



# ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION COUNCIL 2009 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 2009 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 56 percent. From 1991 to 2008, the number of stolen vehicles decreased from 75,642 to 32,925. This is a decline of more than 42,000, resulting in a savings of nearly \$286 million in property losses.

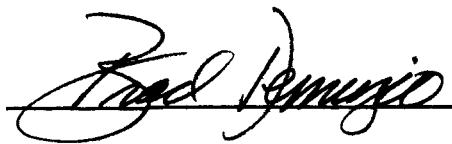
Grant funds awarded by the Council have improved motor vehicle theft law enforcement by establishing and supporting multijurisdictional task forces, investigative teams, and other anti-theft efforts throughout the state. These programs have produced impressive results over the past 17 years, including:

- 31,319 criminal investigations initiated.
- 54,008 audits of vehicle-related businesses.
- 12,564 violation letters issued to audited businesses.
- 15,113 arrests.
- 5,961 convictions obtained.
- 34,446 stolen vehicles recovered totaling more than \$246 million.

The \$102 million granted by the Council since its inception has resulted in the recovery of more than \$532 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,



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Vice-Chairman  
Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council



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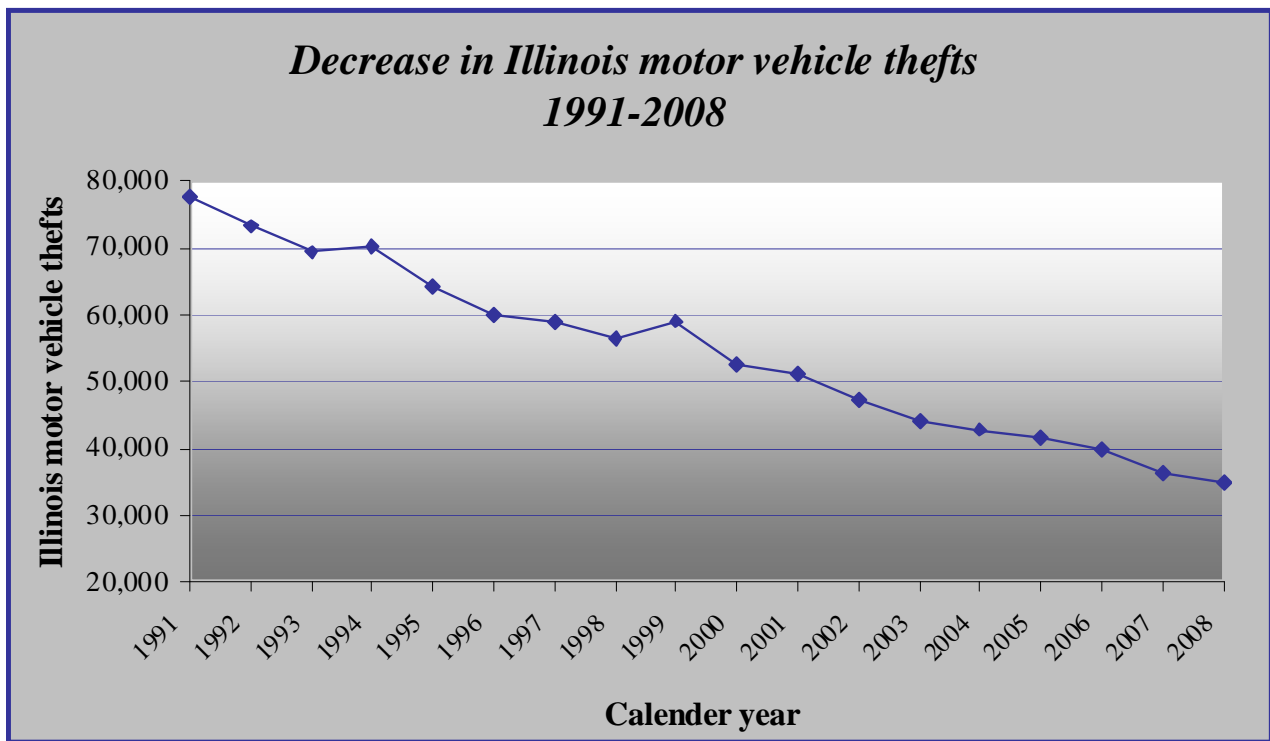
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\*Jonathon E. Monken succeeded Larry G. Trent as director of the Illinois State Police in March 2009.

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## *The 2009 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.

### *2009 Council Members*

The following members served on the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council in 2009:

#### **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 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 201<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### **Jonathon E. Monken**

*Acting Director, Illinois State Police*

Jonathon E. Monken was appointed Illinois State Police Acting Director in March 2009. A graduate in the top 1 percent of his class at West Point, Mr. Monken was assigned to the head recruiting officer position for Northern Illinois Officer Strength Management Team, the highest ranked of such teams in the nation. Mr. Monken is an Iraq War veteran who held a variety of leadership positions while serving in the U.S. Army, including Company Commander, responsible for leadership, training, and welfare of 120 cadets, and Battalion Command Sergeant Major, in charge of 500 cadets. Mr. Monken received a bachelor's degree in military history from West Point, and a master's in business administration from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. He is a recipient of a Bronze Star Medal, a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and an Army Commendation Medal with V Device for Valor. He also was a 2005 American Red Cross Illinois "Hometown Hero" award winner for Fox Valley.

#### **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 37<sup>th</sup> 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 Illinois State Police Director

Jonathon Monken

**Brad Demuzio**

*Illinois Secretary of State Department of Police*

Represents Secretary of State Jesse White

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*Council staff*

Sharyn Adams, *research analyst*

Terrence Dugan, *program specialist*

Patrick Kelly, *vehicle acquisition specialist*

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 56 percent, from 75,642 in 1991 to 32,925 in 2008. At the time of this report, the most recent data available from the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program was from 2008. The annual vehicle theft rate in Illinois decreased approximately 61 percent between 1991 and 2008, from 656 to 255 offenses per 100,000 population.

Figure 1 shows the number of vehicle theft offenses in 2008 for each county. The 10 counties with the most vehicle thefts were: Cook (24,554), St. Clair (1,136), Winnebago (1,011), DuPage (628), Will (538), Kane (499), Lake (59), Madison (439), Peoria (421) and Sangamon (418). Cook County vehicle thefts represented 75 percent of all vehicle thefts in Illinois. The areas where the seven Council-funded task forces operate are outlined in black (Figure 1).

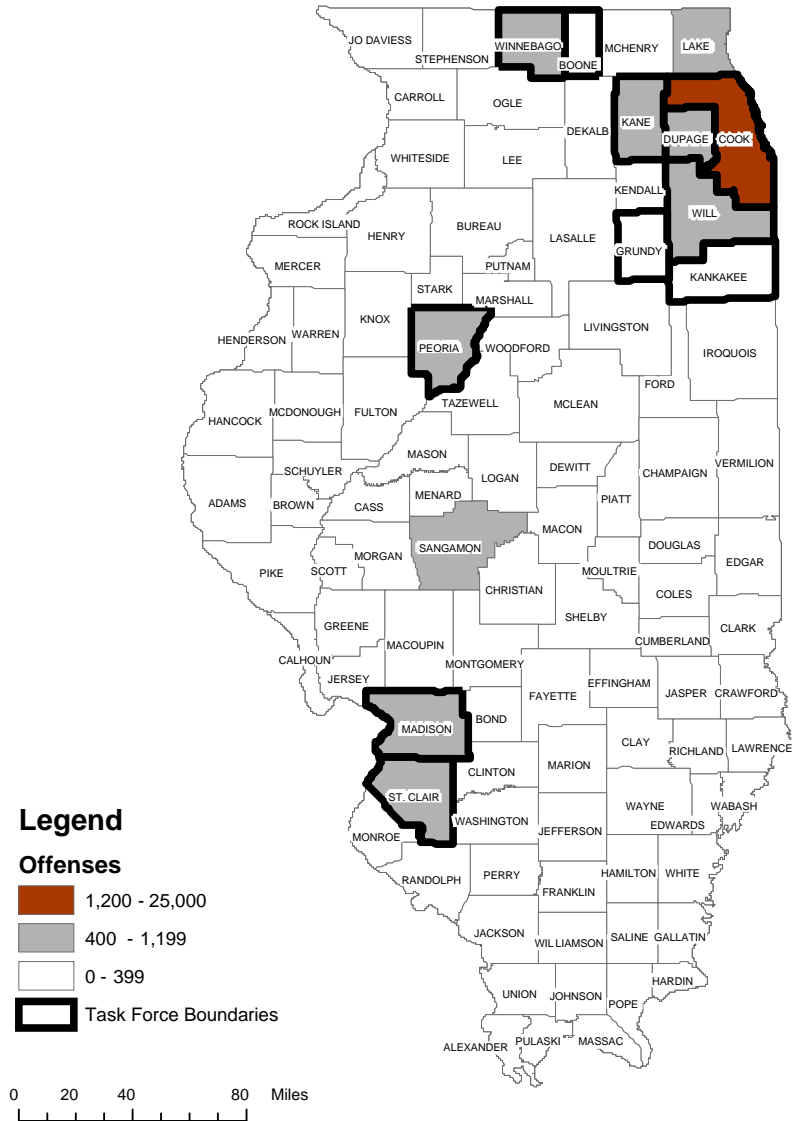
### Vehicle theft recoveries

Based on a statewide assessment of motor vehicle theft prepared by the Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse, 70 percent of the vehicles stolen in Illinois in 2008 were recovered. The average number of days between theft and recovery was 18.

### Vehicle theft arrest and convictions

In 2008, there were 5,705 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**  
**2008 motor vehicle theft offenses**





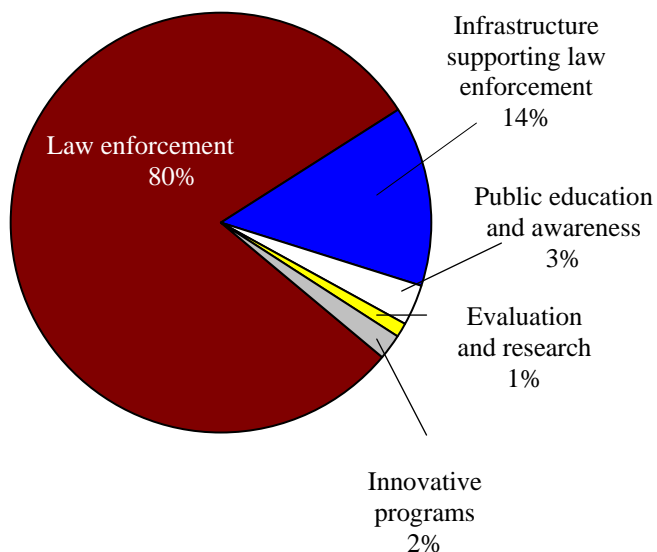
## Overview of Council programs 1992-2009

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*).

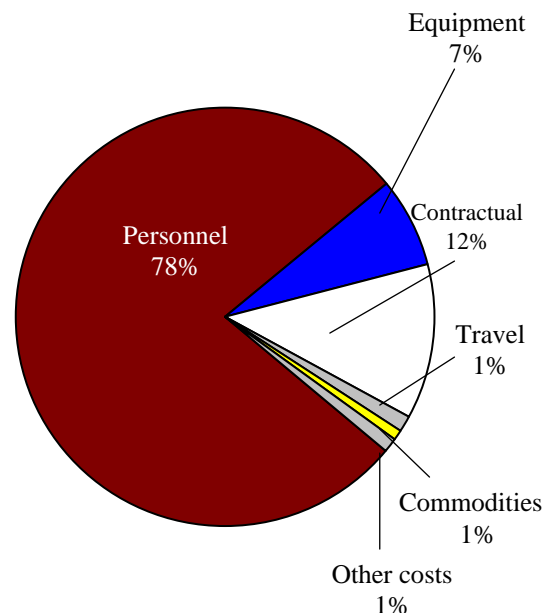
Through 2008, the programs funded by the Council expended approximately \$108 million. Most funds pay the salaries and fringe benefits of personnel assigned to task forces and special investigative teams in the state (*Figure 3*). Remaining funds are utilized for equipment, commodities, travel, contractual 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**  
**1992-2009**



**Figure 3**  
**Program expenditure categories**  
**1992-2009**



## 2009 Council programs

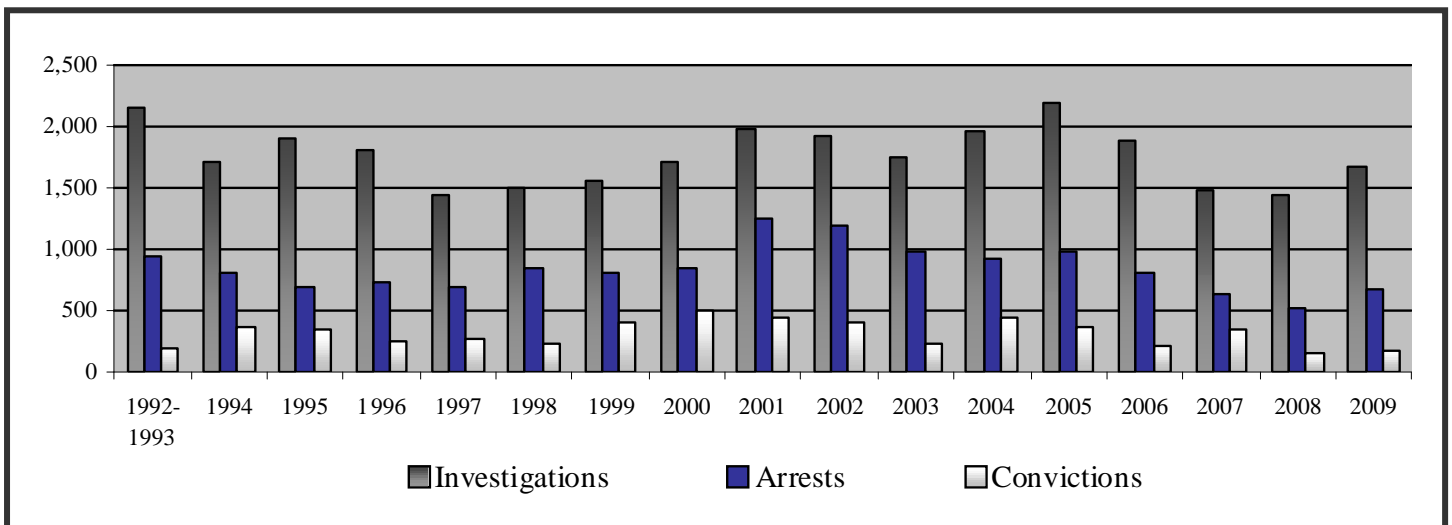
In 2009, the Council funded 12 programs: seven task forces, one specialized prosecution program, one specialized investigations program, one vehicle theft training program, one vehicle maintenance program, and one data intelligence program. There were 107 personnel supported by, or assigned to, Council-funded programs in 2009.

### Law enforcement

There were seven Council-funded task forces operating in Illinois during 2009. The task forces consist of officers from both local and state law enforcement agencies. In 2009, 73 investigators and auditors were assigned to the Council-funded task forces. During the year, the work of the task forces resulted in 1,676 investigations, 678 arrests, and 182 convictions (Figure 4).<sup>1</sup> There were 1,279 vehicles recovered valued at about \$13.2 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 1992-2009\*



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

<sup>1</sup>Due 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 2009: \$433,199

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 2009, BATTLE conducted 171 investigations resulting in 89 arrests. The task force referred 88 cases for prosecution that led to five convictions. BATTLE also recovered 106 stolen vehicles worth an estimated \$1.35 million.

BATTLE provided training to law enforcement agencies on 43 occasions in 2009, including that provided while participating in West Chicago Police Department's Commercial Vehicle Registration Enforcement Days, and a commercial truck inspection detail conducted by the ISP. During 2009, 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 20 business and citizens groups in DuPage County, including citizen police academies and participated in the DuPage Sheriff's Safety Saturday community event.

### **Kane-Cook Auto Theft Task Force**

Grantee: Elgin Police Department

Amount awarded for 2009: \$390,485

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 2009, KCAT initiated 127 investigations that resulted in 50 arrests, 49 prosecutions and 35 convictions. KCAT also recovered 129 vehicles worth \$3.35 million.

During 2009, KCAT continued to improve its training and operations. KCAT inspectors provided training to numerous law enforcement agencies, local and national car dealerships, and nationwide insurance companies. KCAT Inspectors were recognized by their peers as worldwide leaders in auto theft. KCAT Inspectors were featured on NBC's "*Inside Edition*" and NBC's "*The Today Show*" on separate occasions for their advancement in auto theft detection. KCAT inspectors have been an integral part of the development of a national training class sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and the National White Collar Crime Center.

### **Metro East Auto Theft Task Force**

Grantee: Belleville Police Department

Amount awarded for 2009: \$699,228

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 Missouri's St. Louis Police Department and St. Louis

County Police Department. In 2009, MEATF conducted 555 investigations resulting in 233 arrests. The task force referred 212 cases for prosecution that led to 73 convictions. The unit recovered 380 vehicles worth an estimated \$2.99 million.

Agents from the task force participated in local community events throughout 2009, while training local law enforcement in the capabilities of using bait cars and license plate recognition systems to proactively combat auto theft. The unit also joined forces with the FBI to investigate a large-scale lawn equipment theft ring resulting in the recovery of over \$200,000.00 in equipment.

### **Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force**

Grantee: Illinois State Police

Amount awarded for 2009: \$351,131

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 2009, NEMAT conducted 54 investigations resulting in 28 arrests. The task force referred 25 cases for prosecution that led to five convictions. The unit recovered 62 stolen vehicles worth an estimated \$833,405.

### **Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force**

Grantee: Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

Amount awarded for 2009: \$617,132

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 2009, NIATTF launched 214 investigations resulting in 72 arrests. The task force referred 86 cases for prosecution that led to 19 convictions. The unit recovered 200 vehicles worth an estimated \$1.68 million.

### **State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force**

Grantee: City of Peoria Police Department

Amount awarded for 2009: \$394,508

The State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force (SLATE) serves Peoria County in central Illinois. During 2009, SLATE conducted 296 investigations resulting in 135 arrests. SLATE referred 124 of these cases for prosecution that led to 45 convictions. In addition, the task force recovered 226 vehicles worth an estimated \$1.5 million.

Officers from the task force attended local community events throughout 2009, trained local law enforcement in the capabilities of the bait car, as well as assisted multiple agencies throughout Central Illinois with proactive details to combat auto theft. In addition to actively investigating auto theft, SLATE fostered a working relationship in 2009 with the investigative branches of State Farm Insurance and Caterpillar Inc. in an attempt to help both entities prevent the theft of their assets through identity theft. SLATE continued to provide training to local law enforcement, as well as members of the insurance industry in the area of auto theft.

### **Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force**

Grantee: Joliet Police Department

Amount awarded for 2009: \$823,537

The Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force (TCAT) 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 2009, the task force conducted 214 investigations resulting in 71 arrests. The task force referred 62 cases for prosecution. The unit recovered 180 vehicles worth an estimated \$1.53 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 five auto theft presentations to various local agencies and private entities.

### *Specialized prosecution*

#### **Cook County Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit**

Grantee: Office of the Cook County State's Attorney

Amount awarded for 2009: \$810,162

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.

The Cook County Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution unit accepted 153 of the 160 cases referred for prosecution, which resulted in 148 convictions. Approximately 100 of those offenders who were convicted were sentenced to the penitentiary. The unit also obtained \$16,156 in restitution for victims in 2009.

### *Specialized investigation*

#### **Secretary of State Special Audit Teams Program**

Grantee: Secretary of State, Department of Police

Amount awarded for 2009: \$1,303,598

The Secretary of State Special Audit Teams Program focuses on policing the marketplace for stolen vehicles and parts using special audit teams. There were four teams in operation during 2009 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 2009, the teams performed 3,232 audits involving 36,218 vehicles and 4,601 essential vehicle parts. The team recovered 23 stolen vehicles for a total estimated value of \$259,730. There were 361 violation letters issued which resulted in 749 charges. Their enforcement actions resulted in eight arrests and 186 contraband vehicles identified worth an estimated value of \$1,173,104.

### *Infrastructure supporting programs*

#### **Insurance Vehicle Expense Fund Program**

Grantee: National Insurance Crime Bureau

Amount awarded for 2009: \$63,590

Insurance companies loan vehicles for use by Council-funded programs. In 2009, insurance companies loaned 54 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 2009: \$381,796

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 535 requests for case assistance in 2009. Intelligence alerts, geographic maps, theft assessments, statistical estimates, analytical charts, and presentations were developed in response to the array of requests received. Analytical link and financial charts were prepared in response to various complex tactical investigations conducted by the motor vehicle theft task forces and the Illinois Secretary of State Police, Special Audit Team. To improve motor vehicle theft data quality, invalid entry reports were provided to the Illinois State Police Bureau of Field Services for use in agency audits. A daily briefing was also prepared emphasizing the importance of proper theft and recovery data entry. The Clearinghouse also provided instruction during three motor vehicle theft

Advanced Investigator's training courses. Clearing house staff attended the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts training conference, analysis and critical thinking training, two mapping seminars, and the financial analysis training.

**Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training Program**

Grantee: Illinois State Police

Amount awarded for 2009: \$110,641

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 2009, the program conducted 16 training courses for a total of 204 training hours. The program trained 463 police officers.

## *2009 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  
2 Hoffman Estates Police Department investigators  
1 Illinois State Police master sergeant  
1 Kane County assistant state's attorney  
1 Round Lake Park Police Department officer  
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  
1 Glen Carbon Police Department officer  
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**

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 attorney 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:** 107 Personnel supported by or assigned to Council-funded programs.



*2009 financial statement*

**Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund**

Statement of revenues, expenditures, and fund balance for state fiscal year 2009  
(July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009)

| REVENUES:                  |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Insurance company payments | \$6,420,651        |
| Interest income            | \$83,632           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>\$6,504,283</b> |
| EXPENDITURES:              |                    |
| Transfers from trust fund  | \$0                |
| Administrative             | \$282,541          |
| Programs <sup>2</sup>      | \$5,723,200        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>\$6,005,741</b> |

| BALANCE:          |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE | \$4,690,483 |
| ENDING BALANCE    | \$5,189,025 |

*Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council program grant awards*

|  | 2007               | 2008               | 2009               |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Secretary of State Special Audit Teams Program | \$1,238,654        | \$1,313,654        | \$1,303,598        |
| Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit           | \$739,829          | \$739,829          | \$810,162          |
| Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force               | \$806,652          | \$788,837          | \$823,537          |
| Metro-East Auto Theft Task Force               | \$673,218          | \$699,978          | \$699,228          |
| Kane County Auto Theft Task Force              | \$450,634          | \$397,637          | \$390,485          |
| Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force          | \$493,014          | \$388,796          | \$351,131          |
| Insurance Vehicle Expense Fund Program         | \$63,590           | \$63,590           | \$63,590           |
| Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse | \$374,596          | \$374,596          | \$381,796          |
| DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force            | \$455,179          | \$440,199          | \$433,199          |
| Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force        | \$637,277          | \$617,710          | \$617,132          |
| Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training     | \$108,241          | \$143,305          | \$110,641          |
| State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement         | \$442,788          | \$405,708          | \$394,508          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                   | <b>\$6,483,672</b> | <b>\$6,373,839</b> | <b>\$6,379,007</b> |

<sup>2</sup>Funds distributed during the fiscal year may differ from the total award received.

*Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention trust funds SFY91 to SFY09*

|                                 | SFY 1991<br>- 2005 | SFY 2006    | SFY 2007    | SFY 2008    | SFY 2009    | TOTALS        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                  |                    |             |             |             |             |               |
| Insurance company payments      | 84,152,711         | 6,257,629   | 6,251,369   | 6,400,746   | 6,420,651   | 109,483,106   |
| Beat Auto Theft Program revenue | 7,585              | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 7,585         |
| Interest on trust fund          | 3,160,068          | 135,811     | 141,026     | 139,430     | 83,632      | 3,659,967     |
| Subtotal                        | 87,320,364         | 6,393,440   | 6,392,395   | 6,540,176   | 6,504,283   | 113,150,658   |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>             |                    |             |             |             |             |               |
| Transfers from trust fund       | (5,429,849)        | (1,492,679) | 4,088       | 0           | 0           | (6,918,440)   |
| Administrative expenditures     | (4,139,625)        | (277,403)   | (327,023)   | (326,590)   | (282,541)   | (5,353,182)   |
| Grantee expenditures            | (72,655,746)       | (5,175,776) | (6,490,230) | (5,645,059) | (5,723,200) | (95,690,011)  |
| Subtotal                        | (82,225,220)       | (6,945,858) | (6,813,165) | (5,971,649) | (6,005,741) | (107,961,633) |
| Revenue less Expenditures       | 5,095,144          | (552,418)   | (420,770)   | 568,527     | 498,542     | 5,189,025     |
| <b>TRUST FUND BALANCE</b>       | 5,095,144          | 4,542,726   | 4,121,956   | 4,690,483   | 5,189,025   |               |

**Note: Numbers in parentheses are negative.**

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Erie Insurance Company  
Erie Insurance Exchange  
Essentia Insurance Company  
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Farmers Automobile Insurance Associate  
Farmers Union Co-Operative Company, Inc.  
Federal Insurance Company  
Fidelity National Property & Casualty Ins.  
Financial Indemnity Company  
Fireman's Fund Insurance Company  
First Acceptance Insurance Company, Inc.  
First Chicago Insurance Company  
First Liberty Insurance Company  
First National Insurance Co. of America  
Florists' Mutual Insurance Company  
Foremost Insurance Company  
Founders Insurance Company  
Garrison Property & Casualty Insurance Co.  
Geico Casualty Company  
Geico General Insurance Company  
Geico Indemnity Company  
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 Mutual Casualty Company  
Granite State 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  
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Illinois Farmers Insurance Company  
Illinois National Insurance Company  
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Infinity Insurance Company  
Infinity Standard Insurance Company  
Insurance Company of Illinois  
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Kemper Independence Insurance Company  
Liberty Insurance Company  
Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company  
Madison Mutual Insurance Company  
Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company  
Member Select Insurance Company  
Mendakota Insurance Company  
Merastar Insurance Company  
Mercury Insurance Company of Illinois  
Meridian 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 Mutual Insurance Association  
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  
National 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 Indemnity Insurance Company  
Ohio Casualty Insurance Company  
Ohio Security Insurance Company  
Omni Indemnity Company  
Owners Insurance Company  
Pacific Indemnity Company  
Pekin Insurance Company  
Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company  
Phoenix Insurance Company  
Progressive Direct Insurance Company  
Progressive Northern Insurance Company  
Progressive Universal Insur. Co. of Illinois  
Property & Casualty Insurance of Hartford  
Regent Insurance Company  
Response Insurance Company  
Response Worldwide Direct Auto Ins. Co.

Rockford Mutual Insurance Company  
Safe Auto Insurance Company  
Safeco Insurance Company of America  
Safeco Insurance Company of Illinois  
Safeco Insurance Company of Indiana  
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Safeway Insurance Company  
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Unitrin Direct Insurance Company  
Unitrin Direct Property & Casualty Co.  
Unitrin Preferred Insurance Company  
Universal Casualty Company  
USAA Casualty Insurance Company  
USAA General Indemnity Company  
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# 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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