

**ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT  
PREVENTION COUNCIL**



**Grant Review  
Committee**

**April 17, 2014**

**Springfield**

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**ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION COUNCIL  
Grant Review Committee Meeting**

**April 17, 2014 – 10:00 A.M.**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center  
3000 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62703**

**AGENDA**

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- **Chairman's Remarks, Lt. Col. Kilby**
- A. Approval of the October 2, 2013 Grant Review Committee Summary**
- B. Program Director's Report, Greg Stevens**
- C. Quarterly Activity Summary**
- D. Program Profile**
  - **Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force**
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
- **Adjourn**

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**Grant Review Committee Meeting Summary**

Wednesday, October 2, 2013 | 10:00 am

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
300 W. Adams Street, Suite 200  
Chicago, IL 60606

**I. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Lieutenant Colonel Terry Lemming, Chair of the Grant Review Committee (GRC), called the meeting to order and asked ICJIA Associate General Counsel Junaid M. Afeef to take roll.

Name	Present	Telephone	Absent
Chairman Terry Lemming	x		
Det. Linda Becker	x		
Larry Cholewin	x		
Director Brad Demuzio	x		
Gerald Farina			x
Chief Fengel		x	
Mike Golden	x		

\* Four members need to be physically present for a quorum

A quorum was established. Detective Becker arrived during Mr. Stevens Program Director report.

**II. Approval of July 24, 2013 Grant Review Committee Meeting Summary**

Chairman Lemming stated that the GRC meeting summary for the 7/24/13 meeting was behind Tab A of the meeting materials. He asked the members if there were any additions, deletions or questions regarding the summary. There were none. Chairman Lemming then asked for a motion to approve the meeting summary of 7/24/13.

*Motion: approve the 7/24/13 meeting summary.*

Motion: Director Demuzio

Second: Mr. Cholewin

Vote: Unanimously approved

**III. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Chairman Lemming asked Program Director Greg Stevens to present his report. Mr. Stevens referenced his memo and the supporting materials found behind Tab B of the meeting materials.

Mr. Stevens reported that the expected expenses through July 31, 2013 were \$3,791,667 and the actual expenses were \$3,209,784. Mr. Stevens further noted that the anticipated balance of the trust fund at the end of 2013 would be \$2,515,798. There are fiscal footnotes and fiscal staff present to answer questions. There were no questions.

Program funding chart behind Tab D and will get to this section a bit later in the meeting.

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Next Mr. Stevens referenced the “Fiscal, Progress and Prosecution Submission Summary”. There were no comments or questions regarding this summary.

Next Mr. Stevens referenced the Vehicle Fleet Summary. Mr. Stevens noted that Mr. Farina of State Farm would be giving the Council an update in the near future on State Farm’s plans for vehicle donations to Council funded task forces.

With regard to the staff activities report Mr. Stevens remarked that it is very brief because this was reported recently at the Council meeting two weeks prior. He further stated that there would be additional information on staff activities at the next Council meeting.

Finally, Mr. Stevens reported that Director Gary Brewer of MEATTF submitted a budget revision from the 24 hour trainings line item to use approximately \$3000 of lapsing funds from that line item to convene a directors training meeting in Springfield in November 2013 at the Crown Plaza Hotel. Mr. Stevens remarked that several of the programs have new directors and that it had been a while since a training had been conducted. Additional information would be forthcoming.

**IV. QUARTERLY ACTIVITY SUMMARY**

Chairman Lemming next moved to the Quarterly Activity Summary item on the agenda. He noted that this report is prepared by the Illinois State Police Clearinghouse. Chairman Lemming also remarked that the Clearinghouse was using a new format. He asked for review and feedback.

Chairman Lemming asked a question regarding some statistics on task force recoveries. He noted that task forces are recovering a large number of vehicles but these recoveries did not appear to result in arrests. There was a discussion about the use of LPRs and that many of the recoveries come from notifications by NICB. Additionally, it was noted that often times there are multiple recoveries based on one arrest and that this too accounts for the appearance of a disparity between recoveries and arrests. Chairman Lemming asked Mr. Varga to raise this topic at future Directors meeting and Mr. Varga said that he would.

**V. 2013 PROJECTED LAPSES AND PROGRAMMING**

Chairman Lemming noted that behind Tab D of the meeting materials was a memo from Mr. Stevens regarding 2013 projected lapses. He called on Mr. Stevens to present his memo. Mr. Stevens reviewed the six budget revisions that were being sought. There were discussions on each one, and then a motion was made, seconded and voted upon as follows:

Program	Proposed Motion	Motion by:	Seconded:	Vote:
Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse	To use \$22,488 in lapsing funds from personnel/fringe line item for \$275 for state travel, \$20,161 for computer software, and \$2,052 for software training.	Director Demuzio	Mr. Cholewin	Approved unanimously
Northeast Metro ATTF	To use \$15,743 in lapsing funds from personnel by re-programming \$13,500 for the purchase, licensing and training on forensic cellular telephone data	Mr. Cholewin	Mr. Golden	Approved unanimously

Program	Proposed Motion	Motion by:	Seconded:	Vote:
	extraction device and to keep the balance of \$2,243 un-programmed but with the grantee			
Northern Illinois ATTF	To use lapsing \$48,625 from personnel positions to purchase two vehicles to replace two aging insurance provided vehicles	Director Demuzio	Mr. Golden	Approved unanimously
SOS Audit Team	To use lapsing funds from personnel and contractual lines totaling \$93,251 as follows: \$91,376 for purchase of vehicles and \$1,875 for purchase of IWIN computer hardware	Mr. Cholewin	Mr. Golden	Approved unanimously
Tri-County ATTF	To allocate an additional \$20,000 in un-programmed CY13 grant funds to the task force and to re-program any unused funds from the fuel line item for the purchase of a vehicle to replace a leased vehicle	Mr. Golden	Mr. Cholewin	Approved unanimously

## **VI. PROGRAM PROFILE: NORTHERN ILLINOIS AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE**

Chairman Lemming noted that the next item on the agenda was a program profile of the Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force, and that the program profile was included in the meeting materials behind Tab E. He noted that the program will not be making a presentation at the GRC meeting but will be presenting at the next Council meeting on November 6, 2013. Chairman Lemming also noted that the SOS Audit Team would be making a program presentation early in 2014.

Mr. Stevens noted that prosecutors are requested to come with their affiliated task forces when the presentations are made to the Council. He noted that prosecutors are receiving funding but are reluctant to come. Mr. Stevens noted that it may become a grant fund requirement if the reluctance to appear before the Council continues.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Fengel asked a question about bait cars. He wanted to know how many working bait cars are in use and the statistics on the bait cars.

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**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Lemming raised a scheduling change from Wednesdays to Thursdays in 2014 for GRC meetings. There was a brief discussion about GRC and Council meetings in 2014. There was also a discussion of moving more meetings to downstate to Springfield and/or to Bloomington. There was a brief discussion about possibly moving the next Council meeting

**IX. ADJOURN**

*Motion to Adjourn*

Motion: Director Demuzio  
Second: Mr. Cholewin  
Vote: Approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Junaid M. Afeef  
Associate General Counsel

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**TO: Grant Review Committee Members**  
**FROM: Greg Stevens, Program Director**  
**SUBJECT: Director's Report**  
**DATE: March 31, 2014**

**I. Financial Status Report and Cash Flow Projection** - Behind divider one is a chart showing the grant annual expenses budgeted compared to the actual expenses through February 28, 2014. As the chart notates, the expected expenses through February 28, 2014 were \$1,083,090 and the reported expenses were \$754,541.

Behind divider two is a *Cash Flow Projection Report* for 2014 and the *Lapse Funds Report for 2009 - 2013*. It is projected there will be a Trust Fund balance of \$1,994,155 at the end of 2014. Please review the footnotes located behind the report for additional fiscal disclosures.

The *Lapse Funds Report for 2009 – 2013* indicates a lapse of \$42,274 in calendar year 2013. This represents 0.6053% of the \$6.5 million granted out during calendar year 2013.

Fiscal staff will be available to discuss the above reports.

**II. Calendar year 2014 Program Funding** – Behind divider three is *CY 2014 MV Program Funding* chart. The chart indicates the current designations of all the 2014 programs, adjustments made, and the amount available for programming.

**III. Fiscal, Progress and Prosecution Submission Summary** – Behind divider four is a chart prepared by Criminal Justice Specialist Terry Dugan summarizing the record of each unit in submitting the various reports required by the Council. The summary covers the period of January – February 2014.

**IV. Program vehicle fleet summary** – Behind divider four is a chart prepared by Vehicle Acquisition Specialist Luisa Salazar summarizing the entire vehicle fleet being utilized by the Council funded programs. The chart includes vehicles that are Council purchased, leased or insurance provided.

**V. Staff activities** – Below are highlights of staff activities for the period of February 1, 2014 – March 31, 2014.

- The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council 2013 Annual

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Report has been completed. A copy will be provided at the Grant Review Committee meeting and additional copies can be downloaded from the Council's website.

- Staff completed the mailing of 231 letters to insurance companies licensed to write passenger vehicle insurance coverage in Illinois. To date \$5,551,826.88 has been collected.
- On March 21<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Vehicle Acquisition Specialist Luisa Salazar attended the International Association of Special Investigation Units (SIU), Illinois chapter meeting. The meeting was held at the Allstate Insurance offices in Woodridge, IL. Luisa met with SIU members for networking and the exchange of information.

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**ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION TRUST FUND**

**Grant annual expenses budgeted compared to actual expenses through February 28, 2014**

4/11/2014

PROGRAM NAME	IMPLEMENTING ENTITY	Budget Granted	Expected expenses	Expenses reported	% of expected
		2014 & amendments	thru Feb 28, 2014	thru Feb 28, 2014	
MV14-001 SPECIAL AUDIT TEAMS	Secretary of State, Department of Police	\$1,297,068	\$216,178	\$208,489	96.44%
MV14-004 THEFT PROSECUTIONS	Cook County State's Attorney's Office	\$823,644	\$137,274	\$100,029	72.87%
MV14-008 TRI-COUNTY AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	Joliet Police Department	\$800,918	\$133,486	\$127,134	95.24%
MV14-010 METRO EAST AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	Belleville Police Department	\$751,810	\$125,302	\$118,894	94.89%
MV14-012 NEMAT TASK FORCE	Illinois State Police/ Village of Lynwood	\$601,098	\$100,183	\$98,468	98.29%
MV14-016 INSURANCE VEHICLE EXPENSE FUND	National Insurance Crime Bureau	\$60,000	\$10,000	\$0	0.00%
MV14-019 MV THEFT INTELLIGENCE CLEARINGHOUSE	Illinois State Police	\$326,893	\$54,482	\$12,924	23.72%
MV14-022 GREATER METRO AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	Village of Lemont	\$750,531	\$125,089	\$0	0.00%
MV14-025 NORTHERN IL AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	Winnebago Cty Sheriff's Office	\$622,315	\$103,719	\$39,182	37.78%
MV14-036 MVTP TRAINING	Illinois State Police	\$51,964	\$8,661	\$1,144	13.21%
MV14-040 STATE AND LOCAL AUTO THEFT ENFORCEMENT (S	City of Peoria	\$412,301	\$68,717	\$48,276	70.25%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,498,542</b>	<b>\$1,083,090</b>	<b>\$754,541</b>	<b>69.67%</b>

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**ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION TRUST FUND**

**Cash Flow Projection- 2014**

3/25/2014

**( SUBJECT TO CONTINGENCIES IN NOTES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES )**

		<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
		<b>actual</b>	<b>actual</b>	<b>actual</b>	<b>actual</b>	<b>projection</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	Trust fund balance on January 1st	\$2,574,841	\$2,844,981	\$3,056,017	\$2,933,950	\$2,502,955
<b>Interest</b>	Earned on the fund balance monthly	\$22,985	\$26,106	\$18,725	\$15,875	\$10,000
<b>Insurance company paymer</b>	Based on existing fee structure Due April 1st	\$6,486,893	\$6,403,814	\$6,497,455	\$6,524,017	\$6,500,000
<b>Grants and Awards</b>	<b>Please see a discussion in notes 1, 2 and 3</b>	(\$5,975,205)	(\$5,906,896)	(\$6,291,592)	(\$6,496,490)	(\$6,500,000)
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	Projected expense amounts are the State budget	(\$264,533)	(\$311,988)	(\$346,655)	(\$406,245)	(\$518,800)
<b>Transfers to general fund</b>	<b>Please see a discussion in notes 1, 2 and 3</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Audit fees</b>	Bi-annual audit of the fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$68,152)	\$0
<b>Ending Balance</b>	Trust Fund Balance on December 31 <b>Note 2</b>	<u>\$2,844,981</u>	<u>\$3,056,017</u>	<u>\$2,933,950</u>	<u>\$2,502,955</u>	<u>\$1,994,155</u>

**ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION TRUST FUND**  
**(The Trust Fund)**  
**Cash Flow Projection 2014**

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1. Projected grant amounts and the cash balances of the Trust Fund in this report are qualified as to amount of lapses in the final fiscal reports from the grantees and subject to “sweeps” and freezes by the Governor’s office.

Projected grant amounts in 2014 are the State of Illinois budgeted (appropriation) of \$6.5 million.

It is reasonably possible that substantial “sweeps” to the fund could occur in the calendar years after 2013 based upon historical amounts determined by the State of Illinois and a reasonably possible conclusion in favor of the State of Illinois of the legal proceedings discussed in note 3.

It is reasonably possible that “sweeps” that materially affect the future results of the fund operations could occur as early as July 1, 2014. Budget reductions in 2014 and years after 2014 may be required as a result of sweeps that might occur.

2. The projected fund balance of \$1,994,155 at the end of the period will not be available for future programs unless the budgeted appropriation of \$6.5 million is increased to allow for this amount to be spent. Any lapsed funds in 2014 will increase the amount not available.

3. There two significant legal proceedings affecting the fund.

The Property and Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA) filed a suit in the State of Illinois in 2006. The Governor and other top Illinois State officials (the State) are named as defendants. The suit asks for the return of over \$6 million of monies removed from the fund and for an injunction barring further removal of funds from the Trust Fund.

An agreed court order between the plaintiff and defendants was entered on June 6, 2006. The State agreed that no money would be withdrawn from the fund and the plaintiff agreed to withdraw its motion for preliminary injunction.

The Office of the General Counsel of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority – (OGC) reports that a motion for summary judgment filed by the defendants in the PCIAA suit in 2013 was granted by the trial court on August 27, 2013 dismissing all counts of PCIAA complaint. The plaintiff in the PCIAA case has reportedly filed an appeal of the trial court’s decision to grant summary judgment in favor of the defendants.

The management of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority stated in a report to the Illinois Office of the Comptroller that the probability of loss or “sweeps” to the trust fund as a result of a decision favorable to the State in the PCIAA litigation is reasonably possible. Under Statement of Accounting Standard No. 5, this is defined that the chance of the future event is more than remote but less than likely.



**MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION TRUST FUND**

**Lapse Funds Report for 2009 - 2013**

Lapsed funds by calendar year - amount under budget

<b>GRANT NUMBER</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>2009 LAPSED</b>	<b>2010 LAPSED</b>	<b>2011 LAPSED</b>	<b>2012 LAPSED</b>	<b>2013 LAPSED</b>
MV001	SECRETARY OF STATE, SPECIAL AUDIT TEAMS	33,699	22,843	0	51,511	0
MV004	COOK COUNTY STATES ATTY, THEFT PROSECUTIONS	38,374	52,210	68,853	1,029	0
MV008	JOLIET, TRI-COUNTY AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	0	6	34	274	2,110
MV010	BELLEVILLE, METRO EAST AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	4,591	14,625	10,702	12,131	59
MV010-1	BELLEVILLE, METRO EAST AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	0	1	0	ended in 2010	ended in 2010
MV011	ELGIN, KANE COUNTY AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	52,256	11,699	64,679	ended in 2011	ended in 2011
MV012	IL STATE POLICE / VILLAGE OF LYNWOOD, NEMAT TASK FORCE	299,463	22,632	1,059	4,840	5,766
MV016	INSURANCE VEHICLE EXPENSE FUND	40,492	27,088	52,644	18,067	10,564
MV019	IL STATE POLICE, MV THEFT INTELLIGENCE CLEARINGHOUSE	143,291	128,547	26,681	1,548	2,910
MV021	DUPAGE SHERIFF, AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	27,526	44,938	24,599	ended in 2011	ended in 2011
MV022	LEMONT, GREATER METRO AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE				1,988	1,455
MV025	WINNEBAGO SHERIFF, NORTHERN IL AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	2,460	0	5,463	1,867	0
MV036	IL STATE POLICE MVTP TRAINING	22,001	18,589	37,437	11,362	8,476
MV040	PEORIA/ STATE AND LOCAL AUTO THEFT ENFORCEMENT (SLATE)	12,906	47,541	12,355	690	10,934
MV040.1	PEORIA/ SLATE - MIDWEST CONFERENCE	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
		<u>677,059</u>	<u>390,719</u>	<u>304,506</u>	<u>105,307</u>	<u>42,274</u>

Note 1: period of performance of 1/1/09-06/30/10.

Note 2: period of performance of 1/1/08-12/31/09.

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**Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft  
Prevention Council**

Current as of March 20, 2014

**Calendar Year 2014 Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Program Funding**

Funded program	CY14 designation				
Cook Co. Prosecution	\$ 823,644				
Greater Metro	\$ 750,531				
Insurance Vehicle Program	\$ 60,000				
Intelligence Clearinghouse	\$ 326,893				
ISP Training Academy	\$ 51,964				
Metro East	\$ 751,810				
NEMAT	\$ 601,098				
Northern IL	\$ 622,315				
SOS Audit Team	\$ 1,297,068				
SLATE	\$ 412,301				
Tri-County	\$ 800,918				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,498,542</b>				
Grants					
Appropriation	\$ 6,500,000				
Available for programming	\$ 1,458				

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**IMVTPC Submission Summary Report  
January through February 2014 (03-26-14)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Grant #</b>	<b>Reports</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
SOS	001	Fiscal	02/19/14	03/24/14
		Data	02/13/14	03/06/14
COOK	004	Fiscal	02/14/14	03/06/14
		Data	02/19/14	03/12/14
TCATTF	008	Fiscal	02/14/14	03/17/14
		Data	02/13/14	03/12/14
MEATTF	010	Fiscal	02/13/14	03/17/14
		Data	02/13/14	03/17/14
NEMATTF	012	Fiscal	03/11/14	03/25/14
		Data	03/06/14	03/25/14
NICB	016	Fiscal	02/20/14	04/1/14
		Data	02/13/14	03/20/14
ISP-C	019	Fiscal	02/13/14	03/12/14
		Data	02/13/14	03/12/14
GMAT	022	Fiscal	02/14/14	03/06/14
		Data	02/14/14	03/19/14
NIATTF	025	Fiscal	02/14/14	03/21/14
		Data	02/14/14	03/17/14
ISP-A	036	Fiscal	02/13/14	03/12/14
		Data	02/13/14	03/06/14
SLATE	040	Fiscal	02/18/14	03/20/14
		Data	02/19/14	03/21/14

Note – A black shaded box indicates the report has not yet been received.

Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council Fleet

Task Force	Vehicle	Acquisition Type
<i>Greater Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force</i>	Sport Utility Vehicle	Insurance Provided: American Family Insurance
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Sedan	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Sedan	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Insurance Provided: Allstate
	Sedan	Insurance Provided: Liberty Mutual
	Sedan	Leased
	Sedan	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicles	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicles	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
<i>Cook County Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution</i>	Sedan	Owned
<i>Metro East Auto Theft Task Force</i>	Pickup Truck	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Owned
	Pickup Truck	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
<i>Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force</i>	Sport Utility Vehicle	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Wagon	Insurance Provided: American Family
	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Minivan	Owned
<i>Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force</i>	Pickup Truck	Leased
	Pickup Truck	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Pickup Truck	Owned
<i>State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force</i>	Sedan	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Owned
	Sedan	Owned

Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council Fleet

	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Sedan	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Pickup Truck	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Pickup Truck	Insurance Provided: State Farm
<i>Secretary of State Special Audit Program</i>	Sedan	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Sedan	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Sedan	Insurance Provided: Allstate
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<i>Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force</i>	Sedan	Owned
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	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Owned
	Pickup Truck	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Insurance Provided: State Farm
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	Sport Utility Vehicle	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Sedan	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Minivan	Insurance Provided: State Farm
	Sedan	Insurance Provided: Allstate
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Insurance Provided: American Family Ins
	Sedan	Insurance Provided: American Family Ins
	Pickup Truck	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
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<b>Total Vehicles: 86</b>	<b>Total Donated: 29</b>
	<b>Total Leased: 16</b>
	<b>Total Owned: 41</b>

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**TO: Grant Review Committee Members**  
**FROM: Greg Stevens, Program Director**  
**SUBJECT: Quarterly Activity Report**  
**DATE: March 21, 2014**

Behind this memo is the most recent quarterly Activity Summary that has been prepared by the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Intelligence Clearinghouse. This report provides a comprehensive summary of the activities of each of the seven vehicle theft prevention task forces and the Illinois Secretary of State, Department of Police/Special Audit Team. We will discuss the report at the April 17, 2014 Grant Review Committee meeting.

***“A working partnership of the public and private sectors fighting vehicle theft in Illinois”***

Motor Vehicle Theft Program  
Activity Summary  
Fourth Quarter 2013

**Prepared by:**  
**Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse**  
**March 21, 2014**

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# PROGRAM ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Six task forces\*, specialized audit teams, and a prosecution unit operated from October 1 through December 31, 2013, to combat motor vehicle theft in Illinois. These programs (see Page 2) were funded by a grant from the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (MVTPC). This report examines program performance during the fourth quarter 2013.

## DATA SOURCE

Quarterly historical information regarding each program was collected. A Program Summary section reflecting individual task program activity and a summary of unit achievements during the quarter is also included. Information for this activity summary was obtained from the MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports for the fourth quarter 2013. Vehicle theft and recovery information was obtained from the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS). Population data estimates for 2011 were obtained from the United States Census Bureau. Detailed statistics for each program are provided in Appendix A. The following describes the data sources for each specified topic.

**Theft Data:** Total vehicle thefts for the jurisdiction. Source: LEADS.

**Recovery Data:** Vehicle recoveries in jurisdiction. Includes Local Recoveries (vehicles stolen from and recovered in the same jurisdiction) and Foreign Recoveries (vehicles recovered in the jurisdiction, stolen from any jurisdiction). Source: LEADS.

**Persons Arrested:** Source: MVTPC Monthly Program Performance Report. The case classification prior to arrest or administrative closure.

**Program Recoveries:** Source: MVTPC Monthly Program Performance Report. Recovery is defined as the actual physical control, identification, or recovery of a vehicle by the task force, separate from another law enforcement entity. Note: It is not a vehicle

recovery if another law enforcement agency has physical possession of a vehicle which has been identified as stolen prior to task force personnel arrival on the scene.

**Value of Recovered Vehicles:** Source: MVTPC Monthly Program Performance Report. Untitled Vehicle - Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) listed value. All Other Vehicles - Retail NADA value. Value is estimated.

**Officers:** Source: MVTPC Monthly Program Performance Report.

**Caseload (initiated, assisted, continued, closed):** Source: MVTPC Monthly Program Performance Report.

**Value of Other Items Recovered:** Source: MVTPC Monthly Program Performance Report.

**Cook County State's Attorney Data:** Source: MVTPC Monthly Program Performance Report.

**Special Audit Teams Data:** Source: MVTPC Monthly Program Performance Report.

The Data Sources were utilized to depict the motor vehicle theft and recovery activity for the programs during the fourth quarter 2013.

## PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

The problem description serves to determine the severity of the vehicle theft problem in each program area. The scope of the problem has bearing on the entire summary as those programs that are not inundated with thefts/investigations may have more arrests as a result of an ability to spend more time and resources on each case. Thefts per 100,000 Population and Local and Foreign Recoveries are depicted to examine the problem description.

## **IMPACT**

This section depicts the impact each motor vehicle theft task force has on recovering vehicles and arresting auto thieves. The Task Force Arrests, Task Force Recoveries, and Task Force Value Recovered illustrate the impact by each task force.

## **PROGRAM SUMMARY**

Statistical information is compiled for each program in this section. Program accomplishments are also presented to understand the contributing factors that explain the statistics. Annual program goals are summarized in Appendix B. The following defines the coverage area for each program.

**BATTLE-GMAT** - Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement Task Force –Greater Metropolitan Auto Theft (DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties and see Appendix C for a list of cities the task force represents in Cook County.)

**MEATTF** - Metro-East Auto Theft Task Force (Madison and St. Clair Counties)

**NEMAT** - North East Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force (See Appendix D for a list of cities the task force represents in Cook County.)

**NIATTF** - Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force (Boone and Winnebago Counties)

**SLATE** - State Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force (Peoria County)

**TCAT** - Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force (Grundy, Kankakee, and Will Counties)

**SAT** - Illinois Secretary of State (SOS) Police Special Audit Teams (SAT) (statewide)

**CCSAO** - Cook County State's Attorneys Office (Cook County)

*\*Acronyms will be utilized throughout the report for brevity purposes.*

## ***Task Force Summary***

The data for each task force includes the number of officers, caseload, arrests, recoveries, recovery value, and recovery value—other items. includes a separate section for each task force.

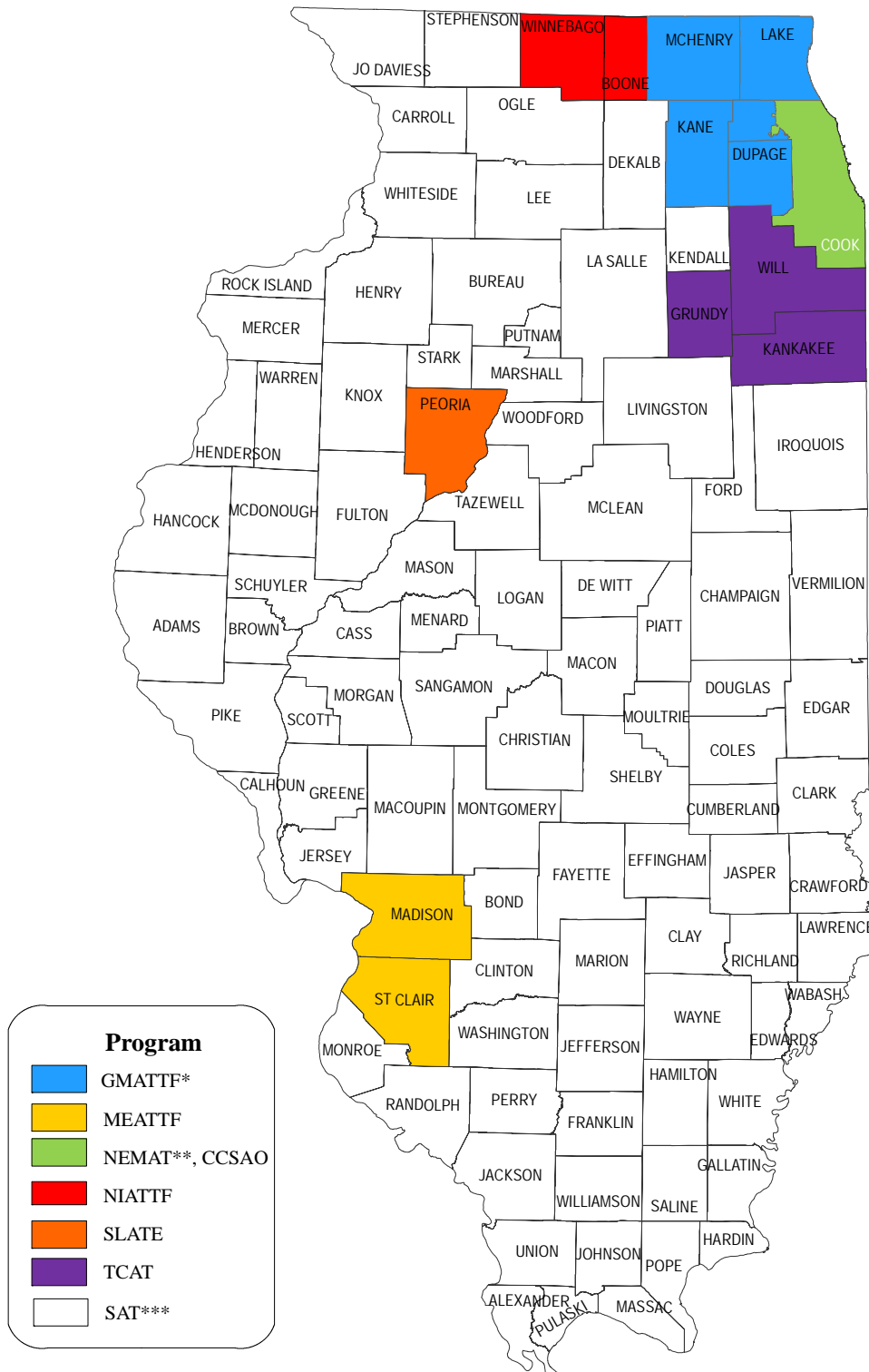
## ***Prosecution Summary***

This section includes the quarterly summary of activity by the Cook County State's Attorneys Office. Cases referred and accepted for prosecution are included in this section.

## ***Audit Team Summary***

The data displayed includes cases opened, vehicles inventoried, number and value of stolen vehicles identified, number and value of contraband vehicles identified, and the number and value of contraband essential parts identified.

# Motor Vehicle Theft Program Jurisdiction



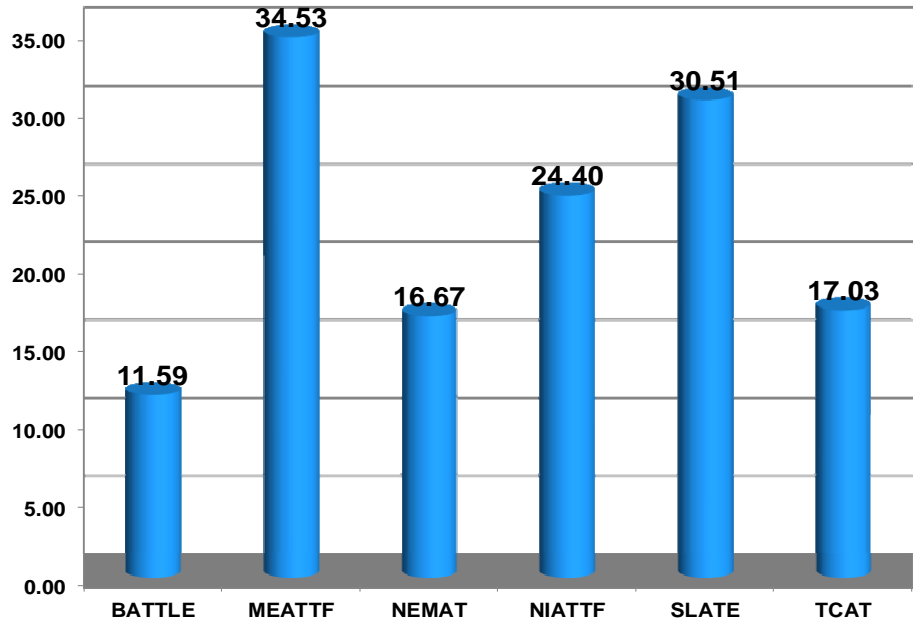
\*The BATTLE-GMAT Task Force jurisdiction covers DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties and 16 cities in Cook County. See Appendix C for a listing of Cook County cities in BATTLE-GMAT jurisdiction.

\*\*The NEMAT Task Force jurisdiction covers 71 cities in Cook County. See Appendix D for a complete listing.

\*\*\*The SAT provides statewide coverage.

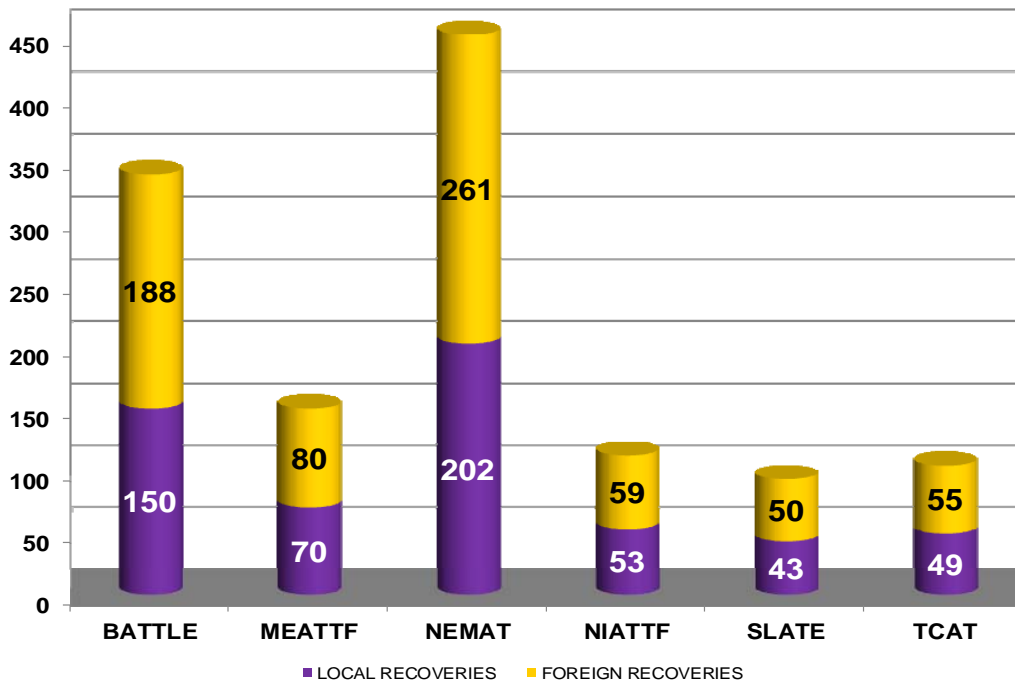
## THEFTS PER 100,000 POPULATION

The number of motor vehicle thefts for each specified task force area was calculated for October 1 through December 31, 2013. The thefts per 100,000 population was computed\* to level the variance in task force areas that are densely populated with those that are more sparsely populated.



*\*Computation: Quarterly Thefts divided by Task Force Jurisdiction Population, multiplied by 100,000.*

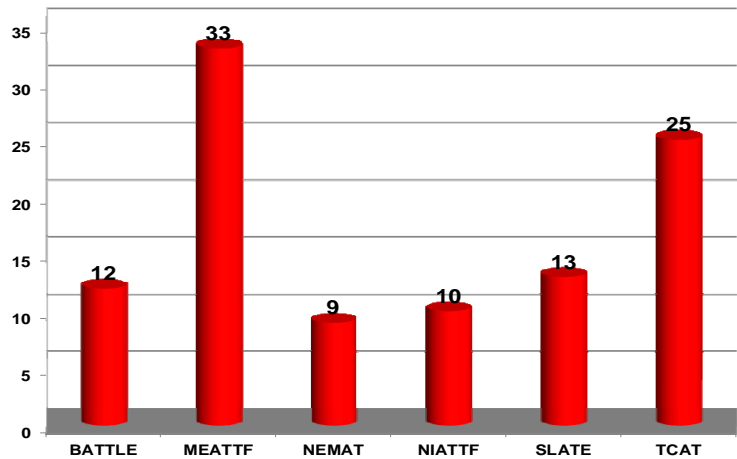
## LOCAL AND FOREIGN RECOVERIES



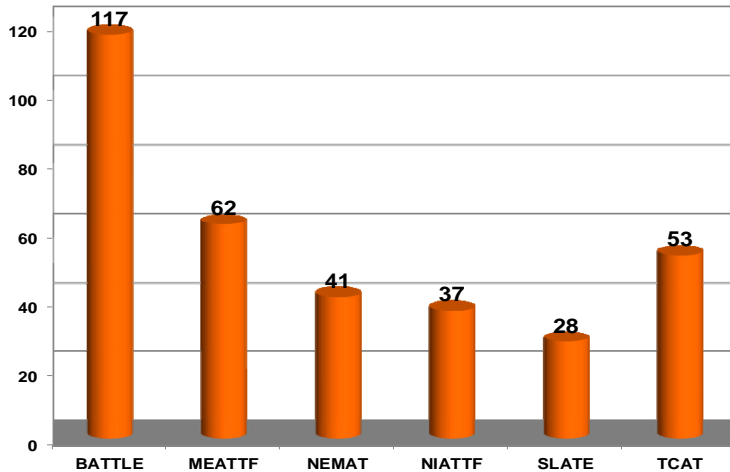
The graph to the left depicts local recoveries (vehicles stolen and recovered within the task force jurisdiction) and foreign recoveries (vehicles stolen from any jurisdiction, recovered within the task force jurisdiction).

## TASK FORCE ARRESTS

The graph shown at right illustrates the number of arrests made by each task force during the quarter.



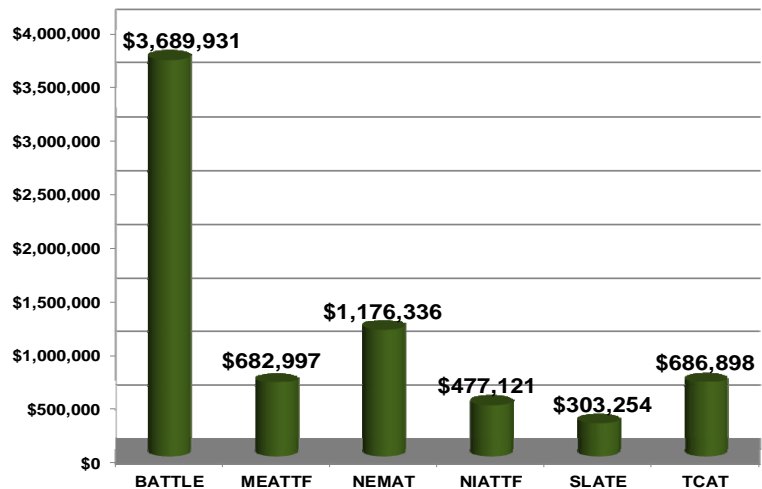
## TASK FORCE RECOVERIES



The number of vehicles recovered by each task force is depicted in the graph at left. This number does not indicate the number of persons arrested related to a stolen vehicle recovery.

## TASK FORCE VALUE RECOVERED

The graph shown at right illustrates the dollar amount of vehicle recoveries made by each task force during the quarter. This amount depends upon the value of the vehicle at the time of recovery.



*\*Vehicle value is estimated.*



# BATTLE-GMAT

During the fourth quarter of 2013, BATTLE-GMAT conducted 57 investigations, recovered 117 vehicles worth \$3,689,931, and arrested 12 people. In addition, three “hot sheets” and three intelligence bulletins were published. BATTLE-GMAT also provided training to two sworn and nine non-sworn agencies.

During the fourth quarter, BATTLE-GMAT’s efforts to reduce the motor vehicle thefts in the five county area it serves included successfully conducting several investigations into groups of individuals that attempt auto theft by arresting those individuals.

On October 10, 2013, BATTLE-GMAT agents apprehended a suspect in a stolen motor vehicle. The vehicle was reported stolen in a robbery by the Chicago Police Department (CPD). The complainant admitted to lying about being robbed and gave the vehicle to the suspect with the understanding he would bring it back the following day, which he failed to do. BATTLE-GMAT agents apprehended the subject 13 days later and he still possessed the vehicle. The complainant was arrested for filing a false police report.

BATTLE-GMAT agents located a 1986 Chevrolet El Camino. Agents confirmed the vehicle identification number (VIN) on the vehicle, and confirmed through the CPD that the vehicle was in fact reported stolen on June 13, 2013. State Farm Insurance filed for a salvage title after paying out a claim on the vehicle theft, and was now the rightful owner. The subject was taken into custody because it appeared that he took steps to know the vehicle was stolen before purchasing it. The vehicle was impounded for release to State Farm Insurance.

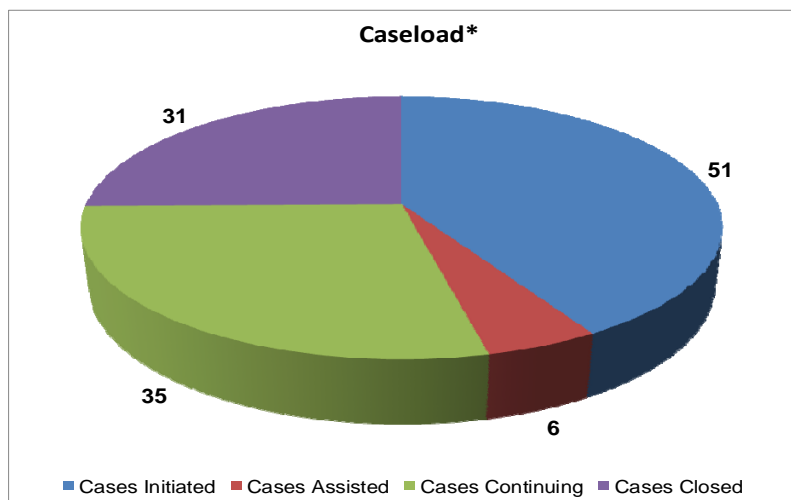
On November 12, 2011, BATTLE-GMAT agents entered a stolen vehicle into LEADS and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). The vehicle was discovered while investigating a current case, and identified through a secondary means as having a true VIN. The VIN belonged to a vehicle reported stolen by the Creve Coeur, Missouri, Police Department which is just outside St. Louis, Missouri. The Creve Coeur Police Department was notified of the recovery. Two subjects were taken

into custody at the time the vehicle was recovered. Both were interviewed reference possession of the stolen Porsche. The first subject

was charged with Criminal Trespass to Vehicle (CTTV), and the second was processed for a warrant related to money laundering charges. The Creve Coeur Police advised their agency would seek a local warrant on another subject regarding the possession of the stolen vehicle. The Creve Coeur Police used information obtained from this arrest to determine if a different subject is responsible for the initial theft of this vehicle. Creve Coeur Police will complete the investigation.

On June 26, 2013, BATTLE-GMAT was notified by multiple automobile dealerships in Illinois

	Prior Reporting Period	Current Reporting Period	2012 Totals	2013 YTD
Officers	10	10	10	10
Caseload* (initiated, assisted, continued, closed)	156	123	263	639
Arrests	30	12	73	72
Recoveries	128	117	264	587
Recovery Value	\$2,378,508	\$3,689,931	\$4,916,942	\$12,061,514
Recovery Value-Other Items	\$467,685	\$1,641,804	\$522,500	\$2,789,166



(Naperville, Westmont, and Hoffman Estates), Wisconsin (Brown Deer), and Missouri (Creve Coeur) of numerous vehicle thefts by means of "key switching" or "fob switching". The total value of known stolen vehicles was approximately \$1.6 million.

During the last several months, BATTLE-GMAT agents developed several suspects involved in vehicle thefts and recovered six vehicles worth \$350,000. BATTLE-GMAT also secured a tracker warrant on the main suspect vehicle. On December 18, 2013, the tracker indicated the suspect was parked for an extended period of time. BATTLE-GMAT agents conducted surveillance, discovered a 2013 Toyota Sequoia worth \$63,000 parked near the location, and confirmed through secondary means that the Toyota was stolen from a dealership and retagged. Task force inspectors witnessed two of the main suspects enter the Toyota and begin to drive. Both subjects were taken into custody without incident. A search incident to arrest yielded electronic key fobs for six additional vehicles.

The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved Aggravated Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle (PSMV) on the driver of the vehicle. A physical line-up was administered at DuPage County Lock-up facility reference the passenger. The passenger was positively identified by several employees from the auto dealerships above. The passenger was also charged with aggravated PSMV with pending indictments for several other charges pertaining to multiple vehicle thefts.

Combating vehicle thefts in BATTLE-GMAT's five-county area was possible with the support and cooperation from the DuPage, Kane, Cook, McHenry, and Lake County State's Attorney's Offices. It is important that once auto thieves were arrested they are appropriately charged, prosecuted, and sentenced.

BATTLE-GMAT serves the following areas: DuPage County (29 primary policing agencies), Kane County (23 primary policing agencies), Lake County (40 primary policing agencies), McHenry County (27 primary policing agencies), and the northwestern portion of Cook County. The Cook County area includes all or portions of the following municipalities (not previously included within the above counties): Barrington, Barrington Hills, Bartlett, Elk Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hanover, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Roselle, Schaumburg, South Barrington, and Streamwood.

During the months of October through December, BATTLE-GMAT had nine investigators assigned to the unit.

# MEATTF

During the third quarter of 2013, MEATTF opened 69 investigations and recovered 62 vehicles. The value of the recovered stolen vehicles totaled \$682,997. Task force agents arrested 33 suspects during this period resulting in 41 prosecutions.

During December 2013, MEATTF coordinated and conducted a criminal investigators intelligence meeting with the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southern District of Illinois which included state, local, and federal investigators from Illinois and Missouri. Information was shared related to current crime trends and strategies to combat crimes on both sides of the Mississippi River utilizing stolen automobiles to commit violent crimes. In attendance at the meeting were 153 police investigators from 44 police agencies, including the U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Illinois and State's Attorneys from Madison and St. Clair Counties.

Contact information was collected from each person in attendance to establish a database for quick reference. The completed database was furnished to each investigator in attendance and to law enforcement intelligence groups on both sides of the river.

In October 2013, MEATTF conducted a high-visibility auto theft detail in the downtown East St. Louis, Illinois, area in response to the St. Louis Cardinals World Series games.

In October 2013, MEATTF received a call from Illinois State Police (ISP) Dispatch regarding an investigative assistance request from Venice Police Department who recovered a stolen 2009 Dodge Charger with two suspects in custody. MEATTF adopted the case and submitted a warrant request to the Madison County State's Attorney's Office for prosecution. Warrants were issued on

both suspects and bonds were set at \$90,000 and \$50,000.

In October 2013, MEATTF was lead agency in a search warrant served in East St. Louis. The focus was recovering \$56,000 in stolen cargo from a stolen semi-trailer which had possibly been cut up for scrap at that location. The cargo was recovered and a suspect arrested. MEATTF submitted the case to the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office for prosecution.

A warrant was issued and bond set at \$500,000. All MEATTF agents participated.

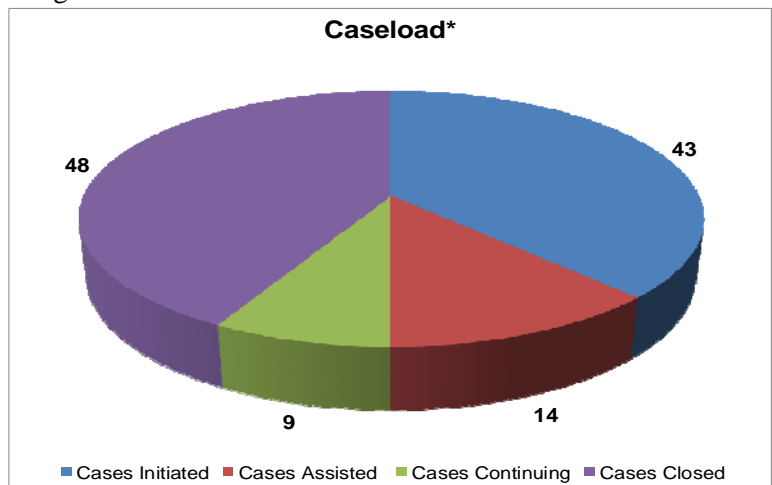
In December 2013,

MEATTF assisted the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department in recovering a 1995 GMC Yukon taken in a Vehicular Hijacking. Deputies were fired on by the occupants. The case is pending.

MEATTF agents are actively involved in the investigation of new car dealership burglaries where entry was gained to steal as many as eight vehicles.

Our goals and objectives remain the same to reduce the auto theft rate in Madison and St. Clair Counties. We plan to focus on insurance fraud and false reporting during the next quarter.

	Prior Reporting	Current Reporting	2012 Totals	2013 YTD
Officers	10	10	11	10
Caseload* (initiated, assisted, continued, closed)	154	114	395	592
Arrests	31	33	66	119
Recoveries	86	62	204	291
Recovery Value	\$830,867	\$682,997	\$1,552,876	\$2,823,045
Recovery Value-Other Items	\$56,000	\$200,000	\$167,848	\$512,449



# NEMAT

During the fourth quarter of 2013, seven inspectors were assigned to NEMAT. The task force initiated 28 investigations and recovered 35 stolen vehicles with an estimated value of \$1,047,026. NEMAT responded to 15 requests for assistance from six different law enforcement agencies within NEMAT's jurisdiction as well as assisting three out-of-state law enforcement agencies. NEMAT affected nine arrests consisting of 14 criminal charges. The charges included but are not limited to arrests for PSMV, Aggravated PSMV, CTTV, Official Misconduct, and Insurance Fraud. NEMAT established the Secretary of State Police Department as a contributing member to the task force during this quarter.

NEMAT agents responded to the Cicero Police Department after it located a suspect stolen retagged vehicle occupied by four suspects. The false VIN of the retagged vehicle was reported as stolen by NEMAT. The vehicle was inspected and identified as a retagged stolen 2011 Ford Edge stolen from a dealership in July 2013. The suspects were interviewed and two were charged with PSMV. One of the offenders was previously arrested and charged by NEMAT in a prior auto theft investigation.

During a joint investigation this summer, NEMAT agents assisted the CPD with the execution of a search warrant as part of an ongoing CPD identity theft investigation. CPD determined subjects of their investigation were driving vehicles identified by NEMAT as possible retagged stolen vehicles. NEMAT agents identified/recovered five stolen retagged vehicles during the search warrant. Utilizing insurance records, one of the recovered retagged vehicles was connected to a suspect. The suspect was interviewed and provided a post Miranda statement admitting to knowing

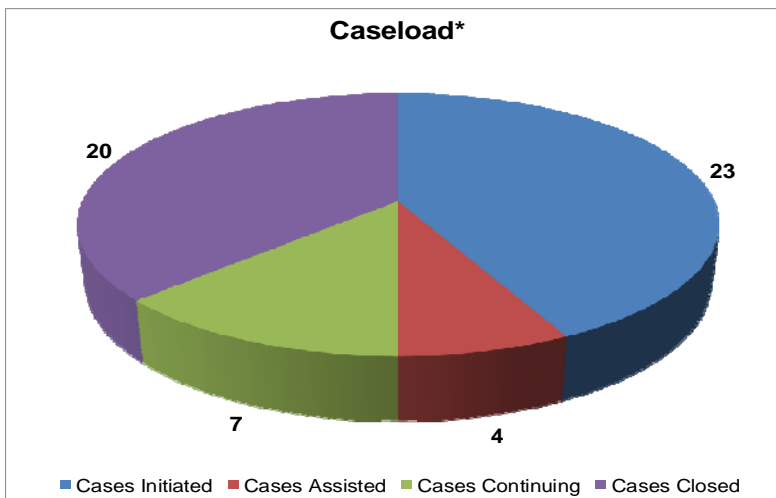
the vehicle was retagged and stolen. Based on the value of the vehicle, the suspect was charged with one count of Aggravated PSMV.

ISP District Chicago responded to a two-car crash involving a stolen motor vehicle. An offender was arrested and NEMAT was requested to investigate. The offender was detained overnight while NEMAT agents conducted the investigation.

Agents learned the offender involved in the crash, along with a second offender, utilized a counterfeit certified check to facilitate the theft of the vehicle from the victim via an internet sale. The victim/vehicle owner learned of the fraudulent check days after the transaction and immediately reported the fraud and theft of his vehicle to law enforcement. The victim positively identified the first offender in a live lineup. The offender provided a post Miranda written statement as well as identified the second offender. The victim then identified the second offender in a photo lineup. Charges of PSMV and Forgery were approved.

NEMAT agents received information a stolen retagged 2012 Mercedes-Benz E350 was parked in a

	<i>Prior Reporting Period</i>	<i>Current Reporting Period</i>	<i>2012 Totals</i>	<i>2013 YTD</i>
<i>Officers</i>	7	8	8	7
<i>Caseload* (initiated, assisted, continued, closed)</i>	72	54	198	260
<i>Arrests</i>	13	9	44	38
<i>Recoveries</i>	45	41	97	207
<i>Recovery Value</i>	\$1,323,828	\$1,176,336	\$2,041,420	\$4,070,210
<i>Recovery Value-Other Items</i>	\$18,800	\$110,944	\$223,750	\$229,591



residential garage in Olympia Fields, Illinois. Surveillance was established and the vehicle was observed leaving the residential garage driven by the offender. The offender was arrested without incident. The Mercedes-Benz was identified as a stolen vehicle taken during a strong-arm robbery in Hammond, Indiana. A post Miranda statement was obtained as well as consent to search the resident. Agents recovered fraudulent dealership paperwork, a fraudulent Wisconsin title, two loaded handguns, \$2,980, and four grams of Cannabis. Additionally, agents located multiple rooms of stolen merchandise including clothing, shoes, luggage, and household goods. The Cook County Regional Organized Crime (CCROC) Task Force was notified. CCROC executed a search warrant for the residence and recovered the stolen merchandise. Charges of Aggravated PSMV, Forgery, and Theft were approved.

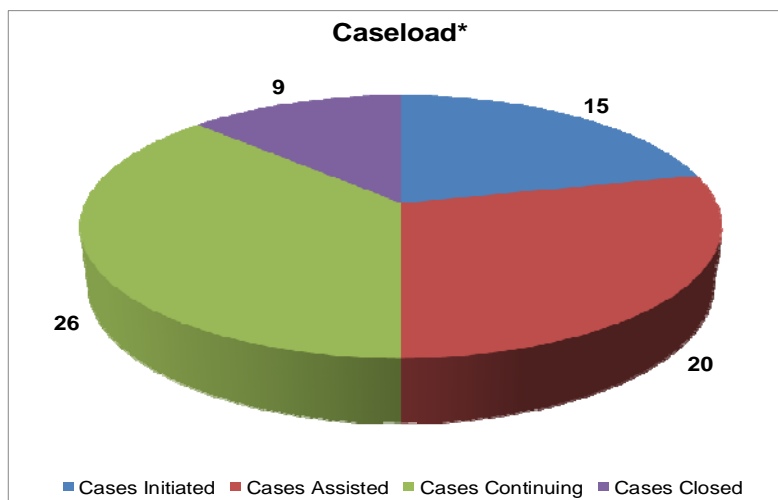
## NIATTF

During the fourth quarter, NIATTF opened 35 new investigations resulting in 10 arrests and 37 vehicles recoveries worth \$477,121.

In November, the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) notified task force inspectors that a geographic positioning system (GPS) tracker showed a stolen semi-trailer was in the Rockford, Illinois, area. Inspectors immediately went to the area indicated and located the 2013

	<i>Prior Reporting</i>	<i>Current Reporting</i>	<i>2012 Totals</i>	<i>2013 YTD</i>
<i>Officers</i>	7	8	8	7
<i>Caseload* (initiated, assisted, continued, closed)</i>	94	70	160	268
<i>Arrests</i>	31	10	25	60
<i>Recoveries</i>	48	37	78	133
<i>Recovery Value</i>	\$507,275	\$477,121	\$537,113	\$1,697,108
<i>Recovery Value-Other Items</i>	\$45,400	\$23,194	\$44,068	\$97,794

Kidron semi-trailer. The Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Sheriff's Department (ECSD) was notified of the recovery and informed the task force that five other semi-trailers were also stolen. With assistance from ECSD, the task force agents obtained the license plate number on the semi-tractor that was used to steal the semi-trailers. The suspect, who resides in Illinois, was tracked through credit card purchases and IPASS tollway receipts. After recovering an additional two semi-trailers near the suspect's home, agents met with an Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) in Wisconsin and were issued a tracking search warrant for the suspect's vehicle. TCAT recovered a fourth trailer and assisted in placing the tracker on the vehicle. After further investigation, the AUSA brought various stolen property charges before a grand jury and a warrant was issued for the suspect's arrest. In all, four of the five trailers were recovered, with a value of \$187,200.



# SLATE

SLATE continued its efforts toward the goal of reducing auto theft and arresting auto theft offenders in the greater Peoria County area during the fourth quarter of 2013. SLATE is a multi-jurisdictional task force comprised of officers from the Illinois State Police, Peoria County Sheriff's Police, Woodford County Sheriff's Department, and the Peoria Police Department. SLATE also has a representative from NICB and the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office assigned to the unit.

During the fourth quarter of 2013, SLATE opened 38 new investigations and arrested 17 subjects. Of those 17 arrests, 12 were adult offenders, and five were juvenile subjects. The arrests consisted of 11 felony charges and six misdemeanor charges. Additionally, SLATE recovered 28 vehicles with a total value of \$303,254.

During October, SLATE was contacted by the Decatur Police Department who took a report from a used car dealership. An individual contacted the dealership and purchased a used Hyundai Santa Fe over the phone with a stolen credit card. The dealership arranged to have the vehicle towed to the purchaser in Peoria, Illinois, along with the signed title. Shortly after the delivery of the vehicle, the dealership learned the vehicle was purchased with a stolen credit card.

SLATE agents searched *Craigslist* and discovered that a vehicle matching the one reported stolen to Decatur Police was offered for sale in Peoria. Inspectors contacted the seller and arranged a meeting under the pretext they were an interested purchaser. The subject arrived for the prearranged meeting, at which time agents confirmed that the vehicle in the suspect's possession was in deed the same vehicle reported stolen to the Decatur Police Department.

Once agents took the suspect into custody, they discovered a set of keys in his pocket with a dealer tag attached to the key fob. Agents went to the sus-

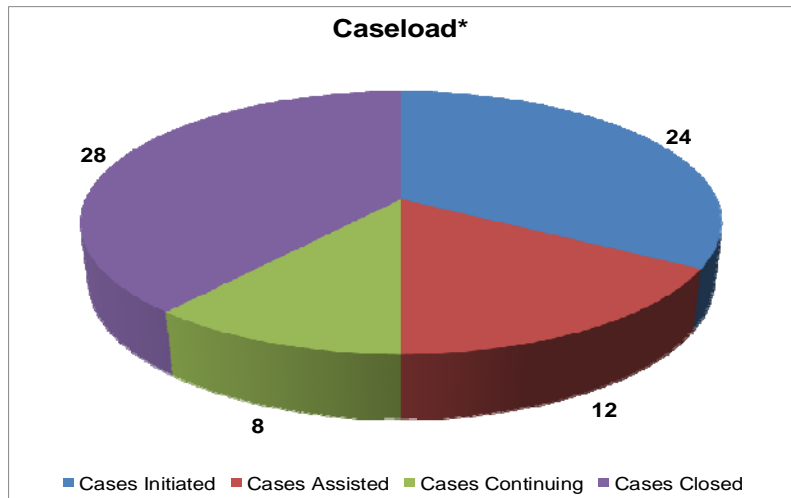
pect's residence where they discovered parked in the rear a 2008 Chevrolet Impala. A further investigation into

that vehicle revealed it was also purchased with a stolen credit card from a dealership in East Moline, Illinois.

Believing there were possibly other victims that this suspect targeted, agents seized his cell phone and obtained a search warrant to search the phone. A search of the cell phone revealed the suspect used a stolen credit card to purchase a Chrysler PT from a dealership in Sheridan, Illinois, and a Jeep Cherokee from a dealership in Chenoa, Illinois. Agents located both vehicles. Agents further learned from the suspect's cell phone records that he was about to take possession of a Chevrolet Impala from a used car dealer in Pekin, Illinois; however, he was taken into custody prior to taking possession of that vehicle.

An interview of the victims revealed that the suspect used the same scheme to obtain all of the vehi-

	Prior Reporting	Current Reporting	2012 Totals	2013 YTD
Officers	5	6	5	5
Caseload* (initiated, assisted, continued, closed)	116	72	188	336
Arrests	34	13	36	110
Recoveries	46	28	69	122
Recovery Value	\$768,992	\$303,254	\$664,015	\$1,460,364
Recovery Value-Other Items	\$237,405	\$5,044	\$163,736	\$285,593



cles. The suspect called the dealers and explained that he was calling from Wisconsin on behalf of his son. The suspect told them that his son was stranded in Peoria and needed a vehicle to get back to Wisconsin. The suspect claimed he found the vehicle offered by the dealer on-line and wanted to purchase over the phone with a credit card. In addition to covering the cost of the vehicle, the suspect also offered to cover the tow fee to get the vehicle to Peoria. The suspect requested that the dealership leave the signed title to the vehicle in the glove compartment of the vehicle. Once the suspect had possession of the vehicle and the title, he would offer the vehicle for sale on *Craigslist*.

During the month of November, a tornado struck Washington, Illinois, devastating the community and putting a great strain on the local police department. SLATE agents responded to the community and assisted the local department. SLATE agents spent approximately two weeks in the community helping secure the neighborhoods affected by the tornado.

In December, SLATE opened an investigation on a body shop owner in Lexington, Illinois. It was suspected that during the spring of 2013, the body shop owner intentionally over charged Country Financial for tow services. SLATE requested assistance from NICB Agent Barb Rambo to help identify any other potential victims. Agent Rambo learned that State Farm Insurance was also a possible victim of this owner's billing scheme.

It was learned during the course of the investigation that when damaged vehicles were towed to the body shop, the owner of the body shop would pay the tow company directly for their tow service. The owner of the body shop would then produce a fraudulent bill, making it appear as if it was from the tow company, with an inflated price for the tow company's services. The owner of the body shop would then submit the fraudulent tow bill to the vehicle owner's insurance company for reimbursement. On average, the body shop inflated the tow bill by \$100.

Agents determined this happened at least four times to Country Financial and on at least one occasion with State Farm Insurance. The owner of the body shop was indicted on one count of Aggravated Insurance Fraud by a McLean County Grand Jury.



# TCAT

During the fourth quarter of 2013, TCAT agents initiated 35 Investigations, four of which were for insurance fraud or a fraud-related offense. The task force arrested 26 individuals. The task force recovered 53 vehicles for a recovery value of \$686,898.

Regarding significant activity for the quarter, Inspectors recovered 30 automobiles, 8 tractor trucks, 6 semi-trailers, 4 motorcycles, 4 All-terrain Vehicles (ATVs), and one piece of farm equipment.

TCAT agents attended the Will County Detectives Meeting and held multiple training sessions and presentations. Inspector Voss presented to 12 Kankakee City Police Officers. Inspector Messier presented to two Kankakee County Deputies, two Bourbonnais, and three Bradley Police Officers. Inspector McDorman presented to seven Kankakee County Deputies. Topics covered included the following.

- Determining Fraud Probability
- Indicators of Identity Theft Fraud
- Credit Profile Numbers
- Seasoned Trade Lines
- VIN Cloning and Out-of-State Fraudulent Vehicle Titles
- Indiana Temporary Registration (how to spot a fraudulent temp registration)
- Indiana New and Used Dealer License Plates (used to conceal stolen vehicles during transport)
- Methods of Operation

TCAT agents continued working in conjunction with the Will County Sheriff's Office, and the Lake County, Indiana, Sheriff's Office by placing multiple ATV's equipped with tracking devices in an area known for thefts to combat multiple ATV thefts. A pole camera was placed near an area where it is suspected ATV's are ditched. Unfortunately, the pole camera was destroyed by unknown subjects.

TCAT agents in Kankakee conducted numerous license plate recognition (LPR) details and received three hits related to wanted subjects. The detail was a multi-jurisdictional effort including the Kankakee County Sheriff's Office and the Kankakee Police Department.

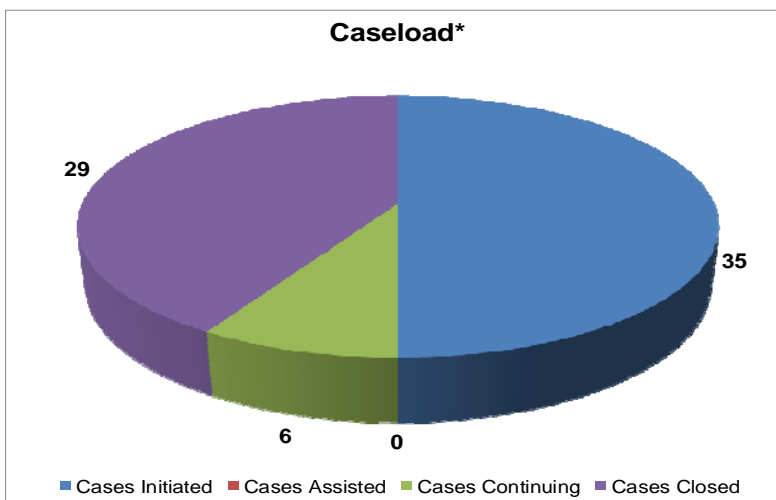
TCAT continued a joint investigation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) involving a criminal conspiracy ring that steals high-end vehicles and ships them out of the country. The target met with an undercover

officer on six occasions to discuss the ongoing criminal enterprise. TCAT also assisted the FBI with a controlled purchase of a load of stolen alcohol. Agents exchanged \$15,000 for pallets of alcohol. The investigation is ongoing.

The TCAT Director and Deputy Director attended training in Springfield, Illinois, presented by the MVTPC. Training included information related to the grant, asset forfeiture, record keeping, project income, and inspections and audits.

Seven members of TCAT attended the three-day training in Oak Brook, Illinois, presented by the Illinois Tactical Officers Association. Many topics were covered and networking events were held.

	Prior Reporting	Current Reporting	2012 Totals	2013 YTD
Officers	12	12	12	12
Caseload* (initiated, assisted, continued, closed)	98	70	236	532
Arrests	26	25	72	151
Recoveries	64	53	118	299
Recovery Value	\$860,960	\$686,898	\$1,124,910	\$3,756,080
Recovery Value-Other Items	\$200,336	\$107,265	\$700,387	\$1,349,038



TCAT networked with other auto theft task force members and members of many of the major case task forces. Guest speakers presented lessons learned from ongoing and prior investigations.

In Kankakee, agents conducted follow-up to a prior case involving a burned vehicle where an insurance settlement was paid. Agents interviewed the owner and alleged victim of the vehicle theft. After interviewing the owner, her brother, and an additional subject, agents determined the owner had her brother approach a subject at a parts recycler because her engine was failing. Due to the high cost associated with replacing the engine, she asked that the car be disposed of so she could file a theft report and collect on the associated policy. A subject used a tow truck to pick up the vehicle and moved it to a secondary location where the subject lit the vehicle on fire. The plan was to then pick up the burned car and take it to a salvage yard where he would be paid \$300 and the owner would collect on the insurance settlement. All three subjects will be charged with filing a False Police Report, Arson, and Insurance Fraud.

TCAT agents assisted the Bolingbrook Police Department after a series of tire thefts. Agents learned that subjects driving a pickup truck were targeting businesses involved in shipping/trucking. The subjects removed tires from tractor trucks in the parking lots. Bolingbrook Police attempted to stop a suspicious vehicle and the vehicle fled. TCAT followed-up and learned the suspect vehicle was located in the south suburbs. A court order was obtained and a tracker was placed on the vehicle. TCAT agents conducted surveillance on numerous occasions and observed the vehicles occupants transporting/stealing tires. TCAT requested assistance from local police departments to stop and identify the occupants; however, the vehicle does not yield and continually flees from the police. The suspect vehicle was later located in a junk yard and the tracking device was removed. Further investigation into identifying the driver and occupants continues.

In Lemont, Illinois, TCAT agents observed a suspicious trailer parked where agents recovered numerous other stolen trailers and cargo. Agents conducted surveillance but did not locate any potential suspects. Agents verified the trailer was stolen, and upon opening the trailer, located \$150,000 worth of stolen auto parts from a separate theft. The trailer was taken in a prior cargo theft and originally contained washers and dryers. The prior theft is included in an ongoing investigation between TCAT, the FBI, and ISP Cargo Theft. Arrangements are pending to get the auto parts removed from the trailer and moved to the owner.

TCAT was called by the Joliet Police Department after numerous vehicles were stolen. TCAT was able to develop information that led to multiple juvenile suspects. After locating a cooperating witness TCAT arrested two juveniles and recovered two stolen vehicles as a result of the investigation.

TCAT met with a subject who wanted to report his vehicle stolen. After further investigation, agents determined the vehicle was currently in the City of Chicago impound. Agents again met with the complainant and presented evidence to him contrary to his story. The subject admitted he was operating the vehicle when it was in a crash and filed a false police report related to the damage and an insurance claim. The subject was charged with attempted insurance fraud and filing a false police report.

TCAT was contacted by a subject who attempted to purchase an ATV quad runner on the website *Craigslist*. TCAT contacted the subject advertising the ATV for sale. After numerous days of dialogue, the subject agreed to meet TCAT agents. The ATV was identified as stolen. The subject an innocent purchaser and not charged with possession due to lack of knowledge. No further investigative leads were developed.

In Kankakee, TCAT agents presented at the Kankakee County Career Center. Presentations were made to three separate classes and included students that were juniors and seniors at the Career Center studying Law Enforcement. Topics included the following.

- Online Purchases of Automobiles
- Top 10 Stolen vehicles
- How to Secure Your Vehicle Against Theft
- Vehicle Identification Numbers
- Illinois Auto Theft Task Forces

National Insurance Crime Bureau  
Identity Theft/Insurance Fraud  
Education in Law Enforcement/Careers in Law Enforcement

TCAT had one inspector leave the unit in December. His replacement was selected and it is anticipated he will start in January 2014.

# CCSAO

The CCSAO had the following activities during the fourth quarter 2013.

## NEMAT

The unit worked with NEMAT investigating a ring of individuals in the southwest suburbs who stole cars, retagged, and sold them to buyers who knew the cars were stolen. In some instances, it is believed that the cars were stolen back from the purchasers, re-tagged, and sold again. At least a dozen individuals were identified as participants in the scheme and dozens of cars and motorcycles are believed involved. The investigation is ongoing.

The unit worked with NEMAT investigating a group of individuals who purchased high-end cars, financing the purchases with loans from various banks, and then defaulted on the loans after making a small number of purchases. In the meantime, the individuals submitted fraudulent lien waivers to the SOS to secure clean titles. The individuals then sold the cars multiple times between corporations that they control, often financing the deals with loans which they default on again utilizing the same scheme. Eventually, the cars were sold to unsuspecting third parties who believe that they were buying used vehicles at market prices. It is also suspected the group is involved in mortgage fraud through numerous shell corporate entities. The investigation is ongoing.

The CCSAO worked with NEMAT investigating a group of individuals who stole cars and resold them using multiple methods. In some instances, the offenders rented cars from various rental companies. The individuals installed trackers on the cars and then returned them to the agency. In other instances, the offenders placed trackers in cars that were up for auction and subsequently stole them. The offenders also bought high-end cars, installed trackers, sold them, and subsequently stole them. After each theft, the cars were retagged and resold. At some point after the cars were returned, the cars

were stolen. In some cases, the thefts occurred days after the cars were returned. In other cases, weeks passed before the cars were stolen. When the cars are retagged, they are also registered and re-plated with the assistance of one or more SOS employees. The investigation is ongoing.

## GMAT/BATTLE

The unit worked with BATTLE-GMAT investigating individuals who enter dealerships under the guise of shopping for new cars. They swap keys of cars on the lot and return later to steal the cars. It appears these individuals operate throughout Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Based upon one recent arrest, there may be over 100 cars involved in the investigation. The investigation is ongoing.

The CCSAO worked with BATTLE-GMAT investigating a firm operating a storage yard where multiple stolen vehicles were found. It is believed the firm shipped the vehicles and equipment overseas. The investigation is ongoing.

The unit also worked with BATTLE-GMAT on an investigation of a scheme in which high-end cars were stolen out of state, retagged, brought to Illinois, and resold.

## Chicago Police Department

The unit worked with the CPD to investigate a crew of suspected gang members who steal and resell cars or chop them and sell them for parts. In some cases, it is believed that the stolen cars are promptly resold. It is believed that other cars are retagged and resold, including through various social media outlets. In excess of 30 individuals were identified as part of the scheme. It is believed that the crew operates more than 10 chop shops. The number of cars stolen is unknown at this time, but could exceed 100. The investigation is ongoing.

The CCSAO worked with the CPD to prosecute a

	<i>Prior Reporting</i>	<i>Current Reporting</i>	<i>2012 Totals</i>	<i>2013 YTD</i>
<i>Referred</i>	23	15	118	60
<i>Accepted</i>	21	14	118	50

truck driver who picked up a load of tire rims from victim. The defendant later told victim that his truck and load of rims were stolen. The defendant was found in Savannah, Illinois, with proceeds from the load, which he sold. Officers recovered truck in Chicago, Illinois. The defendant was indicted for PSMV and Theft. The case is pending.

Assistant State's Attorneys Varga, Head, and Heredia worked with CPD to investigate a group of individuals who are engaging in the theft of heavy construction equipment, shipping containers, and other large vehicles. The crew typically poses as contractors seeking to purchase or rent the equipment. They then stop payment after they receive the merchandise. It is suspected the group is involved in money laundering and insurance fraud through numerous shell corporate entities. The investigation is ongoing.

### **NEMAT/SOS INVESTIGATION**

Starting in March 2011, SOS officers assigned to NEMAT uncovered a scheme by which vehicle titles were fraudulently obtained or 'bought' to enable the vehicles to be sold to third parties without a lien attached. Vehicles were obtained in a variety of ways. Originally, vehicles were stolen by offenders who presented falsified transport orders for vehicles that were returned to dealers after the leases expired. Over time, the scheme changed and offenders applied for credit, obtained control over the vehicles and, after a few payments, defaulted on the loans. The cars were generally retagged and resold before the vehicles were repossessed. The second scheme was modified and offenders started using false Social Security Numbers (SSNs) that are purchased from various sources online. These numbers are referred to as Credit Privacy Numbers (CPNs). The CPNs are supposedly randomly generated. The investigation revealed; however, that many are real SSNs belonging to very young or deceased individuals. Once the vehicle is obtained, the offenders alter the VIN of the vehicle and then create a false out of state title with the false VIN purporting to show the vehicle to have been sold, which is then submitted to the SOS for a new/clean title. Several offenders (approximately 15) were arrested and are being prosecuted. Further investigation continues.

### **Chicago Police Department Bait Car Program**

The CCSAO will continue to work with the CPD and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company on the CPD Bait Car Program. Bait cars will be left in areas of Chicago that experience a high rate of auto thefts. Bait car arrests and convictions were followed-up with an aggressive advertising campaign of the CPD Bait Car Program in an effort to discourage and deter individuals from committing vehicle thefts in Chicago. This advertising campaign included the placement of billboards paid for by the MVTPC that were placed at various locations within Chicago aimed at attempting to advertise the CPD Bait Car Program to deter auto thieves. On January 1, 2008, a statutory exemption to the Eavesdropping Statute of the Illinois Compiled Statutes became effective which allowed law enforcement to conduct audio recordings in Bait Cars. CCSAO and the CPD Covert Auto Theft Team utilized this newly allowed law enforcement tool in an effort to further discourage and deter individuals from committing vehicle thefts in Chicago. Thus far, the CPD Bait Car Program resulted in 220 felony arrests, 216 felony convictions, and a 98 percent conviction rate, which resulted in convicted offenders sentenced to a total of 412 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The Bait Car Program resulted in the arrest of several recidivists as well as offenders with extensive criminal backgrounds including previous convictions for Murder, Attempt Murder, Armed Robbery, Aggravated Battery, Robbery, Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons, Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon, and Burglary. The program is so effective that TRU-TV filmed recent arrests which are the subject of a nationally televised "Bait Car" show.

### **Training**

The CCSAO conducted training on auto theft issues for MVTPC Directors Association in Springfield, Illinois.

# SAT

The SOS Police, SAT continued to work toward the major objective of reducing auto theft in Illinois. This was accomplished through its unique concept; the thorough examination of dealership records and identification of salvage titled vehicles at insurance pools.

During the fourth quarter of 2013, SAT referred 13 unlicensed dealerships to SOS Police Districts for investigation. Thirteen contraband vehicles (total estimated value of \$31,355), were identified. A total of 598 audits were conducted with 4,755 vehicles and 662 essential parts inventoried.

SAT photographed and tracked 1,237 vehicles from insurance salvage pools during this reporting period. The SATs reviewed 330 "good" titles, 185 Salvage Certificates, and 2,431 Junk Certificates. Of the "good" titles and Salvage Certificates reviewed, 336 required branding as a Junk Title.

SOS Police Districts received 58 case referrals from SAT as a result of audits conducted. The SAT issued 65 violation letters for a total of 99 violations. No citations or written warnings were issued this quarter.

In addition to the above, the SAT uncovered seven dealers in possession of vehicles with the VIN plates removed and 11 dealers in possession of a vehicle title without complete assignment.

The SOS SAT continued audits of licensed Illinois dealers with results as indicated above and working with all the funded motor vehicle theft task forces as requested.

*Cases Opened - Number of audits*

*completed.*

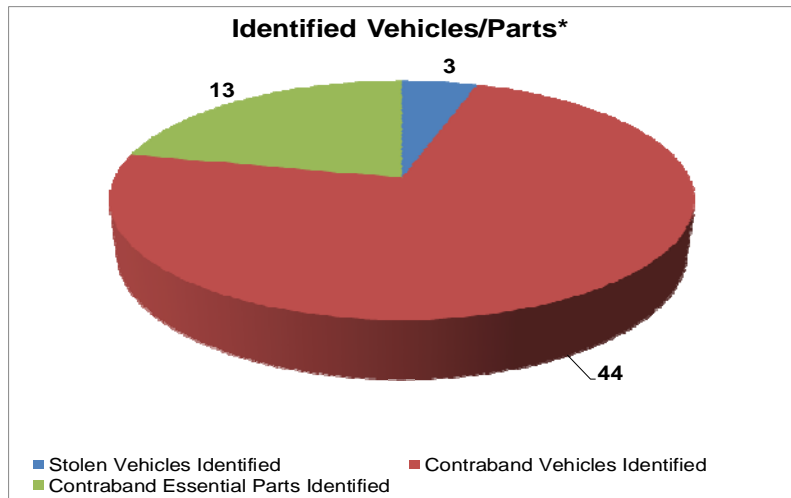
*Stolen Vehicles Identified - Identified as stolen in LEADS or the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).*

*Vehicle and Part Value - Untitled Vehicle - MSRP NADA listed value. All Other Vehicles - Retail NADA value. Value is estimated.*

	Prior Reporting	Current Reporting	2012 Totals	2013 YTD
Cases Opened	443	443	3,638	2,211
Vehicles Inventoried	5,995	5,995	28,894	23,433
Stolen Vehicles Identified*	3	3	16	9
Value of Stolen Vehicles Identified	\$18,175	\$18,175	\$158,136	85,050
Contraband Vehicles Identified*	44	44	138	214
Value of Contraband Vehicles Identified	\$240,200	\$240,200	\$2,568,816	\$769,115
Contraband Essential Parts Identified*	131	13	6	154
Value of Contraband Essential Parts Identified	\$103,000	\$103,000	\$3,600	\$290,000

*Contraband Vehicles and Parts - Any vehicle identified without a public Vehicle Identification Number or part without appropriate markings.*

*Vehicles Inventoried - Vehicles examined for potential theft and ensure compliance with statutory regulations.*



## **Appendix A**

### **Task Force Data Table**

	DATA							
TASK FORCE	2012 POPULATION*	TASK FORCE OFFICERS	VEHICLE THEFTS	TASK FORCE AREA RECOVERIES (LOCAL+ FOREIGN)	LOCAL RECOVERIES	FOREIGN RECOVERIES	ARRESTS	TASK FORCE RECOVERIES
BATTLE-GMAT	2,885,328*	10	334	338	150	188	12	117
MEATTF	536,741	10	186	150	70	80	33	62
NEMAT	3,954,883*	8	656	463	202	261	9	41
NIATTF	346,009	8	85	112	53	59	10	37
SLATE	187,254	6	57	93	43	50	13	28
TCAT	682,518	12	144	104	49	55	25	53
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,592,733</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1,462</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>338</b>
<b>Source</b>	U.S. Census Bureau	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports	LEADS (as of January 2013)	LEADS (as of January 2013)	LEADS (as of January 2013)	LEADS (as of January 2013)	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports
Population Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/170001k.html">Population Estimates [on-line]; http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/170001k.html</a> [accessed July 29, 2013]. *Cities in the BATTLE and NEMAT jurisdictions fall under Multi-County Agencies which includes population from more than one county. The BATTLE population includes DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties and the Cook County cities population listed in Appendix C. The NEMAT population includes Cook County cities listed in Appendix D. City and county populations provided by U.S. Census Bureau, July 1, 2012, estimated population.								



	DATA				
TASK FORCE	\$ VALUE RECOVERED VEHICLES	CASES INITIATED	CASES ASSISTED	CASES CONTINUING	CASES CLOSED
BATTLE	\$3,689,931	51	6	35	31
MEATTF	\$682,997	43	14	9	48
NEMAT	\$1,176,336	23	4	7	20
NIATTF	\$477,121	15	20	26	9
SLATE	\$303,254	24	12	8	28
TCAT	\$686,898	35	0	6	29
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,016,537</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>Source</b>	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports

# **Appendix B**

## **Program Goals**

## **PROGRAM GOALS 2013**

### **BATTLE**

The BATTLE-GMAT task force established three goals to work toward during 2013. The first goal is to target provide specialized investigative services to assist law enforcement agencies and insurance company special investigative units (SIUs) within the BATTLE-GMAT service area in combating auto theft and auto insurance fraud. The second goal is to conduct task force initiated investigations to target organized rings, professional auto thieves, and insurance fraud offenders. The third goal is to conduct joint investigations with county and local law enforcement agencies in the BATTLE-GMAT service area.

### **MEATTF**

MEATTF established three goals to work toward during 2013. The first goal is to reduce the amount of multi-jurisdictional offenders who commit carjacking and auto thefts in 2013 through sharing criminal intelligence. The second goal is to reduce the numbers of auto thefts and carjackings in the areas identified as being those where most vehicle crime occurs in Madison and St. Clair Counties. Lastly, MEATTF will increase the number of cases issued by the Madison and St. Clair County State's Attorneys during 2013 by 10 percent.

### **NEMAT**

NEMAT established three goals to work toward during 2013. In the first goal, NEMAT will conduct investigations targeting repeat auto theft and insurance fraud offenders. Secondly, NEMAT will promote partnerships with law enforcement and commercial business in an effort to develop proactive investigations. Finally, NEMAT will educate/assist law enforcement agencies about trends of auto theft and investigative techniques.

### **NIATTF**

NIATTF will maintain or increase the number of insurance fraud investigations. NIATTF will increase the number of bait vehicle operations. NIATTF will increase the number of multi-defendant investigations.

### **SLATE**

SLATE established three goals to work toward during 2013. The task force will conduct 12 pro-active details that will increase investigations. SLATE will maintain the current percentage of cases being accepted by the Peoria County State's Attorney's office for prosecution. Finally, SLATE will reduce the recidivism rate amongst juvenile offenders.

### **TCAT**

During 212, TCAT will increase the number of fraud/financial fraud-related investigations presented for prosecution. The task force will increase the awareness of the public and private industry concerning the social and monetary cost of auto theft related crimes. TCAT will also reduce auto theft related crime in the region.

### **CCSAO**

The first goal requires the CCSAO to aggressively pursue and prosecute criminals involved in motor vehicle theft crimes and motor vehicle-related crimes and insurance fraud. The second goal increases restitution for victims of motor vehicle theft and motor vehicle-related crimes.

## SAT

The SOS SAT has two goals during 2013. The first is to insure compliance by Illinois licensed repairer, rebuilders, and auto part recyclers, scrap processors, and out of state salvage buyers with the Illinois Vehicle Code with emphasis on the identification of contraband and stolen vehicles and parts. The second goal is to audit insurance salvage pools and review suspicious titles surrendered by other states to ensure compliance and authenticity.

## **Appendix C**

### **Cities Represented by BATTLE-GMAT Table**

**Cook County Cities in BATTLE-GMAT Task Force**

City	Population**
Barrington*	10,351
Barrington Hills	4,225
Bartlett*	41,618
Elgin*	-
Elk Grove	-
Elk Grove Village*	33,350
Hanover	832
Hanover Park*	38,373
Hoffman Estates	52,305
Inverness	7,491
Palatine	69,144
Rolling Meadows	24,241
Roselle*	22,984
Schaumburg	74,781
South Barrington	4,656
Streamwood	40,238
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>424,589</b>

\*Multi-county agencies include population reported from multiple counties.

\*\*Source: Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2012, U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division [on-line]; <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/17001k.html> [accessed July 29, 2013].

## **Appendix D**

### **Cities Represented by NEMAT Table**

## Cities in NEMAT Task Force

City	Population**	City	Population**
Alsip	19,419	Lynwood	9,317
Bedford Park	580	Markham	12,625
Bellwood	19,137	Matteson	19,147
Berkeley	5,231	Maywood	24,164
Berwyn	56,800	Melrose Park	25,527
Blue Island	23,816	Midlothian	14,896
Bridgeview	16,521	North Riverside	6,692
Broadview	7,963	Oak Forest	28,155
Brookfield	19,035	Oak Lawn	56,995
Burbank	29,124	Oak Park	52,015
Burnham	4,232	Olympia Fields	5,033
Calumet City	37,232	Orland Hills	7,206
Calumet Park	7,896	Orland Park*	57,392
Chicago	2,714,856	Palos Heights	12,590
Chicago Heights	30,392	Palos Hills	17,610
Chicago Ridge	14,428	Palos Park	4,895
Cicero	84,137	Park Forest*	22,035
Country Club Hills	16,854	Phoenix	1,974
Crestwood	11,018	Posen	6,019
Dixmoor	3,650	Richton Park	13,741
Dolton	23,274	River Forest	11,216
East Hazel Crest	1,554	River Grove	10,274
Elmwood Park	24,973	Riverdale	13,609
Evergreen Park	19,929	Robbins	5,415
Flossmoor	9,512	Sauk Village*	10,559
Ford Heights	2,778	South Chicago Heights	4,157
Forest Park	241	South Holland	22,145
Franklin Park	18,398	Steger*	9,591
Glenwood	9,045	Stone Park	4,965
Harvey	25,381	Summit	11,446
Hazel Crest	14,184	Thornton	2,345
Hickory Hills	14,145	Tinley Park*	57,144
Hillside	8,193	University Park*	7,139
Hometown	4,363	Westchester	16,792
Homewood	19,418	Worth	10,844
Justice	13,026	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,954,883</b>
Lansing	28,479		

\*Multi-county agencies include population reported from multiple counties.

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**TO: Grant Review Committee Members**  
**FROM: Greg Stevens, Program Director**  
**SUBJECT: Program Profile**  
**DATE: March 20, 2014**

Behind this memo is a copy of the Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force program performance profile. The profile was prepared by Sharyn Adams, research analyst for the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

A representative from the program will be present at the April 17, 2014 Grant Review Committee meeting to answer any questions you may have concerning the information that is presented in the profile.

At the May 21, 2014 Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council meeting, a representative from the program will provide a brief presentation on the progress of the unit over the last twelve months.

***“A working partnership of the public and private sectors fighting vehicle theft in Illinois”***

# **A Profile of the Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force (NEMAT)**

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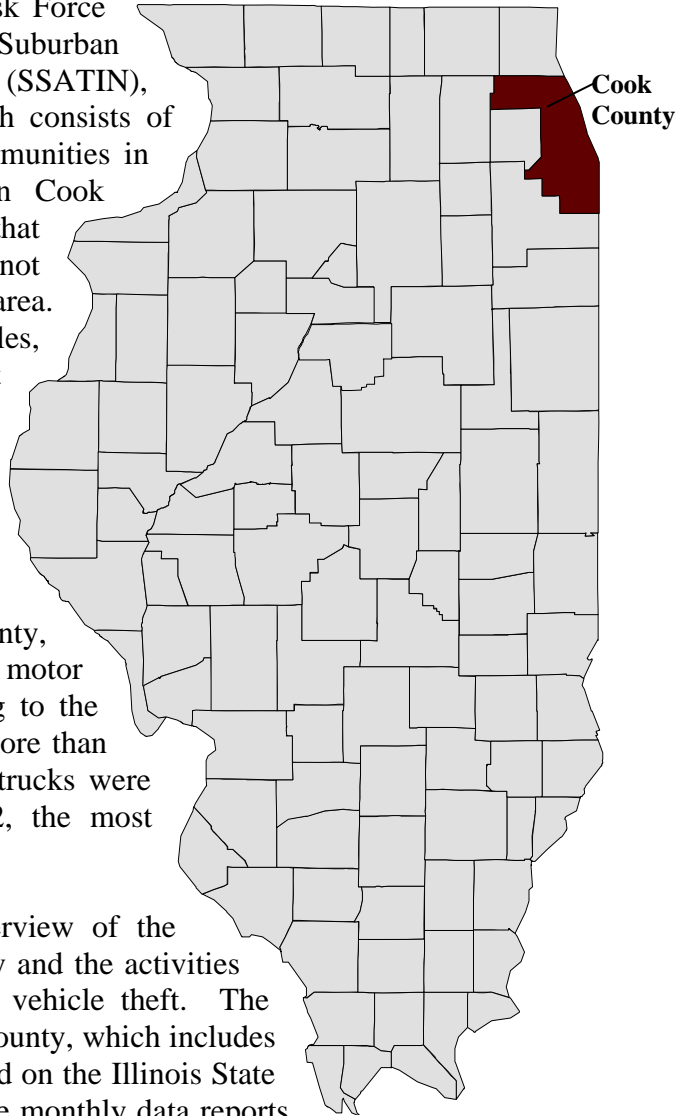
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## Introduction

The Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force (NEMAT), formerly named South Suburban Auto Theft Interdiction Network (SSATIN), serves primarily Cook County, which consists of the City of Chicago, as well as communities in the southern and western suburban Cook County areas. It is important to note that before 2003, the City of Chicago was not included in NEMAT's service area. Covering an area of 946 square miles, Cook County has the highest population density among Illinois' 102 counties. According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates for 2012, Cook County had a population of 5.23 million residents.<sup>1</sup>

As the state's most populated county, Cook County is a major center of motor vehicle traffic in Illinois. According to the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, more than 1.84 million passenger vehicles and trucks were registered in Cook County in 2012, the most vehicles of any Illinois county.<sup>2</sup>

This profile provides a general overview of the vehicle theft problem in Cook County and the activities the task force engages in to reduce vehicle theft. The statistics in this report look at Cook County, which includes the City of Chicago. The data is based on the Illinois State Police Uniform Crime Reports and the monthly data reports submitted by staff of NEMAT.



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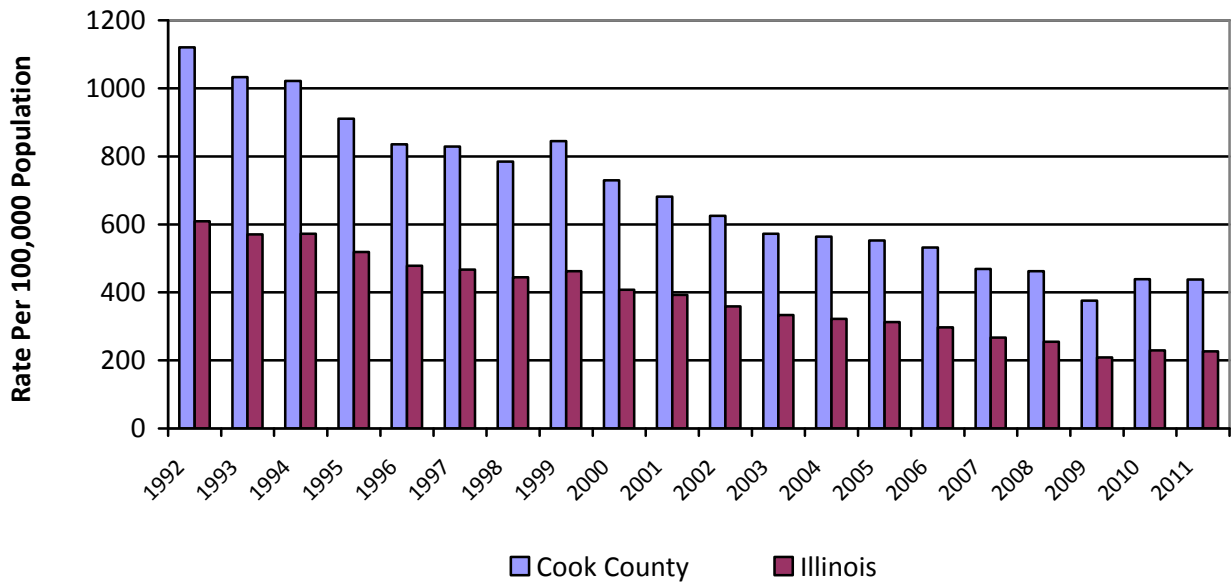
## Motor Vehicle Theft in Cook County

According to the Illinois State Police, the number of motor vehicle thefts reported in the area covered by the Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force (NEMAT) decreased 61 percent between 1992 and 2011, from 58,238 thefts to 22,867 thefts. Motor vehicle thefts decreased 59 percent statewide during the same period. In 2011, Cook County accounted for approximately 79 percent of motor vehicle thefts in Illinois.

Between 1992 and 2011, a time when the population in the area covered by NEMAT remained stable, the motor vehicle theft rate in the region decreased 61 percent, from 1,120 to 438 offenses per 100,000 population. The statewide motor vehicle theft rate similarly decreased, from 609 to 226 offenses per 100,000 population. Figure 1 shows the motor vehicle theft rates in Illinois and the NEMAT area during this period.

Figure 1

### Cook County Motor Vehicle Theft Rate 1992-2011



Data Source: Illinois Uniform Crime Reports

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## **Program Summary**

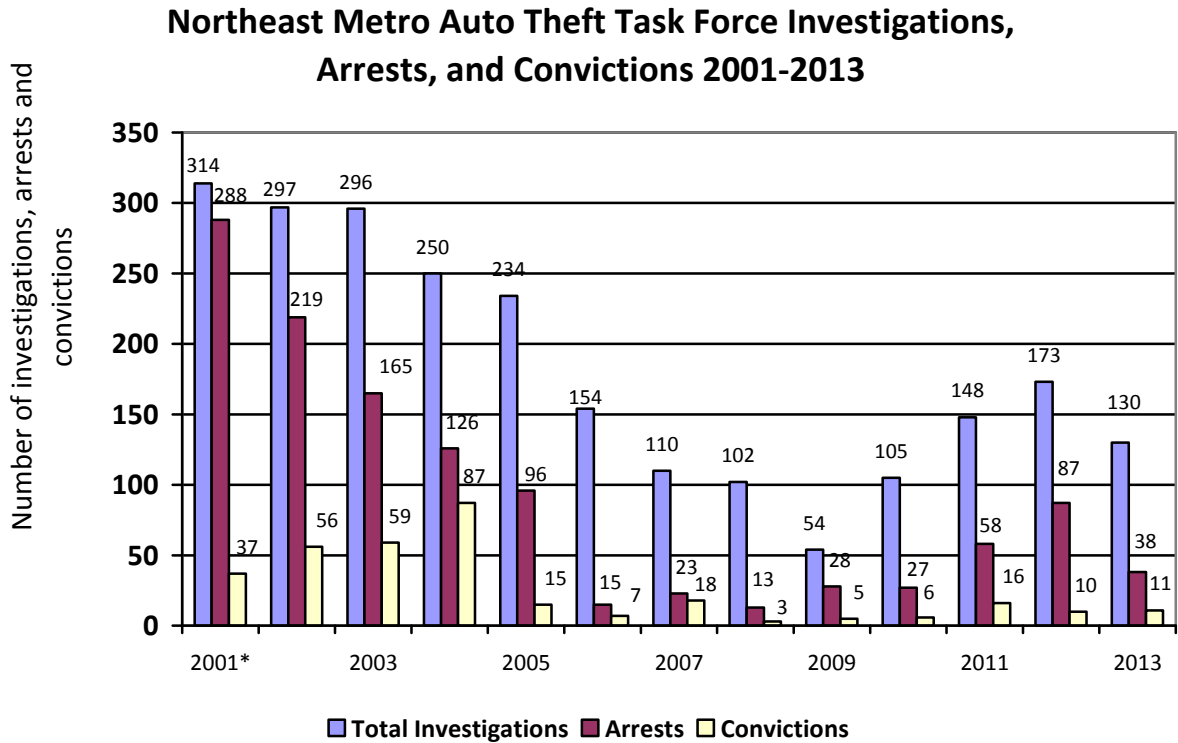
The Northeast Metro Auto Theft (NEMAT) Task Force, originally founded as the South Suburban Auto Theft Interdiction Network (SSATIN), is the primary auto theft task force in Cook County. There are approximately 72 suburban cities, towns and villages, including the City of Chicago, within NEMAT's current jurisdictional boundaries. NEMAT is a multi-jurisdictional auto theft task force that combines the resources of the Illinois State Police, the Chicago Police Department, the Cook County State's Attorney's Investigator's Office, the Stone Park Police Department, the Broadview Police Department, the Illinois Secretary of State Police Department and the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) to more effectively investigate and prosecute motor vehicle theft.

NEMAT is utilized by Cook County law enforcement agencies as a valuable resource to assist in investigating issues of motor vehicle theft as it pertains to their specific community. Furthermore, NEMAT has been able to act as a liaison between the different law enforcement agencies. NEMAT has identified motor vehicle theft trends and investigated groups of organized offenders who cross city and suburban law enforcement jurisdictions when committing motor vehicle theft and other related crimes, to include, but not limited to, insurance fraud, dealership thefts, and various financial frauds. The task force has also identified and investigated trends such as, Credit Privacy Number (CPN) Fraud, towing for scrap, Computer Fraud, Governmental Official Misconduct and international shipping of stolen vehicles, all of which facilitate motor vehicle theft.

## Program Activity

Since the program began in November 1992, through December 2013, the Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force (NEMAT) has conducted 3,716 self-initiated and assisted investigations, resulting in 2,249 arrests and 812 convictions. From January 2001 through December 2013, NEMAT has conducted 2,367 self-initiated and assisted investigations, which have resulted in 1,183 arrests and 330 convictions. Figure 2 shows the number of motor vehicle theft investigations, arrests, and convictions for the program years 2001 through 2013.<sup>3</sup>

**Figure 2**



\*Beginning in 2001, Investigations were recorded as either Initiated (by the unit) or Assisted (assists to other agencies) Investigations. These yearly totals represent the combination of both.

\*\*Total does not include July 2006 data.

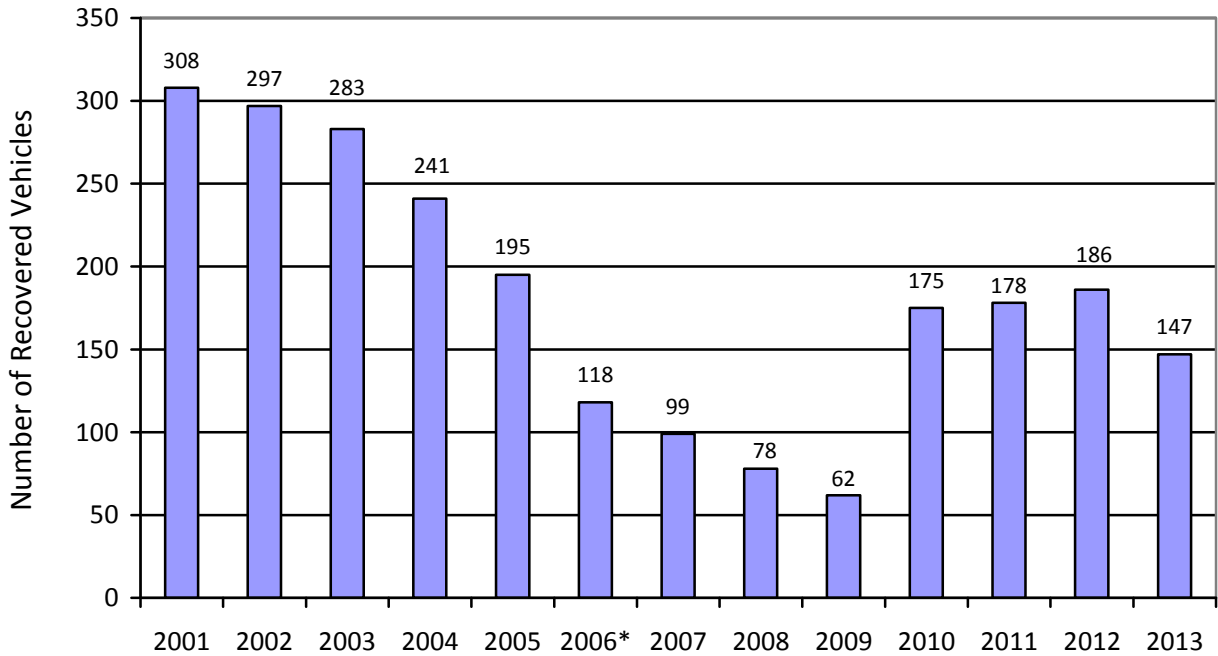
Data Source: NEMAT monthly data reports

<sup>3</sup> Due to the time lapse between an arrest and subsequent prosecution, the number of prosecutions and convictions during a year does not directly reflect the number of arrests during the same year.

From November 1992 through 2013, the task force has recovered 3,919 vehicles worth an estimated \$66 million. Between January 2001 and December 2013, NEMAT has recovered 2,367 vehicles worth \$43 million. They have also made 170 recoveries of other equipment worth an estimated \$1.5 million since January 2006. Figure 3 shows the number of vehicle recoveries made by the task force since January 2001<sup>4</sup>.

**Figure 3**

**Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force  
Motor Vehicle Recoveries 2001-2013**



\*Total does not include July 2006 data.  
Source: NEMAT monthly data reports

<sup>4</sup> NEMAT reports the total estimated value of all the vehicles that it recovers each month. However, this includes only cases handled by the task force, not all vehicle thefts within Cook County.



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## Funding Summary

The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act, which took effect on January 1, 1991, created the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council. The Council has the statutory responsibility to “prevent, combat, and reduce motor vehicle theft in Illinois.”<sup>5</sup>

The Act also established the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund, a special trust fund in the State Treasury, from which the Council makes grants to eligible applicants for programs that address the problem of motor vehicle theft in Illinois. The Act requires all insurance companies licensed to write private passenger motor vehicle physical damage coverage in Illinois to pay annually into this trust fund an amount equal to \$1 for each earned car year of exposure for physical damage insurance coverage during the previous calendar year. Approximately \$6 million is collected each year.

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<sup>5</sup> Chapter 20 Illinois Compiled Statutes 4005/2

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The Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund funds the Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force (NEMAT). Table 1 lists the amount granted to and expended by the task force for each program year.

**Table 1**

Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force (NEMAT)  
Funding by Program Year

<b>Year</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Lapses</b>
1993	\$507,210	\$427,399	\$79,811
1994	\$521,545	\$404,768	\$116,777
1995	\$502,284	\$406,231	\$96,053
1996	\$474,973	\$342,348	\$132,625
1997	\$480,405	\$284,210	\$196,195
1998	\$396,820	\$272,641	\$124,179
1999	\$473,491	\$434,885	\$38,606
2000	\$825,866	\$609,246	\$216,620
2001	\$803,800	\$491,494	\$312,306
2002	\$848,216	\$557,708	\$290,509
2003	\$824,044	\$497,562	\$326,482
2004	\$746,345	\$403,256	\$343,089
2005	\$746,345	\$422,719	\$323,626
2006	\$618,589	\$304,414	\$314,175
2007	\$493,014	\$163,629	\$329,385
2008	\$381,592	\$136,932	\$244,660
2009	\$358,335	\$303,532	\$54,803
2010	\$351,590	\$328,958	\$22,632
2011	\$424,552	\$423,493	\$1,059
2012	\$536,991	\$532,151	\$4,840
2013	\$584,110	\$578,344	\$5,766
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,900,117</b>	<b>\$8,325,919</b>	<b>\$3,574,198</b>

\* The 1993 data covers the period from November 1992 to October 1993.

\*\*The 1994 data covers the period from November 1993 to December 1994.

Note: Unexpended grant funds are returned to the Council.

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Figure 4 summarizes NEMAT’s program expenditures from 1993 through 2013. Expenditures are divided into six categories:

**Personnel**—includes salaries, social security, and fringe benefits for program staff.

**Equipment**—includes computers, communication devices, and other equipment with a cost greater than \$50.

**Commodities**—includes consumable supplies (such as office supplies) and equipment costing less than \$50.

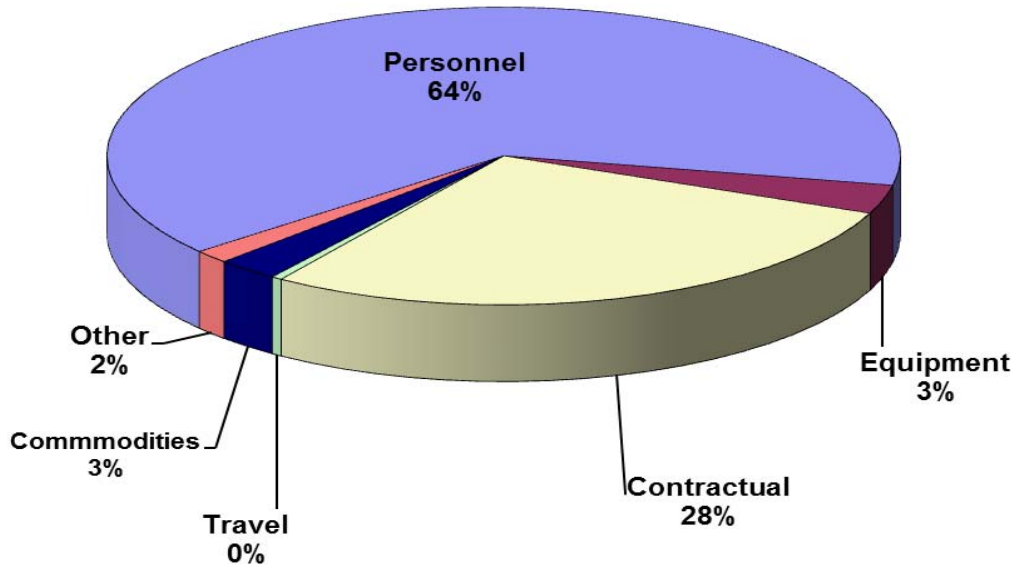
**Travel**—includes lodging, food, and transportation expenses incurred by program staff while conducting official program-related business.

**Contractual**—includes facility costs, utilities, telephone service, equipment rentals, and wages for hourly personnel.

**Other**—includes any costs not covered by the above categories.

**Figure 4**

**Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force**  
Percentage of Expenditures by Category  
1993-2013



\*Due to rounding, the category percentages may not total 100 percent.

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## Conclusion

Since the Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force began operation, vehicle thefts have declined within the task force's jurisdiction. From 1992 to 2011, motor vehicle thefts in Cook County decreased 61 percent, from 58,238 to 22,867. The motor vehicle thefts decreased 42 percent in Cook County between 2000 and 2011.

Data on the value of stolen vehicles are not available at the state or county level; however, the FBI estimates that the average value of a vehicle stolen in the United States in 2012 was \$6,019.<sup>6</sup> Based on this value, the increase of 96 auto thefts in the NEMAT area between 2010 and 2011 amounts to a loss of \$577,824.

In 2013, the task force received a total of \$584,110 in funding from the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund, and has recovered an estimated \$4.1million in stolen vehicles, cargo, and parts. Combining the recovery value (\$4,070,210) with the loss from increased auto theft (-\$577,824), the task force has produced a \$3,492,386 million 'return' on its \$584,110 in funding, a "return rate" of \$5.98 for every \$1 of funding.

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<sup>6</sup>U.S. Department of Justice. Federal Bureau of Investigation. (2012). *Crime in the United States 2012*. Retrieved from <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2012/crime-in-the-u.s.-2012/property-crime/motor-vehicle-theft>

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