



ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION COUNCIL 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

A private and public partnership effectively
combating motor vehicle theft and related
crimes in Illinois since 1991.



To the Governor and the Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

We are pleased to present the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council 2008 Annual Report. This report describes the Council's achievements and challenges over the past year. The Council's partnership of public and private sectors is effectively fighting vehicle theft in Illinois.

Since 1991, the year the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act was enacted by the General Assembly, vehicle theft in Illinois has declined 55 percent. From 1991 to 2007, the number of stolen vehicles decreased from 75,642 to 34,280. This is a decline of more than 41,000, resulting in a savings of nearly \$277 million in property losses.

Grant funds awarded by the Council have improved motor vehicle theft law enforcement by establishing and supporting multijurisdictional task forces, investigative teams, and other anti-theft efforts throughout the state. These programs have produced impressive results over the past 17 years, including:

- 29,940 criminal investigations initiated.
- 50,776 audits of vehicle-related businesses.
- 12,203 violation letters issued to audited businesses.
- 14,435 arrests.
- 5,809 convictions obtained.
- 33,167 stolen vehicles recovered totaling more than \$233 million.

The \$96 million granted by the Council since its inception has resulted in the recovery of more than \$510 million in stolen vehicles and reduced theft rates. This amount in savings, divided by the amount awarded to operate the programs, yield a return of more than \$5 for every \$1 spent.

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

Very respectfully,



Larry G. Trent
Chairman
Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council



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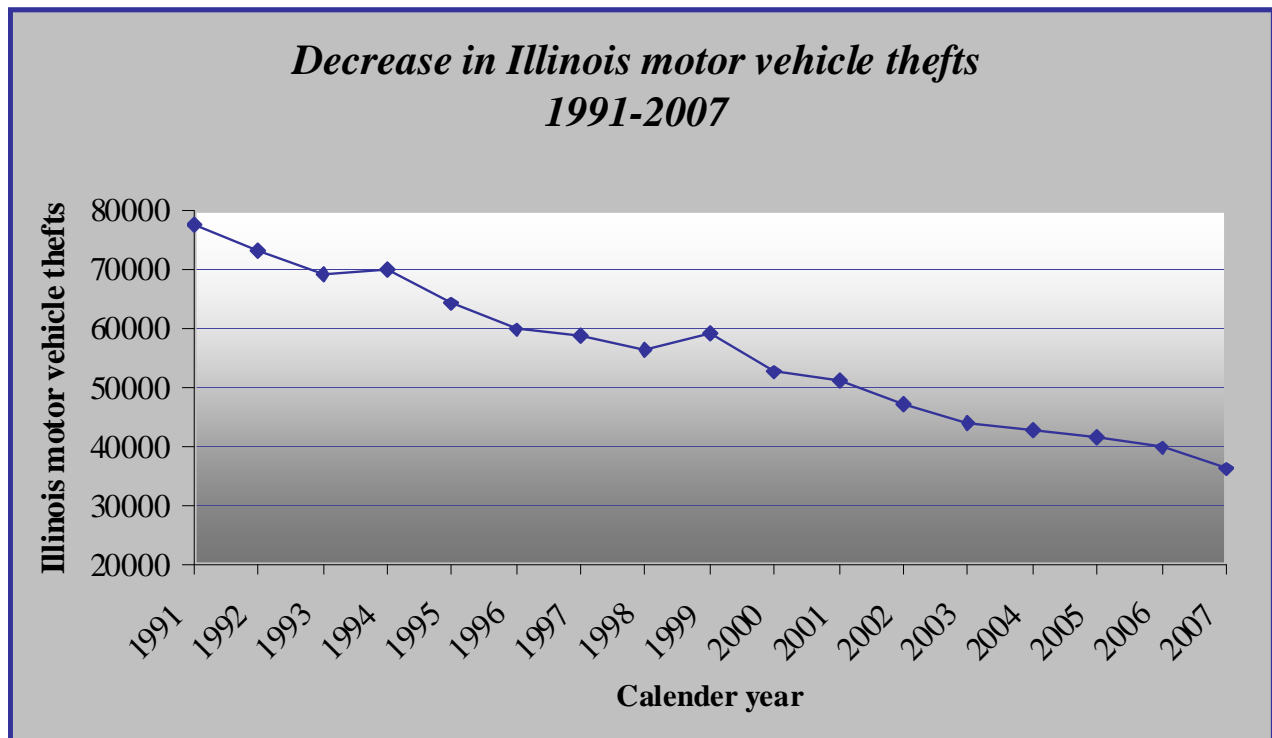
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The 2008 Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council

In 1991, the General Assembly established the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council. The Council is an 11-member coalition composed of representatives from the insurance industry, state's attorneys, and law enforcement officers. The Council's mission is to reduce vehicle theft, insurance fraud, and motor vehicle theft-related crimes in Illinois.

The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act requires insurance companies to pay into a special trust fund \$1 for each private passenger automobile insured for physical damage coverage. About \$6 million are annually collected and distributed by the Council. The funds are designated to support law enforcement programs that increase investigation and prosecution of vehicle theft-related crimes.

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

2008 Council Members

The following members served on the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council in 2008:

Larry G. Trent (Chairman)

Director, Illinois State Police

Director Trent was appointed to head the Illinois State Police (ISP) in March 2003. He has an extensive law enforcement background, having served ISP for 22 years prior to his retirement in 1993. During his early ISP career, he held a variety of investigative and management positions, receiving six promotions and numerous departmental commendations.

Honorable Anita Alvarez*

Cook County State's Attorney

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

Brian B. Fengel

Chief, Bartonville Police Department

Chief Fengel has been Bartonville Police Chief since 1998 and began his career with the department as an officer in 1990. He is a graduate of the 201st Session of the FBI National Academy. He has a B.S. in criminal justice, and served as a police officer assigned with the Secret Service at the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was appointed to the Council in 2003.

Rodney Fisher

State Farm Insurance Companies

Rodney P. Fisher was a section manager with State Farm Insurance Companies from 1998 through 2008 and led the Chicago Metro Special Investigative Units, which investigate a variety of claims, including those involving motor vehicle thefts. Mr. Fisher is a graduate of Indiana State University with B.S. degrees in economics and political science. He was appointed to the Council in 2003.

*Former Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine served on the Council through December 1, 2008.

Beau William Parrillo

United Automobile Insurance Company

Mr. Parrillo is vice president of claims for United Automobile Insurance Company. He was appointed to the Council in 2000.

Donald L. Sauzek

Country Companies

Mr. Sauzek has been a Council member since 1996. He is the manager of material damage claims for Country Companies, directing all aspects of physical damage claims in 10 states.

Honorable Jesse White

Illinois Secretary of State

Secretary White was elected the 37th Illinois Secretary of State in 1998. Secretary White served as Cook County Recorder of Deeds from 1992 to 1998. Before being elected as recorder of deeds, he served in the Illinois General Assembly for 16 years. Brad Demuzio, director of the Secretary of State Police Department, has served as Secretary White’s designee to the Council since October 2003.

Jody P. Weis

Superintendent, Chicago Police Department

Jody Weis was appointed Chicago Police Department Superintendent in January 2008. Mr. Weis has an extensive law enforcement background with more than 20 years of FBI service in a variety of leadership capacities working on terrorism, narcotics, and violent crime issues. Prior to his appointment as Chicago Police Department Superintendent, Mr. Weis served as a special agent with FBI's Philadelphia Field Office. He also has served as deputy assistant director of the FBI Office of Professional Responsibility and as a special agent in charge in Los Angeles, Calif.

Grant Review Committee Members

Daniel J. Roach, Chairman

Captain, Illinois State Police

Represents Council Chairman Larry G. Trent

Brad Demuzio

Illinois Secretary of State Department of Police

Represents Secretary of State Jesse White

Brian B. Fengel

Chief, Bartonville Police Department

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Jim Oas, *accountant*

Gregory Stevens, *program director*

Motor vehicle theft trends in Illinois

Vehicle thefts decline

Since the Council's inception in 1991, the annual number of motor vehicle theft offenses in Illinois has declined 55 percent, from 75,642 in 1991 to 34,280 in 2007. At the time of this report, the most recent data available from the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program was from 2007. The annual vehicle theft rate in Illinois decreased approximately 59 percent between 1991 and 2007, from 656 to 267 offenses per 100,000 population.

Figure 1 shows the number of vehicle theft offenses in 2007 for each county. The 10 counties with the most vehicle thefts were: Cook (24,729), St. Clair (1,347), Winnebago (877), DuPage (688), Will (679), Lake (576), Kane (564), Madison (555), Peoria (547) and Sangamon (434). Cook County vehicle thefts represented 72 percent of all vehicle thefts in Illinois. The areas where the seven Council-funded task forces operate are outlined in black (Figure 1).

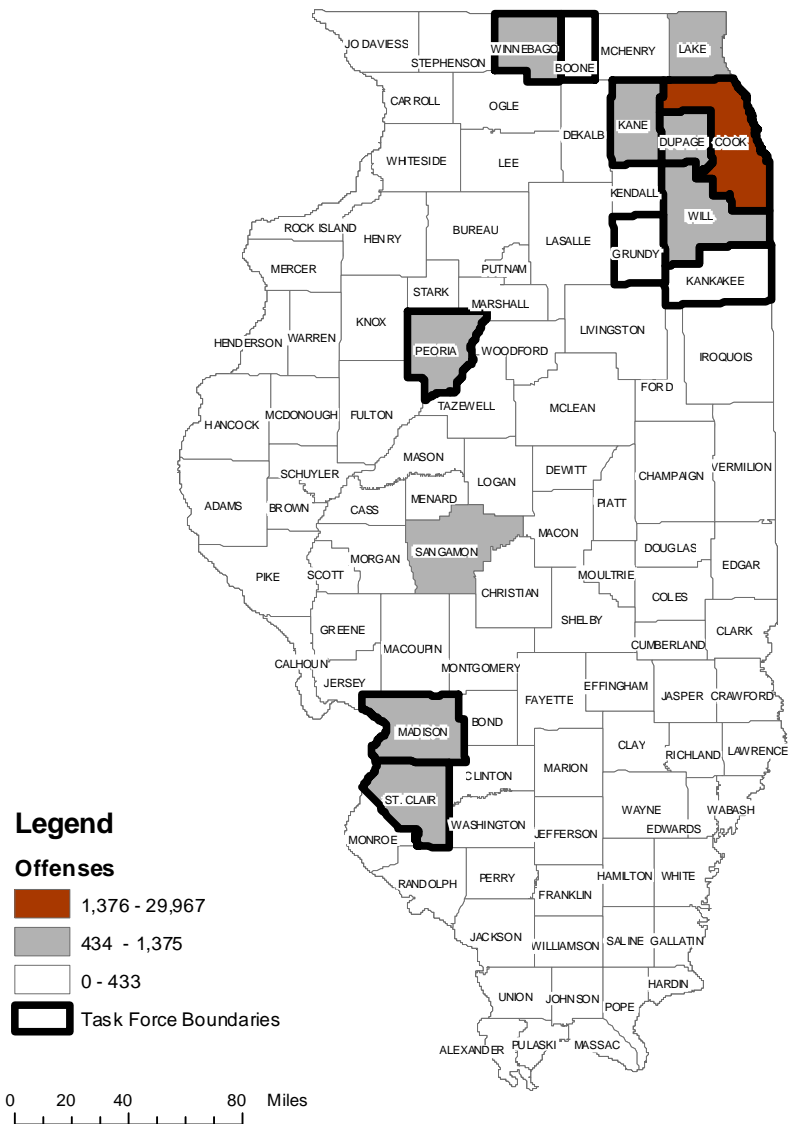
Vehicle theft recoveries

Based on a statewide assessment of motor vehicle theft prepared by the Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse, 75 percent of the vehicles stolen in Illinois in 2007 were recovered. The average number of days between theft and recovery was 16.

Vehicle theft arrest and convictions

In 2007, there were 6,566 arrests for vehicle theft in Illinois. The most recent data available, fiscal year 2004, indicates the average sentence length of the 1,090 offenders committed to IDOC for vehicle theft was 4.5 years.

Figure 1
2007 motor vehicle theft offenses



Overview of Council programs 1992-2008

Since 1992, when grants were first awarded, the Council has funded 30 vehicle theft programs in Illinois. The majority of funds went to law enforcement programs that increase investigations and prosecutions of vehicle theft-related crimes (*Figure 2*).

Through 2008, the programs funded by the Council expended approximately \$90 million. Most funds pay the salaries and fringe benefits of personnel assigned to task forces and special investigative teams in the state (*Figure 3*). Remaining funds are utilized for equipment, commodities, travel, contractual agreements, and costs not covered by the other categories.

Programs funded by the Council are cooperative partnerships. Nearly all of the funded programs involved considerable support from participating agencies. Illinois State Police (ISP) and the Secretary of State Police Department assigned task force directors and personnel to the programs and absorbed costs for these personnel. The National Insurance Crime Bureau also assigned agents to the programs without requesting compensation. Illinois insurance companies have loaned 400 vehicles for use by Council-funded law enforcement programs since the program began.

Figure 2
Funding awarded in targeted program areas
1992-2008

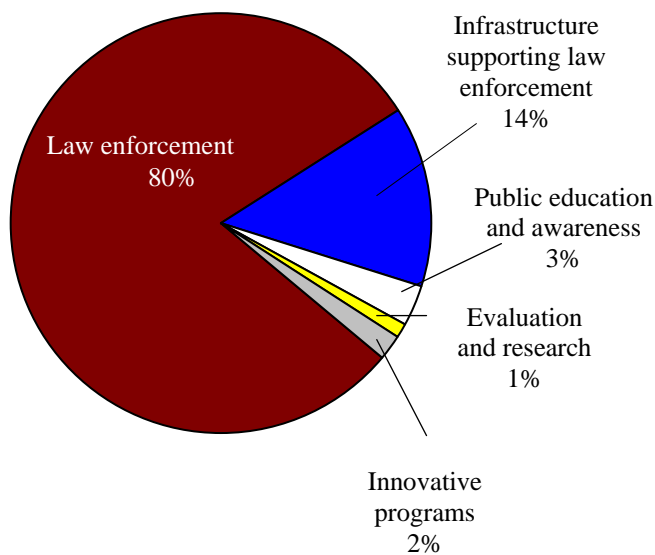
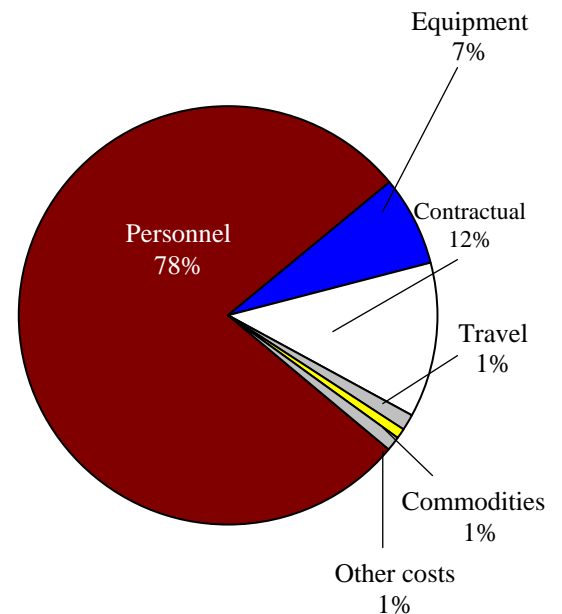


Figure 3
Program expenditure categories
1992-2008



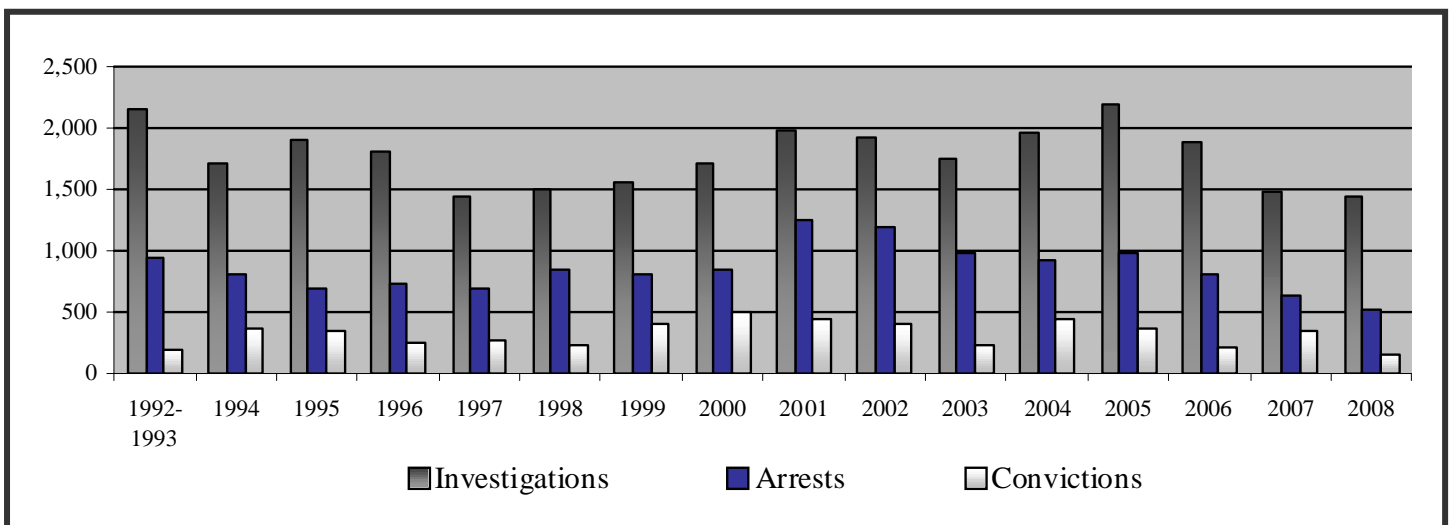
2008 Council programs

In 2008, the Council funded 12 programs: seven task forces, one specialized prosecution program, one specialized investigations program, one vehicle theft training program, one vehicle maintenance program, and one data intelligence program. There were 108 personnel supported by, or assigned to, Council-funded programs in 2008.

Law enforcement

There were seven Council-funded task forces operating in Illinois during 2008. The task forces consist of officers from both local and state law enforcement agencies. In 2008, 73 investigators and auditors were assigned to the Council-funded task forces. During the year, the work of the task forces resulted in 1,430 investigations, 524 arrests, and 155 convictions (*Figure 4*).¹ There were 1,051 vehicles, recovered, valued at approximately \$11.3 million. In addition, task force officers were involved in public awareness and motor vehicle theft prevention activities in their areas.

Figure 4
Task force program activity
1992-2008*



*Data for September through December 1992 were added to 1993.

¹Due to the time lapse between arrest and conviction, the number of convictions during a year does not directly reflect the number of arrests during the same year.

DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: DuPage County Sheriff's Office

Amount awarded for 2008: \$440,199

The DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force, known as BATTLE (Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement), operates in DuPage County located in northeastern Illinois. In a coordinated effort to identify and arrest offenders, the officers work with numerous agencies such as local, county, and federal police agencies, insurance companies, and local vehicle rental companies. In 2008, BATTLE conducted 111 investigations resulting in 27 arrests. The task force referred 23 cases for prosecution that led to five convictions. BATTLE also recovered 89 stolen vehicles worth an estimated \$601,195.

BATTLE provided training to law enforcement agencies on 43 occasions in 2008, including provided while participating in West Chicago Police Department's Commercial Vehicle Registration Enforcement Days, and commercial truck inspection detail conducted by the ISP. During 2008, BATTLE hosted seven ISP 36-Hour Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Training Programs in Wheaton, Springfield, Bellville, Joliet, Moline, and Chicago (at the Chicago Police Training Academy). BATTLE also provided training to 12 business and citizens groups in DuPage County, including citizen police academies.

Kane-Cook Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Elgin Police Department

Amount awarded for 2008: \$397,637

The Kane-Cook Auto Theft Task Force (KCAT) is headquartered in Elgin and covers Kane County and the northwestern Chicago metropolitan area. The unit's central activities include intelligence gathering and dissemination; investigation of auto theft and insurance rings; assistance to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies with auto theft and insurance fraud investigations; and providing training to local law enforcement. In 2008, KCAT initiated 55 investigations that resulted in 11 prosecutions. KCAT also recovered 67 vehicles worth \$452,458.

During 2008, KCAT continued to innovate and improve both in operations and training. KCAT investigators provided training to several law enforcement agencies, which included hosting and developing an eight-hour block of advanced auto theft detection training for patrol officers. KCAT has also expanded its use of computer databases to assist in the detection of altered or retagged vehicles and in tracking suspects. Expanded use of databases is credited for the high percentage of retagged stolen vehicles recovered by KCAT.

Metro East Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Belleville Police Department

Amount awarded for 2008: \$699,978

The Metro East Auto Theft Task Force (MEATF) operates in Madison and St. Clair counties located in southern Illinois. The task force combats vehicle theft by working closely with the many police departments in the two counties, as well as the St. Louis Police Department and St. Louis County Sheriff's Office in Missouri. In 2008, MEATF conducted 440 investigations resulting in 200 arrests. The task force referred 126 cases for prosecution that led to 60 convictions. The unit recovered 293 vehicles worth an estimated \$2.0 million.

Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Illinois State Police

Amount awarded for 2008: \$388,796

The Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force (NEMAT) conducts enforcement operations to combat auto theft and insurance fraud in Cook County and Chicago. They also assist federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; perform undercover operations; provide training; and initiate investigations. In 2008, NEMAT conducted 95 investigations resulting in 10 arrests. The task force referred 16 cases for prosecution that led to four convictions. The unit recovered 69 stolen vehicles worth an estimated \$1 million.

Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

Amount awarded for 2008: \$617,710

The Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force continues to assist all local police departments and Illinois State Police District 16 in recovering and processing stolen vehicles. NIATTF covers Winnebago and Boone counties. In 2008, NIATTF launched 188 investigations resulting in 80 arrests. The task force referred 80 cases for prosecution that led to 31 convictions. The unit recovered 203 vehicles worth an estimated \$1.6 million.

State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force

Grantee: City of Peoria Police Department

Amount awarded for 2008: \$405,708

The State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force (SLATE) serves Peoria County in central Illinois. During 2008, SLATE conducted 288 investigations. The task force referred 141 of these cases for prosecution that led to 77 convictions. In addition, the task force recovered 187 vehicles worth an estimated \$1.2 million.

Officers from the task force attended area neighborhood watch meetings throughout 2008, participated in the Peoria Police Citizen Police Academy, Peoria Police Department Rookie School, and staffed an informational booth at the Greater Peoria Area New Car Show. SLATE hosted two 36-hour Auto Theft Investigators courses and two eight-hour Auto Theft for Patrol Officers classes. SLATE also hosted the North Central Region Conference of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators conference.

Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Joliet Police Department

Amount awarded for 2008: \$788,837

The Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force serves Will, Kankakee, and Grundy counties. The task force links the efforts of the Illinois State Police, the sheriff's offices of Will, Grundy, and Kankakee counties, and the police departments of Joliet, Bolingbrook, Romeoville, and Kankakee. In 2008, the task force conducted 211 investigations resulting in 55 arrests. The task force referred 52 cases for prosecution that resulted in 11 convictions. The unit recovered 168 vehicles worth an estimated \$1.3 million. The Tri-County Task Force sponsored or attended 12 intelligence meetings with numerous local and federal law enforcement agencies concerning motor vehicle, truck,

motorcycle, and construction vehicle thefts. The unit provided eight auto theft presentations to various local agencies, including the Bolingbrook and Joliet citizen's police academies. Several members of the task force attended an insurance industry special investigative units fraud seminar and the regional International Association of Auto Theft Investigators Conference.

Specialized prosecution

Cook County Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit

Grantee: Office of the Cook County State's Attorney

Amount awarded for 2008: \$739,829

The Cook County Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution unit is comprised of one supervising and three specially trained prosecutors, two state's attorney's investigators, an administrative assistant, and two part-time law clerks. The four senior attorneys prosecute career auto thieves as well as individuals involved in chop shop operations, insurance fraud, organized street gang operations, carjacking, and illegal rebuilding and scrap dealing. The prosecution team vertically prosecutes targeted vehicle theft cases and related crimes in Cook County. In vertical prosecution, an attorney is assigned a case from submission through trial, a method considered critical for prosecuting vehicle theft cases. Two Cook County State's Attorney's investigators augment police work by tracking documents, locating witnesses, and conducting detailed background investigations.

Specialized investigation

Secretary of State Special Audit Teams Program

Grantee: Secretary of State, Department of Police

Amount awarded for 2008: \$1,313,654

The Secretary of State Special Audit Team program focuses on policing the marketplace for stolen vehicles and parts using special audit teams. There were four teams in operation during 2006 located in Chicago, Rockford, Peoria, and East St. Louis. The teams travel throughout Illinois monitoring salvage yards, rebuilders, repairers, insurance pools, and scrap processors for compliance with regulations governing record-keeping of vehicle and vehicle part transactions. They also perform reverse role sting operations to help identify dealers who may be engaged in illegal activities. The teams are comprised of 14 auditors, two auditor supervisors, one clerk, and one administrator.

In 2008, the teams performed 3,950 audits involving 48,816 vehicles and 3,641 essential vehicle parts. The team recovered 20 stolen vehicles for a total estimated value of \$173,075. There were 320 violation letters issued which resulted in 519 charges. Their enforcement actions resulted in 34 arrests and 71 contraband vehicles identified worth an estimated value of \$892,228.

Infrastructure supporting programs

Insurance Vehicle Expense Fund Program

Grantee: National Insurance Crime Bureau

Amount awarded for 2008: \$63,590

Insurance companies loan vehicles for use by Council-funded programs. In 2008, insurance companies loaned 49 vehicles. Most of these vehicles were recovered stolen vehicles obtained from insurance salvage pools in the Chicago metropolitan area. Program funds are used to repair these vehicles and obtain required Illinois titles and license plates. The Council, through the National Insurance Crime Bureau, has designated trust funds for repairing or purchasing parts for these vehicles to make them safe for operation. Task force officers are assigned these vehicles for surveillance and undercover activities.

Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse

Grantee: Illinois State Police

Amount awarded for 2008: \$374,596

The Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse provides focused statewide analytical support for motor vehicle theft task forces and the Illinois law enforcement community. The unit consists of three criminal intelligence analysts and one clerical personnel and is directed by a lieutenant assigned by the Illinois State Police. The clearinghouse annually publishes the *Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Statewide Assessment*, which includes theft and recovery trends, theft rates by county, and a geographic analysis of the motor vehicle theft problem during the previous year. The report is distributed to the Council-funded task forces, the Council, and the Illinois State Police Training Academy. The Clearinghouse prepares the *Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force Quarterly Activity Summary*, which provides to the Council performance reports of Council-funded task forces.

The Clearinghouse processed 570 requests for case assistance in 2008. Intelligence alerts, geographic maps, theft assessments, statistical estimates, analytical charts, and presentations were developed in response to the array of requests received. The Clearinghouse also provided instruction during seven motor vehicle theft Advanced Investigator's training courses. Clearinghouse staff attended the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts training conference, the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators regional conference, two mapping seminars and the Historical Vehicle Identification Fraud Detection class.

Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training Program

Grantee: Illinois State Police

Amount awarded for 2008: \$143,305

The Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training Program is administered by the Illinois State Police. The goal of the program is to increase awareness and understanding of motor vehicle theft in the law enforcement community and the insurance industry in Illinois. The program offers classes for investigators, patrol officers, and insurance industry officials. The training classes cover important characteristics of vehicle theft cases and investigation techniques specific to vehicle theft-related cases. In 2008, the program conducted 31 training courses and trained 848 police officers at 21 locations around the state.

2008 programs and participating agencies

DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force

1 Illinois State Police sergeant
1 DuPage County Sheriff's Department officer
1 DuPage County State's Attorney investigator
1 Carol Stream Police Department officer
1 DuPage County assistant state's attorney
1 DuPage County Sheriff's Office secretary
1 Warrenville Police Department officer

Kane County Auto Theft Task Force

1 Elgin Police Department investigator
1 Hoffman Estates Police Department investigator
1 Illinois State Police master sergeant
1 Kane County assistant state's attorney
1 Lake County Sheriff's Office investigator
1 Investigative support personnel

Metro East Auto Theft Task Force

1 Belleville Police Department officer
1 Cahokia Police Department officer
1 East St. Louis Police Department officer
1 Collinsville Police Department officer
2 Glen Carbon Police Department officers
1 Madison County Sheriff's Department officer
1 Illinois Secretary of State police investigator
1 Illinois State police officer
1 St. Clair County Sheriff's Department officer
1 S.I.U. Edwardsville Police Department officer
1 Madison County assistant state's attorney
1 St. Clair County assistant state's attorney
1 fiscal officer (part-time)
1 administrative assistant

Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse

1 Illinois State Police officer
2 Illinois State Police Criminal Intelligence Analysts II
1 Illinois State Police Analyst Specialist
1 Illinois State Police office assistant

Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit

4 Cook County assistant state's attorneys
2 Cook County state's attorneys investigators
1 Cook County state's attorney administrative assistant

Secretary of State – Special Audit Team

14 auditors
2 auditor supervisors
1 clerk
1 administrator

Motor Vehicle Investigation Training Program

1 Illinois State Police commander
1 Illinois State Police lieutenant
1 Illinois State Police sergeant
1 administration clerk
1 fiscal clerk

Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force

1 Illinois State Police master sergeant
1 Illinois State Police sergeant
2 Chicago Police Department detectives
1 Cook County Sheriff's Department officer
1 Cook County State's Attorney investigator
1 Cicero Police Department officer
1 National Insurance Crime Bureau investigator
2 clerks

Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force

1 Illinois State Police master sergeant
1 Cherry Valley Police Department officer
1 Belvidere Police Department officer
1 Winnebago County Sheriff's Department officer
1 Boone County Sheriff's Department officer
1 Winnebago County State's Attorney investigator
1 Winnebago County assistant state's attorney
1 Winnebago County State's Attorney secretary
1 Boone County assistant state's attorney
1 Boone County State's Attorney investigator
1 Rockford Police Department officer

State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement

1 Illinois State Police master sergeant
1 Illinois Secretary of State Police sergeant
1 Illinois State Police special agent
2 Peoria County deputies
2 Peoria County Police officers
1 Peoria County assistant state's attorney
1 office assistant

Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force

1 Illinois State Police master sergeant
2 Joliet City Police Department officers
1 Grundy County deputy
2 Will County deputies
1 Romeoville Police Department officer
1 Bolingbrook Police Department officer
2 Kankakee County deputies
1 Kankakee City Police Department officer
1 secretary
1 Will County assistant state's attorney
1 Kankakee County assistant state's attorney
1 National Insurance Crime Bureau agent

TOTAL: 108 Personnel supported by or assigned to Council-funded programs.

2008 financial statement

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund

Statement of revenues, expenditures, and fund balance for state fiscal year 2008
(July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008)

REVENUES:	
Insurance company payments	\$6,400,746
Interest income	\$139,430
TOTAL	\$6,540,176
EXPENDITURES:	
Transfers from trust fund	\$0
Administrative	\$326,590
Programs ²	\$5,645,059
TOTAL	\$5,971,649

BALANCE:	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$4,121,956
ENDING BALANCE	\$4,690,483

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council program grant awards

	2006	2007	2008
Secretary of State Special Audit Teams Program	\$1,196,236	\$1,238,654	\$1,313,654
Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit	\$715,797	\$739,829	\$739,829
Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force	\$800,124	\$806,652	\$788,837
Metro-East Auto Theft Task Force	\$691,940	\$673,218	\$699,978
Kane County Auto Theft Task Force	\$407,608	\$450,634	\$397,637
Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force	\$618,589	\$493,014	\$388,796
Insurance Vehicle Expense Fund Program	\$63,590	\$63,590	\$63,590
Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse	\$335,876	\$374,596	\$374,596
DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force	\$414,735	\$455,179	\$440,199
Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force	\$540,733	\$637,277	\$617,710
Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training	\$88,049	\$108,241	\$143,305
State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement	\$380,778	\$442,788	\$405,708
TOTAL	\$6,254,055	\$6,483,672	\$6,373,839

²Funds distributed during the fiscal year may differ from the total award received.

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention trust funds SFY 1991 to date

	SFY 1991 - 2004	SFY 2005	SFY 2006	SFY 2007	SFY 2008	TOTALS
REVENUE						
Insurance company payments	78,194,807	5,952,904	6,257,629	6,251,369	6,400,746	103,062,455
Beat Auto Theft Program revenue	7,585	0	0	0	0	7,585
Interest on trust fund	3,080,581	79,487	135,811	141,026	139,430	3,576,335
Subtotal	81,287,973	6,032,391	6,393,440	6,392,395	6,540,176	106,646,375
EXPENDITURES						
Transfers from trust fund	(4,928,449)	(501,400)	(1,492,679)	4,088	0	(6,918,440)
Administrative expenditures	(3,929,924)	(209,701)	(277,403)	(327,023)	(326,590)	(5,070,641)
Grantee expenditures	(68,126,000)	(4,529,746)	(5,175,776)	(6,490,230)	(5,645,059)	(89,966,811)
Subtotal	(76,984,373)	(5,240,847)	(6,945,858)	(6,813,165)	(5,971,649)	(101,955,892)
Revenue less Expenditures	4,303,600	791,544	(552,418)	(420,770)	568,527	4,690,483
TRUST FUND BALANCE	4,303,600	5,095,144	4,542,726	4,121,956	4,690,483	

Note: Numbers in parentheses are negative.

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AIG National Insurance Company, Inc.
AIG Premier Insurance Company
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Allmerica Financial Alliance Insurance Co.
Allmerica Financial Benefit Insurance Co.
Allstate Fire & Casualty
Allstate Indemnity Company
Allstate Insurance Company
Allstate Property & Casualty Insurance Co.
Alpha Property & Casualty Insurance Co.
AMCO Insurance Company
American Access Casualty Company
American Bankers Insurance Co. of Florida
American Economy Insurance Company
American Family Mutual Insurance Company
American Fire & Casualty Company
American Freedom Insurance Company
American Heartland Insurance Company
American Home Assurance Company
American International Insurance Company
American International South Insurance Co.
American Modern Home Insurance Company
American National General Insurance Co.
American National Property & Casualty Co.
American Reliable Insurance Company
American Select Insurance Company
American Service Insurance Company, Inc.
American Standard Insurance of Wisconsin
American States Insurance Company
Amex Assurance Company
Amica Mutual Insurance Company
Apollo Casualty Company
Armed Forces Insurance Exchange
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Financial Indemnity Company
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First Chicago Insurance Company
First Liberty Insurance Company
First National Insurance Co. of America
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General Casualty Company
General Casualty Company of Wisconsin
Globe American Casualty Company
GMAC Insurance Company Online, Inc.
Goodville Mutual Casualty Company
Government Employees Insurance Company
Grange Indemnity Insurance Company
Grange Mutual Casualty Company
Granite State Insurance Company
Great American Insurance Company
Great American Security Insurance Company
Great Northern Insurance Company
Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company
Grinnell Select Insurance Company
GuideOne America Insurance Company
GuideOne Elite Insurance Company
GuideOne Mutual Insurance Company
Hanover Insurance Company
Harleysville Lake States Insurance Company
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company
Hartford Casualty Insurance Company
Hartford Fire Insurance Company
Hartford Insurance Company of Illinois
Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest
Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company
Hastings Mutual Insurance Company
Horace Mann Insurance Company
Horace Mann Property & Casualty Insurance
Houston General Insurance Exchange
Illinois Emcasco Insurance Company
Illinois Farmers Insurance Company
Illinois National Insurance Company
IMT Insurance Company
Indiana Insurance Company
Infinity Auto Insurance Company
Infinity Insurance Company
Insurance Company of the State of PA
Insurance Property & Casualty Company
Integon National Insurance Company
Interstate Bankers Casualty Company
Iowa Mutual Insurance Company
Kemper Independence Insurance Company
Liberty Insurance Company
Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company
Madison Mutual Insurance Company
Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company
Memberselect Insurance Company
Merastar Insurance Company
Mercury Insurance Company of Illinois
Mercury National Insurance Company
Meridan Security Insurance Company
Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company
Metropolitan Direct Property & Casualty
Metropolitan General Insurance Company
Metropolitan Group Property & Casualty
Metropolitan Property & Casualty Company
MIC General Insurance Company
Mid-Century Insurance Company
Middlesex Insurance Company
Midwest Family Mutual Insurance Co.
Millers Classified Insurance Company
Millers First Insurance Company
Milwaukee Casualty Insurance Company
National General Assurance Company
National General Insurance Company
National Heritage Insurance Company
National Interstate Insurance Company
National Surety Corporation
National Union Fire Insurance of Pittsburgh
Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Company
Nationwide Assurance Company
Nationwide Insurance Company of America
Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company
NIPPONKOA Insurance Company, Limited
Northbrook Insurance Company
Ohio Security Insurance Company
Omni Indemnity Company
Omni Insurance Company
OneBeacon Insurance Group
Owners Insurance Company
Pacific Indemnity Company
Pekin Insurance Company
Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company
Phoenix Insurance Company
Progressive Direct Insurance Company
Progressive Northern Insurance Company
Property & Casualty Insurance of Hartford
Regent Insurance Company
Response Insurance Company

Response Worldwide Direct Auto Insurance Co.
 Rockford Mutual Insurance Company
 Safe Auto Insurance Company
 Safeco Insurance Company of America
 Safeco Insurance Company of Illinois
 Safeco Insurance Company of Indiana
 Safeco National Insurance Company
 Safeway Insurance Company
 Sagamore Insurance Company
 Selective Insurance Co. of South Carolina
 Selective Insurance Co. of the Southeast
 Sentinel Insurance Company
 Sentry Insurance a Mutual Company
 Shelter General Insurance Company
 Shelter Mutual Insurance Company
 Standard Mutual Insurance Company
 State Auto National Insurance Company
 State Auto Property & Casualty Insurance
 State Automobile Mutual Insurance Co.
 State Farm Fire and Casualty Company
 State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co..
 Teachers Insurance Company
 The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
 Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co.
 TravCo Insurance Company
 Travelers Casualty Company of Connecticut
 Travelers Commercial Insurance Company
 Travelers Home & Marine Insurance Co.
 Travelers Indemnity Company
 Travelers Indemnity Company of America
 Travelers Indemnity Company of CT
 Travelers Personal Insurance Company
 Travelers Property Casualty Co. of America
 Travelers Property Casualty Insurance Co.
 Trumbull Insurance Company
 Trustgard Insurance Company
 United Automobile Insurance Company
 United Equitable Insurance Company
 United Fire & Casualty Company
 United Services Automobile Association
 Unitrin Auto & Home Insurance Company
 Unitrin Direct Insurance Company
 Unitrin Direct Property & Casualty Co.
 Unitrin Preferred Insurance Company
 Universal Casualty Company
 USAA Casualty Insurance Company
 USAA General Indemnity Company
 USAgencies Direct Insurance Company
 Vigilant Insurance Company
 Viking Insurance Company of Wisconsin
 Virginia Surety Company, Inc.
 Wadena Insurance Company
 Warner Insurance Company
 West American Insurance Company
 West Bend Mutual Insurance Company
 Westfield Insurance Company
 Westfield National Insurance Company
 Yosemite Insurance Company
 Young America Insurance Company

The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act

20 Illinois Compiled Statutes 4005

4005/1. Short title. This Act shall be known as the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act.

4005/2. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to prevent, combat and reduce motor vehicle theft in Illinois; to promote and support motor vehicle theft law enforcement, prosecution and administration of motor vehicle theft laws by establishing statewide capabilities for and coordination of financial resources.

4005/3. Definitions. As used in this Act

- (a) "Authority" means the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.
- (b) "Council" means the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, established within the Authority by this Act.
- (c) "Trust Fund" means the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund.

4005/4. Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council—Members—Chairman—Terms—Meetings. There is hereby created within the Authority an Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, which shall exercise its power, duties and responsibilities independently of the Authority. There shall be 11 members of the Council consisting of the Secretary of State or his designee, the Director of the Department of State Police, the State's Attorney of Cook County, the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, and the following 7 additional members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor: a state's attorney of a county other than Cook, a chief executive law enforcement official from a jurisdiction other than the City of Chicago, 5 representatives of insurers authorized to write motor vehicle insurance in this State, all of whom shall be domiciled in this State.

The Governor from time to time shall designate the Chairman of the Council from the membership. All members of the Council appointed by the Governor shall serve at the discretion of the Governor for a term not to exceed 4 years. The initial appointed members of the Council shall serve from January 1, 1991 until the third Monday in January, 1995 or until their successors are appointed. The Council shall meet at least quarterly.

4005/5. Compensation of members. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation. All members shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their duties.

4005/6. Personnel. The Executive Director of the Authority shall employ, in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Personnel Code, such administrative, professional, clerical, and other personnel as may be required and may organize such staff as may be appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

4005/7. Powers and duties of council. The Council shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

- (a) To apply for, solicit, receive, establish priorities for, allocate, disburse, contract for, and spend funds that are made available to the Council from any source to effectuate the purposes of this Act.
- (b) To make grants and to provide financial support for federal and State agencies, units of local government, corporations, and neighborhood, community and business organizations to effectuate the purposes of this Act.
- (c) To assess the scope of the problem of motor vehicle theft, including particular areas of the State where the problem is greatest and to conduct impact analyses of State and local criminal justice policies, programs, plans and methods for combating the problem.
- (d) To develop and sponsor the implementation of statewide plans and strategies to combat motor vehicle theft and to improve the administration of the motor vehicle theft laws and provide an effective forum for identification of critical problems associated with motor vehicle theft.
- (e) To coordinate the development, adoption and implementation of plans and strategies relating to interagency or intergovernmental cooperation with respect to motor vehicle theft law enforcement.
- (f) To promulgate rules or regulations necessary to ensure that appropriate agencies, units of government, private organizations and combinations thereof are included in the development and implementation of strategies or plans adopted pursuant to this

Act and to promulgate rules or regulations as may otherwise be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

(g) To report annually, on or before April 1, 1992 to the Governor, General Assembly, and, upon request, to members of the general public on the Council's activities in the preceding year.

(h) To exercise any other powers that are reasonable, necessary or convenient to fulfill its responsibilities, to carry out and to effectuate the objectives and purposes of the Council and the provisions of this Act, and to comply with the requirements of applicable federal or State laws or regulations; provided, however, that such powers shall not include the power to subpoena or arrest.

4005/8. Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund. (a) A special fund is created in the State Treasury known as the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund, which shall be administered by the Executive Director of the Authority at the direction of the Council. All interest earned from the investment or deposit of monies accumulated in the Trust Fund shall, pursuant to Section 4.1 of the State Finance Act, be deposited in the Trust Fund.

(b) Money deposited in this Trust Fund shall not be considered general revenue of the State of Illinois.

(c) Money deposited in the Trust Fund shall be used only to enhance efforts to effectuate the purposes of this Act as determined by the Council and shall not be appropriated, loaned or in any manner transferred to the General Revenue Fund of the State of Illinois.

(d) Prior to April 1, 1991, and prior to April 1 of each year thereafter, each insurer engaged in writing private passenger motor vehicle insurance coverages which are included in Class 2 and Class 3 of Section 4 of the Illinois Insurance Code [FN2] as a condition of its authority to transact business in this State, may collect and shall pay into the Trust Fund an amount equal to \$1.00, or a lesser amount determined by the Council, multiplied by the insurer's total earned car years of private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies providing physical damage insurance coverage written in this State during the preceding calendar year.

(e) Money in the Trust Fund shall be expended as follows:

(1) To pay the Authority's costs to administer the Council and the Trust Fund, but for this purpose in an amount not to exceed ten percent in any one fiscal year of the amount collected pursuant to paragraph (d) of this Section in that same fiscal year.

(2) To achieve the purposes and objectives of this Act, which may include, but not limited to, the following:

(A) To provide financial support to law enforcement and correctional agencies, prosecutors, and the judiciary for programs designed to reduce motor vehicle theft and to improve the administration of motor vehicle theft laws.

(B) To provide financial support for federal and State agencies, units of local government, corporations and neighborhood, community or business organizations for programs designed to reduce motor vehicle theft and to improve the administration of motor vehicle theft laws.

(C) To provide financial support to conduct programs designed to inform owners of motor vehicles about the financial and social costs of motor vehicle theft and to suggest to those owners methods for preventing motor vehicle theft.

(D) To provide financial support for plans, programs and projects designated to achieve the purposes of this Act.

(f) Insurers contributing to the Trust Fund shall have a property interest in the unexpended money in the Trust Fund, which property interest shall not be retroactively changed or extinguished by the General Assembly.

(g) In the event the Trust Fund were to be discontinued or the Council were to be dissolved by act of the General Assembly or by operation of law, then, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5 of the State Finance Act, any balance remaining therein shall be returned to the insurers writing private passenger motor vehicle insurance in proportion to their financial contributions to the Trust Fund and any assets of the Council shall be liquidated and returned in the same manner after deduction of administrative costs.

4005/12. Repealer. Sections 1 through 9 and Section 11 are repealed January 1, 2012.

(Source: Public Act 86-1408, effective January 1, 1991. Amended by Public Act 89-277, effective August 10, 1995, Public Act 91-85, effective July 9, 1999, and Public Act 93-172, effective July 10, 2003. Amended by Public Act 95-0212, effective January 1, 2008)



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