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MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Director Roberts motioned for Chief Fengel to be appointed by the Council to serve as Chairman for the September 10th Council meeting. Mr. Sauzek seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Chief Fengel called the meeting to order. Lisa Castillo, Associate General Counsel for Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, called roll.

Name	Present	Telephone	Absent
Anita Alvarez			X
Superintendent Garry McCarthy			X
Larry Cholewin	X		
Brian B. Fengel	X		
Director Sydney Roberts as designee for Jesse White	X		
Larry D. Johnson	X		
Donald L. Sauzek	X		
Jerry Brady	X		
Director Leo Schmitz			X

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

A quorum was established.

MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

Chief Fengel asked the Council members if they had any questions, comments, or edits with regard to the May 13, 2015 Council meeting minutes. There were no questions, comments, or edits. Mr. Cholewin motioned to approve the minutes of May 13, 2015 Council meeting. Mr. Johnson 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:

Trust Fund Reports – Mr. Stevens referenced the Fiscal Status Report for January 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015. The report indicates a balance of \$2,229,501 remains in the trust fund.

The Cash Flow Projection Report for 2015 and the Lapse Funds Report for 2010 to 2014- The Cash Flow Projection indicates that there will be a Trust Fund balance of \$1,894,140 at the end of calendar year 2015. Fiscal staff is available for any questions.

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Mr. Stevens highlighted the staff activities from May 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015. He noted that Ms. Salazar has been working to return vehicles and move equipment and vehicles around. Mr. Stevens attended the Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force Policy Board meeting on August 18, 2015. The program has lost three or four programs and the other four programs are doing what they can do to stay operational. Mr. Dugan is still processing agreements but they are not signed. Governor Rauner signed Senate Bill 1620, which amended the current Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act. Therefore, the Council exists until 2020.

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING FOR GMAT UPDATE

Mr. Robin Murphy 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 go into closed session.

GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman John Biffany presented the Grant Review Committee Report. Chairman Biffany discussed the ISP involvement in the auto theft units. Due to the current state of Illinois, ISP is reevaluating its allocation of resources. A determination was made that ISP will not be involved in the auto theft units. Of the six units managed the State Police, three units will dissolve and three units will attempt to continue the mission of the Council under local management. The dissolving units are GMAT, NEMAT, and SLATE. The units that are continuing on are Rockford, Metro-East, and Tri-County.

Mr. Stevens noted that there are four programs designated with current grant funds. These grants were to have run from July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Because of a lack of state budget, ICJIA has been unable to enter into grant agreements with these programs. These grant programs have used project income and local funds to maintain their operations.

In regards to grant funded equipment disposition and placement, Mr. Stevens noted that closed programs have equipment to be placed, liquidated or transferred. The three programs that have equipment that need disposition are GMAT, NEMAT, and SLATE. GMAT has a bait car. SLATE has some bait car equipment. ISP training academy has an inventory which they can store until the Council determines if they can use this equipment for another training program. GMAT has two "Article 36" vehicles obtained through seizures. The vehicles are going to be moved to Metro-East for Motor Vehicle purposes. NEMAT has transferred all their vehicles. Secretary of State has transferred or retained possess of vehicles. SLATE has a grant purchased Sedan and SUV. The SUV will be transferred to Metro-East. The City of Lemont, an implementing agency, is requesting to take possession of the 2010 Sedan from GMAT with 105,431 to be used for motor vehicle theft prevention purposes. Mr. Stevens recommends granting Lemont the 2010 Sedan from SLATE with 52,328 miles instead. The vehicle with 105,431 would be disposed of.

Motion to award the SLATE 2010 Sedan vehicle to Village of Lemont for the purposes of continuing work toward the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council Statewide Strategy

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

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

Mr. Stevens presented the materials for the statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention strategy. The original timeline stopped in May because there was legislation introduced that would impact Motor Vehicle. First, the legislation would place the trust fund into a private trust fund; second, move the administration of the grant away from the Authority into private administration; and third, expand the scope of motor vehicle to include insurance fraud.

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Mr. Stevens stated this is the third revised timeline. If the scope is expanded in the fall, this third revised timeline would take this in consideration.

Suggested Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy:

December, 2015	Post invitations for written input.
January, 2016	Return date for written input.
January, 2016	Council/GRC Workshop for Strategy development, meeting to review verbal comments and review written comments
February, 2016	Present draft of strategy to the Grant Review Committee.
March, 2016	Present strategy to the Council.
March, 2016	Post applications for program funding.
April, 2016	Grant Review Committee to conduct hearing on funding applications/ meeting to recommend designations to the Council.
May, 2016	Council meeting to approve grants 2016-2019.
July 1, 2016	Begin date of programs.

Motion to approve the timetable and format outlined in the memo

Motion: Mr. Cholewin

Second: Director Roberts

Vote: approved unanimously

Kevin Martin with Illinois Insurance Association commented about the fall legislative session via telephone. Legislation may expand the scope of Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention to combat insurance fraud and fund a dedicated special prosecutor for the city and Cook County. The last spring legislative session was concerned about opening flood gates for other agency's to pull out if Motor Vehicle funds were removed from the state treasury. The reason for Motor Vehicle to take funds out of state treasury is to prevent sweeping of funds. We would like money go to State Trade Association. There may be legislation for next spring which will leave the funds in the state treasury and have the insurance company as the overseer of the Council and take the place of Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Council members expressed concern removing ICJIA from the administrative aspect of Motor Vehicle Program.

RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATIONS

There five are:

- Master Sergeant Tim Gainer – Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force
- Master Sergeant Matt Konie – Greater Metro Auto Theft Task Force
- Master Sergeant Dan Likens – Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force
- Sergeant Dave Stenger – State and Local Auto Theft Task Force

In addition to the afore mentioned officers, staff has also prepared a Resolution of Commendation for Director Gary Brewer of the Metro East Auto Theft Task Force who retired in July, 2015. Director Brewer's law enforcement career spanned 37 years with the last 14 years dedicated towards the Metro East Auto Theft Task Force.

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Motion to accept the Resolutions of Commendations

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURN

The next scheduled GRC meeting is October 15, 2015 and the Council meeting is November 18, 2015.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Castillo
Associate General Counsel
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority