed to: **CJA.IMVTPC@Illinois.gov**

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