

*Illinois
Motor
Vehicle
Theft
Prevention
Council*

2002 Annual Report

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

Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor



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

I am pleased to present the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council's 2002 annual report. This report describes the challenges we've faced and documents the positive results we achieved this 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 35%. From 1991 to 2001, the number of stolen vehicles decreased from 75,642 to 49,214. This is a decline of more than 26,000 vehicles—resulting in a savings of over \$173 million.

The grant funds awarded by the Council have improved motor vehicle theft law enforcement by establishing and supporting multijurisdictional task forces, investigative teams, and other special efforts throughout the state. These programs have produced impressive results during the past eleven years:

- 18,155 criminal investigations initiated;
- 28,943 audits of vehicle-related businesses;
- 9,500 violation letters issued to audited businesses;
- 9,216 persons arrested;
- 3,370 convictions obtained; and
- 23,896 stolen vehicles recovered worth nearly \$155 million.

The \$66 million granted by the Council from 1991 through 2002 has resulted in the recovery of approximately \$328 million in stolen vehicles and reduced theft rates - *a return of \$5 for every dollar spent.*

I would like to thank the individuals who remain dedicated and committed to the Council's mission to decrease motor vehicle theft in Illinois.

Very respectfully,

Candice M. Kane, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority





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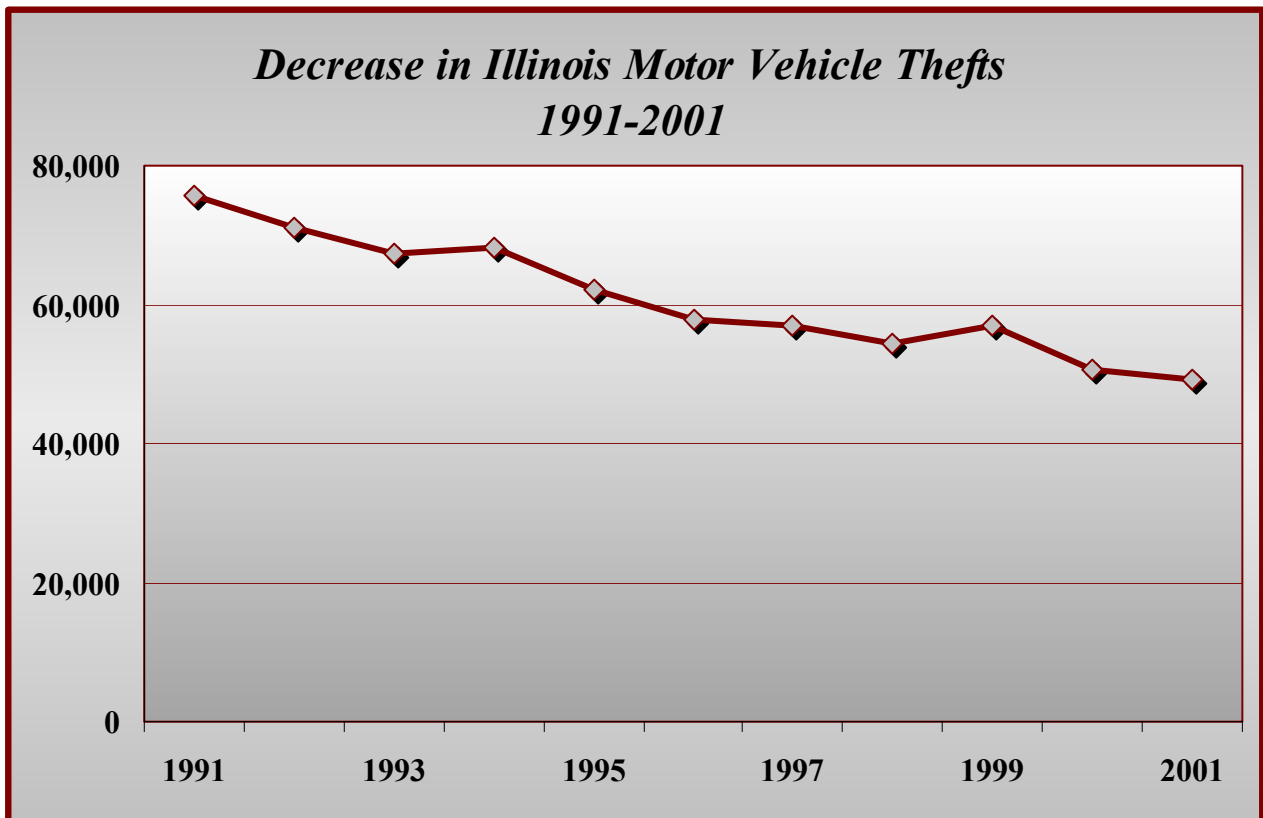
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Source: Illinois State Police, *Uniform Crime Reports*

The 2002 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 attorney's, and law enforcement. 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. This amount, which is approximately \$6 million each year, is collected and distributed by the Council. The funds are designated to law enforcement programs that increase investigation and prosecution of vehicle theft-related crimes.

The Grant Review Committee members are appointed by members of the Council. The Grant Review Committee reviews all grant proposals, budgets, and additional information that must be brought before the Council.

2002 Council Members

During 2002, the following members served on the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council:

Sam Nolen (Chairman), Director
Illinois State Police

Mr. Nolen was appointed director in January 1999. He began his professional career as a state trooper. Mr. Nolen held various positions, including deputy director of the Division of Training and deputy director of the Division of Forensic Science. He served as acting director of the Illinois State Police from January to March 1991.

Michael Burnside

Allstate Insurance Company

Mr. Burnside has been employed with Allstate Insurance Company since 1974. He currently serves as the Community Reinvestment Activities officer for Allstate Bank. Mr. Burnside was appointed to the Council in November 1998. At the end of 2002, Mr. Burnside was replaced on the Council by Mr. James R. Sample of Allstate Insurance Company.

Hon. Richard A. Devine

Cook County State's Attorney

Mr. Devine was elected Cook County State's Attorney in 1996. Mr. Devine has more than 30 years of experience in both public and private practice. He served as first assistant state's attorney from 1980 to 1983. Today he serves on boards of the National District Attorneys Association and is the immediate past president of the Illinois State's Attorneys Association.

Terry G. Hillard

Superintendent,

Chicago Police Department

Terry G. Hillard was appointed superintendent of the Chicago Police Department in 1998. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Hillard was chief of the Detective Division, a position he had held since June 1995. From 1993 to 1995, he was deputy chief of patrol, and before that he served as a Patrol Division commander in Chicago's Gresham district.

Linda Laurich

American Family Insurance

Ms. Laurich was appointed to the Council in 1998. Ms. Laurich is the government affairs counsel for American Family Insurance. Her responsibilities include lobbying the Illinois General Assembly and serving as a corporate liaison to the Illinois Department of Insurance and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Hon. Paul A. Logli

Winnebago County State's Attorney

Mr. Logli was elected Winnebago County State's Attorney in 1988 and re-elected in 1992 and 1996. In 1981, he was appointed as an Associate Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court. In 1986, he resigned from the bench and accepted an appointment to fill an unexpired term as State's Attorney. He was appointed to the Council in 1993.

Beau William Parillo

United Automobile Insurance Company

Mr. Parillo 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 manager of material damage claims for Country Companies, directing all aspects of physical damage claims in 10 states.

Hon. Jesse White

Illinois Secretary of State

Mr. White was elected the 37th Illinois Secretary of State in 1998. Mr. White served as Cook County Recorder of Deeds from 1992-1998. Before being elected as Recorder of Deeds, he served in the Illinois General Assembly for 16 years. Mr. White was chairman of the Illinois House Committee on Human Services, and was a member of the Education Committee and committees on children and aging. Robert Howlett, Director of the Secretary of State Department of Police, served as Mr. White's designee to the Council through October 2002. In October, Brad DeMuzio was appointed to serve as Mr. White's designee to the Council.

At the end of 2002, David W. Hilliard of State Farm Insurance and James R. Sample of Allstate Insurance Company were appointed to serve on the Council.

Grant Review Committee Members

Deputy Director Kenneth Bouche, Chairman

Illinois State Police

Represents Council Chairman Nolen.

Steve Aguilar

State Farm Insurance Companies

Represents Council member David W. Hilliard.

Paul Bluethner

Allstate Insurance Company

Represents Council member James R. Sample.

Tom Hennelly

Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Represents Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine.

Brad DeMuzio

Illinois Secretary of State Department of Police

Represents Secretary of State Jesse White.

Council Staff

Gary Kupsak, *Program Director*

Pat McCarron, *Program Monitor*

Jim Oas, *Accountant*

Patrick Kelly, *Vehicle Acquisition Specialist*

Stacy Bowling, *Program Analyst*

Motor Vehicle Theft Trends in Illinois

Figure 1

2001 Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses

Vehicle Thefts Decline

Since the Council's inception in 1991, the annual number of motor vehicle theft offenses in Illinois decreased 35%, from 75,642 to 49,214. The annual vehicle theft rate in Illinois decreased approximately 40% from 1991 to 2001, from 656 to 396 offenses per 100,000 population. When the number of vehicle thefts in Illinois was compared to the rest of the states, Illinois ranked 4th in 2000 (50,681) and 6th in 2001 (49,214).

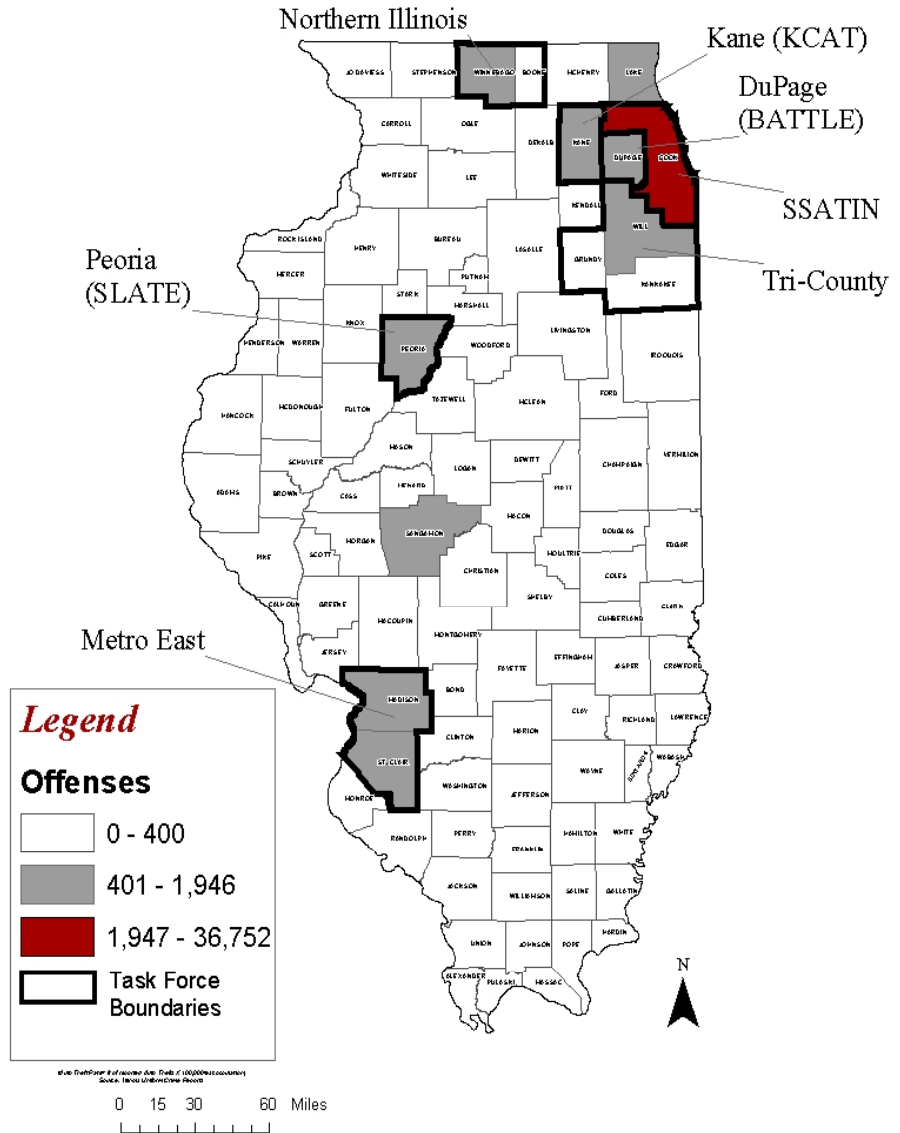
Figure 1 shows the number of vehicle thefts offenses in 2001 for each county. The counties with the most vehicle thefts include: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Madison, Peoria, St. Clair, and Winnebago. Cook County alone represents approximately 75% of vehicle thefts in Illinois. The areas where the seven Council-funded task forces operate are outlined in black.

Vehicle Theft Recoveries

According to the Illinois State Police, nearly 85% of the vehicles stolen in Illinois in 2001 were recovered. The average number of days between theft and recovery was 18 days in 2001.

Vehicle Theft Arrests & Convictions

In 2001, there were 10,687 arrests for vehicle theft in Illinois. This makes up 10.4% of the total arrests for vehicle theft reported in the United States in 2001. Illinois arrests have increased 16% since 1991, while nationwide the number of vehicle theft arrests decreased approximately 36%.



In 2001, the average sentence length of the 803 offenders committed to the Illinois Department of Corrections for motor vehicle theft-related crimes was 4.2 years. Although the total number of motor vehicle theft sentences imposed in 2001 declined by 5% from 2000, the average sentence length increased from 4.0 to 4.2 years.

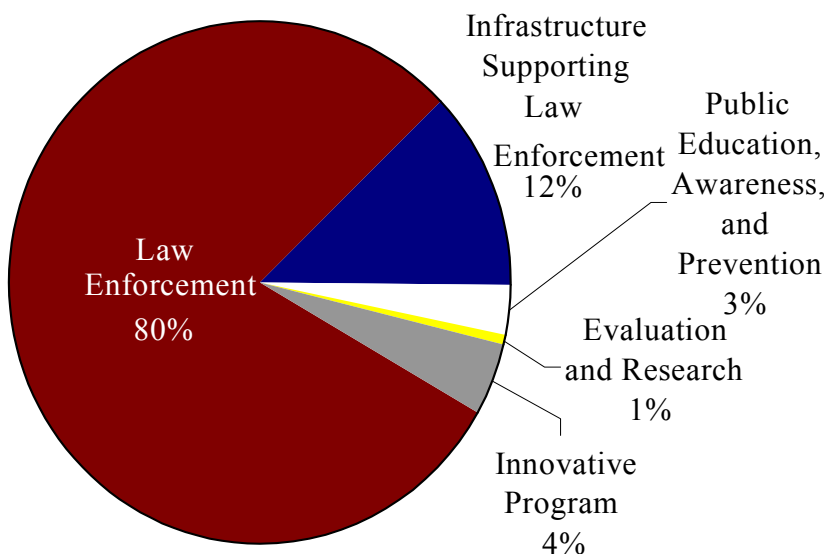
Council Programs 1992-2002

Since 1992, when grants were first awarded, the Council has funded 30 vehicle theft programs in Illinois. The majority of awarded funds, about \$52.6 million, have been focused on law enforcement programs that increase investigations and prosecutions of vehicle theft related crimes (Figure 2).

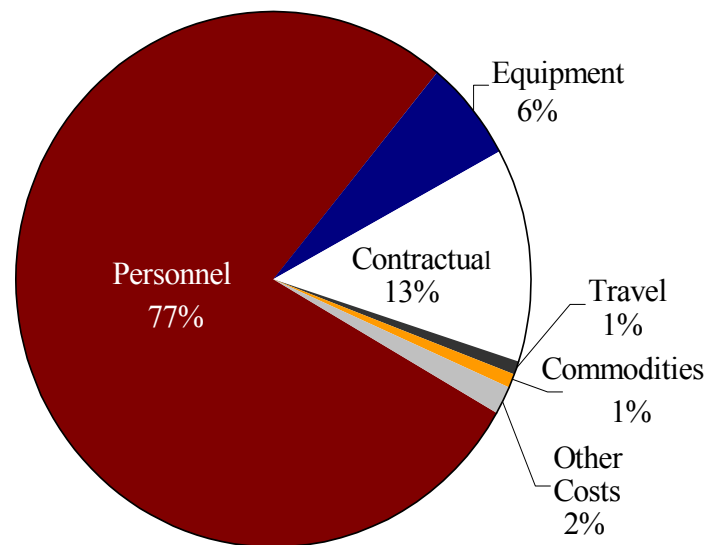
Through 2002, the programs funded by the Council expended approximately \$60 million dollars. Most funds pay the salary and fringe benefits of personnel assigned to task forces and special investigative teams in the state (Figure 3). Remaining funds are utilized for equipment, commodities, travel, contractual 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. The Illinois State Police and the Secretary of State Department of Police assigned task force directors and personnel to the programs and absorbed costs for these personnel. In addition, the National Insurance Crime Bureau assigned agents to the programs without requesting compensation and Illinois Insurance companies have loaned more than 300 vehicles for use by Council-funded law enforcement programs.

**FIGURE 2:
Funding Awarded in Targeted
Program Areas
1992-2002**



**FIGURE 3:
Program Expenditure Categories
1992-2002**



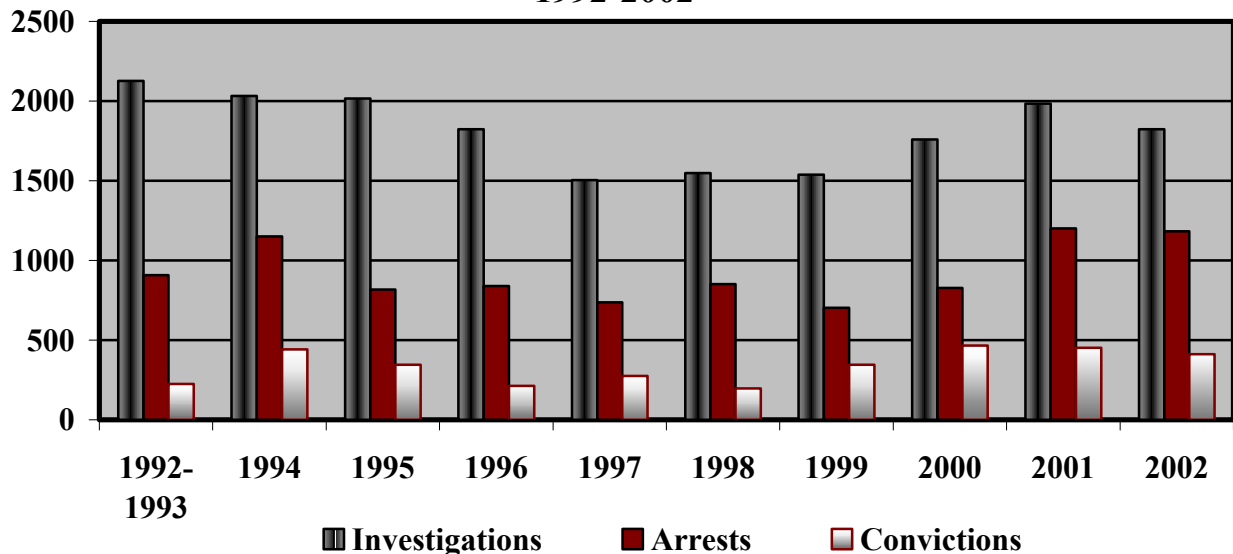
2002 Council Programs

In 2002, the Council funded 13 programs: seven task forces, one specialized prosecution program, one specialized investigations program, one vehicle theft training program, one vehicle maintenance program, and two data intelligence programs. There were 131 personnel supported by or assigned to Council funded programs in 2002.

Law Enforcement

There were seven Council-funded task forces operating in Illinois during 2002. The task forces consist of officers from both local and state law enforcement agencies. In 2002, 101 investigators and auditors were assigned to a Council-funded task force. The work of the task forces resulted in 1,824 investigations, 1,182 arrests, and 411 convictions¹ (Figure 4). There were 1,394 vehicles, valued at approximately \$13 million dollars, recovered. In addition, the task force officers were involved in public awareness and motor vehicle theft prevention activities in their areas.

Figure 4
Task Force Program Activity
1992-2002



Source: Task Force Monthly Performance Reports

DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: DuPage County Sheriff's Office

Amount Awarded for 2002: \$421,839

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

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

effort to identify and arrest offenders, the officers work with numerous agencies, such as local Crime Stoppers programs, insurance companies, and local, county, and federal police agencies. In 2002, BATTLE conducted 106 investigations resulting in 118 arrests, of which 110 were referred for prosecution. The work of the task force led to 42 convictions in 2002. BATTLE also recovered 66 stolen vehicles worth an estimated \$646,762.

Kane County Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Elgin Police Department

Amount Awarded for 2002: \$386,375

The Kane County Auto Theft Task Force (KCAT) serves the Kane County area located in northeast Illinois. The unit's central activities include intelligence gathering, surveillance, and monitoring areas prone to vehicle thefts. In 2002, KCAT carried out 76 investigations that resulted in 97 arrests. The task force referred 68 cases for prosecution that led to 46 convictions in 2002. In addition, the task force recovered 82 vehicles worth an estimated \$1,065,092.

Metro-East Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Belleville Police Department

Amount Awarded for 2002: \$589,172

The Metro East Auto Theft Task Force operates in Madison and St. Clair Counties located in southern Illinois. The task force combats vehicle theft by working closely with the police departments of St. Louis and St. Louis County. In 2002, the Metro East Auto Theft Task Force conducted 589 investigations and made 290 arrests. All 290 cases were referred for prosecution and 77 resulted in convictions. The unit recovered 282 vehicles worth an estimated \$2,048,257. In a collective effort with the MV Training Program, the task force also conducted several motor vehicle theft trainings for investigators and patrol officers in 2002.

Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

Amount Awarded for 2002: \$411,715

The Northern Illinois Task Force covers Winnebago and Boone Counties. In 2002, the Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force launched 303 investigations, resulting in 114 arrests. The work of the task force officers resulted in 66 convictions in 2002. The task force also recovered 307 stolen vehicles worth an estimated \$1,995,707.

State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force

Grantee: City of Peoria Police Department

Amount Awarded for 2002: \$92,476

The State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force (SLATE) serves Peoria County in the central region of Illinois. During 2002, the program's third year of operation, SLATE conducted 283 investigations and made 238 arrests. The task force referred 233 of these cases for prosecution, resulting in 83 convictions. In addition, the task force recovered 139 vehicles worth an estimated \$917,643. In a cooperative partnership with the Council's Training Program, the task force officers instructed five motor vehicle theft trainings for investigators and patrol officers in 2002. In addition, the officers conducted roll call training for local law enforcement agencies in Peoria County. SLATE officers also participated in neighborhood watch programs and instructed at the Peoria Police Citizen Academy.

South Suburban Auto Theft Interdiction Network

Grantee: Illinois State Police

Amount Awarded for 2002: \$783,756

The South Suburban Auto Theft Interdiction Network (SSATIN) serves the south and west suburban Cook County metropolitan area. In 2002, SSATIN conducted 204 investigations that resulted in 219 arrests, of which 170 were referred for prosecution. The work of the task force led to 58 convictions in 2002. The unit recovered 296 stolen vehicles worth an estimated \$4,791,395. In 2002, the SSATIN program provided nine roll-call trainings for law enforcement officers at four Chicago Police Districts and the Glenwood Police Department. Two officers participated in the 120-day temporary assignment program, which allows a law enforcement agency to assign an officer to SSATIN in order to learn methods of identifying stolen vehicles, schemes, interview techniques, report writing, and case preparation. To increase public awareness, SSATIN conducted three VIN etchings for 150 citizens. The task force also held three vehicle theft training sessions for financial lending officers from local banks, owners and managers of local car dealerships, and members of the Chicago Metropolitan Car Dealerships Association.

Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Joliet Police Department

Amount Awarded for 2002: \$767,466

The Tri-County Task Force serves the Joliet area, including 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 City. In 2002, the task force performed 263 investigations that resulted in 106 arrests. All 106 cases were referred for prosecution, resulting in 39 convictions. The unit recovered 222 vehicles that were worth an estimated \$2,012,560. In 2002, the Tri-County Task Force sponsored eight intelligence meetings with local law enforcement agencies. The officers conducted several VIN etchings and made presentations for local citizen police academies, the Kankakee County auxiliary police officers, and local high schools. Several task force officers also presented at the American Trucking Association Loss Prevention Seminars in Chicago and Texas. The work of the task force was recognized by the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) with a Certificate of Merit Award in 2002.

Specialized Prosecution

Cook County Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit

Grantee: Office of the Cook County State's Attorney

Amount Awarded for 2002: \$609,138

The 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 the illegal activities of rebuilders and scrap dealers. 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.

In 2002, 170 vehicle theft-related cases were referred for prosecution. The work of the prosecution unit led to 126 indictments of 170 defendants. There were 214 cases that received sentencing in 2002 (which include some cases initiated in 2000 and 2001). The cases resulted in 130 guilty pleas and 26 findings of guilt. Ninety-two defendants were sentenced to prison or jail and 34 received felony probation. The remaining defendants received lesser sentences or were found not guilty. Restitution and court costs totaling \$170,319 were also ordered.

Specialized Investigation

Secretary of State Special Audit Teams Program

Grantee: Secretary of State, Department of Police
Amount Awarded for 2002: \$1,060,900

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 2002, which were 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. The teams are comprised of 14 auditors and four supervisors, as well as 8 clerical personnel, and are supervised by 4 administrators.

In 2002, the teams performed 2,802 audits involving 40,223 vehicles and 2,227 essential vehicle parts. In all, 88 stolen vehicles and 200 contraband (illegally imported) vehicles were recovered, for a total estimated value of \$2.4 million. There were 21 essential vehicle parts recovered, worth an estimated \$46,400. The teams also inspected 3,166 certificates of title, 20,771 junk certificates, and 2,973 salvage certificates. There were 397 violation letters issued, which resulted in 796 charges.

Infrastructure Supporting Programs²

Insurance Vehicle Expense Fund Program

Grantee: Illinois Anti-Car Theft Committee
Amount Awarded for 2002: \$65,000

To support Council-funded law enforcement efforts, insurance companies have loaned vehicles for use by Council-funded programs. To date, 29 different insurance companies have loaned 300 vehicles. The vast majority of these vehicles are recovered stolen vehicles obtained from the insurance salvage pools in the Chicago metropolitan area. Program funds are used to repair these vehicles as well as to obtain required Illinois titles and license plates. The Council, through the Illinois Anti-Car Theft Committee, has designated trust funds for repairing or purchasing parts for these vehicles to make them safe for operation by the task forces. The task force officers are assigned these vehicles for surveillance and undercover activities.

² The Chicago Police Department's Data and Analysis Team was awarded \$123,954 in 2002. Due to unanticipated circumstances, the program did not operate in 2002 and funds were returned to the Council.

Funds that would have been used to purchase or lease new vehicles at a much higher cost are being used instead to fund other grant expenses. In 2002, Council-funded programs received 74 vehicles from insurance companies. If the Council had leased these vehicles, the estimated cost for the year would have been approximately \$374,000. These savings allowed for expenditures from the fund to total approximately \$17,510³. The cost of licensing and registering vehicles was \$2,409 in 2002.

Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse

Grantee: Illinois State Police

Amount Awarded for 2002: \$262,978

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 master sergeant 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 also develops the "Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force Quarterly Activity Summary," which provides information to the Council and Grant Review Committee on the performance of Council-funded task forces.

During 2002, the Clearinghouse received 349 requests for information, crime analysis, mapping, charting, case assistance, and the production of strategic and tactical products. These requests included 262 inquiries from the Council-funded auto theft task forces, 32 from the Illinois State Police, 13 from federal agencies, 17 from local law enforcement, and 25 from other criminal justice entities.

Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training Program

Grantee: Illinois State Police

Amount Awarded for 2002: \$83,252

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 among 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 2002, the program conducted six, 36-hour courses, targeting Council-funded vehicle theft task forces. Seventy-four officers attended the investigator training classes. The program also conducted sixteen, 8-hour training classes for patrol officers. Two hundred and ninety-one officers attended 8-hour classes in 2002. The training evaluation forms completed by the participants and instructors reported favorable assessments of the training classes.

³ Due to the vehicle acquisition specialist position being vacant until late in the year, the remainder of the grant money was not spent in 2002.

2002 Programs and Participating Agencies

DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force (BATTLE)

- 1 Illinois State Police Master Sergeant
- 1 Illinois State Police Special Agent
- 2 DuPage County Deputies
- 1 Winfield Officer
- 1 Naperville Officer
- 1 Elmhurst Officer
- 1 DuPage County State's Attorney Investigator
- 1 DuPage County Assistant State's Attorney
- 1 Clerical Staff, DuPage County Sheriff's Office

Kane County Auto Theft Task Force

- 1 Illinois State Police Master Sergeant
- 2 Elgin Officers
- 1 Aurora Officer
- 1 South Barrington Officer
- 1 Kane County Assistant State's Attorney
- 1 Clerical Staff

Metro East Auto Theft Task Force

- 2 Secretary of State Police Investigators
- 2 Illinois State Police Agents
- 1 Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville Officer
- 1 Cahokia Officer
- 1 Collinsville Officer
- 1 East St. Louis Officer
- 2 St. Clair County Deputies
- 1 Madison County Deputy
- 1 Fairview Heights Officer
- 1 Madison County Assistant State's Attorney
- 1 St. Clair County Assistant State's Attorney
- 1 Secretary - Secretary of State of Police
- 1 Clerical Staff

Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse

- 3 Illinois State Police Intelligence Bureau Analysts
- 1 Illinois State Police Master Sergeant
- 1 Senior Administrator

Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit

- 4 Cook County Assistant State's Attorneys
- 2 Cook County State's Attorney Investigators
- 1 Administrative Assistant – Cook County
- 2 Law Clerks– Cook County

SOS Audit Team

- 30 Secretary of State Department of Police Personnel

MV Investigation Training Program

- 2 Illinois State Police Personnel

Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force

- 2 Secretary of State Investigators
- 1 Loves Park Officer
- 1 Cherry Valley Officer
- 2 Belvidere Officers
- 1 Winnebago County Deputy
- 1 Boone County Deputy
- 1 Winnebago County Assistant State's Attorney
- 1 Clerical Staff

South Suburban Auto Theft Interdiction Network

- 1 Illinois State Police Master Sergeant
- 7 Illinois State Police Investigators
- 1 Calumet City Officer
- 1 Chicago Heights Officer
- 1 Dolton Officer
- 1 Lansing Officer
- 1 Orland Park Officer
- 1 South Holland Officer
- 1 Steger Officer
- 2 Stone Park Officers
- 1 National Insurance Crime Bureau Agent
- 2 Clerical Staff

State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement (SLATE)

- 1 Illinois State Police Investigations Commander
- 1 Illinois State Police Master Sergeant
- 1 Illinois State Police Investigator
- 1 Illinois Secretary of State Investigator
- 2 Peoria City Officers
- 1 Peoria County Deputy
- 1 Clerical Staff

Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force

- 1 Illinois State Police Master Sergeant
- 1 Joliet Officer
- 1 Joliet Sergeant
- 1 Will County Deputy
- 1 Will County Sergeant
- 1 Bolingbrook Officer
- 1 Grundy County Deputy
- 1 Romeoville Officer
- 1 Kankakee City Officer
- 2 Kankakee County Deputies
- 1 Kankakee County Assistant State's Attorney
- 1 Will County Assistant State's Attorney
- 1 Clerical Staff, Will County Sheriff's Office
- 1 Clerical Staff, Will County State's Attorney's Office
- 1 National Insurance Crime Bureau Agent

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 131

2002 Financial Statement

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance for State Fiscal Year 2002
(July 2001 to June 2002)

REVENUES:	
Insurance Company Payments	\$5,928,202
Interest Income	\$217,782
TOTAL	\$6,145,984

EXPENDITURES:	
Transfers to Trust Fund	\$13,738
Administrative Programs	\$335,345
TOTAL	\$4,621,844
TOTAL	\$4,970,927

BALANCE:	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$7,248,968
ENDING BALANCE	\$8,424,025*

*A balance of \$8,424,025 would have been carried forward to fiscal year 2003, but pursuant to P.A. 92-600, "in order to address the fiscal emergency resulting from the shortfalls in revenue," \$4 million was transferred from the trust fund to the general fund.

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council: Program Grant Awards

	2001	2002	2003
Secretary of State Special Audit Teams Program	\$1,030,000	\$1,060,900	\$1,092,727
Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit	\$594,290	\$609,138	\$628,624
Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force	\$756,575	\$767,466	\$788,984
Metro East Auto Theft Task Force	\$609,172	\$589,172	\$589,172
Kane County Auto Theft Task Force	\$377,043	\$386,375	\$398,383
South Suburban Auto Theft Interdiction Network	\$803,800	\$783,756	\$788,844
Insurance Vehicle Expense Fund Program	\$90,000	\$65,000	\$65,000
Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse	\$255,546	\$262,978	\$270,630
DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force (BATTLE)	\$409,553	\$421,839	\$434,494
Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force	\$401,563	\$411,715	\$422,172
Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training	\$87,279	\$83,252	\$84,665
Chicago Police Department Vehicle Theft Data Analysis	\$211,236	\$123,954	\$127,523
State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement	\$101,093	\$92,476	\$93,900
Public Awareness/Innovations/Evaluation	\$35,000	\$394,109	\$448,426
TOTAL	\$5,762,150	\$6,052,130	\$6,233,544

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Funds SFY 1991 to Date*

	SFY 1991	SFY 1992	SFY 1993	SFY 1994	SFY 1995	SFY 1996	SFY 1997
REVENUE							
Insurance company payments	3,679,729	6,477,645	5,187,604	5,269,417	5,306,781	5,427,486	5,554,590
Beat Auto Theft Program revenue	0	0	0	0	1,590	4,625	1,120
Interest on Trust Fund	0	253,170	328,170	280,204	310,915	263,376	222,737
Subtotal	3,679,729	6,730,815	5,515,774	5,549,621	5,619,286	5,695,487	5,778,447
EXPENDITURES							
Transfers from Trust Fund	0	(100,000)	0	(736)	0	(11,441)	0
Administrative expenditures	(8,068)	(205,021)	(328,170)	(399,627)	(461,547)	(408,141)	(329,393)
Grantee expenditures	0	(70,000)	(4,944,103)	(6,757,497)	(8,227,976)	(5,779,684)	(5,465,088)
Subtotal	(8,068)	(375,021)	(5,272,273)	(7,157,860)	(8,689,523)	(6,199,266)	(5,794,481)
REVENUES less EXPENDITURES	3,671,661	6,355,794	243,501	(1,608,239)	(3,070,237)	(503,779)	(16,034)
TRUST FUND BALANCE	3,671,661	10,027,455	10,270,956	8,662,717	5,592,480	5,088,701	5,072,667

	SFY 1998	SFY 1999	SFY 2000	SFY 2001	SFY 2002	SFY 2003**	TOTALS
REVENUE							
Insurance company payments	5,599,576	5,697,892	5,836,878	5,762,127	5,928,202	34,866	65,762,793
Beat Auto Theft Program revenue	250	0	0	0	0	0	7,585
Interest on Trust Fund	240,659	236,526	286,037	343,728	217,782	49,283	3,032,587
Subtotal	5,840,485	5,934,418	6,122,915	6,105,855	6,145,984	84,149	68,802,965
EXPENDITURES							
Transfers from Trust Fund	(12,456)	0	(22,766)	11,226	(13,738)	(4,000,000)	(4,149,911)
Administrative expenditures	(268,400)	(179,910)	(151,500)	(254,219)	(335,345)	(124,946)	(3,454,287)
Grantee expenditures	(5,240,955)	(5,325,023)	(5,481,428)	(4,901,941)	(4,621,844)	(3,967,062)	(60,782,601)
Subtotal	(5,521,811)	(5,504,933)	(5,655,694)	(5,144,934)	(4,970,927)	(8,092,008)	(68,386,799)
REVENUES less EXPENDITURES	318,674	429,485	467,221	960,921	1,175,057	(8,007,859)	416,166
TRUST FUND BALANCE	5,391,341	5,820,826	6,288,047	7,248,968	8,424,025	416,166	

*SFY = State Fiscal Year = July 1st through June 30th.

**July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

Numbers in parentheses are negative.

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American Economy Insurance Company
American Employers Insurance Company
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American Freedom Insurance Company
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Assurance Company of America
Atlanta Casualty Company
Atlanta Specialty Insurance Company
Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company
Auto Club Family Insurance Company
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Automobile Club International Exchange
Badger Mutual Insurance Company
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Centennial Insurance Company
Central Mutual Insurance Company
Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company
Chicago Insurance Company
Chicago Motor Club Insurance Company
Chicago Mutual Insurance Company
Chubb National Insurance Company
Cincinnati Casualty Company
Cincinnati Indemnity Company
Cincinnati Insurance Company
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Citizens Insurance Company of Illinois
Columbia Mutual Insurance Company
Combined Specialty Insurance Company
Commerce and Industry Insurance Company
Constitutional Casualty Company
Continental Insurance Company
Continental National Indemnity Company
Continental Western Insurance Company
Country Casualty Insurance Company
Country Mutual Insurance Company
Country Preferred Insurance Company
Dairyland Insurance Company
Deerbrook Insurance Company
Depositors Insurance Company
Economy Fire & Casualty Company
Economy Preferred Insurance Company
Economy Premier Assurance Company
Electric Insurance Company
EMCASCO Insurance Company
Empire Fire & Marine Insurance Company
Employers Fire Insurance Company
Employers Mutual Casualty Company
Equity Mutual Insurance Company
Erie Insurance Company
Erie Insurance Exchange
Farmers Automobile Insurance Association
Farmers Union Cooperative Insurance Company
Federal Insurance Company
Federated Mutual Insurance Company
Fidelity & Casualty Company of New York
Fidelity & Guaranty Insurance Company
Fidelity & Guaranty Insurance Underwriters Incorporated
Financial Indemnity Company
First Liberty Insurance Company
First National Insurance Company of America
Foremost Insurance Company
Foremost Property & Casualty Insurance Company
Foremost Signature Insurance Company
Founders Insurance Company
Gallant Insurance Company
GE Auto & Home Assurance Company
GEICO Casualty Company
GEICO General Insurance Company
GEICO Indemnity Company
General Casualty Company of Illinois
General Casualty Company of Wisconsin
General Insurance Company of American
Glens Fall Insurance Company
Globe American Casualty Company
Globe Indemnity Company
GMAC Insurance Company Online Incorporated
Goodville Mutual Casualty Company
Government Employees Insurance Company
Grange Indemnity Insurance Company
Grange Mutual Casualty Company
Granite State Insurance Company
Great American Alliance Insurance Company
Great American Assurance Company
Great American Contemporary Insurance Company
Great American Insurance Company
Great American Insurance Company of NY
Great American Royal Insurance Company
Great American Spirit Insurance Company
Great Northern Insurance Company
Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company
Grinnell Select Insurance Company
GuideOne America Insurance Company
GuideOne Elite Insurance Company
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GuideOne Specialty Mutual Insurance Company
Hanover Insurance Company
Harleysville Insurance Company
Harleysville Lake States Insurance Company
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Hartford Insurance Company of Illinois
Hartford Insurance Company of The Midwest
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Hastings Mutual Insurance Company
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Horace Mann Insurance Company
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Illinois EMCASCO Insurance Company
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IMT Insurance Company Mutual
Indiana Insurance Company
Infinity Insurance Company
Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania
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Integon Casualty Insurance Company
 Integon Indemnity Corporation
 Integon National Insurance Company
 Interstate Bankers Casualty Company
 Interstate Indemnity Company
 Iowa Mutual Insurance Company
 Jefferson Insurance Company
 Kemper Auto & Home Insurance Company
 Liberty Insurance Corporation
 Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company
 Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
 Lincoln General Insurance Company
 Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company
 Lyndon Property Insurance Company
 Madison Mutual Insurance Company
 Markel American Insurance Company
 Maryland Casualty Company
 Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company
 Medmarc Casualty Insurance Company
 Mendakota Insurance Company
 Merastar Insurance Company
 Mercury Indemnity Company of Illinois
 Mercury Insurance Company of Illinois
 Meridian Royal Insurance Company
 Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company
 Metropolitan Direct Property & Casualty Insurance Company
 Metropolitan General Insurance Company
 Metropolitan Group Property & Casualty Insurance Company
 Metropolitan Property & Casualty Insurance Company
 MIC General Insurance Corporation
 Mid-Century Insurance Company
 Midway Insurance Company of Illinois
 Millers Classified Insurance Company
 Millers Mutual Insurance Association
 Milwaukee Casualty Insurance Company
 Milwaukee Safeguard Insurance Company
 Mutual Service Casualty Insurance Company
 National Alliance Insurance Company
 National Ben Franklin Insurance Company of Illinois
 National Farmers Union Property & Casualty Company
 National Farmers Union Standard Insurance Company
 National General Assurance Company
 National General Insurance Company
 National Heritage Insurance Company
 National Interstate Insurance Company
 Nationwide Assurance Company
 Nationwide General Insurance Company
 Nationwide Insurance Company of American
 Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company
 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company
 New Hampshire Insurance Company
 North Pointe Insurance Company of Illinois
 Northern Assurance Company of America
 Northern Insurance Company of New York
 Northland Insurance Company
 Northwestern National Casualty Company
 Oak Casualty Insurance Company
 Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
 Ohio Farmers Insurance Company
 Ohio Royal Insurance Company
 Old Republic Minnehoma Insurance Company
 Omaha Property & Casualty Insurance Company
 Omni Indemnity Company
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 One Beacon America Insurance Company
 Owners Insurance Company
 Pacific Indemnity Company
 Pekin Insurance Company
 Pennsylvania General Insurance Company
 Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company
 Phoenix Insurance Company
 Potomac Insurance Company of Illinois
 Progressive American Insurance Company
 Progressive Casualty Insurance Company
 Progressive Halcyon Insurance Company
 Progressive Premier Insurance Company of Illinois
 Progressive Specialty Insurance Company
 Progressive Universal Insurance Company of Illinois
 Property & Casualty Insurance Company of Hartford
 Providence Washington Insurance Company
 Prudential Commercial Insurance Company
 Prudential General Insurance Company
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 Redland Insurance Company
 Regent Insurance Company
 Republic Western Insurance Company
 Response Insurance Company
 Rockford Mutual Insurance Company
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 Royal Insurance Company of Hartford
 Royal National Insurance Company
 SAFECO Insurance Company of American
 SAFECO Insurance Company of Illinois
 SAFECO National Insurance Company
 Safeguard Insurance Company
 Safeway Insurance Company
 Sagamore Insurance Company
 Selective Insurance Company of The Southeast
 Sentry Insurance A Mutual Company
 Shelby Insurance Company
 Shelter General Insurance Company
 Shelter Mutual Insurance Company
 Sirius America Insurance Company
 Southern Heritage Insurance Company
 Springfield Fire & Casualty Company
 St Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company
 St Paul Guardian Insurance Company
 St Paul Insurance Company of Illinois
 St Paul Mercury Insurance Company
 Standard Mutual Insurance Company
 State Auto National Insurance Company
 State Auto Property & Casualty Insurance Company
 State Automobile Mutual Insurance Company
 State Farm Fire And Casualty Company
 State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Company
 Stonington Insurance Company
 Superior Insurance Company
 Teachers Insurance Company
 Tokio Marine & Fire Insurance Company Ltd., US Branch
 Travco Insurance Company
 Travelers Casualty Company of Connecticut
 Travelers Home & Marine Insurance Company
 Travelers Indemnity Company
 Travelers Indemnity Company of American
 Travelers Indemnity Company of Illinois
 Travelers Property & Casualty Insurance Company of Illinois
 Travelers Property Casualty Insurance Company
 Tri State Insurance Company of Minnesota
 Trinity Universal Insurance Company
 Trustguard Insurance Company
 Twin City Fire Insurance Company
 Underwriters At Lloyds London
 Unique Insurance Company
 United Automobile Insurance Company
 United Equitable Insurance Company
 United Financial Casualty Company
 United Fire & Casualty Company
 United Royal Insurance Company
 United Services Auto Association
 United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company
 Universal Casualty Company
 Universal Underwriters Insurance Company
 US Agencies Direct Insurance Company
 USAA Casualty Insurance Company
 USAA General Indemnity Company
 Valiant Insurance Company
 Victoria Fire & Casualty Company
 Victoria Select Insurance Company
 Vigilant Insurance Company
 Viking Insurance Company of Wisconsin
 Voyager Property & Casualty Insurance Company
 Warner Insurance Company
 Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company
 West American Insurance Company
 West Bend Mutual Insurance Company
 Western Specialty Insurance Company
 Western States Insurance Company
 Westfield Insurance Company
 Westfield National Insurance 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 improve and support motor vehicle theft law enforcement, prosecution and administration of motor vehicle theft laws by establishing statewide planning 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 powers, 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 be 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 designed 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, 2004.

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