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RESOLUTION

#1 (1999)

Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act is to "to prevent, combat and reduce motor vehicle theft in Illinois, to improve and support motor vehicle theft law enforcement and prosecution, and the administration of motor vehicle theft laws, by establishing statewide planning capabilities for and coordination of financial resources;"

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council's Rules for the Award and Monitoring of Trust Funds, the Council reviews the eligible purposes for the Trust Funds and based upon the analysis of statistical data, empirical material, and the needs and requests of various entities made pursuant to oral and written comment and testimony, adopts a statewide motor vehicle theft prevention strategy to guide program development and implementation;

WHEREAS, the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council solicited and received comments and the Council's Grant Review Committee conducted panel hearings to examine particular issues and problem areas related to motor vehicle theft; and

WHEREAS, based on the written input and testimony, the Grant Review Committee made recommendations for adopting objectives, priority areas, funding areas, and areas of greatest need;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council identifies the following objectives for the 2000-2003 Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy:

1. To reduce the number of motor vehicles stolen in the State;
2. To increase the number of stolen motor vehicles recovered;
3. To increase the percentage of offenses for violations of motor vehicle theft laws which result in arrests;
4. To increase the percentage of offenses for violations of motor vehicle theft laws which result in criminal prosecutions;

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5. To increase the percentage of offenses for violations of motor vehicle theft laws which result in convictions and jail or prison sentences; and
6. To reduce the recidivism of motor vehicle theft offenders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council identifies the following priority areas that should be addressed by the 2000-2003 Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy:

1. The collection, analysis, accuracy, completeness and sharing of vehicle theft statistical data and criminal intelligence data;
2. The traditionally fragmented and uncoordinated response of the criminal justice system to the motor vehicle theft problem;
3. The training of law enforcement, prosecutorial agencies, and others combating vehicle theft;
4. Limited law enforcement resources;
5. Motor vehicle theft enterprises in some areas of the State involve some dealers of vehicles, parts, and scrap;
6. Insurance fraud;
7. Complex criminal prosecutions;
8. Youthful habitual offenders;
9. The lack of public awareness of motor vehicle theft and the public's involvement in reduction and prevention efforts; and
10. The rising cost of programs compared to the fixed assessment of funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council directs that the 2000-2003 Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy encourage programs in the following five broad program areas:

1. Law enforcement, with special emphasis on multijurisdictional task forces;
2. The infrastructure supporting law enforcement;
3. Public awareness;
4. Evaluation and research; and
5. Innovative programs.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council determines the following areas to be the areas of greatest need for motor vehicle theft prevention activities for the 2000-2003 Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy:

1. The greater Chicago Metropolitan Area;
2. The greater Peoria Metropolitan Area;
3. The greater Rockford Metropolitan Area;
4. The greater East St. Louis Metropolitan Area; and
5. The greater Joliet Metropolitan Area.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council directs staff and the Grant Review Committee to solicit grant applications for 2000 based on the objectives, priority areas, program areas, and areas of greatest need included in the 2000-2003 Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy and to provide the Council with funding recommendations for 2000.

ADOPTED by the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council this 27th day of August, 1999.



Sam W. Nolen, Chairman