

2004 Annual Report

A private and public partnership effectively combating motor vehicle theft and related crimes in Illinois since 1991.



To the Governor and the Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

We are pleased to present the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council 2004 Annual Report. This report describes the challenges we've faced and documents the positive results we achieved this past year. The Council's partnership of public and private sectors is effectively fighting vehicle theft in Illinois.

Since 1991, the year the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act was enacted by the General Assembly, vehicle theft in Illinois has declined 44 percent. From 1991 to 2003, the number of stolen vehicles decreased from 75,642 to 42,201. This is a decline of more than 33,000 vehicles annually – resulting in a savings of more than \$227 million.

The grant funds awarded by the Council have improved motor vehicle theft law enforcement by establishing and supporting multijurisdictional task forces, investigative teams, and other special efforts throughout the state. These programs have produced impressive results during the past 12 years, including:

- 18,615 criminal investigations initiated.
- 35,581 audits of vehicle-related businesses.
- 10,442 violation letters issued to audited businesses.
- 10,198 arrests.
- 4,021 convictions obtained.
- 26,170 stolen vehicles recovered worth approximately \$201 million.

The \$77 million granted by the Council from 1991 through 2004 has resulted in the recovery of more than \$428 million in stolen vehicles and reduced theft rates. This amount in savings, divided by the amount awarded to operate the programs, yield a return of more than \$5 for every dollar spent.

We would like to thank the individuals who remain dedicated and committed to the Council's mission to decrease motor vehicle theft in Illinois, and congratulate those carrying out this successful work.

Very respectfully,

Larry G. Trent

Chairman

Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council

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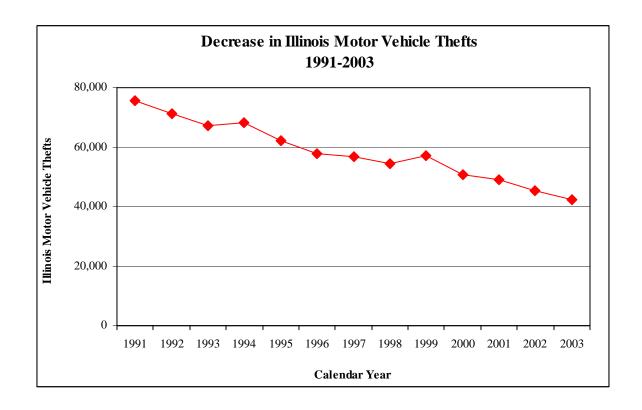
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The 2004 Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council

The General Assembly established the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council in 1991. The Council is an 11-member coalition of representatives from the insurance industry, state's attorney's, and law enforcement. Currently the council has one insurance representative vacancy. The Council's mission is to reduce vehicle theft, insurance fraud, and motor vehicle theft-related crimes in Illinois.

The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act requires insurance companies to pay into a special trust fund \$1 for each private passenger automobile insured for physical damage coverage. This amount, which is about \$6 million each year, is collected and distributed by the Council. The funds are designated to law enforcement programs that increase investigation and prosecution of vehicle theft-related crimes.

Members of the Council appoint the Grant Review Committee members. The Grant Review Committee reviews all grant proposals, budgets, and additional information that must be brought before the Council.

2004 Council members

The following members served on the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council in 2004:

Larry G. Trent, Chairman

Director, Illinois State Police

Mr. Trent was appointed director in March 2003. Mr. Trent has an extensive law enforcement background, having served the Illinois State Police (ISP) for 22 years prior to his retirement in 1993. During his ISP career, he held a variety of investigative and management positions, receiving six promotions, and numerous departmental commendations.

Rodney Fisher

State Farm Insurance Companies

Rodney P. Fisher, CPCU, CLU, ChFC, CIFI, is currently a section manager with State Farm Insurance Companies. Mr. Fisher leads the Chicago Metro Special Investigative Units, which investigate a variety of claims, including claims involving motor vehicle thefts. Mr. Fisher has held this position since 1998. Prior to holding this position, Mr. Fisher was a team manager with State Farm's Special Investigative Unit. Mr. Fisher also has held various other claims management and claim handling positions with State Farm and other major insurance companies. Mr. Fisher is a graduate of Indiana State University with B.S. degrees in economics and political science. He was appointed to the Council in 2003.

Hon. Richard A. Devine

Cook County State's Attorney

Mr. Devine was elected Cook County State's Attorney in 1996. Mr. Devine has more than 30 years of experience in both public and private practice. He served as first assistant state's attorney from 1980 to 1983. Today, he serves on boards of the National District Attorneys' Association and is a past president of the Illinois State's Attorneys' Association.

Philip J. Cline

Superintendent,

Chicago Police Department

Philip J. Cline was appointed Chicago Police Department superintendent in October 2003. Mr. Cline has been with the Chicago Police Department since 1968, starting as a cadet and working through the ranks. In 1998, he became commander of the Narcotics and Gang Investigation Section. He later was promoted to deputy chief of the Organized Crime Unit, chief of detectives, and first deputy superintendent before being appointed to his current post.

Brian B. Fengel

Chief, Bartonville Police Department

Brian B. Fengel has been the chief of police in Bartonville since 1998 and began his career with the department as an officer in 1990. He is a graduate of the 201st Session of the FBI National Academy. He has a B.S. degree in criminal justice and served as a police officer assigned with the Secret Service at the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was appointed to the Council in 2003.

Hon. Paul A. Logli

Winnebago County State's Attorney

Mr. Logli was elected Winnebago County State's Attorney in 1988, and re-elected in 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004. In 1981, he was appointed as an associate judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court. In 1986, he resigned from the bench and accepted an appointment to fill an unexpired term as state's attorney. He was appointed to the Council in 1993.

Beau William Parrillo

United Automobile Insurance Company

Mr. Parrillo is vice president of claims for United Automobile Insurance Company. He was appointed to the Council in 2000.

Donald L. Sauzek

Country Companies

Mr. Sauzek has been a Council member since 1996. He is manager of material damage claims for Country Companies, directing all aspects of physical damage claims in ten states.

Scott C. Lucking

Rosental Bros., Inc.

Mr. Lucking was appointed to the Council in March 2004. He has been in the insurance business for more than 20 years and works primarily in the area of automobile and truck recycling. He is also a board member of the Auto and Truck Recyclers of Illinois.

Hon. Jesse White

Illinois Secretary of State

Mr. White was elected the 37th Illinois Secretary of State in 1998. Mr. White served as Cook County Recorder of Deeds from 1992-1998. Before being elected as recorder of deeds, he served in the Illinois General Assembly for 16 years. Mr. White was chairman of the Illinois House Committee on Human Services, and was a member of the education committee and committees on children and aging. Since October 2003, Brad Demuzio, director of the Secretary of State Police Department, has served as Mr. White's designee to the Council.

Grant Review Committee members

Mark Hinchy, Chairman

Captain, Illinois State Police
Represents Council Chairman Trent.

Rodney Fisher

State Farm Insurance Companies

Scott C. Lucking

Rosenthal Bros., Inc.

Michael Smith

Cook County State's Attorney's office Represents Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine.

Brad Demuzio

Illinois Secretary of State Department of Police Represents Secretary of State Jesse White.

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Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Motor vehicle theft trends in Illinois

Vehicle thefts decline

Since the Council's inception in 1991, the annual number of motor vehicle theft offenses in Illinois decreased 44 percent, from 75,642 in 1991 to 42,201 in 2003. At the time of this report, the most recent data available from the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program was from 2003. The annual vehicle theft rate in Illinois decreased approximately 49 percent between 1991 and 2003, from 656 to 334 offenses per 100,000 population. When the number of vehicle thefts in Illinois was compared to the rest of the states, Illinois ranked 7th in 2002 (45,219) and 8th in 2003 (42,201). In 1991, Illinois ranked 5th among U.S. states with a total of 75,642 motor vehicle thefts.

Figure 1 shows the number of vehicle theft offenses in 2003 for each county. The 10 counties with the most vehicle thefts are: Cook, Winnebago, St. Clair, DuPage, Peoria, Madison, Lake, Will, Kane, and Sangamon. Cook County represents nearly 75 percent of vehicle thefts in Illinois. The areas where the seven Council-funded task forces operate are outlined in black.

Vehicle theft recoveries

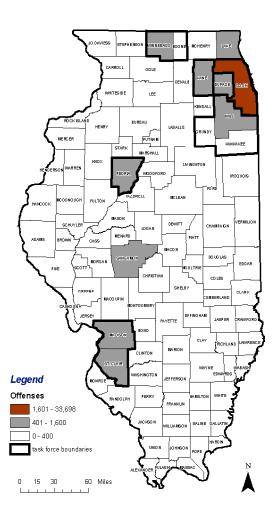
Based on a 2003 statewide assessment of motor vehicle theft, prepared by the Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse, 84 percent of the vehicles stolen in Illinois in 2003 were recovered. The average number of days between theft and recovery was 19 in 2003.

Vehicle theft arrests & convictions

In 2003, the most recent data available, there were 10,376 arrests for vehicle theft in Illinois. This makes up 7 percent of the total estimated arrests for vehicle theft in the U.S. in 2003. Illinois arrests have decreased 4 percent since 1991, while nationwide the number of estimated vehicle theft arrests decreased 26 percent.

In 2003, the average sentence length of the 803 offenders committed to the Illinois Department

Figure 1
2003 motor vehicle theft offenses



of Corrections for motor vehicle theft was four years. The total number of motor vehicle theft sentences imposed in 2003 decreased by 7 percent from 2002, and the average sentence length decreased from 4.1 to 4.0 years.

Overview of Council programs 1992-2004

Since 1992, when grants were first awarded, the Council has funded 30 vehicle theft programs in Illinois. The majority of awarded funds, about \$63 million, have been focused on law enforcement programs that increase investigations and prosecutions of vehicle theft-related crimes (Figure 2).

Through 2004, the programs funded by the Council expended approximately \$69 million. Most funds pay the salary and fringe benefits of personnel assigned to task forces and special investigative teams in the state (Figure 3). Remaining funds are utilized for equipment, commodities, travel, contractual agreements, and costs not covered by the other categories.

Programs funded by the Council are cooperative partnerships. Nearly all of the funded programs involved considerable support from participating agencies. ISP and the Secretary of State Department of Police assigned task force directors and personnel to the programs and absorbed costs for these personnel. In addition, the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) assigned agents to the programs without requesting compensation and many Illinois insurance companies have loaned more than 300 vehicles for use by Council-funded law enforcement programs since the program began.

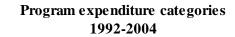
Funding awarded in targeted program areas

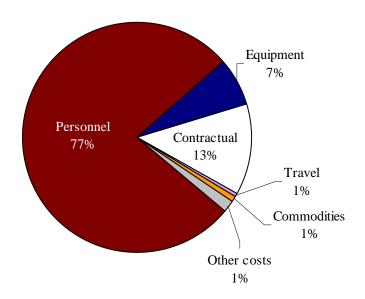
1992-2004

Figure 2

Infrastructure supporting law enforcement 12%
Public education and awareness 2%
Evaluation and research 1% programs 4%

Figure 3





Council-funded programs 2004

In 2004, the Council funded 12 programs: seven task forces, one specialized prosecution program, one specialized investigations program, one vehicle theft training program, one vehicle maintenance program, and one data intelligence program. There were 114 personnel supported by, or assigned to, Council-funded programs in 2004.

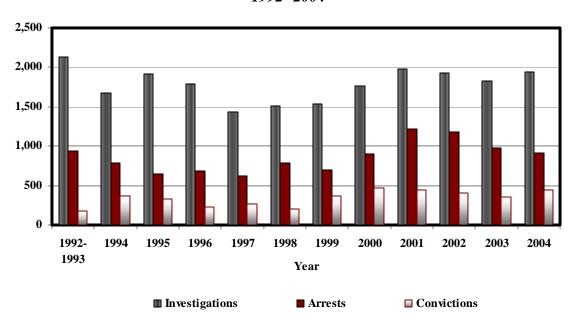
Law enforcement

There were seven Council-funded task forces operating in Illinois during 2004. The task forces consist of officers from both local and state law enforcement agencies. In 2004, 81 investigators and auditors were assigned to the Council-funded task forces. During the year, the work of the task forces resulted in 1,937 investigations, 915 arrests, and 442 convictions¹ (Figure 4). There were 1,231 vehicles, valued at approximately \$14 million, recovered. In addition, the task force officers were involved in public awareness and motor vehicle theft prevention activities in their areas.

Figure 4

Task force program activity

1992²-2004



Source: Task Force Monthly Performance Reports

¹ Due to the time lapse between an arrest and conviction, the number of convictions during a year does not directly reflect the number of arrests during the same year.

² Data for September through December 1992 were added to 1993 data.

DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: DuPage County Sheriff's office Amount awarded for 2004: \$298,534

The DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force, known as BATTLE (Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement), operates in DuPage County, located in northeastern Illinois. In a coordinated effort to identify and arrest offenders, the officers work with numerous agencies, such as local Crime Stoppers programs, insurance companies, and local, county, and federal police agencies. In 2004, BATTLE conducted 105 investigations (40 self-initiated and 65 assisted investigations), resulting in 59 arrests. BATTLE also recovered 90 stolen vehicles worth an estimated \$1.5 million.

BATTLE provided training to law enforcement agencies on 27 occasions during 2004. This number includes training provided while participating in the Wheaton Police Department's Commercial Vehicle Registration Enforcement Days and during DUI roadside safety checks with the DuPage County Sheriff's office and the West Chicago Police Department. BATTLE also provided training to 26 business and citizens groups in DuPage County, including Citizen Police Academies, and participated in the DuPage County Sheriff's Safety Saturday. In addition, BATTLE continues to provide all police departments in DuPage County with the monthly stolen vehicle "Hot Sheet" and the Illinois State Police Quarterly Reports. BATTLE also produced three intelligence bulletins regarding trends in vehicle theft.

Kane-Cook Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Elgin Police Department Amount awarded for 2004: \$407,608

The Kane-Cook Auto Theft Task Force (KCAT) is headquartered in Elgin and its service area covers Kane County and the northwestern portion of the Chicago area. The unit's central activities include intelligence gathering and dissemination, investigation of auto theft and insurance rings, assistance to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies with auto theft and insurance fraud investigations, and providing training to local law enforcement. In 2004, KCAT initiated 100 investigations that resulted in 66 arrests where the suspect was charged. KCAT also recovered 101 vehicles worth in excess of \$2.1 million. Forty-two percent of the recovered vehicles were retagged vehicles.

In 2004, KCAT expanded its investigation of organized theft in the Chicago area. The ongoing "Polish Predator" investigation has exposed this group's involvement in auto theft, insurance fraud, bank auto loan fraud, mortgage loan fraud, identity theft, forgery, counterfeiting, and the creation of fictitious driver's licenses, passports, and tax documents. This investigation expanded to include the FBI, U.S. Secret Service, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

During 2004, KCAT continued to innovate and improve both in operations and training. KCAT investigators provided training to several law enforcement agencies, which included hosting and developing an eight-hour block of advanced auto theft detection training for patrol officers. KCAT has also expanded its use of computer databases to assist in the detection of altered or retagged vehicles, and in tracking suspects. This expanded use of databases is one reason for the high percentage of retagged stolen vehicles recovered by KCAT.

Metro-East Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Belleville Police Department Amount awarded for 2004: \$619,176

The Metro East Auto Theft Task Force operates in Madison and St. Clair counties located in southern Illinois. The task force combats vehicle theft by working closely with the many police departments in the two counties as well as the St. Louis Police Department and St. Louis County Sheriff's office. In 2004, the Metro East Auto Theft Task Force conducted 654 investigations (354 self-initiated and 300 assisted investigations), resulting in 334 arrests. The task force referred 246 cases for prosecution that led to 118 convictions. The unit recovered 332 vehicles worth an estimated \$2.9 million.

All members of the Metro East Auto Theft Task Force attend a weekly roll call. At the roll call, new case information is discussed and suspect information is exchanged. The members of the task force also discuss new methods of operation and "Hot Spots". The task force increased its activity by varying work hours, and meeting with local police departments. During 2004, the task force worked jointly with the FBI on a \$1.5 million multi-state investigation involving thefts of automobiles, farm equipment, ATV's, and trailers. This investigation resulted in the recovery of numerous vehicles and tractors, and three subjects who are awaiting trial in federal court. In 2004, the task force developed information that led to the initiation of a federal investigation involving the theft of late model, high dollar-value vehicles from Mississippi that were transported to St. Clair County, re-tagged, and sold. The task force also conducted an auto theft seminar at the State Farm Insurance Training Center in Collinsville, Illinois. The task force also worked jointly with the Illinois Secretary of State, Department of Police Special Audit Team in the audit of several salvage yards and a reverse sting operation.

Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Illinois State Police

Amount awarded for 2004: \$746,345

The Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force (NEMAT) conducts enforcement operations to combat auto theft and insurance fraud in Cook County and Chicago. They also assist local and federal law enforcement agencies, perform undercover operations, provide training, and initiate their own investigations. In 2004, NEMAT conducted 244 investigations, resulting in 126 arrests. The unit recovered 241 stolen vehicles worth an estimated \$4.2 million. They also initiated 24 insurance fraud investigations, arrested 12 career offenders, and conducted seven roll call training sessions.

In a joint investigation with the Schiller Park Police Department, investigators uncovered two subjects involved in stealing construction equipment and trucks by means of forgery and identity theft. During the course of the investigation, investigators learned the suspects operated a construction company and were purchasing construction equipment and trucks, utilizing fraudulent checks, and assumed identities from car dealerships, construction companies, and private parties. Investigators executed a search warrant and seized two Ford heavy duty trucks, six pieces of construction equipment, rosette rivets, fraudulent titles, checks, identification cards, and other documents. Both subjects were charged with Aggravated Possession of a Stolen Vehicle and Forgery.

In another investigation, the unit identified a subject working at a local bank who was assuming the identity of account holders, stealing money from their accounts, and purchasing vehicles under their identity. A joint investigation with the Chicago Police Department ultimately

determined the suspect had stolen over \$250,000 and purchased four vehicles under assumed identities.

Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Winnebago County Sheriff's office Amount awarded for 2004: \$421,586

The Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force (NIATTF) covers Winnebago and Boone counties. In 2004, NIATTF launched 204 investigations (76 self-initiated and 128 assisted investigations), resulting in 104 arrests. The task force referred 104 cases for prosecution that led to 33 convictions in 2004. The unit recovered 68 stolen vehicles worth an estimated \$530,291.

NIATTF also conducted investigations on 195 vehicles that were recovered by other law enforcement agencies. The value of these vehicles totaled \$1.3 million.

In 2004, NIATTF received a tip from the Boone County Crime Stoppers about an individual from New York who stole a construction trailer from a local business. A search of the location where the suspect was staying resulted in the recovery of the trailer and additional stolen tools. The task force also recovered a 2003 Harley Davidson, a 2000 Dodge Viper, a 2003 Chevrolet Suburban, and a 1999 Chevrolet Corvette, a total value of \$154,000. Two individuals were arrested for various charges. NIATTF also worked a joint investigation with the Rockford Police Department, which resulted in the arrest of three juveniles who were stealing vehicles from car dealerships in Winnebago, Ogle, and Lee counties. The juveniles admitted to stealing 17 vehicles valued at nearly \$170,000.

State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force

Grantee: City of Peoria Police Department Amount awarded for 2004: \$311,778

The State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force (SLATE) serves Peoria County in the central region of Illinois. During 2004, the program's fifth year of operation, SLATE conducted 254 investigations (193 self-initiated and 61 assisted investigations), resulting in 119 arrests. The task force referred 105 of these cases for prosecution that led to 92 convictions in 2004. In addition, the task force recovered 187 vehicles worth an estimated \$1.2 million.

In 2004, SLATE conducted four Motor vehicle theft training classes and 12 roll call training sessions. officers from the task force attended area Neighborhood Watch meetings and participated in the Peoria Citizen Police Academy. Also in 2004, a prosecutor from the Peoria County State's Attorney's office was added to the task force. Agents from the task force are continuing to work on an investigation involving stolen, high-dollar SUV's from the Atlanta, GA. area. In 2004, three subjects were taken before a federal grand jury. Fifteen stolen vehicles were identified and recovered during this investigation and the case is scheduled to go to federal court in 2005. In another investigation, a subject received a 34-year sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the theft of several vehicles in Peoria and surrounding counties. This individual was a repeat auto theft offender and had recently been released from prison.

Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Joliet Police Department Amount awarded for 2004: \$776,624

The Tri-County Task Force (TCAT) serves the Joliet area, including Will, Kankakee, and Grundy counties. The task force links the efforts of the Illinois State Police, the sheriffs' offices of Will, Grundy, and Kankakee counties, and the police departments of Joliet, Bolingbrook, Romeoville, and Kankakee. In 2004, the task force conducted 290 investigations (165 self- initiated and 125 assisted investigations), resulting in 107 arrests. All but two of the arrests were accepted for prosecution and there were 74 convictions during 2004. The unit recovered 197 vehicles worth an estimated \$2.2 million. They also recovered seven vehicle parts worth \$3,900 and \$3.1 million in cargo and merchandise stolen from tractor-trailer vehicles.

In 2004, the Tri-County Task Force sponsored or attended ten intelligence meetings with numerous local and federal law enforcement agencies concerning motor vehicle, truck, motorcycle, and construction vehicle thefts. The unit provided eight auto theft presentations to various local agencies, including the Bolingbrook and Joliet Citizen's Police Academies. Several members of the task force attended an insurance industry Special Investigative Units fraud seminar and the regional IAATI conference. Unit investigators also attended trainings concerning identity theft, heavy equipment theft, interview and interrogation, search and seizure, asset forfeiture, GPS tracking, evidence handling, electronic surveillance, and cyber terrorism. TCAT investigators initiated three construction equipment theft details and monitored two motorcycle swap meets in Peotone.

Specialized prosecution

Cook County Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit

Grantee: office of the Cook County State's Attorney

Amount awarded for 2004: \$589,315

The unit is comprised of one supervising and three specially trained prosecutors, two state's attorney's investigators, an administrative assistant, and two part-time law clerks. The four senior attorneys prosecute career auto thieves as well as individuals involved in chop shop operations, insurance fraud, organized street gang operations, carjacking, and the illegal activities of rebuilders and scrap dealers. The prosecution team vertically prosecutes targeted vehicle theft cases and related crimes in Cook County. In vertical prosecution, an attorney is assigned a case from submission through trial, a method considered critical for prosecuting vehicle theft cases. Two Cook County State's Attorney's investigators augment police work by tracking documents, locating witnesses, and conducting detailed background investigations.

In 2004, the Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Program handled 121 indictments of 179 defendants. of the cases that were disposed of in 2004, there were 105 guilty pleas, six jury trials and 19 bench trials. Restitution totaling \$121,313 was received from six defendants. Ninety-nine defendants were sentenced to jail, 16 were put on probation and three were put under court supervision.

The unit supervisor conducted multiple trainings for, or on behalf of, the Cook County State's Attorney's office. He also conducted in-house trainings for assistant state's attorneys and investigators in the Cook County State's Attorney's office.

Specialized investigation

Secretary of State Special Audit Teams Program

Grantee: Secretary of State, Department of Police

Amount awarded for 2004: \$1,062,112

The Secretary of State, Special Audit Team program focuses on policing the marketplace for stolen vehicles and parts using special audit teams. There were four teams in operation during 2004, which were located in Chicago, Rockford, Peoria, and East St. Louis. The teams travel throughout Illinois, monitoring salvage yards, rebuilders, repairers, insurance pools, and scrap processors for compliance with regulations governing record keeping of vehicle and vehicle part transactions. They also perform reverse roll sting operations to help identify dealers who may be engaged in illegal activities. The teams are comprised of 14 auditors, three supervisors, one clerk and one administrator.

In 2004, the teams performed 3,503 audits involving 47,500 vehicles and 9,879 essential vehicle parts. They also conducted eight reverse roll sting operations. In all, 36 stolen vehicles and 225 contraband vehicles (vehicles without a public VIN plate) were recovered, for a total estimated value of \$2 million. There were 442 violation letters issued, which resulted in 890 charges. Their enforcement actions resulted in 18 arrests, 105 written warnings, four suspensions, ten revocations, and 13 surrenders of dealer's authorities. There were 14 essential vehicle parts recovered, worth an estimated \$24,095. The teams also inspected 5,573 certificates of title, 16,786 junk certificates, and 2,503 salvage certificates. Finally, the audit teams tracked and photographed 4,445 vehicles at the insurance salvage pools, and reviewed and released 2,407 title hits from vehicles at the insurance pools.

Infrastructure supporting programs

Insurance vehicle expense Fund Program

Grantee: Illinois Anti-Car Theft Committee Amount awarded for 2004: \$63,590

To support Council-funded law enforcement efforts, insurance companies have loaned vehicles for use by Council-funded programs. To date, 31 different insurance companies have loaned 330 vehicles. The vast majority of these vehicles are recovered stolen vehicles obtained from the insurance salvage pools in the Chicago metropolitan area. Program funds are used to repair these vehicles and to obtain required Illinois titles and license plates. The Council, through the Illinois Anti-Car Theft Committee, has designated trust funds for repairing or purchasing parts for these vehicles to make them safe for operation. The task force officers are assigned these vehicles for surveillance and undercover activities.

Funds that would have been used to purchase or lease new vehicles at a much higher cost are being used instead to fund other grant expenses. In 2004, Council-funded programs utilized 50 vehicles from insurance companies. Fifty percent of the current fleet of 50 vehicles had user agreements renewed for 2004. If the Council had leased these vehicles, the estimated cost for the year would have been nearly \$275,000. During 2004, expenditures from the fund totaled \$57.616. The cost of licensing and registering vehicles was \$6,085 in 2004.

Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse

Grantee: Illinois State Police

Amount awarded for 2004: \$271,554

The Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse provides focused statewide analytical support for motor vehicle theft task forces and the Illinois law enforcement community. The unit, which operates within the Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center of the Illinois State Police in Springfield, consists of three criminal intelligence analysts and one clerk, and is directed by a master sergeant. The Clearinghouse annually publishes the *Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Statewide Assessment*, which includes theft and recovery trends, theft rates by county, and a geographic analysis of the motor vehicle theft problem during the previous year. The report is distributed to the Council-funded task forces, the Council, and the Illinois State Police Training Academy. The Clearinghouse also develops the *Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force Quarterly Activity Summary*, which provides information to the Council and Grant Review Committee on the performance of Council-funded task forces.

During 2004, the clearinghouse received 508 requests for case assistance, intelligence analysis, mapping, and charting or creation of strategic and tactical products. These requests included 386 inquiries from the Council-funded auto theft task forces for tactical summations, theft and recovery reports, digital images, vehicle title histories, and tactical case assistance. Other requests were received from the Illinois State Police, various federal agencies, local law enforcement, and other criminal justice entities.

Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training Program

Grantee: Illinois State Police

Amount awarded for 2004: \$88,049

The Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training Program is administered by the Illinois State Police. The goal of the program is to increase awareness and understanding of motor vehicle theft in the law enforcement community and the insurance industry in Illinois. The program offers classes for investigators, patrol officers, and insurance industry officials. The training classes cover important characteristics of vehicle theft cases and investigation techniques specific to vehicle theft-related cases.

In 2004, the program conducted four 36-hour courses for motor vehicle theft investigators. A total of 40 officers were trained. The program also conducted sixteen, eight-hour training classes for police officers assigned to patrol functions. A total of 229 officers attended these. Finally, the program conducted two eight-hour advanced training courses for officers assigned to the motor vehicle theft task forces. A total of 40 officers attended these courses. The training evaluation forms completed by the participants and instructors reported favorable assessments of the training classes.

2004 Programs and Participating Agencies

DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force (BATTLE)

- 1 Illinois State Police master sergeant
- 1 Illinois State Police sergeant
- 2 DuPage County deputies
- 1 DuPage County state's attorney investigator
- 1 DuPage County assistant state's attorney
- 1 Clerk, DuPage County Sheriff's office

Kane County Auto Theft Task Force (KCAT)

- 1 Illinois State Police Master Sergeant
- 2 Elgin officers
- 1 Aurora officer
- 1 Investigator, Lake County Sheriff's office
- 1 Kane County assistant state's attorney
- 1 Clerk

Metro East Auto Theft Task Force

- 1 St. Clair County investigator
- 1 Illinois State Police sergeant
- 1 Illinois Secretary of State Police investigator
- 1 Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville officer
- 1 Cahokia officer
- 1 East St. Louis officer
- 1 Madison County deputy
- 1 Fairview Heights officer
- 1 Belleville officer
- 1 Collinsville officer
- 1 Madison County assistant state's attorney
- 1 St. Clair County assistant state's attorney
- 1 Secretary/contractual
- 1 Fiscal officer/contractual (part-time)

Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse

- 3 Illinois State Police Intelligence Bureau analysts
- 1 Illinois State Police master sergeant
- 1 Senior administrator

Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit

- 4 Cook County assistant state's attorneys
- 2 Cook County state's attorney investigators
- 1 Administrative assistant Cook County
- 2 Law clerks- Cook County

SOS Audit Team

19 Secretary of State Department of Police personnel

MV Investigation Training Program

2 Ilinois State Police personnel

Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force (NEMAT)

- 2 Illinois State Police master sergeants
- 2 Illinois State Police sergeants
- 3 Illinois State Police investigators
- 2 Chicago officers
- 1 Cicero officer
- 1 Dolton officer
- 1 Berkely officer
- 1 Orland Park officer
- 1 Cook County deputy
- 1 Cook County assistant state's attorney investigator
- 2 Stone Park officers
- 1 National Insurance Crime Bureau agent
- 2 Clerks

Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force (NIATTF)

- 1 Illinois State Police sergeant
- 1 Cherry Valley officer
- 1 Belvidere officer
- 1 Winnebago County senior deputy
- 1 Boone County deputy
- 1 Winnebago County State's Attorney's office ator
- 1 Winnebago County assistant state's attorney
- 1 Clerk

State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement (SLATE)

- 1 Illinois State Police investigations commander
- 1 Illinois State Police master sergeant
- 1 Illinois State Police investigator
- 1 Illinois Secretary of State Police investigator
- 2 Peoria City officers
- 1 Peoria County deputy
- 1 Clerk

Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force

- 1 Illinois State Police master sergeant
- 1 Joliet officer
- 1 Joliet sergeant
- 1 Will County deputy
- 1 Will County sergeant
- 1 Bolingbrook officer
- 1 Grundy County deputy
- 1 Romeoville officer
- 1 Kankakee City officer
- 2 Kankakee County deputies
- 1 Kankakee County assistant state's attorney
- 1 Will County assistant state's attorney
- 1 Clerical staff person, Will County Sheriff's office
- 1 National Insurance Crime Bureau agent

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 114

2004 Fiscal Financial Statement

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2004 (July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004)

REVENUES:	
Insurance company payments	\$6,497,668
Interest income	\$32,098
TOTAL	\$6,529,766

EXPENDITURES:	
Transfers from trust fund	\$769,337
Administrative	\$278,055
Programs	\$4,351,973
TOTAL	\$5,399,365

BALANCE:	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3,173,199
ENDING BALANCE	\$4,303,600

^{\$744,240} was transferred from the trust fund to the state general revenue fund to assist the state in balancing the budget.

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council: Program grant awards

	2003	2004	2005
Secretary of State Special Audit Teams Program	\$1,092,727	\$1,062,11	\$1,143,303
Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit	\$628,624	\$589,315	\$589,315
Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force	\$788,984	\$776,624	\$776,624
Metro East Auto Theft Task Force	\$589,172	\$619,176	\$619,176
Kane County Auto Theft Task Force	\$398,383	\$407,608	\$407,608
Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force	\$824,044	\$746,345	\$746,345
Insurance Vehicle Expense Fund Program	\$65,000	\$63,590	\$63,590
Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse	\$279,330	\$271,554	\$271,554
DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force	\$434,494	\$298,534	\$298,534
Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force	\$422,172	421,586	\$423,523
Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training	\$84,665	\$88,049	\$88,049
Chicago Police Department Vehicle Theft Data	\$123,954	\$0	\$0
State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement	\$246,931	\$311,778	\$311,778
TOTAL	\$5,978,480	5,656,271	\$5,739,399

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Funds SFY 1991 to Date*

	SFY 1991	SFY 1992	SFY 1993	SFY 1994	SFY 1995	SFY 1996	SFY 1997	SFY 1998
REVENUE								
Insurance company payments	3,679,729	6,477,645	5,187,604	5,269,417	5,306,781	5,427,486	5,554,590	5,599,576
Beat Auto Theft Program revenue	0	0	0	0	1,590	4,625	1,120	250
Interest on trust fund	0	253,170	328,170	280,204	310,915	263,376	222,737	240,659
Subtotal	3,679,729	6,730,815	5,515,774	5,549,621	5,619,286	5,695,487	5,778,447	5,840,485
EXPENDITURES		<u>.</u>						
Transfers from trust fund	0	(100,000)	0	(736)	0	(11,441)	0	(12,456)
Administrative expenditures	(8,068)	(205,021)	(328,170)	(399,627)	(461,547)	(408,141)	(329,393)	(268,400)
Grantee expenditures	0	(70,000)	(4,944,103)	(6,757,497)	(8,227,976)	(5,779,684)	(5,465,088)	(5,240,955)
Subtotal	(8,068)	(375,021)	(5,272,273)	(7,157,860)	(8,689,523)	(6,199,266)	(5,794,481)	(5,521,811)
REVENUES less EXPENDITURES	3,671,661	6,355,794	243,501	(1,608,239)	(3,070,237)	(503,779)	(16,034)	318,674
TRUST FUND BALANCE	3,671,661	10,027,455	10,270,956	8,662,717	5,592,480	5,088,701	5,072,667	5,391,341

	SFY 1999	SFY 2000	SFY 2001	SFY 2002	SFY 2003	SFY 2004	SFY 2005**	TOTALS
REVENUE								
Insurance company payments	5,697,892	5,836,878	5,762,127	5,928,202	5,974,212	6,497,668	0	78,199,807
Beat Auto Theft Program revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,585
Interest on trust fund	236,526	286,037	343,728	217,782	65,179	32,098	34,412	3,114,993
Subtotal	5,934,418	6,122,915	6,105,855	6,145,984	6,039,391	6,529,766	34,412	81,322,385
EXPENDITURES		·					<u>.</u>	
Transfers from trust fund	0	(22,766)	11,226	(13,738)	(4,009,201)	(769,337)	0	(4,928,449)
Administrative expenditures	(179,910)	(151,500)	(254,219)	(335,345)	(322,528)	(278,055)	(100,869)	(4,030,793)
Grantee expenditures	(5,325,023)	(5,481,428)	(4,901,941)	(4,621,844)	(6,958,488)	(4,351,973)	(1,817,793)	(69,943,793)
Subtotal	(5,504,933)	(5,655,694)	(5,144,934)	(4,970,927)	(11,290,217)	(5,399,365)	(1,918,662)	(78,903,035)
REVENUES less EXPENDITURES	429,485	467,221	960,921	1,175,057	(5,250,826)	1,130,401	(1,884,250)	2,419,350
TRUST FUND BALANCE	5,820,826	6,288,047	7,248,968	8,424,025	3,173,199	4,303,600	2,419,350	

^{*}SFY = State Fiscal Year = July 1 through June 30.
**July 1, 2004 through Dec. 31, 2004.
Numbers in parentheses are negative.

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The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act

20 Illinois Compiled Statutes 4005

4005/1. Short title. This Act shall be known as the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act.

4005/2. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to prevent, combat and reduce motor vehicle theft in Illinois; to improve and support motor vehicle theft law enforcement, prosecution and administration of motor vehicle theft laws by establishing statewide planning capabilities for and coordination of financial resources.

4005/3. Definitions. As used in this Act:

- (a) "Authority" means the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.
- (b) "Council" means the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, established within the Authority by this Act.
- (c) "Trust Fund" means the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund.

4005/4. Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council--Members--Chairman-Terms—Meetings. There is hereby created within the Authority an Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, which shall exercise its powers, duties and responsibilities independently of the Authority. There shall be 11 members of the Council consisting of the Secretary of State or his designee, the Director of the Department of State Police, the State's Attorney of Cook County, the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, and the following 7 additional members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor: a state's attorney of a county other than Cook, a chief executive law enforcement official from a jurisdiction other than the City of Chicago, 5 representatives of insurers authorized to write motor vehicle insurance in this State, all of whom shall be domiciled in this State.

The Governor from time to time shall designate the Chairman of the Council from the membership. All members of the Council appointed by the Governor shall serve at the discretion of the Governor for a term not to exceed 4 years. The initial appointed members of the Council shall serve from January 1, 1991 until the third Monday in January, 1995 or until their successors are appointed. The Council shall meet at least quarterly.

4005/5. Compensation of members. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation. All members shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their duties.

4005/6. Personnel. The Executive Director of the Authority shall employ, in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Personnel Code, such administrative, professional, clerical, and other personnel as may be required and may organize such staff as may be appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

4005/7. Powers and duties of council. The Council shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

- (a) To apply for, solicit, receive, establish priorities for, allocate, disburse, contract for, and spend funds that are made available to the Council from any source to effectuate the purposes of this Act.
- (b) To make grants and to provide financial support for federal and State agencies, units of local government, corporations, and neighborhood, community and business organizations to effectuate the purposes of this Act.
- (c) To assess the scope of the problem of motor vehicle theft, including particular areas of the State where the problem is greatest and to conduct impact analyses of State and local criminal justice policies, programs, plans and methods for combating the problem.
- (d) To develop and sponsor the implementation of statewide plans and strategies to combat motor vehicle theft and to improve the administration of the motor vehicle theft laws and provide an effective forum for identification of critical problems associated with motor vehicle theft.
- (e) To coordinate the development, adoption and implementation of plans and strategies relating to interagency or intergovernmental cooperation with respect to motor vehicle theft law enforcement.
- (f) To promulgate rules or regulations necessary to ensure that appropriate agencies, units of government, private organizations and combinations thereof are included in the development and implementation of strategies or plans adopted pursuant to this Act and to promulgate rules or regulations as may otherwise be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

- (g) To report annually, on or before April 1, 1992 to the Governor, General Assembly, and, upon request, to members of the general public on the Council's activities in the preceding year.
- (h) To exercise any other powers that are reasonable, necessary or convenient to fulfill its responsibilities, to carry out and to effectuate the objectives and purposes of the Council and the provisions of this Act, and to comply with the requirements of applicable federal or State laws or regulations; provided, however, that such powers shall not include the power to subpoena or arrest.
- **4005/8.** Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund. (a) A special fund is created in the State Treasury known as the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund, which shall be administered by the Executive Director of the Authority at the direction of the Council. All interest earned from the investment or deposit of monies accumulated in the Trust Fund shall, pursuant to Section 4.1 of the State Finance Act, be deposited in the Trust Fund
- (b) Money deposited in this Trust Fund shall not be considered general revenue of the State of Illinois.
- (c) Money deposited in the Trust Fund shall be used only to enhance efforts to effectuate the purposes of this Act as determined by the Council and shall not be appropriated, loaned or in any manner transferred to the General Revenue Fund of the State of Illinois.
- (d) Prior to April 1, 1991, and prior to April 1 of each year thereafter, each insurer engaged in writing private passenger motor vehicle insurance coverages which are included in Class 2 and Class 3 of Section 4 of the Illinois Insurance Code, [FN2] as a condition of its authority to transact business in this State, may collect and shall pay into the Trust Fund an amount equal to \$1.00, or a lesser amount determined by the Council, multiplied by the insurer's total earned car years of private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies providing physical damage insurance coverage written in this State during the preceding calendar year.
- (e) Money in the Trust Fund shall be expended as follows:
- (1)To pay the Authority's costs to administer the Council and the Trust Fund, but for this purpose in an amount not to exceed ten percent in any one fiscal year of the amount collected pursuant to paragraph (d) of this Section in that same fiscal year.
- (2) To achieve the purposes and objectives of this Act, which may include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (A) To provide financial support to law enforcement and correctional agencies, prosecutors, and the judiciary for programs designed to reduce motor vehicle theft and to improve the administration of motor vehicle theft laws.
- (B) To provide financial support for federal and State agencies, units of local government, corporations and neighborhood, community or business organizations for programs designed to reduce motor vehicle theft and to improve the administration of motor vehicle theft laws.
- (C) To provide financial support to conduct programs designed to inform owners of motor vehicles about the financial and social costs of motor vehicle theft and to suggest to those owners methods for preventing motor vehicle theft.
- (D) To provide financial support for plans, programs and projects designed to achieve the purposes of this Act.
- (f) Insurers contributing to the Trust Fund shall have a property interest in the unexpended money in the Trust Fund, which property interest shall not be retroactively changed or extinguished by the General Assembly.
- (g) In the event the Trust Fund were to be discontinued or the Council were to be dissolved by act of the General Assembly or by operation of law, then, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5 of the State Finance Act, any balance remaining therein shall be returned to the insurers writing private passenger motor vehicle insurance in proportion to their financial contributions to the Trust Fund and any assets of the Council shall be liquidated and returned in the same manner after deduction of administrative costs.

4005/12. Repealer. Sections 1 through 9 and Section 11 are repealed January 1, 2008.

(Source: Public Act 86-1408, effective January 1, 1991. Amended by Public Act 89-277, effective August 10, 1995, Public Act 91-85, effective July 9, 1999, and Public Act 93-172, effective July 10, 2003.)



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