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# Memorandum

**To:** Authority Members

**From:** Robert P. Boehmer

General Counsel

**Date:** May 19, 2003

**Re:** Office of General Counsel Report – June 6, 2003 Authority Meeting

This memorandum highlights the work performed by the Office of General Counsel from February 15, 2003 through May 16, 2003:

#### **Document Reviews**

- Over 500 preliminary and final reviews of grant agreements, and grantee subcontracts, requests for proposals and publications.
- Reviewed Authority publications. (including the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Annual Report, Research Bulletins, three Program Evaluation Reports, The Compiler and one On Good Authority)
- Prepared and reviewed other miscellaneous Authority contracts and documents, including federal grant applications and awards (Byrne, NCHIP, VOCA, NFSIA), and Authority Requests for Proposals (Child Advocacy Centers, MEG Equipment, Innovative Probation, information systems support).
- Reviewed Authority evaluation contracts and amendments.

## **Meetings**

- Cook County Integrated Justice Information Systems Privacy Committee.
- Illinois Wireless Data Committee.
- Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Legislative Committee.

- National Criminal Justice Association Board of Directors.
- Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition, Budget Committee, Institutional Review Board and Information Systems Committee.
- Assisted in the preparation for, and attended, the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council meeting and panel hearings.

# **Legislation/Rulemaking**

- Continued working with the Illinois State Police to comply with the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act.
- Monitored the status of federal fiscal year 2003 Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.
- Assisted in efforts to inform grantees and others regarding potential reductions in federal fiscal year 2004 Byrne funds.
- Drafted legislation to change the status of the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund.
- Prepared background information and sponsor testimony for House Bill 3540, which extends the life of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council. Attended House and Senate hearings in support of the bill. House Bill 3540 passed both chambers unanimously.
- Monitored legislation of interest to the Authority. Prepared for and staffed two Legislation and Regulations Committee meetings.

### Other

- Developed boilerplates for grant programs.
- Reviewed materials for Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council strategy development.
- Responded to one Freedom of Information Act request.
- Responded to one subpoena for PIMS information.
- Continued work with ISU staff in the analysis of privacy issues.
- Attended 5 site visits with FSGU staff.

- Attended VOCA grantee training and LLEBG proposal opening.
- Provided information to the federal Office for Civil Rights on Authority monitoring of grantee civil rights compliance.
- Attended Criminal Intelligence System training and Time Management training.
- Continued to provide legal consultation to Authority staff, and review various documents and mailings.

If you need additional information, please contact me.