

# ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION COUNCIL 2015 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 2015 Annual Report. This report describes the Council's work over the past year.

An overall decrease in Council programming was seen in 2015 in accordance with Illinois Executive Order 8, which suspended state grant programs. Despite the suspension of grant funds, the Council remains dedicated to combating motor vehicle theft in Illinois in partnership with the insurance industry.

Vehicle theft in Illinois has dropped nearly 77 percent since 1991, when the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act was passed by the General Assembly. From 1991 to 2014, the annual number of stolen vehicles decreased from 75,642 to 17,563. This has resulted in a projected savings of more than \$340 million in property losses.

Grant funds awarded by the Council have improved motor vehicle theft law enforcement by establishing and supporting multi-jurisdictional task forces, investigative teams, and other anti-theft efforts throughout the state. These programs have produced impressive results over the past 24 years, including:

- 36,710 criminal investigations initiated.
- 68,159 audits of vehicle-related businesses.
- 14.373 violation letters issued to audited businesses.
- 17,641 arrests.
- 7,072 convictions obtained.
- 41,217 stolen vehicles recovered, totaling \$342 million.

Since the Council's inception, more than \$133 million has been granted to a variety of anti-theft programs and efforts which have resulted in the recovery of \$682 million in stolen vehicles and reduced theft rates. These efforts have resulted in a return of \$5 for every \$1 spent.

We would like to thank the individuals who are dedicated and committed to the Council's mission of combating motor vehicle theft in Illinois and congratulate those carrying out this successful work

Very respectfully,

John Maki Executive Director Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority





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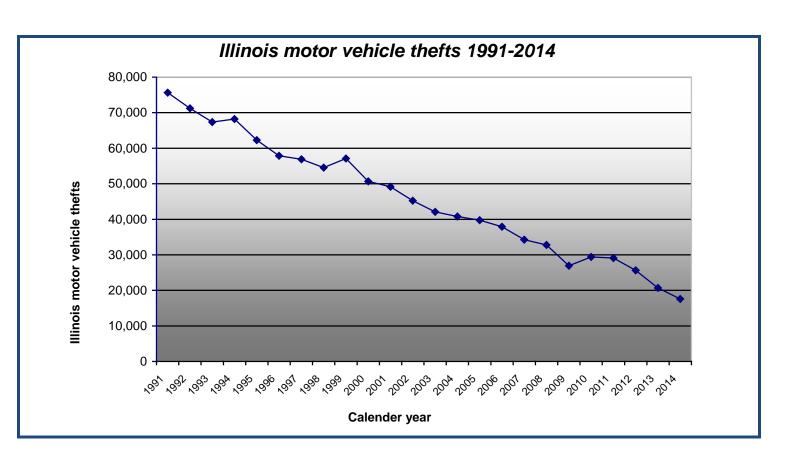
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#### The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council

In 1991, the General Assembly established the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, an 11-member coalition of representatives from the insurance industry, state's attorneys, and law enforcement officers. 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 \$1 into a special trust fund for each private passenger automobile insured for physical damage coverage. About \$6.5 million are annually collected and distributed by the Council. The funds are designated to support law enforcement programs that increase investigation and prosecution of vehicle theft-related crimes.

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

#### Council members

The following members serve on the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council:

#### **Honorable Anita Alvarez**

Cook County State's Attorney

Anita Alvarez was sworn in as Cook County's first female and first Hispanic state's attorney in December 2008. Ms. Alvarez began her career in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in 1986 and steadily worked her way up through the ranks, handling hundreds of felony cases ranging from homicide, narcotics, armed robbery, criminal sexual assaults and domestic violence. Prior to her election as state's attorney, Ms. Alvarez served as chief deputy state's attorney; chief of staff to the state's attorney; chief of the Special Prosecutions Bureau; deputy chief of the Narcotics Bureau,

and supervisor of the Public Integrity Unit. Ms. Alvarez is past president of the Chicago Bar Association.

#### **Honorable Jerry Brady**

Peoria County State's Attorney

Jerry Brady was appointed Peoria County State's Attorney in August 2011and elected to that position in 2012. Prior to his appointment, Brady worked as an assistant state's attorney for Peoria County State's Attorney John Barra in traffic, misdemeanor, and felony divisions. After three years, he entered private practice with the law firms of Kelly & Brady, Brady & Flanagan, and Brady & Donahue. He has experience as a state public defender in felony court and as a federal public defender. He is a member of the Illinois and Peoria County Bar Associations. Brady is a graduated of Bradley University and St. Louis University School of Law.

#### Larry C. Cholewin

MetLife Insurance Company

Larry Cholewin is a regional manager with the Special Investigative Unit of MetLife Insurance Co. Mr. Cholewin's insurance investigation career with MetLife began as an investigator working a multi-state region and was promoted to supervisor and subsequently regional manager. His current position followed a successful career as a police officer with the Evanston Police Department. Mr. Cholewin is an active member of the International Association of Special Investigation Units and the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators.

#### Brian B. Fengel

Chief, Bartonville Police Department

Brian B. Fengel has been Bartonville Police Chief since 1998. He began his career with the Bartonville Police Department as an officer in 1990. He is a graduate of the 201<sup>st</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy. He served as a police officer assigned with the Secret Service at the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

#### Larry D. Johnson

Farmers Insurance Group

Larry D. Johnson is a special investigation unit manager responsible for SIU field operations in four states. He began his insurance career in 1985 as a multi-line claims representative in Springfield. He has held multiple positions in claims including claims investigation specialist, field claims supervisor, auto physical damage claims manager and national quality assurance claims consultant. Mr. Johnson has a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University and holds the insurance designations of INS, AIC, and SCLA. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators.

#### John Escalante

Interim Superintendent, Chicago Police Department

John J. Escalante was named Interim Superintendent for the Chicago Police Department in December 2015. He oversees the 12,000 sworn and civilian members of the Chicago Police Department. Mr. Escalante is a 29-year veteran of the department, beginning his career as a patrolman in 1986. Prior to this appointment, he served as the department's first deputy superintendent. From July of 2013 until October of 2015 he served as the chief of detectives. Prior to serving as chief of detectives, he was the deputy chief of patrol for Area North. The Area North Patrol Office included nine police districts with more than 3,200 sworn and civilian personnel serving 1.2 million residents. He also served in patrol as commander of the 14th District and in detectives as the commander of the Bomb and Arson Unit. Mr. Escalante has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Lewis University. He is chairman of the Chicago

Police Department's Traffic Review Board, vice president of the St. Jude Police League, chairman of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Financial Assistance Committee, and a member of the International Chiefs of Police Association.

#### Donald L. Sauzek

Donald L. Sauzek began his career with Country in 1973 as a field Claims Representative in Belleville, Illinois and retired in 2014. His career started as a multiline adjuster. He has held many positions in claims including claims specialist, field claims supervisor, auto physical damage manager and Manager Material Damage Claims/Property Claims. Mr. Sauzek holds the insurance designations of INS (Program in General Insurance) and AIC (Associate in Claims).

#### Leo Schmitz

Director, Illinois State Police

Leo P. Schmitz was appointed director of the Illinois State Police in February 2015. Mr. Schmitz's law enforcement career spans nearly 30 years, dating back to 1986, when he joined Chicago Police Department (CPD) as a police officer. He was later promoted to work on the Joint Robbery Task Force, a cooperative effort between CPD and the University of Illinois Police Department where he and his partners made over 500 robbery arrests. After being shot twice in 1996 in pursuit of a robbery suspect, whom he also apprehended, Mr. Schmitz was presented with the Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor by then-Gov. James Edgar, the Chicago Superintendent's Award of Valor, and the Blue Star Award by the Chicago Police Department. Mr. Schmitz quickly rose through the ranks of the CPD and has received numerous awards for his service. In 2009, he was selected to lead CPD's Gang Enforcement Unit, which centralized all 50 district gang teams. His unit was recognized for its success with a Meritorious Citation. In January 2012, Mr.

Schmitz was assigned to lead Chicago's Englewood District. The district saw a 44-percent drop in homicide his first year and a 14 percent reduction in shootings. In December of 2012, he was promoted to deputy chief, a role in which he served until his CPD retirement in January 2015.

#### **Jesse White**

Illinois Secretary of State

Jesse White was first elected Illinois Secretary of State in 1998. Mr. White served as Cook County Recorder of Deeds from 1992 to 1998. Before being elected as recorder of deeds, he served in the Illinois General Assembly for 16 years. Sydney Roberts of the Secretary of State Police Department is Mr. White's designee to the Council.

#### Grant Review Committee

#### **Captain John Biffany**

Illinois State Police
Represents Illinois State Police
Director Leo Schmitz

#### Kathleen M. Boehmer

Deputy Chief, Chicago Police Department Represents Interim Chicago Police Superintendent John Escalante

## **Larry Cholewin**

MetLife Insurance Company

#### **Sydney Roberts**

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

#### Brian B. Fengel

Chief, Bartonville Police Department

#### John Brassil

Cook County State's Attorney's Office Represents Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez

#### Council staff

Sharyn Adams, Research Analyst
Lisa Castillo, Associate General Counsel &
Council Secretary
Nancy Determann, Accountant
Terrence Dugan, Program Specialist
Luisa Salazar, Vehicle Acquisition Specialist
Gregory Stevens, Program Director

#### Motor vehicle theft trends in Illinois

# Vehicle thefts decline

The annual number of motor vehicle theft offenses in Illinois has dropped 77 percent, from 75,642 in 1991 to 17,563 in 2014. Between 1991 and 2014, the vehicle theft rate also declined 79 percent, from 656 to 136 offenses per 100,000 persons.

Figure 1 shows the number of vehicle theft offenses in each county in 2014. Cook County vehicle thefts represented 73 percent of all vehicle thefts in Illinois. Outside of Cook County, which recorded 12,794 thefts, the 10 counties that saw most vehicle thefts were Winnebago (482), St. Clair (435), DuPage (344), Will (339), Lake (299), Peoria (238), Kane (220), Madison (201), Sangamon (177), and Champaign (118). The area where the one Councilfunded task force operated is outlined in black.

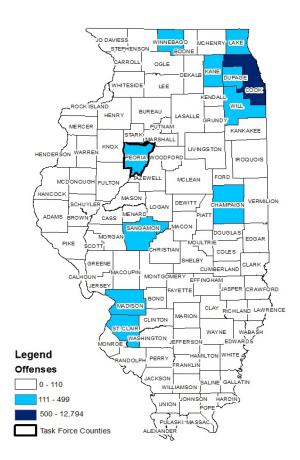
#### Vehicle theft recoveries

The Illinois Law Enforcement Agencies Data System showed in 2015, 70 percent of the vehicles stolen across the state were recovered.

#### Vehicle theft arrest and incarceration

In 2014, 3,273 arrests were made for vehicle theft in Illinois and 683 persons, or 1.4 percent of the Illinois prison population, were incarcerated for motor vehicle theft.

Figure 1 2014 motor vehicle theft offenses



# Overview of Council programs 1992-2015

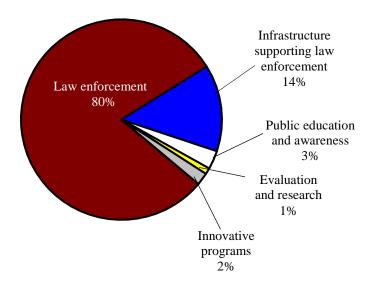
A variety of theft prevention efforts have been supported with MVTPC funding since the Council's inception in 1992. Funding emphasis has been placed upon law enforcement programs that enhance investigation and prosecution of vehicle theft-related crimes (*Figure 2*).

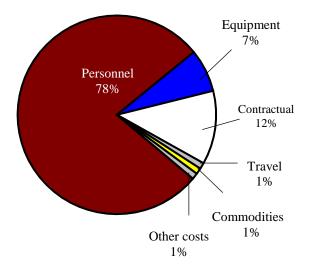
Since 1992, programs funded by the Council expended approximately \$133 million. Most funds pay the salaries and fringe benefits of personnel assigned to task forces and special investigative teams in the state (*Figure 3*). Remaining funds are utilized for equipment, commodities, travel, contractual agreements, and costs not covered by the other categories.

All programs are cooperative partnerships. Nearly all involve considerable support from participating agencies. Illinois State Police and the Secretary of State Police Department have assigned task force directors and personnel to these programs and absorbed costs for these personnel. The National Insurance Crime Bureau also has assigned agents to various efforts without requesting compensation. Illinois insurance companies have loaned approximately 525 vehicles for use by Council-funded law enforcement programs since the Council began.

Figure 2
Funding awarded by program area
1992-2015

Figure 3
Program expenditures
1992-2015





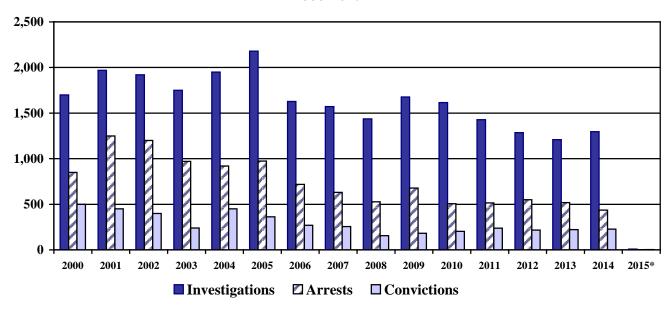
# 2015 Council programs

In 2015, the Council funded 3 programs, including one task force, a vehicle theft training program, and a data intelligence program. Fifteen personnel were supported by, or assigned to, Council-funded programs in 2015.

#### Law enforcement

One Council-funded task force operated for one month in 2015 before state grant programs were halted by executive order. The task force consisted of officers from both local and state law enforcement agencies. During the month, the task force conducted eight investigations, two arrests, and three convictions (*Figure 4*). Five vehicles were recovered, valued at \$37,625.

Figure 4
Task force program activity
2000-2015



\*Grants were suspended on February 8, 2015 Source: Task Force Monthly Performance Reports

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Due to the time lapse between arrest and conviction, the number of convictions during a year does not directly reflect the number of arrests during the same year.

#### **State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force**

Grantee: City of Peoria Police Department

Grant amount in 2015: \$47,142

The State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force (SLATE) served Peoria County. During the period funded, SLATE conducted or assisted in 8 investigations resulting in two arrests. SLATE referred both of these cases for prosecution, leading to three convictions. In addition, the task force recovered 5 vehicles worth an estimated \$37,625.

# Support programs

#### **Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse**

Grantee: Illinois State Police Grant amount in 2015: \$51,939

The Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse (MVTIC) provides focused analytical support for motor vehicle theft task forces, Illinois law enforcement, and criminal justice communities. Using many intelligence collection methods and analytical processes, the Clearinghouse assists the strategic and tactical decision making of entities combating motor vehicle theft in Illinois. During an abbreviated performance period of January 1, 2015, to March 4, 2015, support was provided in 62 responses to requests and intelligence dissemination. This activity included requests received from the local law enforcement agencies, other ISP officers, agents from motor vehicle theft task forces, MVTPC members, and other agencies. Complex analysis, including a frequency distribution and geographic analysis, were prepared for two task forces for use in investigations.

#### **Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training Program**

Grantee: Illinois State Police Grant amount in 2015: \$2,035

The Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training Program was administered by the Illinois State Police. The goal of the program was to increase awareness and understanding of motor vehicle theft in the law enforcement community and the insurance industry in Illinois. The program offered classes for investigators, patrol officers, and insurance industry officials. The training classes covered important characteristics of vehicle theft cases and investigation techniques specific to vehicle theft-related cases. In 2015, two training sessions were conducted, with16 hours of instruction presented to 74 law enforcement officers and insurance investigators.

# Personnel and participating agencies 2015

A total of 15 personnel were supported by or assigned to Council-funded programs in 2015.

## **Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse**

2 Illinois State Police Criminal Intelligence Analysts II

# **Motor Vehicle Investigation Training Program**

- 1 Illinois State Police Commander
- 1 Illinois State Police Lieutenant
- 1 Illinois State Police Master Sergeant
- 1 Administration Assistant I
- 1 Fiscal Clerk

#### **State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement**

- 1 Illinois State Police Master Sergeant
- 2 Peoria County Deputies
- 2 Peoria County Police Officers
- 1 Woodford County Deputy
- 1 Peoria County Assistant State's Attorney
- 1 Office Assistant

# Financial statement 2015

# Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund

Statement of revenues, expenditures, and fund balance for state fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015)

REVENUES:	
<b>Insurance company payments</b>	\$6,736,022
Interest income	\$20,692
TOTAL	\$6,756,714
EXPENDITURES:	
Transfers from trust fund	\$5,992,625
Administrative	\$461,299
Programs <sup>2</sup>	\$3,635,372
TOTAL	\$10,089,296

BALANCE:	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$5,578,665
ENDING BALANCE	\$2,246,083

# Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council program grant awards

	2013	2014	2015
Greater Metro Area Auto Theft Task Force	\$767,009	\$782,800	\$0
Insurance Vehicle Expense Fund Program	\$19,436	\$19,341	\$0
Metro-East Auto Theft Task Force	\$752,751	\$816,897	\$0
Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse	\$328,038	\$283,588	\$51,939
Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training	\$43,488	\$38,983	\$2,035
Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit	\$823,644	\$823,644	\$0
Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force	\$578,344	\$613,989	\$0
Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force	\$623,315	\$622,315	\$0
Secretary of State Special Audit Teams Program	\$1,237,356	\$1,112,495	\$0
State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement	\$401,825	\$439,110	\$47,142
Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force	\$822,808	\$834,403	\$0
TOTAL	\$6,398,014	\$6,387,565	\$101,116

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Funds distributed during the fiscal year may differ from the total award received.

# Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund totals SFY91 to SFY15

	SFY 1991 - 2011	SFY 2012	SFY 2013	SFY 2014	SFY 2015	TOTALS			
REVENUE									
Insurance company payments	122,444,381	6,497,455	6,524,017	6,620,438	6,736,022	148,822,313			
Beat Auto Theft Program revenue	7,585	0	0	0	0	7,585			
Interest on trust fund	3,716,503	19,278	17,334	17,240	20,692	3,791,047			
Subtotal	126,168,469	6,516,733	6,541,351	6,637,678	6,756,714	152,620,945			
Transfers from trust fund	(6,929,466)	0	0	(68,152)	(5,992,625)	(12,990,243)			
Administrative expenditures	(5,862,811)	(308,881)	(450,652)	(473,301)	(461,299)	(7,556,944)			
Grantee expenditures	(107,531,336)	(5,662,156)	(6,396.995)	(6,601,816)	(3,635,372)	(129,827,675)			
Subtotal	(120,323,613)	(5,971,037)	(6,847,647)	(7,143,269)	(10,089,296)	(150,374,862)			
Revenue less Expenditures	5,844,856	545,696	(306,296)	(505,591)	(3,332,582)	2,246,083			
TRUST FUND BALANCE	5,844,856	6,390,552	6,084,256	5,578,665	2,246,083				

Note: Figures in parentheses are negative.

# A special thanks to the 2015 Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund contributors

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## The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act

# 20 Illinois Complied 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 promote and support motor vehicle theft law enforcement, prosecution and administration of motor vehicle theft laws by establishing statewide 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 power, 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 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 designated to achieve the purposes of this  ${\sf Act}.$
- (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, 2016. P.A. 97-141, eff. 7-14-11.

(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. Amended by Public Act 95-0212, effective January 1, 2008)



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