



**ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
PREVENTION COUNCIL**
300 West Adams, suite 200
Chicago, Illinois 60606

GRC MEETING

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Springfield, Illinois

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**ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION COUNCIL
Grant Review Committee Meeting**

April 25, 2012 – 10:00 A.M.

**Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center
3000 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62703**

AGENDA

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- **Chairman's Remarks, Bruce Banks**
- 1. Approval of the January 25, 2012 Grant Review Committee Summary**
- 2. Program Director's Report, Greg Stevens**
- 3. Quarterly Activity Summary**
- 4. Program Profile**
 - Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse Program
 - Cook County Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
- **Adjourn**

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**Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council
Grant Review Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 – 10:00 AM
State Farm Insurance
2702 Ireland Grove Road, Classroom #2
Bloomington, IL 61702

Meeting Summary

CALL TO ORDER

Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Banks, Chairman of the Grant Review Committee(GRC), presided over the meeting. Junaid Afeef, Council secretary, called roll. Present were Chairman Banks, Sgt. Cappitelli, Mr. Cholewin, Director Demuzio, Mr. Farina, Chief Fengel and Michael Golden as designee for Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez. Mr. Larry Johnson from the Council board was present and added to the GRC for the purposes of this meeting. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Parrillo. Quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 12 & 13, 2011 GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Chairman Banks referenced the meeting summary from October 12 & 13, 2011, a copy of which was provided to all GRC members in advance, and asked for any additions, deletions or questions. Hearing none, he then asked for a motion to approve the 10/12/11 and 10/13/11 meeting summary. Chief Fengel moved to approve the meeting summary. Mr. Cholewin seconded the motion. The 10/12/11 and 10/13/11 meeting summary was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Banks called upon Program Director Greg Stevens to present his report. Mr. Stevens presented the following report to the members of the GRC:

Financial Status Report & Cash Flow Projection – Mr. Stevens presented the most recent Financial Status and Cash Flow Projection Reports for the Committee's view. Mr. Stevens noted expected expenses through November 30, 2011 were \$5,748,358 and the actual expenses for this period were \$5,223,509. Mr. Stevens noted that full details of actual expenses will be available at the February 24, 2012 Council meeting.

Mr. Stevens noted that the Cash Flow Projection report indicated an expected trust fund balance of \$2,482,066 at the end of 2011. Mr. Stevens noted fiscal staff from ICJIA were available via conference call to answer any questions about the financial information presented. He also noted that Jim Oas retired in December 2011, and that Ron Litwin from ICJIA was assigned in the interim to serve as the fiscal staff member responsible for Council matters.

Fiscal, Progress and Prosecution Submission Summary – Mr. Stevens noted that the summary is not included in this report because there are no 2012 reports due at this time.

Vehicle Fleet – Mr. Stevens briefly referenced the vehicle fleet chart in the materials. He noted that this chart was first presented at the last meeting and that it is prepared and maintained by Vehicle Acquisition Specialist Luisa Salazar. The chart includes vehicles that are Council purchased, leased or insurance provided.

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Staff Activities – Mr. Stevens next highlighted some staff activities from October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. He noted that the bulk of the 2012 grant agreements were fully executed. He further noted that the grants for NEMAT and for the Cook County State’s Attorney remained pending for signatures.

QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Chairman Banks directed the committee members to the Quarterly Activity Summary behind TAB 3 of the printed materials. He asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the summary. Initially there were none. However, at the request of Mr. Cholewin, Chairman Banks revisited the report and some discussion followed.

Mr. Cholewin asked about how task forces apportioned credit for stolen vehicle recoveries when multiple task forces and other law enforcement agencies are involved in the recovery effort. Tim Gainer, speaking as the current chair of the Illinois Auto Theft Directors Association, addressed Mr. Cholewin’s question. Mr. Gainer noted a task force took credit for a recovery if task force agents had “hands and time” on the recovery. Mr. Cholewin also had a question about conviction rates. It was noted that conviction information is provided to the Council from the Cook County State’s Attorney and that this information often involves lag time between the arrest/recovery dates and the conviction. Mr. Cholewin also asked a question about the success of bait cars and LPRs. Mr. Mirabelli (Director of the Greater Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force) responded to this question and noted that the bait car efforts are labor intensive because the vehicles must be monitored for liability purposes. Chairman Banks followed up with a question about the types of individuals usually apprehended through the use of bait car operations. He asked whether the task forces were arresting career auto thieves or first time offenders. There were no further questions.

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST

Chairman Banks next asked Mr. Stevens to address a budget amendment memo that covered grant adjustment requests from the Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse, the Greater Metro Auto Theft Task Force, and the Secretary of State Special Audit Teams Program respectively.

Clearinghouse Request: Mr. Stevens explained that the Clearinghouse is requesting to put a part-time analyst specialist onto the grant full-time and to fund the additional costs with the salary from the vacant assistant grand-funded position. He noted that the program currently receives funding for two full-time analysts, one part-time analyst, and one full-time office assistant. Mr. Stevens noted that Clearinghouse Chief Aaron Kustermann informed him that as of 1/31/12 the Council funded office assistant position will become vacant. The Clearinghouse program receives \$360,859 in Council funding for 2012 and this budget amendment does not require any additional funding. Mr. Stevens asked whether this budget tactic would create any union concerns and was told that it would not. Chairman Banks asked whether this re-alignment would allow for all of the work that was previously being done to continue to be completed. The Clearinghouse director in the audience reported that there would not be any reduction in work being accomplished. Director Demuzio moved to approve the Clearinghouse amendment. Chief Fengel seconded the motion and it was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Greater Metro Auto Theft Task Force Request: Mr. Stevens reported that GMAT is requesting an additional \$22,000 in funds. Currently GMAT reimburses the DuPage County Sheriff’s Office \$12,000 for an officer working a portion of his time in the unit, the remainder of the time is spent working for the Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff’s Office would like to put the officer into the unit full-time and is requesting a greater salary reimbursement.

GMAT receives \$736,348 from the Council for calendar year 2012. If granted, the new designation total will be \$758,348. Chairman Banks asked if this move would increase GMAT’s productivity. GMAT director Mr. Mirabelli stated that it would. Director Demuzio moved to approve the increase in the GMAT 2012 designation by and additional \$22,000. Sgt. Cappitelli seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

SOS Special Audit Teams Request: Mr. Stevens gave a brief overview of the SOS request. He noted that the program originally requested \$1,551,975 for 2012. Because of limited funds, the program was awarded \$1,332,036. The Secretary of State’s office funds the difference (\$219,939) from its budget. The Secretary of State is now concerned that their budget may be reduced in FY 2013 or that the cost of living increases would create budget shortfalls. This reduction would mean that they may not be able to fund a portion of the \$219,939. The Special

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Audit Team Program receives \$1,332,036 from the Council for calendar year 2012. If granted, the new designation will be \$1,382,036. Mr. Farina and Mr. Cholewin raised concerns about the source of the additional funds given that there were only a few thousand dollars remaining undesignated in 2012 funds. Mr. Stevens explained that the MVTP Fund is approximately \$72,000 under the appropriations limit for 2012 due in large part to the reduction in designation requested and received by the Clearinghouse for 2012. Chief Fengel moved to approve this request. Sgt. Cappitelli seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PROGRAM PROFILES

Chairman Banks noted that the program profiles for the IL Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training Program and the Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force were in the materials and that both of these programs would be making presentations at the 2/24/12 Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion about whether NICB receives any funds for recovering stolen vehicles from insurance companies. It was noted that some insurance companies do pay \$500 per recovered vehicle if one of their insured vehicles is recovered by NICB using an NICB LPR.

There was also a brief update from Mr. Stevens about an effort by the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) to introduce legislation in Illinois to develop a special trust fund to finance some of its operations and that the funding mechanism would be very similar to the one that exists for the Council.

Chief Fengel proposed to hold the February 24, 2012 Council meeting in Peoria.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Director Demuzio moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cholewin seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.



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TO: Grant Review Committee Members
FROM: Greg Stevens, Program Director
SUBJECT: Director's Report
DATE: April 5, 2012

I. Financial Status Report and Cash Flow Projection - Following the green divider is a chart showing the grant annual expenses budgeted compared to actual expenses through February 29, 2012. As the chart notates, the expected expenses through February 29, 2012 were \$1,083,531 and the reported expenses were \$809,654.

Behind the yellow divider is a copy of the *Cash Flow Projection* report for 2012. It is expected there will be a trust fund balance of \$2,640,817 at the end of 2012. Please review the footnotes located behind the report for additional Fiscal disclosures.

Fiscal staff will be available to discuss the above reports.

II. Calendar year 2012 Program Funding – Behind the pink divider is *CY 2012 MV Program Funding* chart. The chart indicates the current designations of all the 2012 programs, adjustments made, and the amount available for programming.

III. Fiscal, Progress and Prosecution Submission Summary – Behind the purple divider is a chart prepared by Criminal Justice Specialist Terry Dugan summarizing the record of each unit in submitting the various reports required by the Council. The summary covers the period of January – February 2012.

IV. Vehicle Fleet – Behind the purple divider is a chart prepared by Vehicle Acquisition Specialist Luisa Salazar summarizing the entire vehicle fleet being utilized by the Council funded programs. The chart includes vehicles that are Council purchased, leased or insurance provided.

V. Staff Activities – Below are highlights of staff activities for the period of January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012:

- The *Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council 2011 Annual Report* has been completed and distributed to the Governor. Copies of the report can be found at the Council's website.

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- Staff completed the mailing of 290 letters to insurance companies licensed to write private passenger vehicle coverage in Illinois. To-date, \$6,491,917 has been collected – surpassing the \$6,414,542 collected last year.
- Staff is working with the Authority to redesign the Council's webpage.
- On February 23, 2012 Council staff attended the Illinois Auto Theft Director's Association meeting in Peoria.
- On February 28, 2012 Greg Stevens participated in a teleconference with the Auto Theft Prevention Authority's Director Association.

ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION TRUST FUND

Grant annual expenses budgeted compared to actual expenses through February 29, 2012

4/19/2012

PROGRAM NAME	IMPLEMENTING ENTITY	Budget Granted	Expected expenses	Expenses reported	% of expected
		2012 & amendments	thru Feb 29, 2012	thru Feb 29, 2012	
MV12-001 Special Audit Teams Program	Secretary of State, Department of Police	\$1,382,036	\$230,385	\$235,271	102.12%
MV12-004 Motor Vehicle Theft Specialized Prosecution Unit	Cook County State's Attorney's Office	\$802,644	\$133,801	\$105,994	79.22%
MV 12-008 Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force	Joliet Police Department	\$802,934	\$133,849	\$139,426	104.17%
MV 12-010 Metro East Auto Theft Task Force	Belleville Police Department	\$752,810	\$125,493	\$131,582	104.85%
MV 12-012 Northeastern Metro Auto Theft Task Force	Illinois State Police/ Village of Lynwood	\$515,991	\$86,016	\$71,423	83.03%
MV 12-016 Insurance Vehicle Expense Fund Program	National Insurance Crime Bureau	\$63,590	\$10,600	\$3,402	32.09%
MV 12-019 Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse	Illinois State Police	\$360,859	\$60,155	\$10,977	18.25%
MV 12-022 Greater Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force	Village of Lemont	\$758,348	\$126,417	\$20,806	16.46%
MV 12-025 Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force	Winnebago Cty Sheriff's Office	\$621,595	\$103,620	\$40,560	39.14%
MV 12-036 Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training Program	Illinois State Police	\$51,964	\$8,662	\$0	0.00%
MV 12-040 State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement (SLATE)	City of Peoria	\$387,113	\$64,532	\$50,213	77.81%
Total		\$6,499,884	\$1,083,531	\$809,654	74.72%

4/19/2012

ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION TRUST FUND
Cash Flow Projection- 2012
(SUBJECT TO CONTINGENCIES IN NOTES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES)

		<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
		actual	actual	actual	actual	projection
Beginning Balance	Trust fund balance on January 1st	\$1,799,353	\$2,123,012	\$2,574,841	\$2,844,981	\$3,056,017
Interest	Earned on the fund balance monthly	\$105,130	\$40,641	\$22,985	\$26,106	\$23,000
Insurance company payments	Based on existing fee structure Due April 1st	\$6,398,636	\$6,474,670	\$6,486,893	\$6,403,814	\$6,500,000
Grants and Awards	Please see a discussion in notes 1, 2 and 3	(\$5,874,870)	(\$5,822,886)	(\$5,975,205)	(\$5,906,896)	(\$6,500,000)
Administrative Costs	Projected expense amounts are the State budget	(\$305,237)	(\$240,596)	(\$264,533)	(\$311,988)	(\$378,200)
Transfers to general fund	Please see a discussion in notes 1, 2 and 3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Audit fees	Bi-annual audit of the fund			\$0	\$0	(\$60,000)
Ending Balance	Trust Fund Balance on December 31 Note 2	<u>\$2,123,012</u>	<u>\$2,574,841</u>	<u>\$2,844,981</u>	<u>\$3,056,017</u>	<u>\$2,640,817</u>

ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION TRUST FUND
(The Trust Fund)
Cash Flow Projection 2012

1. Projected grant amounts and the cash balances of the Trust Fund in this report are qualified as to amount of lapses in the final fiscal reports from the grantees and subject to “sweeps” and freezes by the Governor’s office.

Projected grant amounts in 2012 are the State of Illinois budgeted (appropriation) of \$6.5 million.

It is reasonably possible that substantial “sweeps” to the fund could occur in the calendar years after 2011 based upon historical amounts determined by the State of Illinois and a reasonably possible conclusion in favor of the State of Illinois of the legal proceedings discussed in note 2.

It is reasonably possible that “sweeps” that materially affect the future results of the fund operations could occur as early as July 1, 2012. Budget reductions in 2012 and years after 2012 may be required as a result of sweeps that might occur.

2. The projected fund balance of \$2,640,817 at the end of the period will not be available for future programs unless the budgeted appropriation of \$6.5 million is increased to allow for this amount to be spent. Any lapsed funds in 2012 will increase the amount not available.

3. There two significant legal proceedings affecting the fund.

The Property and Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA) filed a suit in the State of Illinois in 2006. The Governor and other top Illinois State officials (the State) are named as defendants. The suit asks for the return of over \$6 million of monies removed from the fund and for an injunction barring further removal of funds from the Trust Fund.

An agreed court order between the plaintiff and defendants was entered on June 6, 2006. The State agreed that no money would be withdrawn from the fund and the plaintiff agreed to withdraw its motion for preliminary injunction.

The defendants filed a motion to dismiss all counts of the complaint which was heard and denied in October 2006. The plaintiffs filed a motion for summary judgment which was denied in January 2008. Another similar case, A.B.A.T.E of Illinois v the State as described below stayed the legal proceedings of PCIAA and there are no legal proceedings proposed or undertaken to date.

In A.B.A.T.E. (ABATE) of Illinois v. Illinois State officials (the State), a group of motorcyclists challenged the transfer of money from the Cycle Rider Safety Training Fund to the General Revenue Fund pursuant to the Fiscal Year 2004 and Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Implementation Acts. The trial court rejected the ABATE's constitutional and statutory challenges and granted a motion of summary judgment for the State. ABATE filed an appeal with the Illinois Appellate Court, Fourth Judicial District. The appellate court affirmed the judgment of the trial court in granting the motion of the State for summary judgment. On October 27, 2011, in a 6-to -1, decision the Illinois Supreme Court upheld the Illinois Appellate Court and the Sangamon County Circuit Court ruling backing the Governor and the Legislature's ability to sweep funds.

The Office of the General Counsel of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (OGC) states that the ABATE decision may not significantly impact the PCIAA litigation because the statute section of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act that creates the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund is substantially different than the statute in the ABATE case. OGC further states that the Supreme Court ruling in ABATE will not likely end the PCIAA litigation.

The management of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority stated in a report to the Illinois Office of the Comptroller that the probability of loss or "sweeps" to the trust fund as a result of a decision favorable to the State in the PCIAA litigation is reasonably possible. Under Statement of Accounting Standard No. 5, this is defined that the chance of the future event is more than remote but less than likely.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION TRUST FUND

Lapsed funds by calendar year - amount under budget

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GRANT NUMBER	PROGRAM	2002 LAPSED	2003 LAPSED	2004 LAPSED	2005 LAPSED	2006 LAPSED	2007 LAPSES	2008 LAPSED	2009 LAPSED	2010 LAPSED	2011 LAPSED
MV001	SECRETARY OF STATE, SPECIAL AUDIT TEAMS	77,993	80,612	14,530	15,273	60,621	4,654	29,496	33,699	22,843	0
MV004	COOK COUNTY STATES ATTY, THEFT PROSECUTIONS	1,522	4,794	24,390	11,146	127,375	32,763	0	38,374	52,210	68,853
MV008	JOLIET, TRI-COUNTY AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	12,120	7,024	2,385	29	22,745	3,724	48	0	6	34
MV010	BELLEVILLE, METRO EAST AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	32,402	33,383	4,891	2,694	8,123	15,999	22,679	4,591	14,625	10,072
MV010-1	BELLEVILLE, METRO EAST AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	Note 1	0	1	0
MV011	ELGIN, KANE COUNTY AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	12,688	26,485	86,564	4,398	61,512	72,031	503	52,256	11,699	64,679
MV012	IL STATE POLICE / VILLAGE OF LYNNWOOD, NEMAT TASK FORCE	290,508	326,482	308,963	325,934	314,175	329,385	Note 2	299,463	22,632	1,059
MV016	INSURANCE VEHICLE EXPENSE FUND	47,490	48,054	5,974	0	0	4,470	17,460	40,492	27,088	52,169
MV019	IL STATE POLICE, MV THEFT INTELLIGENCE CLEARINGHOUSE	0	79,893	46,805	5,116	46,418	139,354	137,035	143,291	128,547	31,681
MV021	DUPAGE SHERIFF, AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	131,127	170,540	13,787	18,308	61,404	26,280	23,491	27,526	44,938	91,841
MV025	WINNEBAGO SHERIFF, NORTHERN IL AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE	4,974	19,280	338	7,533	14,118	0	12991	2,460	0	5,463
MV036	IL STATE POLICE MVTP TRAINING	18,213	40,980	35,697	37,469	7,496	4,524	17,721	22,001	18,589	37,437
MV040	PEORIA/ STATE AND LOCAL AUTO THEFT ENFORCEMENT (SLATE)	28,538	28,179	22,440	9,293	28,059	18,326	14,272	12,906	47,541	12,355
		<u>657,575</u>	<u>865,706</u>	<u>566,764</u>	<u>437,193</u>	<u>752,046</u>	<u>651,510</u>	<u>275,696</u>	<u>677,059</u>	<u>390,719</u>	<u>375,643</u>

Note 1: period of performance of 1/1/09-06/30/10.

Note 2: period of performance of 1/1/08-12/31/09.

**Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft
Prevention Council**

January 1, 2012 - April 25, 2012

CY 2012 MV Program Funding					
	CY12 designation	adjustment 2/24/2012	revised CY12 designation		
Cook Co.	\$ 802,644		\$ 802,644		
Greater Metro	\$ 736,348	\$ 22,000	\$ 758,348		
NICB	\$ 63,590		\$ 63,590		
Clearinghouse	\$ 360,859		\$ 360,859		
Training Academy	\$ 51,964		\$ 51,964		
Metro East	\$ 752,810		\$ 752,810		
NEMAT	\$ 515,991		\$ 515,991		
Northern IL	\$ 621,595		\$ 621,595		
SOS Audit Team	\$ 1,332,036	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,382,036		
SLATE	\$ 387,113		\$ 387,113		
Tri-County	\$ 802,934		\$ 802,934		
Chicago Police *	\$ 101,952		\$ 101,952		
Total	\$ 6,427,884		\$ 6,499,884		
Grants					
Appropriation	\$ 6,500,000		\$ 6,500,000		
Available for programming	\$ 72,116		\$ 116		

* Was designated from CY11 lapsing funds and are not included in the CY12 total.

Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council Fleet

Task Force	Vehicle	Acquisition Type
<i>DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force</i>	Sport Utility Vehicle	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Donated : State Farm
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Donated: Allstate
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Donated: Allstate
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sedan	Donated: State Farm
	Sedan	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sedan	Leased
	Sedan	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sedan	Owned
	<i>Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation Training Program</i>	Minivan
<i>McHenry County</i>	Sedan	Donated: State Farm
<i>Metro East Auto Theft Task Force</i>	Sedan	Donated: Liberty Mutual
	Sedan	Donated: State Farm
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Owned
	Pick-up Truck	Owned
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
<i>Northeast Metro Auto Theft Task Force</i>	Wagon	Donated: Liberty Mutual
	Wagon	Donated: State Farm
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Donated: State Farm
	Sedan	Owned
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Minivan	Leased
<i>Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force</i>	Sedan	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Donated: County Mutual Ins.
	Sedan	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Donated: State Farm
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Sedan	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Pick-up Truck	Owned
	Sedan	Owned
	Motorcycle	Owned
Sedan	Leased	

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<i>State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force</i>	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Sedan	Donated: State Farm
	Sedan	Donated: State Farm
	Pick-up Truck	Donated: EMC Insurance
	Pick-up Truck	Donated: State Farm
	Pick-up Truck	Donated: State Farm
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Donated: State Farm
	<i>Secretary of State Special Audit Program</i>	Minivan
Sport Utility Vehicle		Donated: Allstate
Minivan		Donated: State Farm
Sedan		Donated: Allstate
Sport Utility Vehicle		Donated: State Farm
Sedan		Donated: American Family Ins.
Sedan		Donated: Allstate
Sport Utility Vehicle		Donated: Allstate
Sedan		Donated: State Farm
Sport Utility Vehicle		Donated: State Farm
Sedan		Owned
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Sedan		Leased
Sedan		Leased
<i>Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force</i>	Sedan	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Donated: State Farm
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Donated: American Family Ins.
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Donated: State Farm
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Donated: State Farm
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Donated: State Farm
	Sedan	Owned
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Pick-up Truck	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased
	Sport Utility Vehicle	Leased

Total Vehicles: 88	Total Donated: 34
	Total Leased: 35
	Total Owned: 19



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TO: Grant Review Committee Members
FROM: Greg Stevens, Program Director
SUBJECT: Quarterly Activity Report
DATE: April 4, 2012

Behind this memo is the most recent quarterly Activity Summary that has been prepared by the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Intelligence Clearinghouse. This report provides a comprehensive summary of the activities of each of the seven vehicle theft prevention task forces and the Illinois Secretary of State, Department of Police/Special Audit Team. We will discuss the report at the April 25, 2012 Grant Review Committee meeting.

“A working partnership of the public and private sectors fighting vehicle theft in Illinois”

Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force
Activity Summary
Fourth Quarter 2011

Prepared by:
Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse
April 3, 2012

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TASK FORCE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Seven task forces* and specialized audit teams operated from October 1 through December 31, 2011, to combat motor vehicle theft in Illinois. These task forces (shown below) were funded by a grant from the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (MVTPC). This report examines task force performance during the fourth quarter 2011.

BATTLE - Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement Task Force (DuPage County)

KCAT - Kane-Cook Auto Theft Task Force (See Appendix C for a list of cities the task force represents in Cook County.)

MEATTF - Metro-East Auto Theft Task Force (Madison and St. Clair Counties)

NEMAT - North East Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force (See Appendix D for a list of cities the task force represents in Cook County.)

NIATTF - Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force (Boone and Winnebago Counties)

SLATE - State Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force (Peoria County)

TCAT - Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force (Grundy, Kankakee, and Will Counties)

SAT - Secretary of State (SOS) Police Special Audit Teams (SAT) (statewide)

CCSAO - Cook County State's Attorneys Office (Cook County)

**Acronyms will be utilized throughout the report for brevity purposes. See Appendix B for a listing of all agencies contributing an officer to a task force.*

Data Source

Quarterly historical information regarding each task force was analyzed and grouped into the following categories: Problem Description, Workload Factor, and Impact Factor. A Task Force Summary section reflecting individual task force goals and a summary of activity during the quarter is also included. Information for this activity summary was obtained from the MVTPC

Monthly Task Force Reports for the fourth quarter 2011. Vehicle theft and recovery information was obtained from the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS). Population data estimates for 2010 were obtained from the United States Census Bureau. Detailed statistics for each task force are provided in Appendix A. Audit team data was reported by the Illinois SOS Police. The following describes the data sources for each specified topic. Illinois SOS 2011 vehicle registration data was not used in this report but is available for comparison in Appendix A.

Theft Data: Total vehicle thefts for the jurisdiction. Source: LEADS.

Recovery Data: Vehicle recoveries in jurisdiction. Includes Local Recoveries (vehicles stolen from and recovered in the same jurisdiction) and Foreign Recoveries (vehicles recovered in the jurisdiction, stolen from any jurisdiction). Source: LEADS.

Officers: Source: MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports.

Task Force Recoveries: Source: MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports.

Open Status Cases: Source: MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports.

Persons Arrested: Source: MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports.

Cases Initiated: Source: MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports.

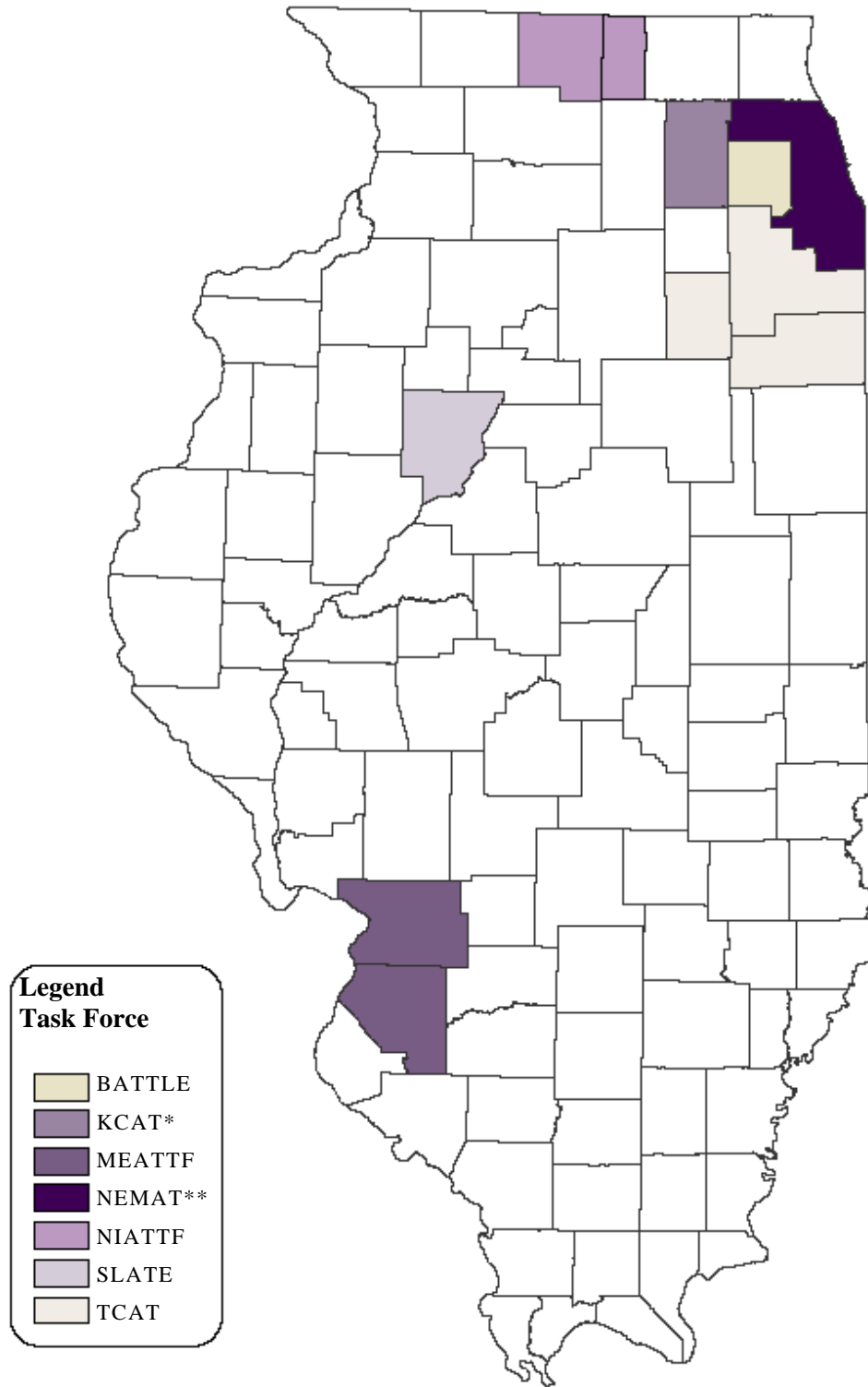
Cases Closed by Arrest: Source: MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports.

Value of Recovered Vehicles: Source: MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports.

Special Audit Teams Data: Source: SAT Quarterly Summary Report.

Cook County State's Attorney Data: Source: CCSA Quarterly Summary Report.

Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force Jurisdictions



**The KCAT Task Force jurisdiction covers Kane County and 16 cities in Cook County. See Appendix C for a listing of Cook County cities in KCAT jurisdiction.*

***The NEMAT Task Force jurisdiction covers 71 cities in Cook County. See Appendix D for a complete listing.*

The Data Sources were utilized to analyze the motor vehicle theft and recovery activity for the task forces during the fourth quarter 2011. Each section, Problem Description, Workload Factor, Impact Factor, and Task Force Summary, is described below.

Problem Description

The Problem Description, comprised of the factors listed below, serves to determine the severity of the auto theft problem in each task force area. The scope of the problem has bearing on the entire summary, as those task forces that are not inundated with thefts/investigations may have a more successful arrest rate as a result of an ability to spend more time and resources on each case.

Quarterly Thefts per 100,000 Population Local and Foreign Recoveries

Workload Factor

The Workload Factor, comprised of the two rates listed below, represents the task forces by their workload or activity. Although the demographics of an area may have an impact on the workload of a task force, the activity of the task force is dependent upon several factors, including complexity of cases, length of investigations, and the number of task force officers.

Quarterly Task Force Recoveries* / Task Force Officers Average Number of Quarterly Open Status Cases / Task Force Officers**

Impact Factor

The Impact Factor seeks to exemplify the level at which task forces are functioning in the location and recovery of stolen vehicles and the successful identification of the subjects involved. Prosecution data was excluded until an accurate accounting of prosecution statistics is available. The Arrestees Pending Prosecution statistic is available in Appendix A.

The following rates were deemed essential to the summary, as they have a direct impact on motor vehicle thefts in the state of Illinois.

Quarterly Arrests / Quarterly Task Force Recoveries* Quarterly Cases Initiated / Quarterly Cases Closed by Arrest Quarterly Task Force Recoveries* and Total Value of Task Force Recovered Vehicles*****

** Recovery is defined as the actual physical control, identification, or recovery of a vehicle by the task force, separate from another law enforcement entity. Note: It is not a vehicle recovery if another law enforcement agency has physical possession of a vehicle which has been identified as stolen prior to task force personnel arrival on the scene.*

*** The case classification prior to arrest or administrative closure.*

**** Value of Recovery: Untitled Vehicle - Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) listed value. All Other Vehicles - Retail NADA value. Value is estimated.*

Task Force Summary

The Task Force Summary includes a separate section for each task force. The task force goals and objectives for 2011 are summarized. Comments were solicited from each task force director regarding task force activity during the fourth quarter. These comments are included under the Task Force Director's Remarks section.

Audit Team Summary

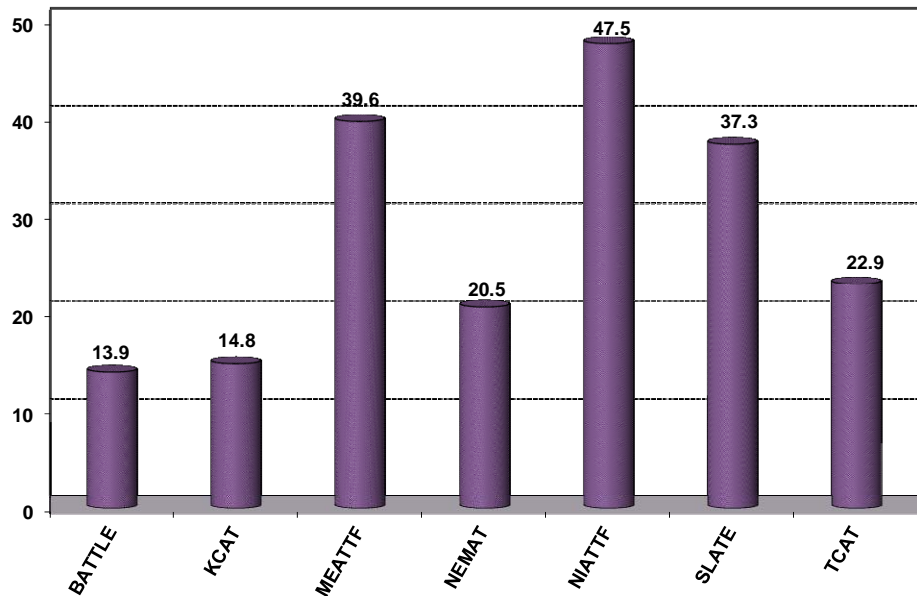
This section includes the quarterly summary of activity by the Illinois Secretary of State Police (ISSP), Special Audit Teams (SAT). Activity data is defined in this section.

Prosecution Summary

This section includes the quarterly summary of activity by the Cook County State's Attorneys Office. Activity data is defined in this section.

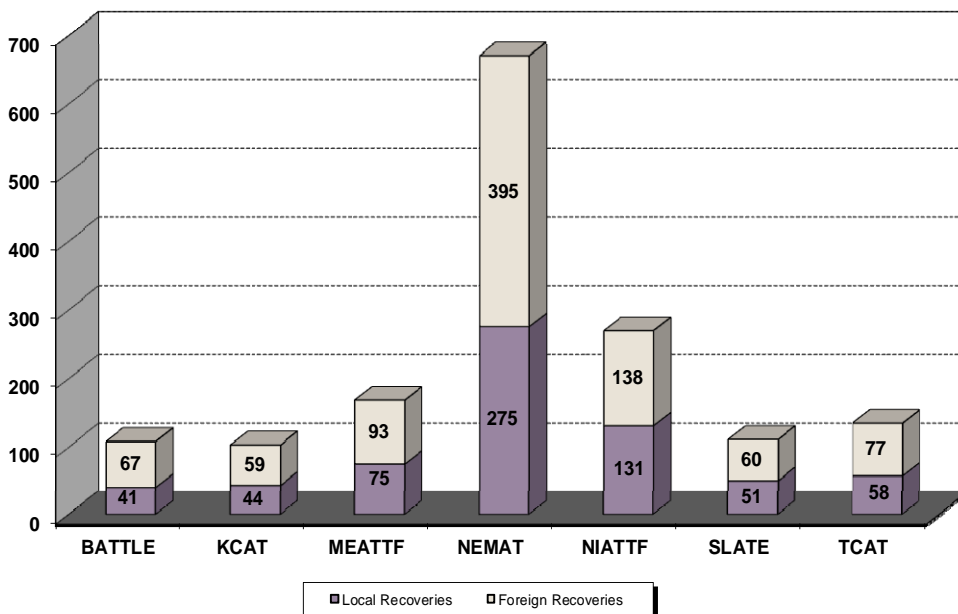
THEFTS PER 100,000 POPULATION

The number of motor vehicle thefts for each specified task force area was calculated for October 1 through December 31, 2011. The thefts per 100,000 population was computed* to level the variance in task force areas that are densely populated with those that are more sparsely populated.



**Computation: Quarterly Thefts divided by Task Force Jurisdiction Population, multiplied by 100,000.*

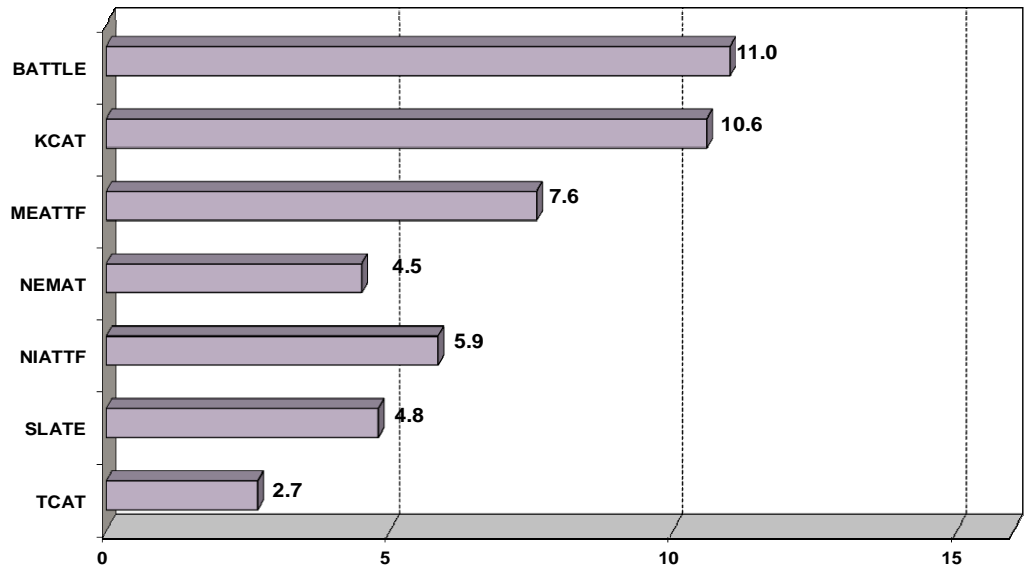
LOCAL AND FOREIGN RECOVERIES



The graph to the left depicts local recoveries (vehicles stolen and recovered within the task force jurisdiction) and foreign recoveries (vehicles stolen from any jurisdiction, recovered within the task force jurisdiction).

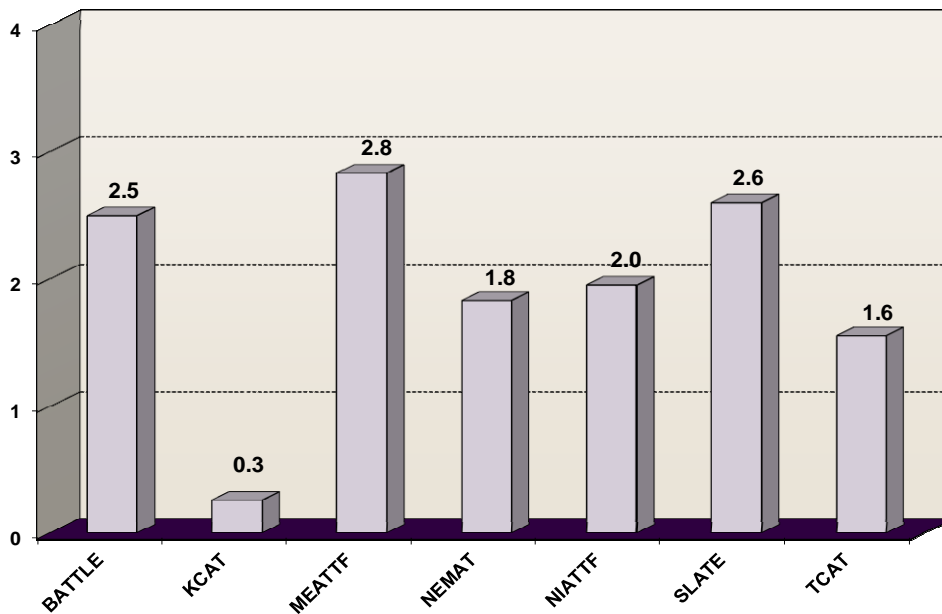
RECOVERIES PER OFFICER

The number of task force recoveries reported during the fourth quarter 2011 were utilized for this comparison. The ratio represents the number of vehicles recovered per officer. For example: MEATTF had a ratio of 7.6, meaning that for each officer, 7.6 vehicles were recovered.



Computation: Quarterly Task Force Recoveries divided by Task Force Officers.

OPEN STATUS CASES PER OFFICER

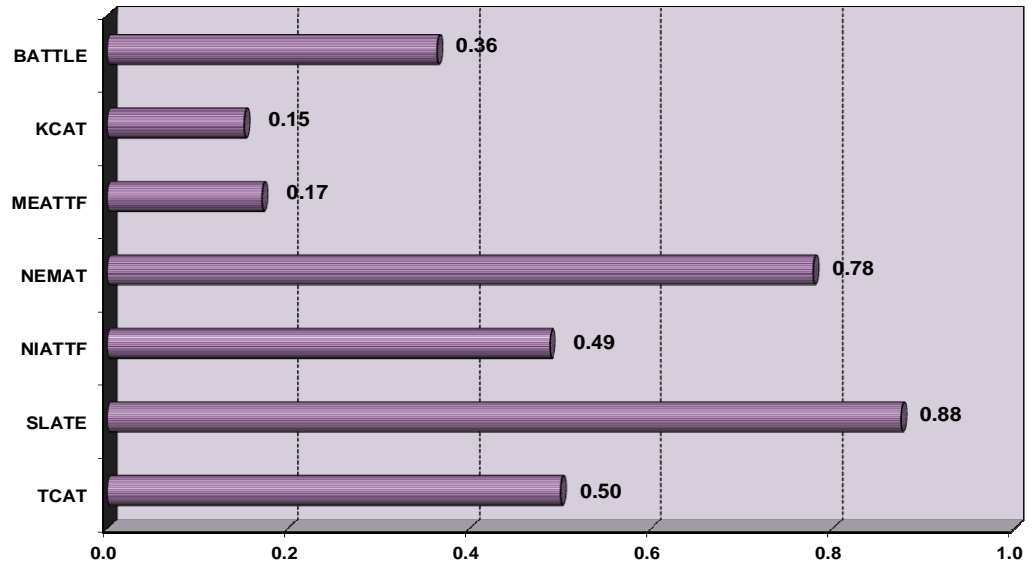


This graph depicts the average number of cases that are currently open per officer assigned to each task force. Open status includes the number of cases initiated plus continuing investigations. For example, if a task force has five officers and 45 cases in open status, this computes to an average of three cases per month.

Computation: Average Number of Quarterly Cases in Open Status divided by Task Force Officers.

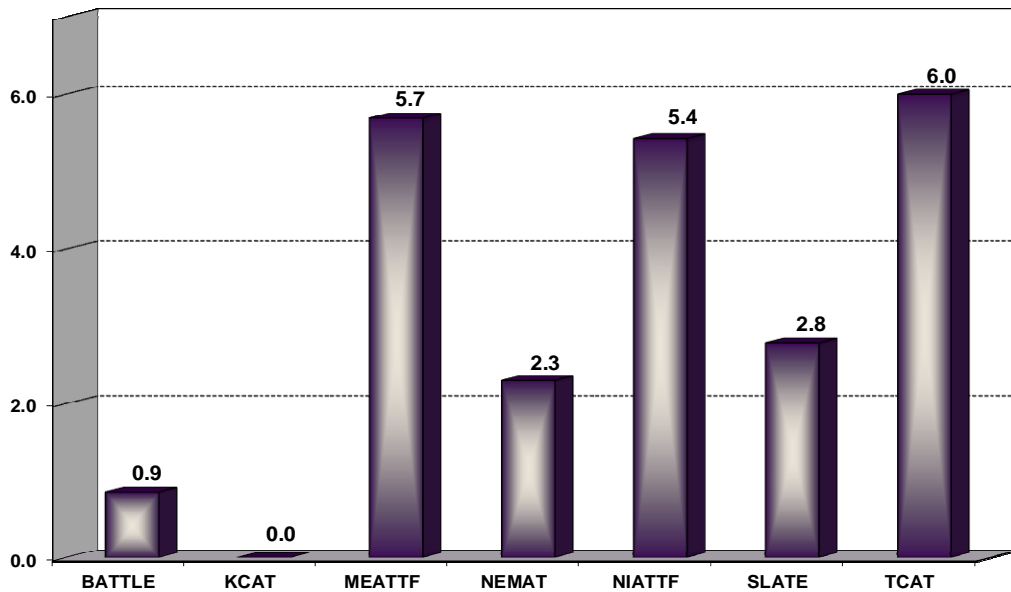
ARRESTS PER TASK FORCE RECOVERIES

The graph shown at right illustrates the number of arrests per recovery for each task force. For example, for each recovery made by NIATTF, there were .49 arrests.



Computation: Quarterly Arrests divided by Quarterly Task Force Recoveries.

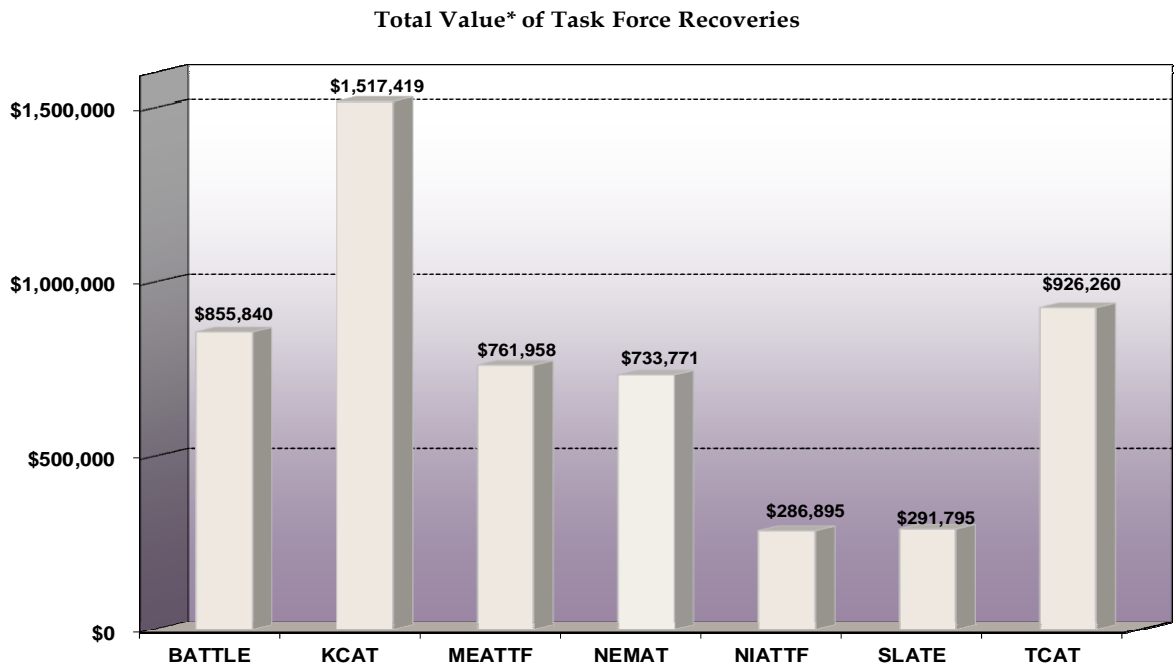
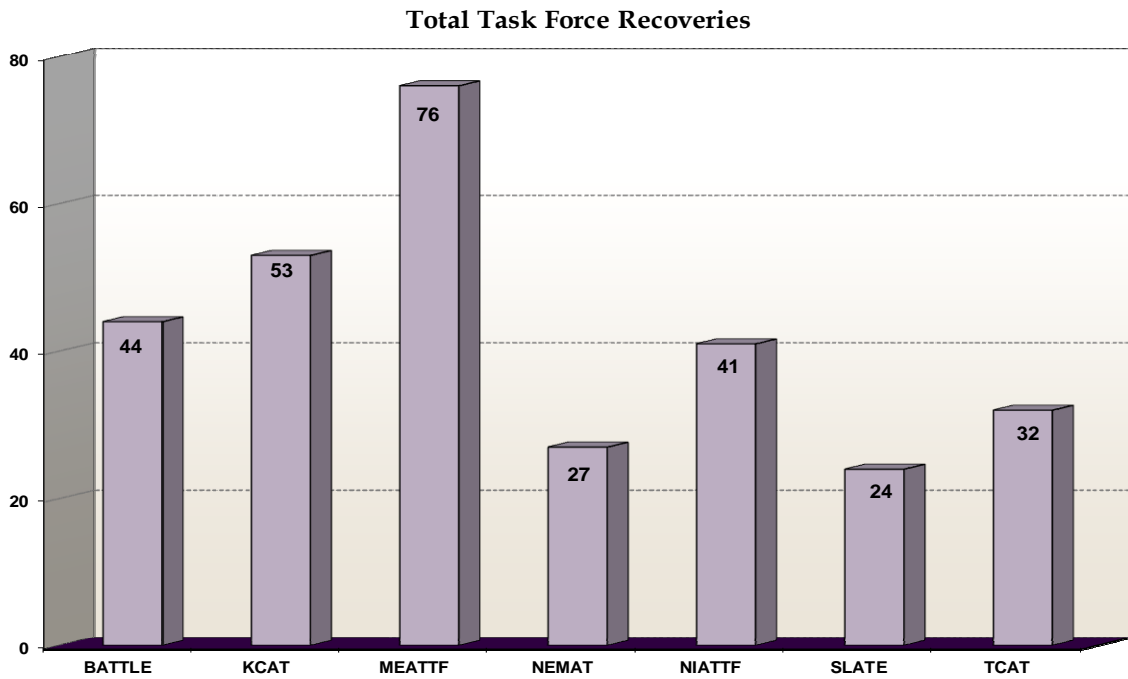
CASES INITIATED PER CASES CLOSED BY ARREST



The computation shown above measures the success a task force has in closing cases by making an arrest. The lower the number for this factor, the better. For example, for every 2.8 cases that SLATE opened, one was closed by an arrest.

Computation: Quarterly Cases Initiated divided by Quarterly Cases Closed by Arrest.

TASK FORCE RECOVERIES



*Vehicle value is estimated.

Task Force Director's Remarks

BATTLE

During the fourth quarter of 2011, BATTLE conducted 30 investigations, recovered 47 vehicles worth \$885,840, and arrested 16 people. In addition, three "hot sheets" and one intelligence bulletin were published. BATTLE also provided training to six sworn and two non-sworn agencies.

Throughout the fourth quarter, BATTLE conducted several proactive details throughout the DuPage County area, targeting high-volume theft areas, checking compliance with state laws in tow and scrap yards while also confronting the issues of insurance fraud.

BATTLE agents continued to combat auto theft and insurance fraud in DuPage County by combining the expertise and resources of multiple law enforcement agencies. BATTLE links the efforts of the Illinois State Police, the DuPage County Sheriff's Department, the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), and the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office. BATTLE's multi-jurisdictional, cooperative approach maximizes its ability to investigate and prosecute auto theft in DuPage County.

During the months of October through December, BATTLE had four Investigators assigned to the unit.

BATTLE surpassed several of its goals in 2011, including: 113 investigations initiated (goal/100); 157 vehicles recovered (goal/75); nine bait car details (goal/7), and 61 arrests (goal/60).

The MVTPC continued support, vision, and resources enabled BATTLE to successfully help DuPage County decrease its motor vehicle theft by 40 percent. From August 1992 through August of 2011, BATTLE conducted over 2,332 investigations resulting in 1,240 arrests and recovered 1,889 vehicles.

BATTLE received a total of \$7.6 million in funding from the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund, and recovered over \$30 million (\$30,270,238) in stolen vehicles, cargo, and parts.

It is only fitting that as we begin a new year, that we announce the creation and implementation of BAT-

TLE/Greater Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force. (GMAT). BATTLE is a newly formed Illinois State Police (ISP) auto theft task force funded by the MVTPC. BATTLE is a culmination of the resources and assets that formerly comprised KCAT (Kane/Cook Auto Theft) and BATTLE (DuPage County Auto Theft).

BATTLE will attempt to combat auto theft by educating the public and raise awareness through theft prevention seminars, talking with citizen police academies as well as civic groups. BATTLE will target more sophisticated offenders while working more closely with the State's Attorney's Offices in DuPage, Kane, Cook, McHenry, and Lake Counties to successfully prosecute those who perpetrate such crimes. In the furtherance of that effort, BATTLE will maintain a Duty Agent that is available 24 hours/7 days a week to assist in auto theft-related investigations in the five counties in which it will serve: Kane, Lake, DuPage, McHenry, and northern Cook.

With the help of the ISP, DuPage County Sheriff's Department, National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), DuPage County State's Attorney's Office, Lemont Police Department, Round Lake Police Department, Hoffman Estates Police Department, Elk Grove Village Police Department, Warrenville Police Department, Western Springs Police Department and the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, BATTLE will again look to exceed its goals for 2012.

Goals and Objectives

The BATTLE task force established two goals to work toward during 2011. The first goal is to target and arrest those individuals and organized criminal groups most responsible for vehicle thefts and insurance fraud in DuPage County. BATTLE will publish 12 monthly "hot sheets" of stolen vehicles for local law enforcement and publish three intelligence bulletins for local law enforcement relating to trends, patterns, and suspects involved in vehicle theft and insurance fraud. The task force will also conduct two covert investigations, initiate 100 inves-

(Task Force Director's Remarks Continued)

tigations into career vehicle thieves, retagging operations, insurance fraud, and related vehicle theft crimes; recover 75 stolen vehicles; and conduct ten License Plate Reader (LPR) details; and seven bait vehicle details.

The second goal aims to reduce the incidents of vehicle theft and insurance fraud by arresting those individuals who commit these crimes and provide training to local law enforcement agencies, vehicle related businesses, and civic groups. The task force will participate in the DuPage County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Day, conduct 12 training sessions relating to the prevention of vehicle theft to vehicle related businesses and civic groups, conduct 20 training sessions relating to vehicle theft and insurance fraud to local law enforcement, and conduct eight insurance fraud-related investigations.

Task Force Director's Remarks

KCAT

During the fourth quarter of 2011, KCAT conducted four investigations, recovered 53 vehicles worth \$1,517,419, and arrested eight people. In addition, three "hot sheets" and three intelligence bulletins were published. KCAT also provided training to three sworn agencies.

In January 2012, KCAT will merge with BATTLE to create BATTLE/GMAT. All active investigations will continue under the BATTLE name. Close-out documents, inventory, and personnel were prepared for the impending change.

BATTLE/GMAT will include the following departments: Lemont, Round Lake Park, Hoffman Estates, Elk Grove Village, DuPage County Sheriff, Warrenville, Western Springs, DuPage County State's Attorney, NICB, and the Kane County State's Attorney.

BATTLE/GMAT will have a geographical area of over 3.5 million residents and 131 primary policing agencies with 2 million passenger vehicles.

The merging of the two units will create a stronger unit that is better equipped and staffed. BATTLE/GMAT will have experts in the field of recovery and identifying of stolen, recovered, cloned, and re-tagged vehicles.

BATTLE/GMAT will additionally attempt to combat auto theft by educating the public and raise awareness through theft prevention seminars, talking with citizen police academies as well as civic groups. BATTLE/GMAT will also target more sophisticated offenders while working more closely with the State's Attorney's Offices in DuPage, Kane, Cook, McHenry, and Lake Counties to successfully prosecute those who perpetrate such crimes. In the furtherance of that effort, BATTLE/GMAT will maintain a Duty Agent that is available 24 hours/7 days a week to assist in auto theft related investigations in the five counties in which it will serve: Kane, Lake, DuPage, McHenry, and northern Cook.

During the months of October through December KCAT had four investigators assigned to the unit.

KCAT surpassed several of its goals in 2011, including: 145 investigations initiated (goal/100); 232 ve-

hicles recovered (goal/100), and \$5,700,000 value of vehicles recovered (goal/\$1.5 million).

Goals and Objectives

The KCAT task force established three goals to work toward during the 2011 calendar year. The first goal provides specialized investigative services to assist law enforcement agencies and insurance company Special Investigative Units (SIUs) within the KCAT service area in combating auto theft and auto insurance fraud. KCAT will conduct at least four training sessions specifically directed at the local auto theft or insurance fraud problems, and provide at least eight intelligence bulletins, intelligence alerts, or training flyers to law enforcement agencies within the KCAT service area.

The second goal prioritizes KCAT's initiated investigations to target bait car thieves, professional auto thieves, and insurance fraud offenders utilizing the LPR program. The KCAT task force will conduct The second goal prioritizes KCAT's initiated investigations to target bait car thieves, professional auto thieves, and insurance fraud offenders utilizing the LPR program. The KCAT task force will conduct at least ten covert or "sting" style investigations against organized rings and/or professional auto thieves.

The third goal allocates funds determined in excess of KCAT's Project Income from seizures, abandoned vehicles, court costs/fees, and tow fees which help support funding for KCAT training, travel, equipment, and other budgeted items to contributing agencies at the discretion of the KCAT Director.

Task Force Director's Remarks

MEATTF

During the fourth quarter of 2011, MEATTF opened 81 investigations and recovered 81 vehicles. The value of the recovered stolen vehicles totaled \$761,958. The task force also made 12 arrests during this period with a result of 24 prosecutions.

During October, MEATTF assisted the SOS Police with the inspection of a 1980 Harley-Davidson Motorcycle in Granite City, Illinois. The motorcycle had a re-stamped public vehicle identification number (VIN) along with a re-stamped engine number. The frame was found to be a 1981 to 1987 Harley-Davidson factory frame that displayed a 1980 Harley-Davidson VIN. Acid restoration was performed on the frame VIN pad area, but the pad area was ground down and reconstructed in such a manner the original VIN could not be raised at this time. The engine was identified as a 1980 Harley-Davidson Shovelhead, stolen in 1991 from St. Louis, Missouri. This was a complete 1980 Harley-Davidson FXEF Super Glide motorcycle theft from St. Louis in 1991.

MEATTF agents inspected a motorcycle at the request of the Grafton Police Department, who towed the motorcycle after it was involved in an accident and they could not locate a public VIN. Special Agent (SA) Joiner inspected the motorcycle and found it was specially constructed with an unknown after-market frame that displayed no public VIN. The engine, transmission, and front end assembly were identified, but none of these items were reported stolen. The owner was advised the motorcycle is required to have an SOS Police assigned VIN.

MEATTF worked an auto theft detail October 19 and 20, 2011, from 1600 to 0000 hours at the Casino Queen parking lot and the Cargill Trucking parking lot in East St. Louis. This detail was in conjunction with a detail with St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department Auto Theft and Violate Crime Unit, who worked the area in and around Busch Stadium due to the World Series. The detail goal was to locate and arrest auto theft-related suspects and to recover stolen vehicles. No vehicles recovered or suspects were arrested during the detail.

Agents located a yellow 2005 Case Model 590 Super M backhoe in a wooded area in East St. Louis. The backhoe was reported stolen from St. Louis.

The unit was valued at \$60,000.

In November, MEATTF identified a burned vehicle at a business in East St. Louis. The secondary numbers were located and the vehicle was identified as a white 1999 Lincoln Continental. The vehicle was taken in an abduction and vehicular carjacking case.

MEATTF Agents deployed the new bait car in Granite City and later in Washington Park, Illinois. The bait car was not stolen and there were no arrests.

Agents located in East St. Louis an occupied stolen Chrysler Pacifica stolen from Granite City. One suspect was taken into custody and bond was set at \$70,000.

MEATTF identified a burned vehicle via the secondary numbers. The silver 2011 Toyota Camry was stolen in October from Woodson Terrace, Missouri.

Another burned vehicle stolen from St. Louis was identified as a Maroon 2000 Mitsubishi Montero.

Agents located a subject driving a dirt bike while in East St. Louis. The subject was stopped and SA Wolf ran the public VIN Number and found the blue and white 2006 Yamaha TTR90 was stolen in January 2011 from Monroe County, Illinois. Investigation continues.

In an investigation stemming back to August, MEATTF agents identified three suspects in the theft of a 2001 Dodge Ram truck and a 1999 CTW dump trailer from Granite City. Four felony charges and warrants on three suspects were obtained through the Madison County State's Attorney's Office. One suspect was charged with Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle (PSMV) and Theft Over \$500; bond was set at \$90,000. The other two suspects were charged with Vehicle Theft Conspiracy; bond was set at \$80,000 each.

MEATTF was contacted by Cahokia Police Department concerning a burglary at a new vehicle dealership, Bob Brockland Pontiac GMC. Three vehicles were stolen from the display lot as a result of the burglary. The stolen vehicles included: a maroon

(Task Force Director's Remarks Continued)

2012 GMC Acadia, a white 2012 GMC Acadia, and a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado. Two of the stolen vehicles were equipped with OnStar and the dealership activated the system. SA Wolf was advised that the white GMC Acadia was located by OnStar in St. Louis. SA Wolf contacted a St. Louis Auto Theft Detective who went to the street address and located all three stolen vehicles parked along the street. St. Louis Police surveilled the three vehicles for several hours and witnesses a subject approach and enter the white 2012 GMC Acadia, attempting to start the ignition. As St. Louis units approached the vehicle, the subject exited and ran from the scene, but was apprehended. In the early morning hours of December 6, 2011, MEATTF was contacted by a St. Louis Patrol Sergeant who advised the subject was in custody possessing several keys with Bob Brockland GMC tags and a mask similar to one of the masks worn by the suspects in the theft. This suspect was taken into custody by St. Louis Police. That morning, MEATTF agents interviewed both suspects in custody and recorded statements. Investigation continues.

MEATTF located an occupied stolen silver 2002 Chevrolet Impala in East St. Louis. The vehicle stopped and both suspects exited the vehicle and ran from the scene. The vehicle was stolen two days prior from East St. Louis.

Agents located an occupied stolen 1992 Chrysler New Yorker in East St. Louis. The vehicle was stopped and two suspects were taken into custody. The vehicle was stolen from St. Louis.

A burned black 2005 Chrysler 300, stolen from Edwardsville was identified by locating the secondary numbers. MEATTF and E-Insurance Company opened an investigation on this vehicle suspecting possible Insurance Fraud by the vehicle owner.

Our goals and objectives remain the same to reduce the auto theft rate in Madison and St. Clair Counties. We plan to focus on insurance fraud and false reporting during the next quarter.

during the 2011 calendar year. The first goal enforces the false vehicle theft report laws in the MEATTF Area. MEATTF will increase the number of investigations by 15 in 2011 compared to the number of cases referred for prosecution in 2010. MEATTF will conduct one training seminar with area police departments providing instruction on gathering evidence and case development for false reporting of a stolen vehicle.

The second goal assists in the prosecution of vehicle theft related incidents in the MEATTF area. The task force will increase the number of cases referred for prosecution in vehicle theft related incidents to 200. The third goal increases the awareness of local police departments concerning the nature and extent of auto theft in the region. MEATTF will conduct four roll-call training sessions with local and participating agencies and receive/collect information and leads from other agencies during roll-call.

Goals and Objectives

MEATTF established three goals to work toward

Task Force Director's Remarks

NEMAT

During the fourth quarter of 2011, NEMATTF had six inspectors assigned to the unit. NEMAT initiated 28 investigations and recovered 28 stolen vehicles with an estimated value of \$733,771. NEMAT responded to 15 requests for assistance from eight different law enforcement agencies within NEMAT's jurisdiction, including NICB. NEMAT affected 21 arrests consisting of 31 criminal charges. The charges included but are not limited to arrests for Insurance Fraud, Filing False Police Reports, Possession PSMV, Criminal Trespass to a Vehicle, Theft, Possession of Open Titles, and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

In October, NEMAT agents, with the assistance of an ISP confidential source (CS), arranged for a NEMAT agent working in an undercover capacity to purchase a stolen 2004 Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle from a known offender. The undercover officer and CS met with the offender, established a price for the motorcycle, confirmed the Kawasaki was stolen, and affected the arrest. The offender was tied to a second stolen motorcycle and was charged with two counts of PSMV.

In November, NEMAT agents initiated an investigation into stolen trailers. Trailers were taken from a loading dock. The loading dock is utilized to stage empty freight trailers awaiting product loading. NEMAT was informed that over the past 12 months, 27 trailers were stolen from the staging area. NEMAT agents conducted surveillance of the staging area on the evenings of Saturday and Sunday, November 20 and 21, 2011. On Sunday at approximately 1:42 am, two subjects arrived at the location, hooked up to a trailer and transported the trailer to the area of First Avenue and Joliet Road. Agents arranged for an investigative stop and arrested the two subjects without incident. The driver refused to cooperate. The passenger provided a written post Miranda statement as to their involvement in this theft and two additional trailer thefts from the same location. Additionally, the passenger provided the location where trailers were dismantled for scrap and information about the subject who ordered the stolen trailers. Both subjects were charged with PSMV.

In November, NEMAT agents affected the arrest

of two offenders as part of a yearlong investigation into the theft of vehicles from dealerships utilizing fraudulent transport orders. NEMAT agents investigated numerous auto thefts from dealerships and cultivated a confidential source, to assist in the investigation. The offenders were arrested and provided post Miranda written statements admitting to over 50 vehicles thefts in the Chicagoland area, northwest Indiana, and Peoria. Both offenders were charged with Theft over \$500,000.

In December, based on the grand jury testimony from offenders arrested in a previous investigation, NEMAT agents obtained and executed a search warrant at an automotive sales/car wash and recovered two stolen vehicles and a bolt action 308 long gun with miscellaneous calibers of ammunition. Agents affected the arrest of an offender without incident. Charges of Unlawful Use of Weapon by a Felon and PSMV are pending.

Goals and Objectives

The NEMAT task force established three goals to work toward during the 2011 calendar year. In the first goal, NEMAT will conduct insurance fraud investigations and initiate two insurance fraud investigations monthly. The task force will target career auto theft offenders in Cook County. Targets will include repeat offenders arrested two or more times for insurance fraud, identity theft, and auto theft related crimes to include chop shop, retagging, and key cutting operations. The task force will coordinate investigative leads through NICB identify suspected insurance fraud cases, attend Special Investigative Unit (SIU) meetings, and meet with insurance carriers monthly to identify, initiate, and investigate insurance fraud.

In the second goal, NEMAT will work in cooperation with the SAT to identify and investigate salvage yards suspected of selling stolen auto parts and in the acceptance of vehicles without proper documentation. NEMAT will partner with the SAT monthly to assist in the investigation of salvage yards. The third goal targets tow trucks and scrap haulers transporting salvaged vehicles to and from area salvage yards and auto wreckers. NEMAT agents will con-

(Task Force Director's Remarks Continued)

duct investigations of auto wreckers, tow truck drivers, and salvage yards by regularly intercepting loaded scrap haulers and/or tow trucks entering or leaving the premises. NEMAT agents will routinely conduct inspections of the drivers' documents and hauled vehicles to determine if any are contraband. The task force will focus upon developing confidential sources of information, analytical research, and providing investigative assistance to local law enforcement to develop prosecutable investigations leading to the arrest and convictions of career auto thieves.

Task Force Director's Remarks

NIATTF

During the fourth quarter of 2011, NIATTF opened 40 new investigations, recovered 45 vehicles which valued \$286,895, and arrested 20 individuals.

In November, Winnebago County dispatch contacted the task force to inform them that a stolen 2002 Suzuki Hyabusa was recovered in Lafayette, Louisiana. Investigators contacted the Louisiana State Police and learned there was a large group of people in their area who race Hyabusa's, most of which are stolen from Texas and Louisiana. The Louisiana State Trooper informed the investigator that the motorcycle stolen from Winnebago County consisted only of the chassis. The suspect in Louisiana gave the investigators the name and contact information of the person he bought it from in Aurora, Illinois, and copies of the payment he made through PayPal. That seller was contacted and confirmed that he sold the suspect the chassis and that he bought it from the man who reported it stolen (original victim). The original victim was subsequently arrested and charged with False Report of a Stolen Vehicle and Insurance Fraud. He gave a full confession to NIATTF investigators.

In December, the Rockford Police Department experienced a rash of vehicles stolen that were left running in a certain area. NIATTF investigators set up surveillance in the affected area. While conducting the surveillance, investigators spotted one of the vehicles which was recently stolen driving through the area. This vehicle, a sport utility vehicle (SUV), fled from Rockford Police squads on the previous day. Investigators conducted a loose surveillance and were able to surprise the three occupants when it parked in the parking lot of a Rockford housing project. A foot chase ensued with one of our investigators chasing a 19-year old suspect through the projects, a large park, the suspect's grandmother's house, and out into the street where he and other officers were able to arrest two of the suspects. Both were charged with PSMV and resisting arrest. One of them was also charged with possession of cannabis. The third occupant's identity is still under investigation.

Also in December, an anonymous tip informed task force officers that an individual was trying to sell a trailer and two snowmobiles that were stolen from a repair shop earlier in the day. Evidence at the scene

of the snowmobile theft identified the suspect's vehicle as a Dodge Ram pickup that was recently stolen from the city of Rockford. The tipster informed the officers when and where the suspect told him he would be, and the officers set up surveillance in the area. Once they were identified, marked squads were called in to perform a traffic stop on the truck that was pulling the trailer. The truck was occupied by a man and his wife. The man said that he was given the trailer and snowmobiles to sell by an acquaintance. The man was arrested and charged with felony theft.

Goals and Objectives

The NIATTF established three goals to work toward during the 2011 calendar year. The task force will attempt to increase the number of arrests for auto theft related crimes. The NIATTF will increase by 20 percent annually the number of multi-defendant cases and arrests. NIATTF will also increase the number of cases to 230 and arrests to 61 for single defendant cases, increase the number of insurance fraud investigations by 200 percent or two cases, and increase the number of arrests and property seizures by 150 percent (or three arrests) through bait vehicle operations.

The second goal increases the number of recovered stolen vehicles in Boone and Winnebago Counties. NIATTF aims to increase the number of recovered stolen vehicles to 83 through monthly community sweeps for stolen vehicles and information obtained from the Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse (MVTIC). NIATTF will increase the number of salvage yard inspections/searches by 20 percent, and increase the number of stolen vehicle recoveries to five cases utilizing Internet websites.

The third goal develops proactive cases generated by NIATTF on individuals, organized groups, or businesses involved in auto thefts and insurance fraud. The task force will utilize the MVTIC on a monthly basis to obtain reports used to develop patterns of auto

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thefts in Boone or Winnebago Counties. NI-ATTF will obtain insurance fraud data from the NICB and develop and conduct auto theft training for patrol officers in the task force area.

Task Force Director's Remarks SLATE

SLATE continued its efforts toward the goal of reducing auto theft and arresting auto theft offenders in the greater Peoria County area during the fourth quarter of 2011. SLATE is a multi-jurisdictional task force comprising officers from the Illinois State Police, Peoria County Sheriff's Police, and the Peoria Police Department. SLATE also has a representative from NICB and the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office assigned to the unit.

During the fourth quarter of 2011, SLATE opened 39 new investigations and arrested 24 subjects. Of those 24 arrests, 17 were adult offenders and seven were juvenile subjects. All 24 arrests were for felony charges. Additionally, SLATE recovered 26 vehicles with a total value of \$291,800.

In addition to the aforementioned activity, SLATE also has the following to report for the fourth quarter of 2011:

During October, SLATE agents participated in Pequin's annual Night Out Against Crime event. The Halloween themed event attracts hundreds of citizens to the Avanti's Dome each year. SLATE operated a booth; providing handouts and information to the adults and candy to the children in attendance.

In November, SLATE participated in an informational presentation at the Washington Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. Agents covered the different aspects of auto theft investigations, their daily activities, as well as the different equipment/technologies available to the task force to assist in their investigations.

Also during November, at the request of the Rock Island Police Department, SLATE conducted a bait car detail in Rock Island. Working in cooperation with the Rock Island Police Department, SLATE deployed the bait car at several of the high theft areas in Rock Island. There were no arrests made during the course of the detail.

In addition to the aforementioned activity, SLATE inspectors conducted seven LPR details during the fourth quarter of 2011. Inspectors also attended training in the area of motorcycle gangs, trends in

foreign manufactured vehicle thefts, and the utilization of different social networking sites in the furtherance of criminal investigations.

Goals and Objectives

SLATE established four goals to work toward during the 2011 calendar year. The task force will conduct a minimum of 12 pro-active details focusing on the use of bait car and LPR systems. SLATE aims to initiate 275 motor vehicle theft investigations, and conduct training classes for local officers in auto theft and insurance fraud. SLATE will also conduct one eight-hour class for local officers in auto theft and insurance fraud and six roll-call classes for local officers.

Task Force Director's Remarks

TCAT

During the fourth quarter of 2011, TCAT initiated 56 investigations, including four of which involved insurance fraud or fraud-related crimes. The task force arrested 16 individuals, two of which were charged with a fraud-related offense. TCAT recovered 51 vehicles valued at \$568,125.

Officers recovered 30 automobiles, three truck tractors, 14 semi-trailers, one piece of construction equipment, one box truck, one motor home, and one shipping container.

In Manteno, TCAT agents investigated a report of two stolen vehicles possibly in the Manteno area. Agents were able to locate a 1958 Chevrolet Biscayne and a 1955 Oldsmobile 98. Agents contacted the owner of the property and were given permission to check other vehicles on the property. Agents also recovered a stolen Caterpillar skid steer. Investigation continues.

TCAT agents received information from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office of a stolen vehicle in Joliet. TCAT agents located the vehicle; the owners stated they purchased the vehicle from a dealership in Joliet. TCAT agents determined that the vehicle was incorrectly entered as stolen, and the vehicle was returned.

Task force agents received information of a possible stolen vehicle. Agents set up surveillance on the residence and observed the vehicle leaving. Joliet Police Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver returned to his residence and fled on foot leaving the car in drive. TCAT agents stopped the stolen vehicle before striking a pedestrian or hitting a residence, three individuals were placed under arrest.

In Joliet, TCAT agents investigated a Vehicle Inspection Report received from NICB in reference to a 2001 Lincoln Navigator. Agents determined the Navigator was a cloned vehicle stolen from Florida, with the original VIN plate and Federal Certificate Label missing.

Also in Joliet, TCAT agents investigated the sale of a vehicle that was sold on Craigslist. The victim stated he purchased the 2007 BMW 525 for

\$12,000 and received a bill of sale. The suspect stated he would pay off the loan and give the victim the title. The victim attempted to contact suspect on several occasions, but suspect's phone was disconnected. The victim picked the suspect out of a photo lineup. Investigation continues.

In Lemont, TCAT agents investigated the theft of a semi-trailer. While on the property, agents recovered six trailers that were reported stolen. Agents determined the trailers were actually leased out by the owner and then reported stolen. Investigation continues.

Task force agents recovered a burned 2010 Mazda CX9 in Kankakee County. The vehicle was reported stolen from the Joliet Winfield Mall. Based on information learned from insurance investigators, it was discovered that the vehicle's ignition had not been tampered with but, had instead, been started with its own key. TCAT agents worked with the insurance investigators to further the investigation.

TCAT agents investigated an armed robbery and aggravated kidnapping in Bolingbrook. The victim was approached in a warehouse parking lot by a male armed with a handgun. The victim was forced into the rear of his truck tractor and two offenders entered the truck tractor and drove out of the warehouse parking lot. With the victim still in the vehicle, the offenders drove to an undisclosed location where the semi-trailer was unloaded. Once the vehicle was unloaded, the offenders drove around for approximately 45 minutes before stopping and exiting the vehicle. TCAT agents subsequently identified the offender and have charged with several felony counts including armed robbery and aggravated kidnapping. TCAT agents continue to seek the other offenders.

Goals and objectives

TCAT established three goals to work toward during the 2011 calendar year. The first goal increases the number of insurance fraud and fraud-related investigations presented for prosecution. TCAT will investigate a minimum of 12 insurance fraud/financial fraud-related cases to reduce the dollar

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amount paid by insurance companies for fraudulent claims. The second goal increases the awareness of the public and private industry concerning the social and monetary cost of auto theft and related crime. The task force will foster a preventive mentality in the mindset of the general public and private industry by attending two loss prevention seminars/meetings involving area businesses. TCAT will provide three presentations at area citizen police academies junior colleges, and career centers. The third goal reduces auto theft related crime in the region. The task force will concentrate efforts to reduce auto theft related crimes by increasing awareness of the local police/sheriff's departments of the nature and volume of auto theft in their area. TCAT will conduct eight training/information sessions with the local police/sheriff's departments, where TCAT will share and receive information.

Cook County State's Attorneys Office Summary

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office had the following activities during the fourth quarter.

The defendant entered a business and attempted to get a loan using his car as collateral. The defendant presented a fraudulent title to the witness. The witness verified the title was fraudulent on the SOS website and called police. On October 27, 2011, the defendant was convicted of Title & Registration Offenses and was sentenced to four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC).

The reporting officer (RO) was on patrol and saw defendant inside a vehicle with his legs sticking out of a broken window. The RO saw defendant take two bags out of the car; the bags contained the vehicle owner's property. The defendant was arrested and is a recidivist car thief. On October 3, 2011, the defendant was convicted of Burglary and was sentenced to six years in IDOC.

A defendant sent a demand letter to victim, an insurance company, demanding payment of \$6,000 for alleged damage to defendant's vehicle sustained in accident. The defendant sent altered and forged documents to the victim. An undercover wire was utilized to record the offender giving bogus documents to a CCSAO Investigator who posed as a representative of the insurance company. On October 28, 2011, the defendant was convicted of Insurance Fraud & Forgery and was sentenced to three years' probation and \$798 restitution.

A defendant was pulled over and asked for his driver's license, which he could not produce. A check of the vehicle revealed it was reported stolen by the victim. The victim does not know the defendant and did not give him permission to take the van. The defendant admitted to entering the vehicle and taking it. The defendant was driving the van with no keys because the ignition to the van was broken, and the car was able to start without the keys. The defendant is a recidivist car thief. After a bench trial, the defendant was found guilty on October 28, 2011, and was sentenced to six years in IDOC.

An arresting officer responded to a burglary to auto. Upon arrival, the officer observed the defendant being detained by the victim and witness. The arresting officer learned that victim was visiting witness and his car was parked outside. The victim

heard the car alarm going off and ran outside along with witness and both observed the defendant in backseat of victim's car. The victim also saw that his rear passenger window was broken. The victim does not know defendant and did not give him permission to be in his car. The defendant is recidivist car thief. On November 28, 2011, the defendant was convicted of Burglary and was sentenced to six years in IDOC.

A witness took the car to work and parked it, and when he left work it, was not there. The defendant was seen driving the vehicle by several witnesses in an incident where victim's vehicle was used in the commission of a crime. The victim did not give defendant permission to drive the vehicle. The defendant is recidivist car thief, and was convicted of PSMV, and sentenced to seven years in IDOC.

ROs arrived and saw the victim's passenger window broken out and defendant was inside in passenger seat. The ROs got the defendant out, cuffed and searched the defendant, and found the victim's radio in the defendant's rear pocket. The ROs noticed victim's radio had been pushed out. The RO contacted the victim, who advised she did not give anyone permission to go into her car. The defendant is recidivist car thief who was convicted of Burglary on November 9, 2011, and sentenced to six years in IDOC.

On September 26, 2011, the defendants broke into a car dealership, removed nine vehicle keys, and drove off with seven vehicles. The defendants were indicted on December 15, 2011, for Aggravated PSMV and Burglary.

Between June 20, 2010 and June 2011, defendants took control of dozens of vehicles from car dealerships in Chicagoland area after posing as legitimate transporters and obtaining keys to vehicles. The defendants were indicted on December 21, 2011, for Theft and Aggravated PSMV.

The CCSAO Auto Theft Unit continued to work with the Chicago Police Department and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company on the Chicago Police Department Bait Car Program. Bait cars will be left in areas of Chicago experiencing a high rate of auto thefts. Thus far, the Chicago Police Department Bait Car Program has resulted in 197 felony convic-

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tions, and a 98 percent conviction rate. The Bait Car Program resulted in the arrest of several recidivists as well as offenders with extensive criminal backgrounds including previous convictions for Murder, Attempt Murder, Armed Robbery, Aggravated Battery, Robbery, Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons, Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon, and Burglary. The program is so effective that TRU-TV filmed recent arrests which are the subject of a nationally televised bait car show.

Goals and Objectives

The first goal requires the CCSAO to aggressively pursue and prosecute criminals involved in motor vehicle theft crimes and motor vehicle-related crimes and insurance fraud. The CCSAO will vertically prosecute the complex cases where they assist partner agencies in the investigation and to handle other cases brought to the unit by partner agencies. The CCSAO will investigate and vertically prosecute cases identified by the Cook County State's Attorneys Office, and prosecute recidivist offenders. The second goal increases restitution for victims of motor vehicle theft and motor vehicle-related crimes.

Special Audit Team Summary

The Illinois SOS Police, SAT focus on a “marketplace” for stolen vehicles and vehicle parts license salvage yards, rebuilders, repairers, and scrap processors. It involves an intensive audit program for compliance with regulations which govern these licensee’s record keeping concerning vehicle and vehicle part transactions.

The audit teams have operated throughout Illinois. The audits are aimed at: (a) reducing the number of stolen vehicles disposed through salvage yards, rebuilders, repairers, and scrap processors; (b) reducing the number of stolen and contraband essential

vehicle parts sold to and through these businesses; (c) eliminating “chop shop,” “retagging,” and other organized theft operations operating in Illinois; and (d) tracking the flow of salvage vehicle titles and force the conversion of these titles to junking certificates when appropriate.

The SAT staff of 16, three supervisors and 13 auditors, focus on re-auditing licensees where gross violations were previously found.

The SOS Police SAT activity during the quarter is summarized below.

ACTIVITY	TOTAL
Cases Opened*	806
Vehicles Inventoried	5,572
Stolen Vehicles Identified	1
Value of Stolen Vehicles Identified	\$10,925
Contraband Vehicles Identified	21
Value of Contraband Vehicles Identified	\$413,275
Contraband Essential Parts Identified	3
Value of Contraband Essential Parts Identified	\$70,880

Director’s Remarks

The Illinois SOS Police, SAT continued to work toward the major objective of reducing auto theft in Illinois. This was accomplished through its unique concept; the thorough examination of dealership records and identification of salvage titled vehicles at insurance pools.

During the fourth quarter of 2011, SAT referred 16 unlicensed dealerships to SOS Police Districts for investigation. Additionally, one stolen vehicle (total estimated value of \$10,925), along with 21 contraband vehicles (total estimated value of \$413,275), were identified. A total of 806 audits were conducted with 5,572 vehicles and 338 essential parts inventoried.

SAT identified, and entered into the SOS Title Alerts System 3,040 vehicles from insurance salvage pools during this reporting period. The 1,110 title hits were reviewed via the Title Alerts System. Of the 1,110 title hits, 649 vehicles were released as Salvage and Branded Certificates of Titles and 461 vehicles released as Junk Titles.

SOS Police Districts received 71 case referrals from SAT as a result of audits conducted.

The SOS Police continued audits of licensed Illinois dealers with results as indicated above and working with all the funded motor vehicle theft task forces as requested.

**Cases Opened - Number of audits completed.*

Stolen Vehicles Identified - Identified as stolen in LEADS or the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

Vehicle and Part Value - Untitled Vehicle - MSRP NADA listed value. All Other Vehicles - Retail NADA value. Value is estimated.

Contraband Vehicles and Parts - Any vehicle identified without a public Vehicle Identification Number or part without appropriate markings.

Vehicles Inventoried - Vehicles examined for potential theft and ensure compliance with statutory regulations.

Appendix A
Task Force Data Table

	DATA							
TASK FORCE	2010 POPULATION*	2011** VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	4th QTR TASK FORCE OFFICERS	4th QTR VEHICLE THEFTS	4th QTR TASK FORCE AREA RECOVERIES (LOCAL+ FOREIGN)	4th QTR LOCAL RECOVERIES	4th QTR FOREIGN RECOVERIES	4th QTR TASK FORCE RECOVERIES
BATTLE	941,097	819,740	4	131	108	41	67	44
KCAT	927270*	379,384	5	137	103	44	59	53
MEATTF	530,653	435,944	10	210	168	75	93	76
NEMAT	4064542*	3,149,011	6	835	670	275	395	27
NIATTF	351,709	277,810	7	167	269	131	138	41
SLATE	185,177	150,766	5	69	111	51	60	24
TCAT	849,992	645,536	12	195	135	58	77	32
Totals	7,842,852	5,858,191	49	1,744	1,564	675	889	297
Source / Computation	U.S. Census Bureau	Secretary of State	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports	LEADS (as of February 2012)	LEADS (as of February 2012)	LEADS (as of February 2012)	LEADS (as of February 2012)	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports
<p>Chart continues on pages 25, 26.</p> <p>Population Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates [on-line]; http://www.census.gov/popest/counties.html [accessed June 22, 2011].</p> <p>*Cities in the KCAT and NEMAT jurisdictions fall under Multi-County Agencies which includes population from more than one county. The KCAT population includes Kane County and the Cook County cities 2009 population listed in Appendix C. The 2009 NEMAT population includes Cook County cities listed in Appendix D. City population provided by U.S. Census Bureau, July 1, 2009, estimated population. County population provided by U.S. Census Bureau, July 1, 2010.</p> <p>**Vehicle registrations as of September 30, 2011, include passenger cars, B-trucks, and motorcycles. The KCAT registrations include Kane County only. The NEMAT registrations include all of Cook County, including Chicago. Source: Illinois Secretary of State.</p>								

	DATA					
TASK FORCE	\$ VALUE 4th QTR RECOVERED VEHICLES	4th QTR OPEN STATUS CASES	4th QTR ARRESTS	4th QTR ARRESTEES PENDING PROSECUTION	4th QTR CASES INITIATED	4th QTR CASES CLOSED BY ARREST
BATTLE	\$855,840	30	16	11	12	14
KCAT	\$1,517,419	4	8	16	3	0
MEATTF	\$761,958	85	13	71	74	13
NEMAT	\$733,771	33	21	20	23	10
NIATTF	\$286,895	41	20	21	38	7
SLATE	\$291,795	39	21	6	39	14
TCAT	\$926,260	56	16	20	48	8
Totals	\$5,373,938	288	115	165	237	66
Source / Computation	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports

	PROBLEM DESCRIPTION			WORKLOAD FACTOR		IMPACT FACTOR			
TASK FORCE	THEFTS / POPULATION	LOCAL RECOVERIES	FOREIGN RECOVERIES	RECOVERIES / OFFICER	OPEN STATUS CASES / OFFICER	ARRESTS / RECOVERIES	CASES INITIATED / CASES CLOSED BY ARREST	TASK FORCE RECOVERIES	\$ VALUE TASK FORCE RECOVERED VEHICLES
BATTLE	13.92	41	67	11.00	2.50	0.36	0.86	44	\$855,840
KCAT	14.77	44	59	10.60	0.27	0.15	0.00	53	\$1,517,419
MEATTF	39.57	75	93	7.60	2.83	0.17	5.69	76	\$761,958
NEMAT	20.54	275	395	4.50	1.83	0.78	2.30	27	\$733,771
NIATTF	47.48	131	138	5.86	1.95	0.49	5.43	41	\$286,895
SLATE	37.26	51	60	4.80	2.60	0.88	2.79	24	\$291,795
TCAT	22.94	58	77	2.67	1.56	0.50	6.00	32	\$926,260
Source / Computation	(Quarterly Thefts / Population) * 100,000	LEADS (as of February 2012)	LEADS (as of February 2012)	Quarterly Task Force Recoveries / Number of Officers	Average Number of Quarterly Open Status Cases / Number of Officers	Quarterly Arrests / Quarterly Task Force Recoveries	Quarterly Cases Initiated / Quarterly Cases Closed by Arrest	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports	MVTPC Monthly Task Force Reports

Appendix B
Contributing Agencies Table

CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES FOR TASK FORCES
Fourth Quarter 2011

<u>Task Force</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u># of Officers</u>
BATTLE	DuPage County State's Attorney	1
	Elk Grove Village Police Department	1
	Illinois State Police	1
	Warrenville Police Department	1
	Total	4
KCAT	Hoffman Estates Police Department	1
	Illinois State Police	1
	Round Lake Park Police Department	1
	Total	3
MEATTF	Belleville Police Department	1
	Cahokia Police Department	1
	Collinsville Police Department	1
	Columbia Police Department	1
	East St. Louis Police Department	1
	Granite City Police Department	1
	Illinois Secretary of State Police	2
	Madison County Sheriff's Office	1
	SIU Edwardsville	1
	Total	10
NEMAT	Chicago Police Department	1
	Cook County State's Attorney	2
	Illinois State Police	1
	Stone Park Police Department	1
	Willow Springs Police Department	1
	Total	6
NIATTF	Belvidere Police Department	1
	Cherry Valley Police Department	1
	Illinois State Police	1
	Rockford Police Department	1
	Winnebago County Sheriff's Office	1
	Winnebago County State's Attorney	2
	Total	7

	<u>Agency</u>	<u># of Officers</u>
SLATE	Illinois State Police	1
	Peoria County Sheriff's Office	2
	Peoria Police Department	2
	Total	5
TCAT	Bolingbrook Police Department	1
	Grundy County Sheriff's Office	1
	Illinois State Police	2
	Joliet Police Department	2
	Kankakee City Police Department	1
	Kankakee County Sheriff's Office	2
	Lemont Police Department	1
	Romeoville Police Department	1
	Will County Sheriff's Office	1
	Total	12
Grand Total		49

*Contributing agency withdrew officer(s) from the task force during the quarter.

**Contributing agency joined the task force/added officer(s) during the quarter.

Source: Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council Monthly Task Force Reports.

Appendix C

Cities Represented by KCAT Table

Cook County Cities in KCAT Task Force	
City	Population**
Barrington*	10,334
Barrington Hills	4,375
Bartlett*	42,770
Elgin*	-
Elk Grove	-
Elk Grove Village*	33,124
Hanover	783
Hanover Park*	36,703
Hoffman Estates	53,655
Inverness	7,649
Palatine	66,690
Rolling Meadows	23,324
Roselle*	23,200
Schaumburg	71,303
South Barrington	4,494
Streamwood	36,974
TOTAL:	415,378

*Multi-county agencies include population reported from multiple counties.

**Source: Table 4. Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Incorporated Places in Illinois: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2009 (SUBEST2009-04-17), U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates [on-line]; <http://www.census.gov/popest/cities/SUB-EST2009-4.html> [accessed June 22, 2011].

Appendix D

Cities Represented by NEMAT Table

Cities in NEMAT Task Force

City	Population**	City	Population**
Alsip	18,580	Lynwood	8,650
Bedford Park	530	Markham	12,169
Bellwood	18,853	Matteson	17,313
Berkeley	4,885	Maywood	24,903
Berwyn	49,664	Melrose Park	21,767
Blue Island	22,247	Midlothian	13,577
Bridgeview	15,006	North Riverside	6,203
Broadview	7,575	Oak Forest	27,681
Brookfield	17,969	Oak Lawn	52,948
Burbank	27,467	Oak Park	53,125
Burnham	3,954	Olympia Fields	4,717
Calumet City	36,619	Orland Hills	7,147
Calumet Park	7,953	Orland Park*	55,236
Chicago	2,851,268	Palos Heights	12,387
Chicago Heights	30,412	Palos Hills	16,828
Chicago Ridge	13,310	Palos Park	5,041
Cicero	80,100	Park Forest*	22,462
Country Club Hills	16,605	Phoenix	2,034
Crestwood	10,987	Posen	4,875
Dixmoor	3,833	Richton Park	12,805
Dolton	23,758	River Forest	11,128
East Hazel Crest	1,527	River Grove	9,931
Elmwood Park	23,926	Riverdale	14,080
Evergreen Park	19,237	Robbins	6,330
Flossmoor	9,258	Sauk Village*	10,221
Ford Heights	3,176	South Chicago Heights	3,760
Forest Park	15,136	South Holland	21,045
Franklin Park	17,898	Steger*	10,422
Glenwood	8,453	Stone Park	4,851
Harvey	27,946	Summit	10,169
Hazel Crest	13,996	Thornton	2,375
Hickory Hills	13,252	Tinley Park*	59,140
Hillside	8,265	University Park*	8,222
Hometown	4,083	Westchester	15,609
Homewood	18,367	Worth	10,382
Justice	12,390	TOTAL:	4,064,542
Lansing	26,524		

*Multi-county agencies include population reported from multiple counties.

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TO: Grant Review Committee Members
FROM: Greg Stevens, Program Director
SUBJECT: Program Profile
DATE: April 5, 2012

Behind this memo is a copy of the Cook County Motor Vehicle Theft Prosecution Unit profile as it was prepared by program coordinator Kevin Byrne.

Behind the yellow divider is a copy of the Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse profile. The profile was prepared by Lynn McCloskey, analyst for the Illinois State Police.

A representative from each program will be present at the April 25, 2012 Grant Review Committee meeting to answer any questions you may have concerning the information that is presented in the materials.

At the June 1, 2012 Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council meeting, a representative from each program will provide a brief presentation on the progress of the unit over the last twelve months.

“A working partnership of the public and private sectors fighting vehicle theft in Illinois”

The Cook County State's Attorney's Auto Theft Unit

The Cook County State's Attorney's Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prosecutions Unit was established in 1993 to prosecute vehicle theft cases and conduct long-term and sophisticated investigations involving various auto theft and insurance fraud related schemes. These cases involve violent and non-violent crimes. Prosecutors assigned to this Unit vertically prosecute individuals who are charged with these offenses. The Unit consists of a team of one supervising prosecutor and four prosecutors, one State's Attorney's investigator, one administrative assistant and a law clerk. The primary objectives of the program are to: 1) aggressively pursue criminals involved in motor vehicle theft crimes and vehicle-related crimes; 2) increase the total amount of cases prosecuted (including fraud cases) and increase the percentage of motor vehicle theft offenses that ultimately result in criminal prosecutions; 3) obtain restitution for victims, including insurers, when possible, and 4) maintain a high level of convictions. The Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prosecutions Unit operates in Cook County, Illinois. This jurisdiction, which includes the City of Chicago, encompasses a geographic area of more than 1,000 square miles and a population of more than 5 million people. More than half of the auto thefts in all of Illinois consistently take place in the Chicago-Cook County metropolitan area.

This program serves all of the communities in the Chicago-Cook County metropolitan area. The Unit also cooperates with law enforcement agencies and programs in other jurisdictions and at other levels of government when necessary. Cook County contains 128 municipalities in its region, the biggest being the City of Chicago.

The Unit works to:

1. Develop investigative strategies that have a high potential for success.
2. Review search warrant affidavits in a manner that will decrease the potential for exclusion of illegally obtained evidence.
3. Obtain search and arrest warrants in appropriate situations.
4. Review affidavits for application in the use of electronic surveillance devices.
5. Supervise court-authorized electronic surveillance equipment during the course of investigations where undercover law enforcement officers or informants are able to infiltrate "target" case offender operations.

6. Obtain legally admissible statements from offenders.
7. Utilize the compulsory Grand Jury process to obtain documentary evidence such as business records, bank records, telephone records and the personal appearance of targets for identification procedures such as line-ups, photography.
8. Utilize the Grand Jury to preserve witness testimony and to conduct investigations.
9. Identify cooperating individuals who may have pending criminal cases. The Unit also has assumed the responsibility of assisting in obtaining indictments, litigating pretrial motions, trying felony cases, litigating post-trial motions and sentencing hearings for target case offenders.
10. Obtain restitution for victims whenever possible. The leverage granted to a prosecutor in the plea negotiation phase allows for the most cost effective methods for restitution recovery. As long as our attorneys are able to get financial loss information from victims for deductibles and payouts from insurance companies, our prosecutors will strive to obtain restitution.

The following cases and investigations are a small sampling of the important work that the Unit does every day:

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT BAIT CAR PROGRAM- The Cook County State's Attorney's Auto Theft Unit will continue to work with the Chicago Police Department and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company on the Chicago Police Department Bait Car Program. Bait Cars will be left in areas of the City of Chicago that are experiencing a high rate of auto thefts. Thus far, the Chicago Police Department Bait Car Program has resulted in 198 felony arrests, 184 felony convictions, and a 98% conviction rate, which has resulted in convicted offenders being sentenced to a total of 353 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The Bait Car Program has resulted in the arrest of several recidivists as well as offenders with extensive criminal backgrounds including previous convictions for Murder, Attempt Murder, Armed Robbery, Aggravated Battery, Robbery, Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons, Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon, Burglary and Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle. In a recent case, an offender was convicted and received a sentence of 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The program is so effective that TRU-TV is filming recent arrests which are the subject of a nationally televised "bait car" show.

PROSECUTION OF LARGE THEFT RING-The Cook County State's Attorney's Office is prosecuting members of a theft ring which has been tied to several car thefts involving dealerships in the Midwest. The offenders would roam the internet looking for a dealership to steal vehicles from. They would agree on a date to steal the vehicles. Some of the individuals

would be look outs as one/two other individuals would break into the building. Once inside, they would grab as many keys as they could and leave the premises. All of them would return to the vehicle they came in and wait for approximately ½ hour to see if the police would arrive on the scene. If the police did not come, everyone except the driver would go back to the dealership and steal the vehicles they had keys to. The vehicles were driven to Chicago. They would then be shipped to Jordan in containers. The vehicles were hidden behind false walls in the containers. The shipping invoice would reflect they were shipping vehicle parts. 7 containers were recovered containing 21 vehicles. We worked in conjunction with KCAT and Elgin Police Department regarding this investigation. Three offenders were indicted and prosecutions are pending. The defendants were arrested in Antioch trying to steal vehicles from a dealership. They are charged in Lake, McHenry, Kane and Cook Counties. The defendants are suspected of burglarizing a dealership in Kenosha, Wisconsin as well.

The Unit is also prosecuting an organizer of a theft ring who stole cars and shipped them overseas to Ghana. He was indicted and extradited so he can be prosecuted for organizer of an aggravated vehicle theft conspiracy which is a Class X felony punishable by a minimum sentence of 6 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. NEMAT investigated the case.

INSURANCE FRAUD- The defendant (Tobar) was involved in an accident in the vicinity of Dearborn St. and Division, Chicago. A RV backed into Tobar's 2000 Toyota causing minimal damage to the hood of his vehicle. The RV was insured by Zurich Insurance Company. Zurich sent an adjuster to look at Tobar's vehicle. The adjuster appraised the damage to 2000 Toyota at \$798.00. Zurich Insurance sent a check for \$798.00 to Tobar as payment for the damages to his vehicle. Subsequently, Zurich Insurance started to receive correspondence from Tobar claiming the damage to the vehicle was more than the \$798.00. Included in the correspondence were estimates from 2 different body shops. The initial estimates ranged from \$2500 to \$4100. Tobar continued to send letters in January 2011, March 2011 and April 2011 demanding money for repairs. Our unit set up a sting operation where. Tobar met with our investigator, who was wearing a wire, and a Zurich SIU agent to receive a check in the amount he has demanded. The sting was successful and the defendant was arrested. He subsequently was convicted of insurance fraud and received felony probation.

In another case, the defendant falsely reported her 1994 Mercedes E420 stolen from Chicago where she parked it. She also reported the loss to her insurance carrier, Progressive Insurance Co. NEMAT investigated the case and found that the defendant met with a witness to have transmission work completed, but found the repair too expensive. The transmission was dismantled and put in her trunk and the car could not have been driven or stolen the night she said it was. Defendant was placed in custody and subsequently convicted. She was placed on felony probation and ordered to pay restitution.

The Unit is working with NEMAT on an insurance fraud where a husband and wife owned a 2005 Land Rover. In December of 2009, the husband was involved in an accident in Hammond, Indiana. According to Hammond police, there was significant front end damage to the vehicle with air bag deployment. The husband was the driver of the car at the time of the accident. He was arrested fleeing the scene of the accident. No repairs were ever made to the vehicle. In February of 2011, the husband and wife obtained insurance from Farmer's. Subsequently, in July, 2011 the wife filed a police report that the Land Rover was stolen. She also filed an insurance claim. During an investigation, it was discovered that the husband had taken the car to an auto body shop where it was sold and scrapped. Witnesses were brought to the Grand Jury to further the investigation.

The Unit is also working with NEMAT on an insurance fraud where an offender was involved in an accident. The offender obtained insurance later that same day via the internet. Four days later, the offender reported a "hit and run" to police involving the same vehicle. She also filed an insurance claim. Witnesses were brought to the Grand Jury to further the investigation.

TOW TRUCK FRAUD- The Auto Theft Unit of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office also worked successfully in a long term investigation with the Chicago Police Department on the problem of tow truck operators stealing cars off of streets and disposing of them as scrap. The illicit business was lucrative at a great cost to insurance companies. Under the investigative plan, police conducted video (pole-cam) and physical surveillance of targeted suspects who have been stripping stolen cars and bringing the cars into scrap yards. The offenders would travel around the city looking for older model vehicles to steal (usually late 1980 through early 2000 models). Once they found a vehicle they like they would note the address, make and model of the vehicle. During the early morning hours, one offender would locate vehicle, break in, peel the column and drive the vehicle back to the garage located at 4238 West Cermak, in Chicago. Once the vehicle arrived at the garage the vehicle was stripped for parts or prepared to be scrapped. A vehicle may not have a battery, gas in the tank or wheels when it is sold to a scrap yard. Depending on the weight of the vehicle and price of scrap metal, the offenders would obtain up to \$400 per vehicle. Four individuals were arrested and are being prosecuted. An illicit chop shop where stolen cars were towed and stripped for parts, before they were scrapped, was closed down pursuant to the investigation and prosecution. Prosecutions are pending.

CAR JACKING-The victim went into the store and left witness in the car. The witness observed the defendant walk past the car and look back. The defendant then opened the door and told the witness to get out of the car and pushed his head into the passenger window. The witness opened the door and defendant pushed him out of the car. The witness ran into the store and reported what happened. A/O's observed defendant driving the car and when they attempted to stop defendant he fled. The defendant was caught in the car and was identified immediately by witness in a lineup. The defendant is recidivist car thief. The defendant was convicted of Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking and was sentenced to 14 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

OTHER INVESTIGATIONS- Beginning in mid 2010, GMAC-Ally noticed that its vehicles were being stolen from dealerships in Indiana and Illinois. The vehicles were all high end GMAC vehicles returned at the ends of leases. Normally, a car is returned to the dealer where the lease was signed. Then, GMAC issues a transport order which is presented to the dealer by a driver. The dealer then releases the vehicle to that driver, and the driver transports the vehicle to the next point of sale. The vehicles missing were taken from the dealers by the presentation of fraudulent transport orders. Over the course of a year, until the middle of 2011, 55 vehicles were stolen in this manner. In the fall of 2011, a witness identified two offenders before a grand jury as the individuals stealing the vehicles. Both defendants were arrested 11/29/2011 and gave hand-written statements. The total value of the stolen vehicles is over \$1,000,000. GMAC is the victim. Prosecutions are pending.

12CR-4180 Over the course of the month of January, 2012, the defendant obtained vehicles from four different dealerships by applying for credit with a social security number he knew was not his own. The defendant was indicted on charges of Unlawful Possession of Vehicle Parts, Aggravated Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle, Identity Theft, Forgery and Obstruction of Justice on February 22, 2012. Prosecution is pending.

Another investigation involves an offender who has repeatedly reported the same damages to various insurance companies regarding the same vehicle. He has used his brother's name in some of the claims. His brother is a Chicago Firefighter who told one insurance company that the D stole his identification. When an insurance investigator confronted the D with three claims on the same vehicle, he promptly withdrew all three claims. The offender was indicted and the prosecution is pending.

TRAINING-The Auto Theft Unit of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office assisted the Coordinator of the Illinois State Police Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Grant Training Program (Dwain Hill) in providing training for law enforcement officers. The training instructed officers on the issues which arise in the prosecution of Bait Car cases. Special emphasis was placed on liability issues and the Bait Car exemption to the Eavesdropping Statute as well as the unique challenges presented to law enforcement officers whose actions and words are being recorded as they arrest and Mirandize offenders. The Unit also teaches at the Chicago Police Academy regarding issues in automobile theft cases.

**Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse
Program Summary
January 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012**

Since 1992, the Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse (MVTIC) has provided motor vehicle theft analysis to Council-funded task forces and other criminal justice organizations in Illinois and nationwide. The Clearinghouse is a support service unit located in Springfield, within the Illinois State Police (ISP), Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC). The unit consists of two Criminal Intelligence Analysts (one vacant), one acting Criminal Intelligence Analyst Specialist, and is directed by the STIC Chief, Captain Brad Carnduff.

The Clearinghouse responds to a myriad of requests ranging from tabular reports, spatial and temporal analysis to in-depth statistical analysis, and tactical case analysis. The unit has access to a wide range of information about vehicles, vehicle thefts, and criminal offenders through local, statewide, and national databases

A comprehensive search of all available databases and resources negates the need for the officer to make a series of independent, time-consuming contacts to obtain the same - or less - information. Intelligence is collected from an array of public and private sources. The MVTIC is strategically housed within STIC which affords access to all STIC resources including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security national intelligence resources, and the private sector partnerships.

Intelligence inquiries produce valuable information such as current and prior addresses, case dispositions, border crossings, law enforcement contacts, financial activity, Firearm Owner Identification inquiries, gang affiliation, inmate status and visitors, suspicious activity, protective intelligence, vehicle and property insurance claims, vehicle export records, and public records for subjects, businesses, and property. Research is also collected from investigative alerts, stolen vehicle data reports, and an intelligence database linking information on suspects, vehicles, addresses, businesses, etc.

In addition, Clearinghouse analysts engage other STIC resources such as narcotic intelligence, deconfliction, and federal agency liaisons for national and international intelligence.

The use of these resources allows the Clearinghouse to produce a variety of analytical products upon request. Products include statistical analysis of vehicle theft trends for specific jurisdictions, locations of vehicle theft 'hot spots' and other geographic patterns, link analysis, time series analysis, and intelligence summaries of vehicle theft offenders.

Monthly reports are generated for task force areas detailing all thefts and recoveries in a task force area. This enables the task force to recognize a theft trend while it is occurring and proactively address the problem. The Clearinghouse also produces the annual Motor Vehicle Theft Statewide Assessment and the Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force quarterly

Activity Summary report which provides information on the performance of Council-funded task forces.

The MVTIC responded to 525 requests from the motor vehicle theft task forces, federal, state, and local law enforcement from 2011 to 2012. The MVTIC staff provided training presentations during the 24-hour Motor Vehicle Theft Investigator courses in 2011 and 2012, demonstrating services to law enforcement agencies and funded task forces.

Significant Clearinghouse accomplishments in providing criminal intelligence information and tactical case analysis include the following.

- Tactical case support was provided to all task forces participating in “Operation Baseball Diamond.” Intelligence summaries were prepared as requested. A link association chart depicting criminal suspects was constructed. A communications analysis of a prime target’s calls was generated.
- Analytical assistance was provided to the U.S. Secret Service with an ongoing automobile and heavy equipment theft and fraud conspiracy investigation. Suspect intelligence summaries were prepared on businesses and suspects. A suspect link chart was updated to include vehicles, suspects, addresses, and businesses, and a financial link chart were prepared.
- The Clearinghouse continued to provide intelligence to INTERPOL to facilitate international stolen vehicle investigations. Several vehicles had no legitimate exportation records and international law enforcement entities seized the vehicles.
- A cloned motorcycle was identified while completing an intelligence request on theft suspects and a suspect business requested by the Tri-County Auto Theft task force.
- Deconfliction system entries were made to ensure officer safety in field investigative activities such as undercover buys, search warrants, surveillance, and bait vehicles.
- Information was provided to identify property ownership, phone subscribers, and suspect locations for agents to serve search warrants and subpoenas and identify additional suspects.
- A Groove Workspace was created to facilitate information sharing among all task forces involved in a title washing investigation involving all motor vehicle theft task forces and the Secretary of State Police. The i2 ChartReader software was provided to all task forces to enable analytical product viewing.
- Liaison with STIC intelligence components, including the Department of Homeland Security and Critical Infrastructure, to interpret intelligence and advise affected task forces.

- Intelligence alerts were disseminated on interstate stolen vehicles, gang activity, investigative techniques, out-of-state dealer plates, stolen vehicle titles, and emerging motor vehicle theft trends.
- Reverse notification hits received from the financial and telephone toll systems were provided to the task force case agent for deconfliction purposes.