

2022 Annual Report

ILLINOIS MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION & INSURANCE VERIFICATION COUNCIL



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Jesse White

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



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History of the Council

In 1991, the General Assembly established the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, an 11-member coalition of representatives from the insurance industry, state's attorneys and law enforcement officers, which was overseen by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act requires insurance companies to pay \$1 into a special trust fund for each private passenger automobile insured for physical damage coverage in Illinois.

Approximately \$6.5 million is collected annually and distributed by the Council for the purpose of reducing vehicle theft, motor vehicle theft-related crimes and insurance fraud in Illinois. The funds are designated to support law enforcement programs that increase investigation and prosecution of vehicle theft-related crimes.

Between 1991 and 2021, the annual number of motor vehicle theft offenses in Illinois dropped over 60% from 75,214 to 28,557.

In March 2015, the Governor issued Illinois Executive Order 8, which suspended state grants for that fiscal year and led to the suspension of grant contracts issued by the Council.

The ensuing state budget impasse, which lasted through August 2017, did not provide an appropriation for the Council to use monies deposited into the trust fund.

In 2017, the General Assembly passed House Bill 2610 (Senator Munoz/Representative D'Amico), which was signed into law that August and became Public Act 100-0373. The Public Act restructured the Council, changed administrative oversight from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to the Illinois Secretary of State's office, and expanded the scope of the Council.

Today, the new Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council remains committed to reducing vehicle theft, motor vehicle theft-related crimes and insurance fraud, but may also consider efforts to deter, investigate and prosecute recyclable metal theft.

In addition to the prevention of vehicle thefts, the trust fund supports the Secretary of State Mandatory Insurance Verification Program, which electronically verifies the status of motor vehicle liability insurance policies and prevents uninsured motorists from renewing their vehicle registrations.

The 11-member Council appoints a five-member Grant Review Committee to review grant proposals, budgets, and other information that must be brought before the Council in order to award grants and carry out their mission.

MVTPIV Council Members

The following members serve on the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council:

Jesse White

Illinois Secretary of State



Jesse White was first elected Illinois Secretary of State in 1998 and is the first African-American to lead the office. Secretary White became Illinois' longest serving Secretary of State, having won six consecutive terms since.

Secretary White previously served as Cook County Recorder of Deeds from 1992-1998. Before being elected as recorder of deeds, he served in the Illinois General Assembly for 16 years. He also spent 33 years as a teacher and administrator with the Chicago Public School system.

Secretary White founded the internationally renowned Jesse White Tumbling Team as a juvenile delinquency prevention program for children residing in Chicago's inner city housing projects. He continues to coach the team, whose members are required to stay in school, maintain a C average and stay away from gangs and drugs.

Secretary White was born in Alton and earned his bachelor's degree from Alabama State College. He served as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division and was a member of the Illinois National Guard and Army Reserve. He lives on Chicago's Near North Side.

Elmer Garza, Director of the Secretary of State Police Department, is Secretary White's designee and serves as Chairman of the Council.

Honorable Kimberly M. Foxx *Cook County State's Attorney*



Kimberly M. Foxx was elected Cook County State's Attorney in 2016 and is the first African American woman to lead the office. Prior to being elected state's attorney, Foxx served as chief of staff for Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

As President Preckwinkle's senior advisor and lead strategist, she oversaw a \$4 billion annual budget. She also was the lead architect of the county's criminal justice reform agenda to address racial disparities in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Her efforts contributed to a significant drop in the Cook County jail population while promoting public safety.

A veteran prosecutor, Foxx served as an assistant state's attorney in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for 12 years and also served as a guardian ad litem in the Cook County Public Guardian's Office.

Foxx is a board member at Adler University and Free Spirit Media, where she also served as board president. Foxx is a former board chair of Planned Parenthood of Illinois and a past president of the National Black Prosecutors Association – Chicago Chapter. She is a member of Leadership Greater Chicago and the Chicago Council of Lawyers.

Born and raised on Chicago's Near North Side in Cabrini Green, Foxx earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Southern Illinois University (SIU) and a juris doctorate from the SIU School of Law.

David Williams, with the Special Prosecutions Bureau, currently serves as State's Attorney Foxx's designee to the Council.

Brendan F. Kelly
Director, Illinois State Police



Brendan Kelly was nominated by Governor JB Pritzker as the Director of the Illinois State Police in January 2019. Kelly is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Louis University School of Law, served as an officer in the United States Navy, and comes from a family of law enforcement and military service.

Kelly served as the elected State's Attorney of St. Clair County from 2010-2019 and previously as an Assistant State's Attorney. As chief prosecutor, Kelly established a violent crimes unit, a special victims unit for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, and a Children's Justice Division. During his tenure, violent crime was reduced by 41% in his jurisdiction.

As Director of ISP, Kelly has advocated for more graduating classes of State Police officers, expansion of state police public integrity units and better law enforcement training standards. He has also initiated changes to the firearms background process and enforcement of firearms safety. Kelly has also established separate divisions for the Illinois State Police Academy to improve training and recruitment.

Kelly is past-president of the Illinois State's Attorneys Association, served as chairman of the St. Clair County Child Advocacy Center and on the executive committee of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Illinois. In 2018, Kelly was named State's Attorney of the Year by the Illinois State Crime Commission and has received an Illinois Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hero Award. He was also named Prosecutor of the Year by the Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission and Southern Illinois Police Chief's Association.

Lieutenant Colonel Chris Trame, Assistant Deputy Director for Illinois State Police, is Director Kelly's designee to the Council.

David O. Brown
Superintendent, Chicago Police Department



David O. Brown joined the Chicago Police Department in April 2020, becoming CPD's 63rd Superintendent. He brings more than 30 years of law enforcement experience to Chicago and is nationally recognized for his expertise in reform, public safety and community policing.

Brown attended the University of Texas at Austin, where he left his senior year to join the Dallas Police Department. During his distinguished career with DPD, he worked in patrol divisions, SWAT and internal affairs.

Brown served as Chief of the Dallas Police Department from 2010-2016. While leading the DPD, the city saw a historic reduction in crime and the lowest murder rate in over 80 years. As Chief, he equipped officers with body cameras and sought to reform training on the use of lethal force.

Brown is perhaps best known for his steady leadership as Chief of the DPD, guiding the department through the worst police shooting in the nation's history in July 2016.

Brown is the author of a memoir *Call to Rise*, which details his personal story and tragedies, including the death of his son, brother and former police partner. Brown is married to Cedonia Brown, a former Dallas police sergeant. Together they have a 14-year old daughter.

Commander Andrew Costello, Central Investigations Division of the Bureau of Detectives for the Chicago Police Department, serves as Superintendent Brown's designee to the Council.

Phillip Arnold

Chief, Village of Shorewood
Police Department



Phillip Arnold has served in law enforcement for over 36 years and has been the Chief of Police for the Village of Shorewood since December 2001.

Chief Arnold has been recognized and awarded for his initiative and ingenuity in developing and improving program practices and procedures with significant successes in coordination, comprehension, cost savings, streamlining and leading teams to consistently meet or exceed expected outcomes and deadlines.

He has managed high profile programs for nationwide law enforcement operations and emergency services and has a proven ability to translate goals into action.

He is a member of the Police Chief's Association of Will County and Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee. He is also Chairman of the Chief's Operating Committee for the Western Will County Communications Center and Chairman of the Personnel Committee for the Tri-River Police Training Region (Mobile Training Unit 16).

Chief Arnold serviced as an Executive Board Member for the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force from 2008-2012 and again from 2016-2019. He has served on the Executive Board of the South Suburban Emergency Response Team for six years. He is also an Active Life Member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Honorable Jodi Hoos

Peoria County
State's Attorney



Jodi Hoos was sworn in as the first woman to ever hold the position of Peoria County State's Attorney on September 1, 2019, after a unanimous appointment vote from the Peoria County Board. She went on to win election in November 2020.

Prior to her appointment, Hoos was the Peoria County Resident Circuit Judge for five years. During her time on the bench she handled a variety of civil cases ranging from personal injury to multi-million dollar medical malpractice claims.

Prosecuting was always Hoos's passion. She first started in the Peoria County State's Attorney's office as an Assistant State's Attorney in 2000. A trial lawyer in its truest sense, Hoos's work involved every criminal courtroom in the Peoria County courthouse. She tried more than 150 jury trials and prosecuted more than 40 murder cases. When Peoria County provided televised broadcast of its courtrooms for the first time in 2014, Hoos was in the courtroom.

Hoos was born and raised in the small farm community of Amherst, Nebraska, population 231. She was a three-sport athlete in high school and went on to play softball at the collegiate level. Hoos was a four-year starter at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Hoos graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in political science. She went to law school at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and received her juris doctor in 2000.

Jason Smith

Farmers Insurance Group



Jason Smith is a supervisor in the Special Investigations Unit and is responsible for SIU field operations in four states. He began his insurance career in 2001 as a multi-line claims representative in Southern Indiana.

He has held multiple positions in claims including field claims representative senior special investigator. Smith has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern Indiana and holds the insurance designations of INS and FCLS. He is a member of the International Association of Special Investigators.

Todd Feltman

State Farm Insurance Company



Todd Feltman has worked at State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company for 30 years. His current responsibilities include countrywide responsibilities for reporting automobile liability insurance to various states as well as overseeing non-voluntary insurance markets.

Feltman received his B.A. in Business Management from Western Michigan University and is an insurance industry representative for 26 Governing Committees for auto non-voluntary plans across the country. He obtained his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant designations.

He is also a member of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the Insurance Industry Committee on Motor Vehicle Administration, ACORD and X12 organizations.

Matt Gall

COUNTRY Financial Insurance Company



Matt Gall is the Special Investigation Unit Manager for COUNTRY Financial and is responsible for the SIU operations for all the states in which COUNTRY Financial operates. He started working in the insurance industry in 1989 as a claims representative in Northern Illinois and has worked in the special investigations area of insurance since 1994.

Gall holds degrees in Criminal Justice and Business Management. He achieved the designations of Certified Insurance Fraud Investigator (CIFI) through the International Association of Special Investigation Units, Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) through the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), and Fraud Claims Law Specialist (FCLS) through the American Education Institute. Gall is a Firefighter/EMT and he is a member of the National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators.

Chuck Dougherty

Pekin Insurance



Chuck Dougherty is the Special Investigations Unit and Business Analysis Manager for Pekin Insurance. Prior to joining Pekin he held SIU and Compliance leadership positions at Lemonade Insurance, Chubb, and American National.

Dougherty holds a B.S. degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Niagara University. His designations include Associate in Claims (AIC), Fraud Claims Law Specialist (FCLS), Associate, Life Management Institution (ALMI) and Associate, Insurance Regulatory Compliance (AIRC).

Molly Hart
The Auto Club Group



Molly Hart handles public and government relations for AAA – The Auto Club Group primarily in Illinois. She previously worked for a presidential administration, served as a federal lobbyist and worked in non-profit agencies including Feeding America.

Hart holds a B.A. from the University of Dayton and a Master of Science from Northwestern University-Medill School of Journalism.

Grant Review Committee Members

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State’s Attorney, Peoria County

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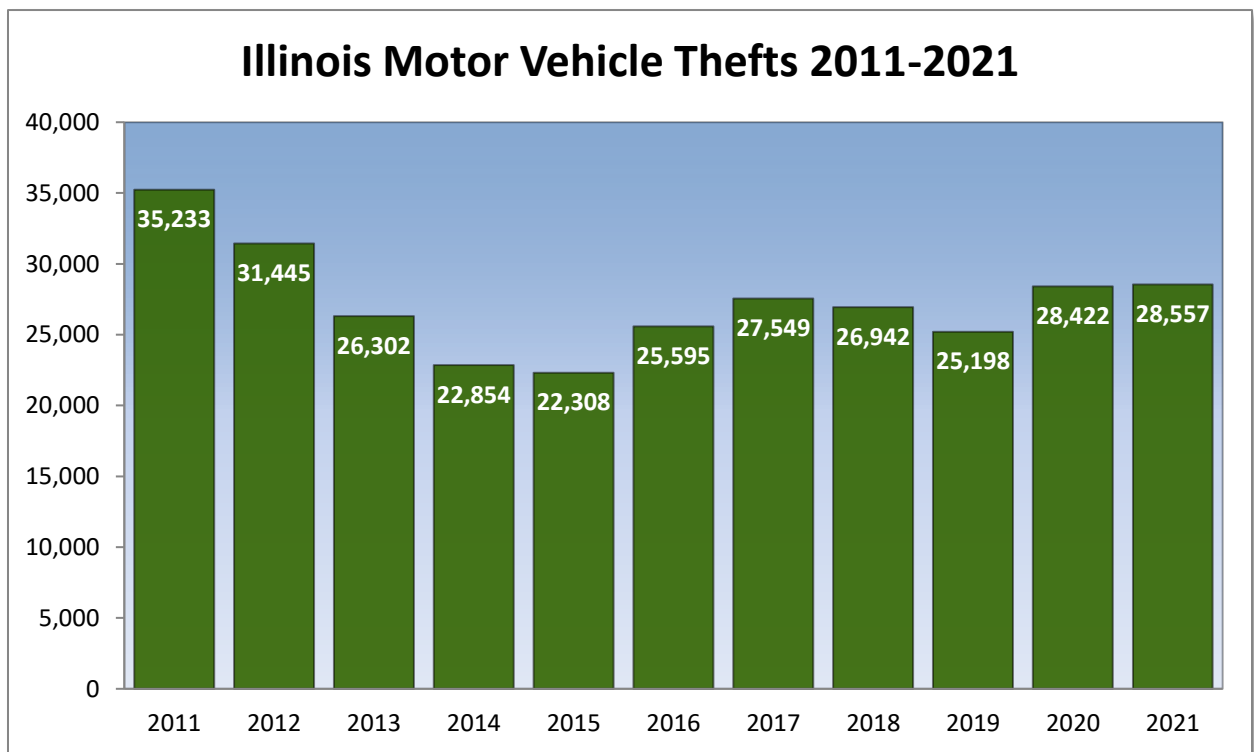
Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Trends

The annual number of motor vehicle theft offenses in Illinois for 2021 was 28,557. This represented a 62% reduction from 1991 when the total was 75,214.

Both 2014 and 2015 produced record low levels of motor vehicle theft offenses, dropping to 22,854 in 2014 and 22,308 in 2015. For the past decade, motor vehicle thefts have been under 40,000 for each consecutive year, which is a greater than 45% reduction since the Council's inception.

In 2015, Illinois Executive Order 8 led to the dissolution of task forces due to a lack of program funding. Consequently, motor vehicle thefts increased the following two years. Once program funding was restored in 2019, thefts were again on the decline until the COVID-19 pandemic brought a dramatic shift in the economy and our general way of life. High unemployment and tragic public health outcomes fueled by the pandemic have led to an overall increase in all types of crimes. Again, motor vehicle thefts saw an increase.

Individual law enforcement agencies typically are not adequately equipped or staffed with the resources to devote to sustained, multi-jurisdictional motor vehicle theft cases. Overall motor vehicle theft trends demonstrate that reductions occur when sustained, organized law enforcement efforts are put into place. Reductions are further solidified when prosecutions are achieved through strong partnerships with local State's Attorneys.

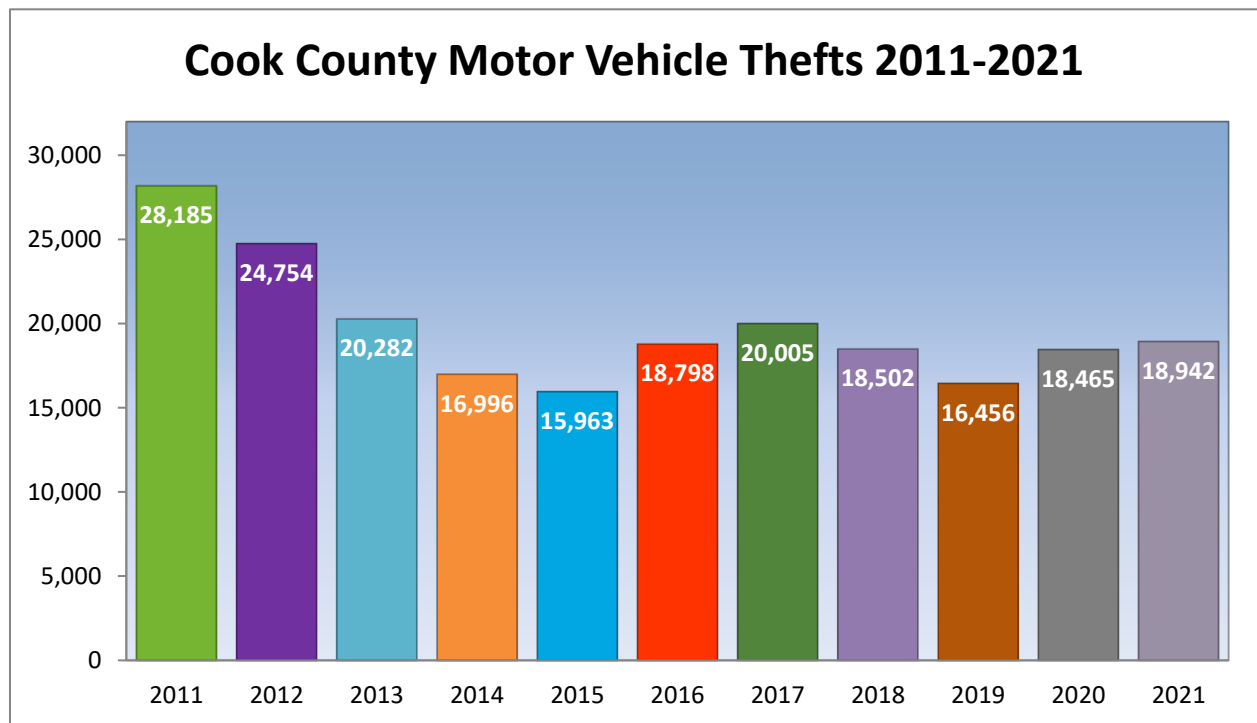


Annual Vehicle Theft, NICB Statistics

Cook County Motor Vehicle Theft Trends

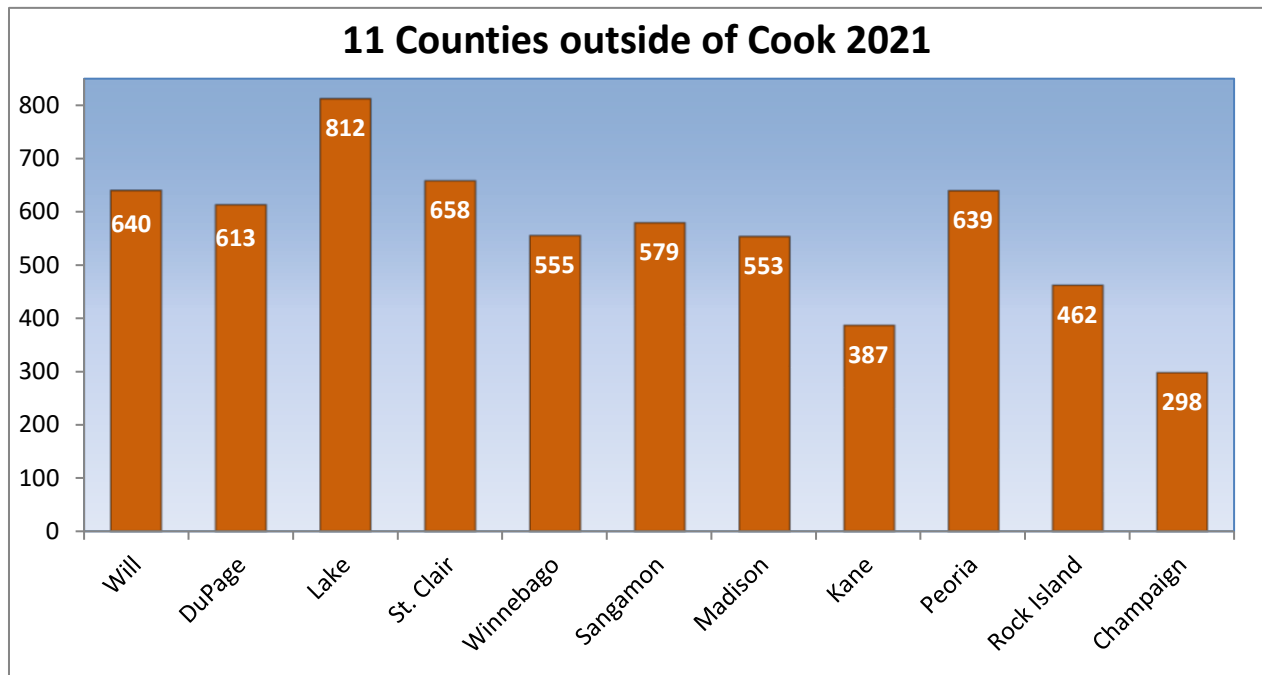
As the nation's second largest county, Cook County consistently holds the lion's share of motor vehicle thefts for the state of Illinois. In 2021, there were 18,942 thefts, which represented 66% of all thefts throughout Illinois. As noted in the statewide trends, overall increases in crime have had a significant impact on motor vehicle theft.

Despite this recent increase, program funding throughout the years has shown overall steady reductions in the total number of thefts. Since 2011, Cook County has had a 33% reduction in vehicle thefts. While there have been consecutive years of steady progress, continued law enforcement efforts are necessary to sustain these reductions. A multi-faceted approach to combating motor vehicle theft that involves coordinated law enforcement efforts, an active community awareness campaign and the resources to bring about successful prosecutions will help to further reduce these numbers.

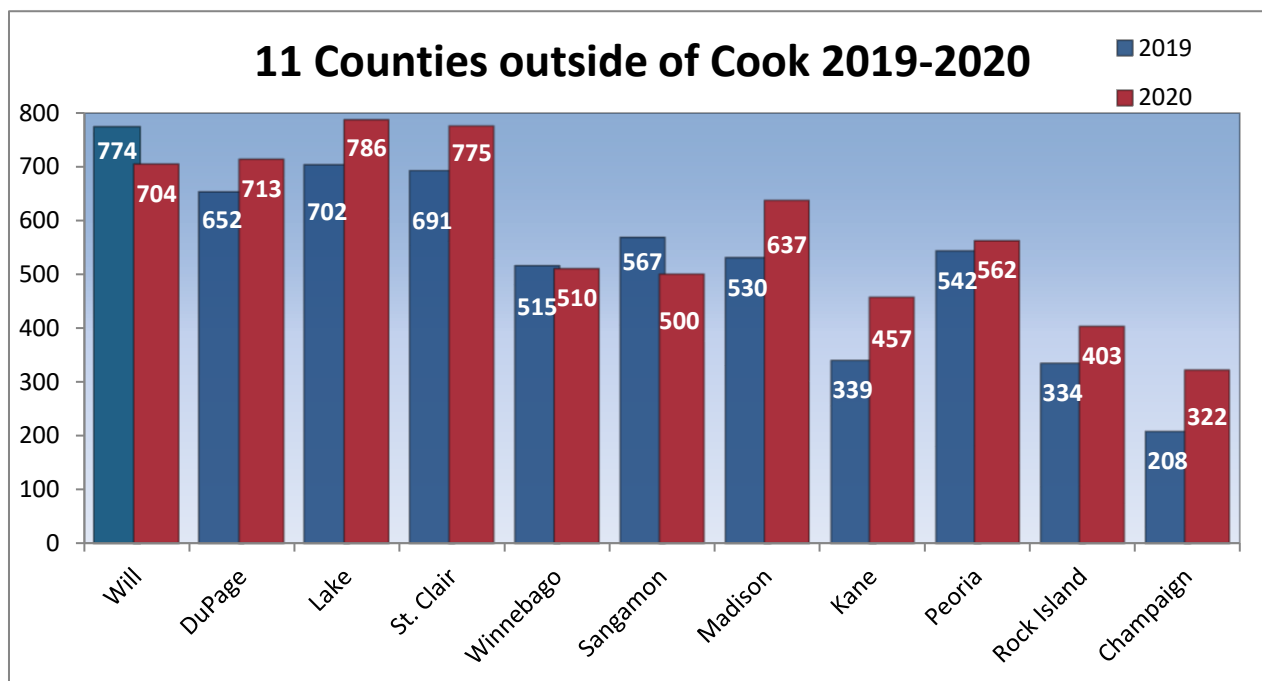


Cook County Vehicle Theft, NICB Statistics

Countywide Motor Vehicle Theft Trends



County Vehicle Theft 2021, NICB Statistics



County Vehicle Theft 2019-2020, NICB Statistics

Overview of Council Programs and Activity

Program Activity

1992-2022

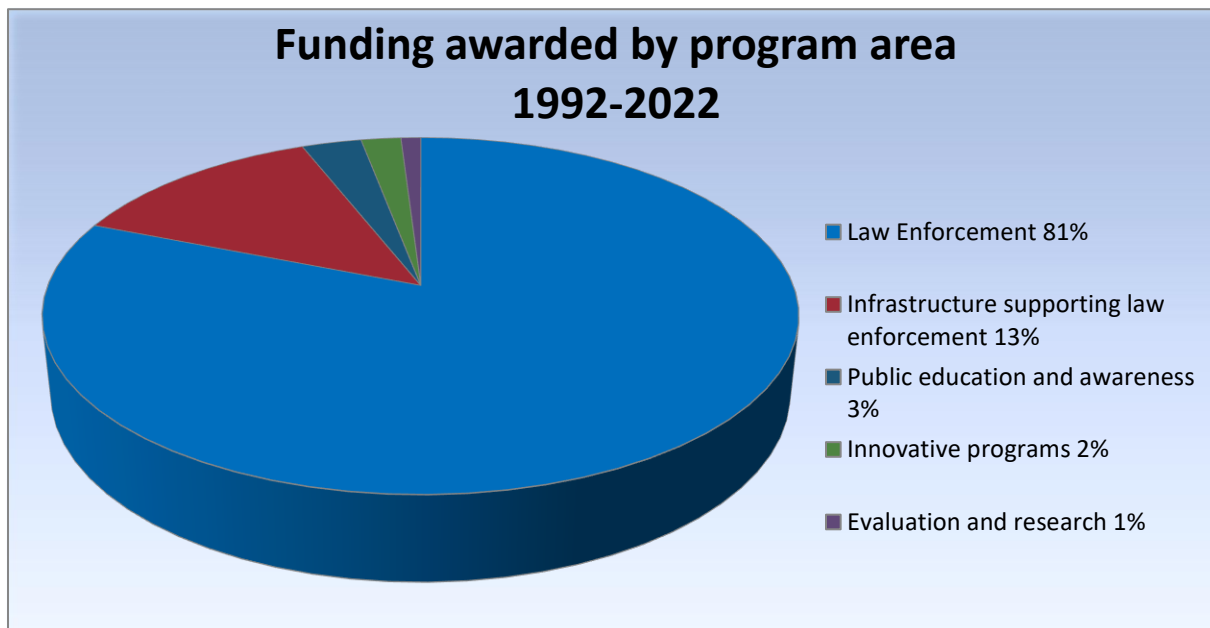
A variety of theft prevention efforts have been supported with Council funding since its inception in 1992. Funding emphasis had been placed upon law enforcement programs that enhanced investigation and prosecution of vehicle theft-related crimes. All programs were cooperative partnerships and nearly all involved considerable support from participating agencies.

Since 1992, programs funded by the Council expended approximately \$156 million. Most funds paid the salaries and benefits of personnel assigned to task forces and special investigative teams in the state. Remaining funds were utilized for equipment, commodities, travel, contractual agreements, and costs not covered by the other categories.

Due to the lack of a state budget appropriation, the Council was unable to support programs in Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017. The budget impasse was not resolved until early Fiscal Year 2018, at which point legislation was passed to change oversight of the Council to the Secretary of State's office.

In 2018, the Council worked diligently to review and offer revisions to the [2019-2022 Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy](#), which is the document that serves as a guide to the Council in order to establish priorities of program funding for a 4-year cycle. An electronic payment system was also developed in order to streamline the collection process for insurance companies who are required to remit annual payments to the Trust Fund.

In 2022, the Council again reviewed and revised the 2023-2026 Statewide Funding Strategy, which can be located at: ilsos.gov/MVTPIV.



Council Activity

2022

Due to high COVID transmission levels and travel restrictions for many insurance companies, the January Grant Review Meeting was cancelled. The full Council met five times throughout the rest of the year with a combination of fully remote meetings and hybrid meetings: February 17, May 19, July 26, September 8, and November 17. The Grant Review Committee met twice: April 14 and October 13.

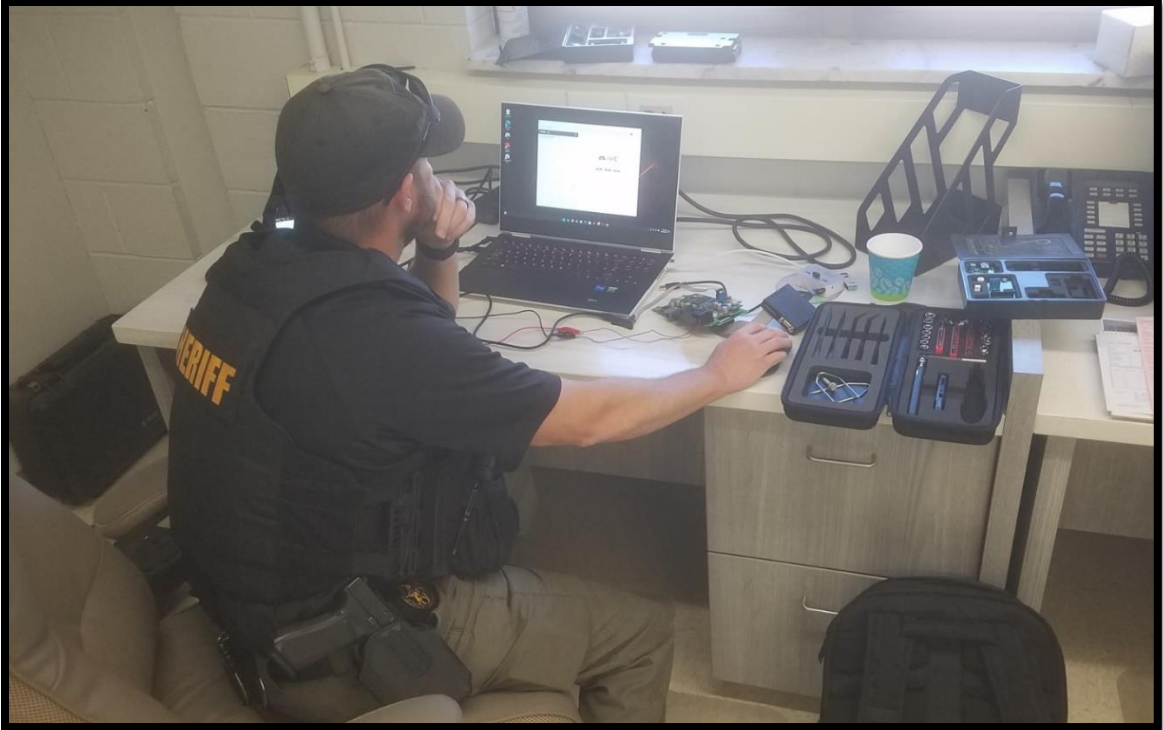
Activity was centered upon task force updates, reviews of quarterly financial and performance reports and the consideration of year-4 funding for all grant applicants. Year-4 funding grant agreements were approved in May and the issuance of funding coincided with Fiscal Year 2023 (June 30, 2022). The Council also continued to develop the 2023-2026 Statewide Funding Strategy, which guides grant funding for the next 4-year grant cycle.

Council Staff were able to conduct site visits in October to Tri-County Auto Theft, Illinois Statewide Auto Theft and the Metro East Auto Theft units. Staff were provided tours of each facility along with situational briefings of local activity.



Illinois State Library, November 2022

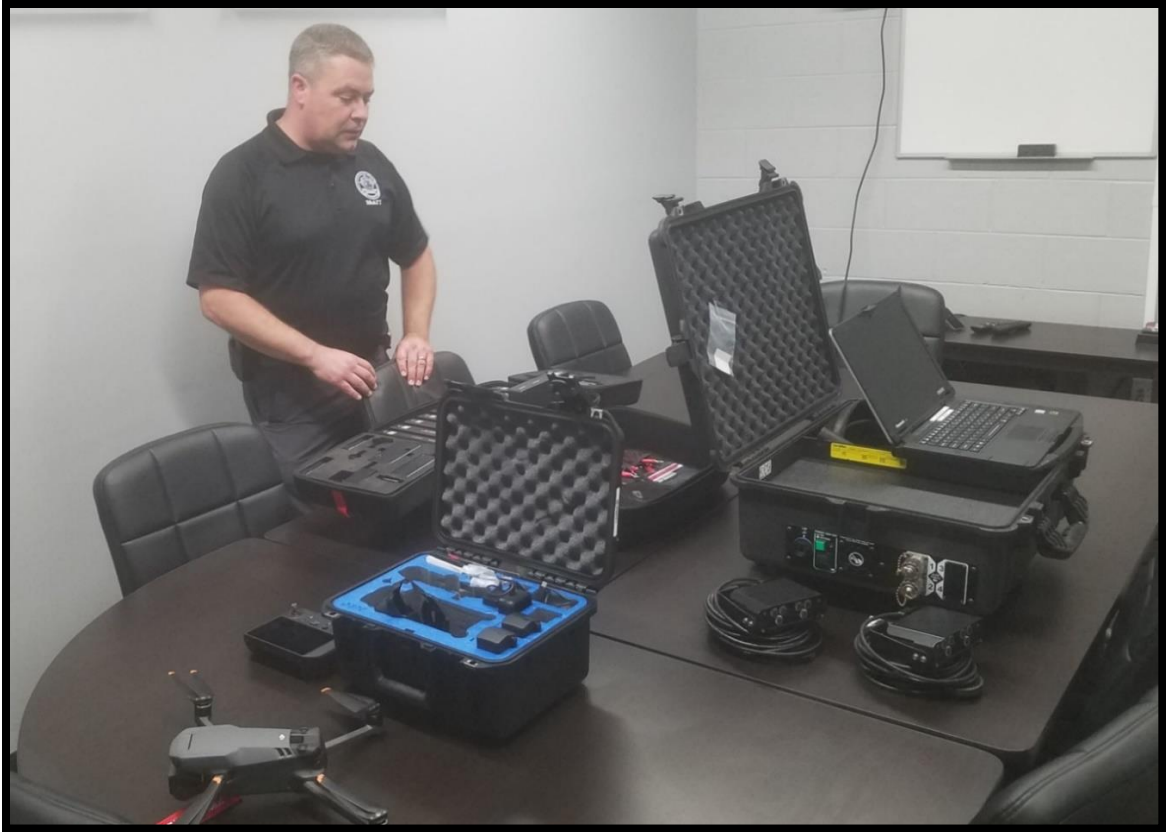
Back Row (L to R): Micah Miller, Ed Grizzle, Adam Broshous, Andrew Costello, Elmer Garza, Chris Trame, Adam Wilk. Front Row: Amy Williams, Sherry Brticevich, Tiffani Baum, Jodi Hoos.



Metro East Auto Theft Task Force, October 2022
Pictured: A MEATTF investigator retracing the movement of a recovered vehicle through the vehicle's infotainment unit.



Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force, October 2022
Pictured: Sgt. Ed Grizzle showing Amy Williams two recent theft recoveries that involve retagged VINs.



Illinois Statewide Auto Theft Task Force, October 2022

Pictured: Director Adam Broshous displays a drone and specialized equipment that assist in locating stolen vehicles and producing strong prosecutions.



Council meeting at the Illinois State Library, November 2022

Council Funded Programs

2022

A variety of theft prevention efforts have been supported with Council funding since its inception in 1992. In 2022, the Council funded three task forces, which included 70 personnel supported by, or assigned to, Council-funded programs for the year. These programs also rely upon considerable support from participating agencies who share in the common mission of crime reduction.

Task Forces

Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: City of Joliet

Amount awarded in 2022 (FY 23): \$1,643,500

The Tri-County Auto Theft (TCAT) Task Force serves the Joliet metropolitan area, including Will, Kankakee, Grundy and Kendall counties. Within its boundaries there are three of the nation's largest interstate systems – I-55, I-80 and I-57.

The task force works with the police departments of Joliet, Bradley, Manteno, and Kankakee; the sheriff's offices of Will, Grundy and Kankakee County; and the Will and Kankakee County State's Attorney's offices. This grant allows the unit to reduce auto theft and fraud related cases in the region, identify and recover stolen vehicles, investigate incidents of insurance and title fraud, and investigate scrap and recycling yards and pursue cases of vehicle hijacking/carjacking.

TCAT places a priority on fraud involving counterfeit titles/out-of-state titles, VIN switching, identity theft, vehicle cloning and insurance fraud. The task force routinely works with multi-jurisdictional details, assists local officers with specialized theft cases and offers presentations to police departments, educating officers on all aspects of auto theft. Director Grizzle is also a board member for the Midwest Security Council, which serves to combat cargo theft and improving transportation security.

In Fiscal Year 2022, TCAT opened 408 cases, which resulted in 110 arrests (94 felony and 16 misdemeanor). The task force recovered 316 vehicles with an estimated value of \$7.6 million dollars. Additionally, \$220,000 worth of cargo was successfully recovered.

Illinois Statewide Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: Village of Thornton

Amount awarded for 2022 (FY 23): \$2,594,406

The Illinois Statewide Auto Theft (ISATT) Task Force is a partnership between the Village of Thornton and the Secretary of State Police to combat auto thefts through collaboration with sworn staff from state, county and local law enforcement agencies. The task force operates with statewide jurisdiction, but focuses its efforts in the Northeastern Illinois region.

ISATT is located at the center of the I-294/80 corridor, which is a “hot spot” of auto theft crime in Illinois. Crimes involving auto theft, insurance fraud, rogue towing operators and recyclable metal theft are just some of the capabilities of this unit. Partnerships with State’s Attorney’s offices, the National Insurance Crime Bureau and trained audit staff allow the task force to conduct cradle-to-grave investigations and prosecutions.

For Fiscal Year 2023, ISATT continues to partner with the Chicago Police Department’s Major Auto Theft Investigations Unit (CMATI) through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU establishes a formal working relationship where additional resources for overtime and equipment may be provided in an effort to work collaboratively regarding auto theft and vehicle hijacking/carjacking in the region.

In Fiscal Year 2022, ISATT opened 1350 cases, which resulted in 211 auto theft related criminal charges, including 144 felonies. The task force recovered 773 vehicles with an estimated value off \$18.8 million. ISATT assisted area agencies with another 222 vehicle recoveries with an estimated value of \$5.8 million. Additionally, their audit team conducted 185 audits of scrap processors and body shops, resulting in 665 violations and 106 referrals to the Secretary of State Police for further investigation.

Metro East Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: St. Clair Sheriff’s Department
Amount awarded for 2022 (FY 23): \$2,102,005

The Metro East Auto Theft (MEATTF) Task Force combats auto theft that is unique to southern Illinois and the Illinois-Missouri border. The task force is comprised of investigators from agencies located in St. Clair, Madison and Monroe Counties and works closely with the police departments of St. Louis and St. Louis County.

The Metro East is the largest urban area in Illinois outside of Chicago and is known for its sporting events, hotels, restaurants and shopping venues. MEATTF partners with multiple jurisdictions to reduce vehicle theft for individuals who reside within the region or are simply visiting. The task force also provides multiple classes throughout the year to educate patrol officers on auto theft trends and investigative tactics.

In Fiscal Year 2022, MEATTF made 233 arrests, which resulted in 181 charges. The task force recovered 540 vehicles with an estimated value of nearly \$8 million and \$550,000 worth of stolen cargo. Additionally, MEATTF and ISATT partnered together for an undercover controlled sale of catalytic converters, which resulted in the seizure of nearly 300 illegally purchased catalytic converters and the closure of an unscrupulous dealer.

Mandatory Insurance Verification

Prior to the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act, Illinois would select a small random sample of eligible vehicle registrations each month and send a mailing to the vehicle owners, requiring that the owners provide insurance information valid on the date of selection. That information was then verified with the insurance company.

The Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Act now designates that no more than 50% of each dollar collected for every year may be utilized for the creation, implementation, and maintenance of an electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy verification program.

In 2020, funds were utilized to create and implement an electronic verification system, which was tested and verified for proper operation that year. This system relies upon incoming data from the insurance companies that must match vehicle registrations. If a match is not made, a letter is sent to the vehicle owner outlining how to verify insurance in case of error and notifying them that the vehicle registration may be suspended.

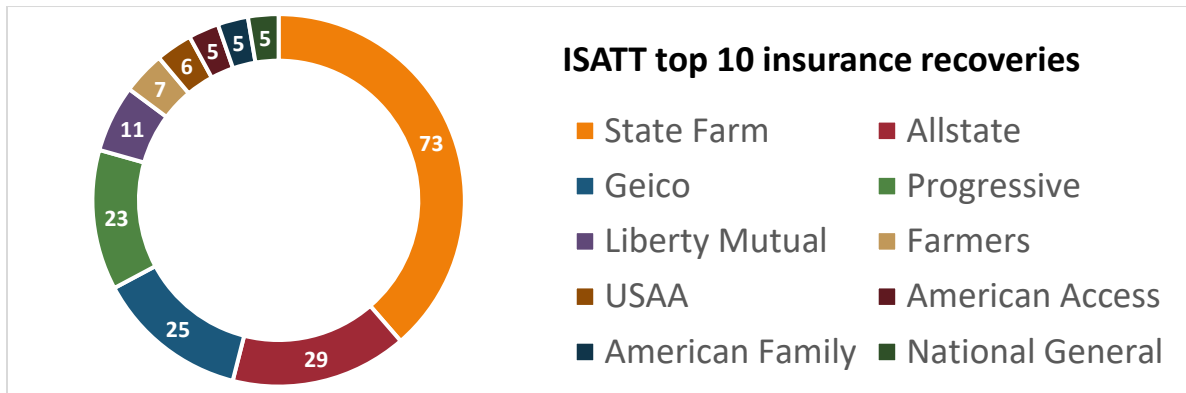
In 2021, the system went live and the following 16 months saw the percentage of registered vehicles without verified insurance drop from 12.7% to 6.9%. This translates into more than 600,000 vehicle owners having either obtained insurance or received license plate suspensions.

The Mandatory Insurance Division is currently staffed by 12 employees. Once the system is fully operational, approximately 10 million vehicle registrations will be electronically verified, twice per year. The Department anticipates approximately one million registrations will come back as unmatched.

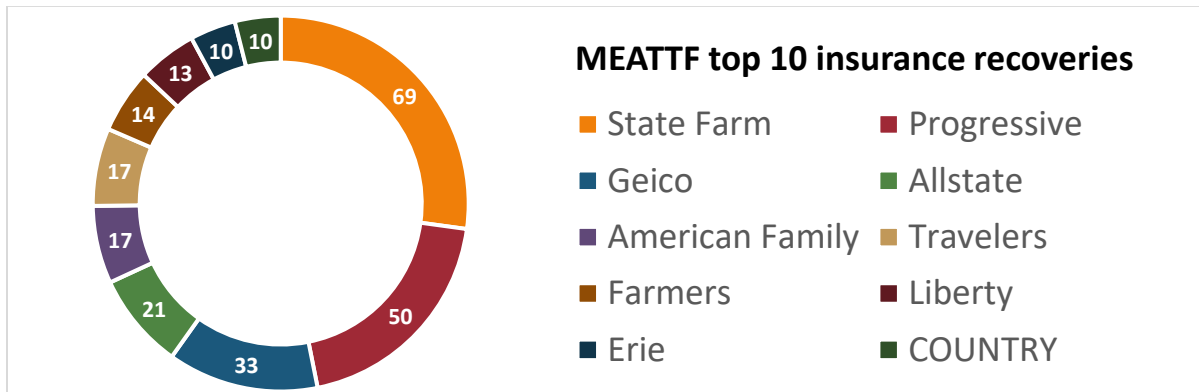


Recoveries by Insurance Company

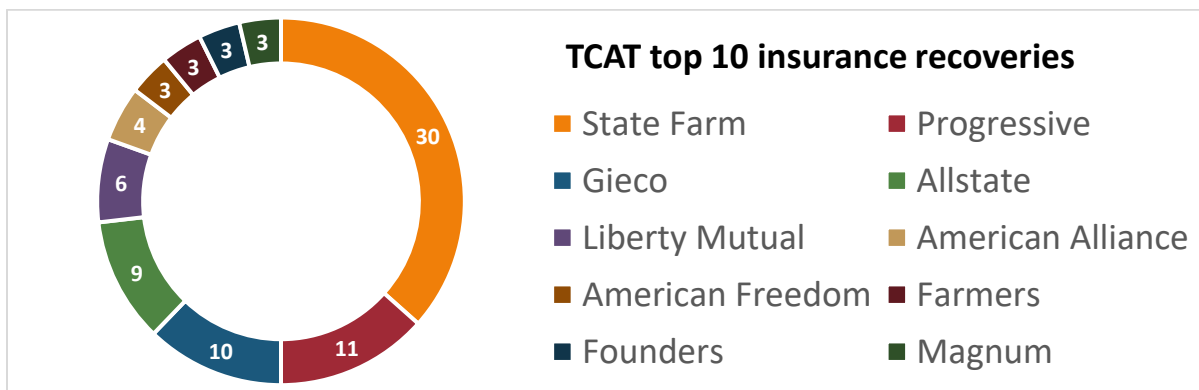
For 2022, the combined recovery value for all task forces totaled over \$34 million. With an average annual investment of \$6 million, that is a \$5 rate of return for every \$1 spent. In an effort to better assist the insurance industry, task forces have been compiling data based upon the number of vehicle recoveries attributed to each insurance company. The charts listed below illustrates the insurance companies who have been impacted the most according to regional activity.



ISATT recoveries by insurance company, 2022



MEATTF recoveries by insurance company based upon \$15,000 average recovery value, 2022



TCAT recoveries by insurance company, 2022

Financial Statement 2022

Prior financial statements have shown fiscal year snapshots. Moving forward, financial statements will provide calendar year information. Additionally, this financial information will show how funds are being utilized for the Mandatory Insurance Verification system, pursuant to Public Act 100-0373, which designates, “no more than 50% of each dollar collected,” to be for used for “the creation, implementation, and maintenance of an electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy verification program.”

Revenues, expenditures and fund balance for Calendar Year 2022

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE:	MANDATORY INS.	COUNCIL	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	\$7,952,549	\$7,457,490	\$15,410,039
REVENUES:			
	MANDATORY INS.	COUNCIL	TOTAL
Amount Collected * 1% to Mandatory Ins. 99% to Council	\$72,739	\$7,201,148	\$7,273,887
Interest income		\$140,227	\$140,227
Total Revenues	\$72,739	\$7,341,375	\$7,414,114
EXPENDITURES:			
	MANDATORY INS.	COUNCIL	TOTAL
Administrative **	\$1,229,256	\$298,502	\$1,527,758
Grants		\$6,339,911	\$6,339,911
Transfers out ***			\$18,893
Total Expenditures	\$1,229,256	\$6,638,413	\$7,886,562
ENDING FUND BALANCE:			
Ending Balance	\$6,796,032	\$8,160,452	\$14,937,591

* For 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding was entered into that designated incoming insurance payments to be split with 1% going to Mandatory Insurance and 99% going to the Council, in order to better sustain both operations.

** Payroll expenditures for the final pay period in December were unavailable at the time of the issuance of this report. Those expenses have been estimated.

*** Refund to Amica Mutual Insurance and Amica P&C Insurance for overpayment to the Trust Fund.

Program Grant Awards

AWARDS:	2022
Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force	\$1,601,741
Illinois Statewide Auto Theft Task Force	\$3,338,845
Metro East Auto Theft Task Force	\$2,388,739
Total	\$7,329,325

Program Grant Awards approved in Calendar Year 2022 and issued in Fiscal Year 2023

Historical Trust Fund Activity for Calendar Year 2019 to 2021

	2019	2020	2021
Insurance company payments	\$6,927,383	\$6,955,927	\$7,126,732
Transfers out	\$149,213*		
Sub Total	\$6,778,170	\$6,955,927	\$7,126,732
Admin. Expenditures Mandatory Ins.	\$657,871	\$1,918,269	1,689,242
Admin. Expenditures Council	\$237,525	\$252,288	\$264,459
Grants	\$5,907,036	\$4,413,780	\$7,329,325
Sub Total	\$6,802,432	\$6,584,337	\$9,283,026

** Refund to Madison Mutual Insurance for overpayment to the Trust Fund.*

Participating Agencies

Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force



2 Joliet Officers
1 Bradley Officer
1 Kankakee City Officer
3 Kankakee County Deputies
1 Grundy County Deputy
1 Will County Deputy
1 Manteno Officer
1 Will County Assistant State's Attorney
1 Kankakee County Assistant State's Attorney
1 Part-time Administrative Director
1 Clerical
1 NICB Agent

Metro East Auto Theft Task Force



3 St. Clair County Deputies
1 Madison County Deputy
1 Monroe County Deputy
1 Alton Officer
1 Shiloh Officer
1 Millstadt Officer
1 Columbia Officer
1 Caseyville Officer
1 Fairview Heights Officer
1 St. Clair County Assistant State's Attorney
1 Madison County Assistant State's Attorney
1 Clerical

Illinois Statewide Auto Theft Task Force



1 Secretary of State Police Lieutenant *
4 Secretary of State Sergeants *
4 Secretary of State Investigators *
1 Oakbrook Officer
1 Bolingbrook Officer
1 Cook County Deputy
1 Mattison Officer
1 Beecher Officer
1 Chicago Officer
1 Park Forest Officer
1 Thornton Officer
1 Blue Island Officer
1 Burbank Officer
1 Attorney General Investigator
2 Cook County State's Attorney Investigators
2 Cook County Assistant State's Attorneys
1 National Insurance Crime Bureau Agent *
2 Auditors
1 Clerical
1 Chicago Police Department Sergeant
8 Chicago Police Department Detectives
4 Chicago Police Officers

** Salaries are not paid by Council funds.*

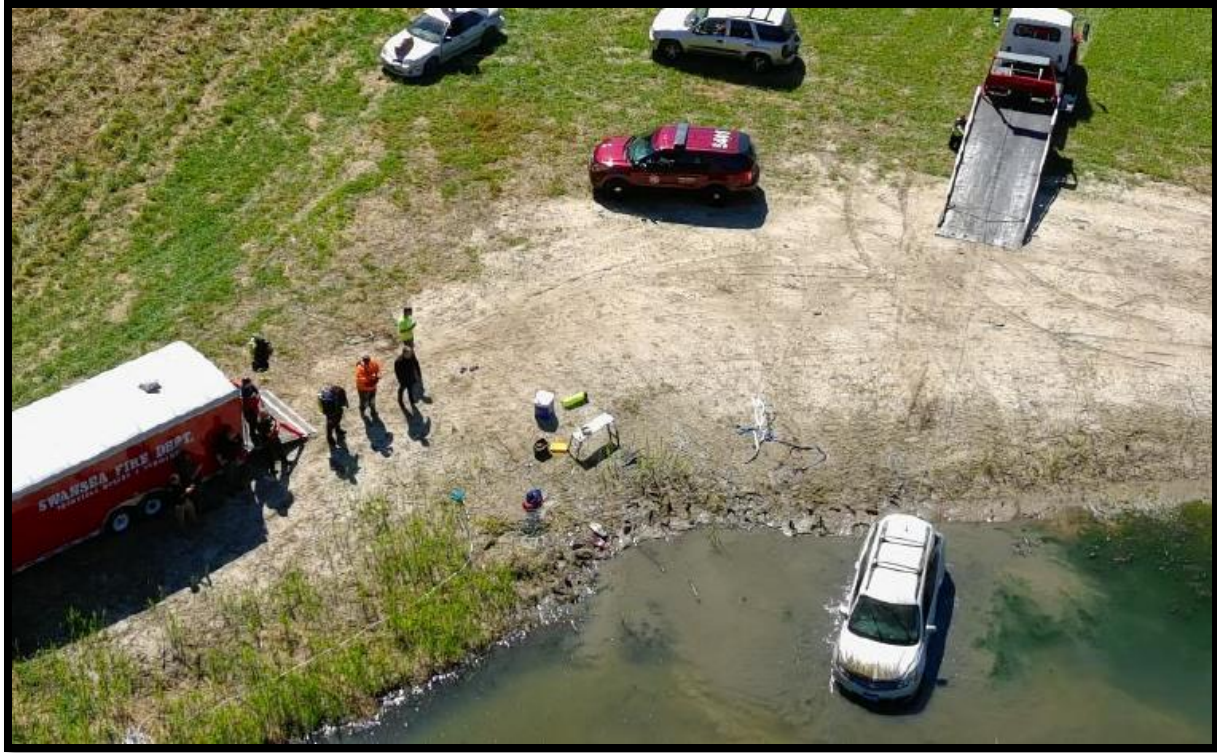
Council Pictures through the Year



This BMW was stolen by means of vehicle hijacking/carjacking and ended in a crash with a sheriff's deputy. Two individuals were apprehended, three weapons were recovered, and they were both convicted by a Federal Grand Jury of carjacking and carrying a firearm. – TCAT



2019 Audi Q7 SUV theft recovery valued at \$100,475. – ISATT



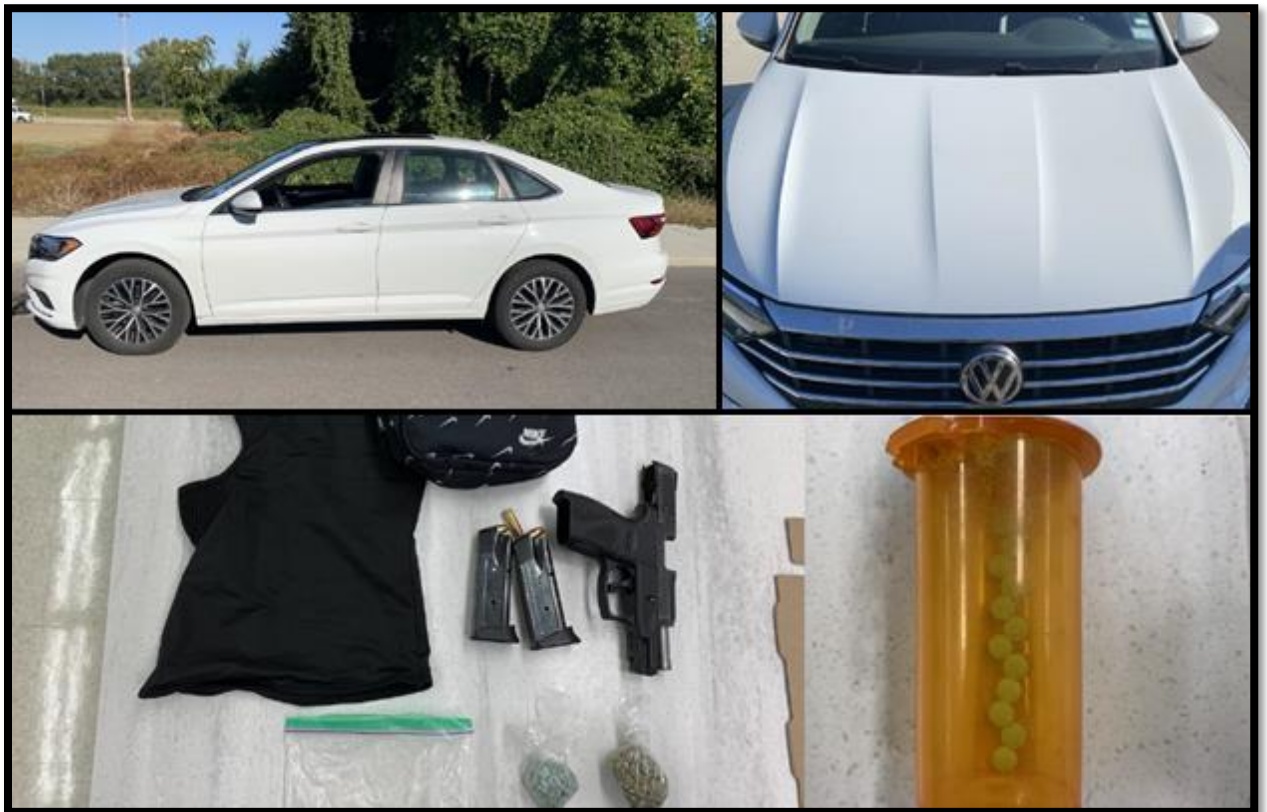
2016 Chevrolet Traverse, stolen by means of vehicle hijacking/carjacking from Dupo. The vehicle was dumped in a pond in Cahokia Heights and located with a drone. Swansea Fire Department assisted in this recovery. – MEATTF



2022 Lincoln Corsair, stolen from a car transporter. The vehicle was located on the South Side of Chicago with several bullet holes and other damage. – ISATT



2021 Dodge Ram 1500 was recovered with weapons including a Glock with a full auto switch. Multiple suspects were charged. – MEATTF



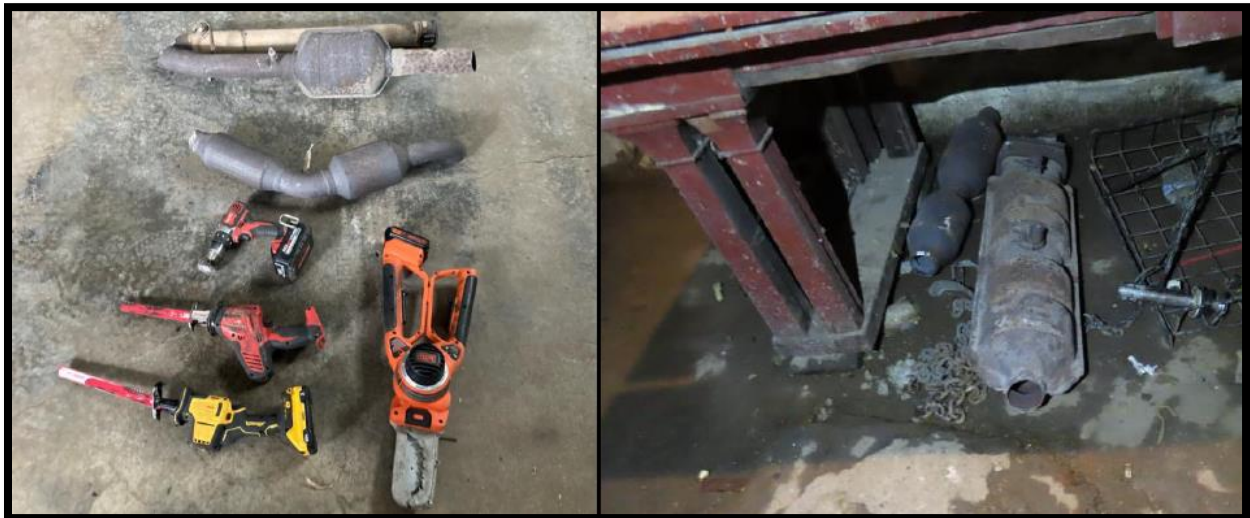
2021 Volkswagen Jetta stolen from St. Louis. A License Plate Reader (LPR) notified law enforcement, which resulted in the recovery of a firearm and ecstasy. The suspect has been charged and a bond of \$100,000 was set. – MEATTF



Several BMW's stolen from Springfield, which ended in a crash on Interstate 80 in Grundy County. The suspect was arrested and the estimated fleet value was \$426,000. – TCAT



2023 Dodge Durango SRT Hellcat, not available to the public when seized, was recovered through a joint investigation with the DEA. Starting MSRP is \$92,780. – MEATTF



Catalytic converter theft continues to affect multiple jurisdictions. – TCAT



Thank you to the following companies who contributed to the 2022 Trust Fund.

1st Auto & Casualty Insurance Company	Charter Oak Fire Insurance Co.
Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company	Chubb Indemnity Insurance Co.
Addison Insurance Company	Chubb National Insurance Co.
AIG Property Casualty Company	Citizens Insurance Company of America
Allmerica Financial Alliance	Citizens Insurance Company of Illinois
Allmerica Financial Benefit	Clearcover Insurance
Allstate Fire & Casualty Insurance	Columbia Mutual Insurance Company
Allstate Indemnity Company	Cornerstone National Insurance Company
Allstate Insurance Company	COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company
Allstate Property & Casualty Insurance Co.	COUNTRY Mutual Insurance Company
Alpha Property & Casualty Insurance Company	COUNTRY Preferred Insurance Company
AMCO Insurance Company	Crestbrook Insurance Company
American Access Casualty Company	Depositors Insurance Company
American Bankers Insurance Company	Direct Auto Insurance Company
American Family Connect Property & Casualty	Economy Fire and Casualty Company
American Family Home Insurance Company	Economy Preferred Insurance Company
American Family Insurance Company	Economy Premier Assurance Company
American Family Mutual Insurance Company, S.I.	Electric Insurance Company
American Freedom Insurance Company	Elephant Insurance Company
American Guarantee and Liability Insurance Co.	Employers Insurance Company of Wausau
American Heartland Insurance Company	Encompass Home and Auto Insurance Company
American Modern Home Insurance	Encompass Insurance Company of America
American Modern Property & Casualty Co.	Encompass Property & Casualty Company
American National General Insurance Company	Equity Insurance Company
American National Property and Casualty Co.	Erie Insurance Company
American Standard Insurance Company of WI	Erie Insurance Exchange
Amica Mutual Insurance Company	Essentia Insurance Company
Amica Property and Casualty Insurance Co.	Esurance Insurance Company
Auto Club Insurance Association	Esurance Property & Casualty Insurance Company
Automobile Club Interinsurance Exchange	Falcon Insurance Company
Auto-Owners Insurance Company	Farmers Automobile Insurance Association
Badger Mutual Insurance Company	Farmers Casualty Insurance Company
Banker Standard Insurance Co.	Farmers Direct Property and Casualty Insurance Co.
Berkley Insurance Company	Farmers Group Property and Casualty Insurance Co.
Bristol West Insurance Company	Farmers Property and Casualty Insurance Company
California Casualty General Insurance Co. of OR	Federal Insurance Company
Central Mutual Insurance Company	First Chicago Insurance Company

Foremost Insurance Company	Liberty Insurance Corporation
Founders Insurance Company	Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company
Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company	Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
Fred Loya Insurance Agency, Inc.	Liberty Mutual Personal Insurance Company
Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance Co.	LM General Insurance Company
GEICO	LM Insurance Corporation
GEICO Casualty Company	Lyndon Southern Insurance Company
GEICO Choice	Madison Mutual Insurance
GEICO General Insurance Company	Meemic Insurance Company
GEICO Indemnity Company	Memberselect Insurance Company
GEICO Secure	Mendakota Casualty Company
General Casualty Company of Wisconsin	Merastar Insurance Company
General Casualty Insurance Company	Mercury Insurance Company of IL
General Security National Insurance Company	Meridian Security Insurance Company
Goodville Mutual Casualty Company	Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
Grange Indemnity Insurance Company	MGA Insurance Company
Grange Mutual Casualty Company	MIC General Insurance Corp.
Great Northern Insurance Company	MICO Insurance Company
Grinnell Compass, Inc.	Midvale Indemnity Company
Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company	Midwest Family Mutual Insurance Company
Grinnell Select Insurance Company	Milbank Insurance Company
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Insurance Co.	National General Assurance Company
Hartford Casualty Insurance Company	National General Insurance Company
Hartford Fire Insurance Company	National General Insurance Online, Inc.
Hartford Insurance Company of Illinois	Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Company
Hartford Insurance Company of the Southeast	Nationwide General Insurance Company
Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company	Nationwide Insurance Company of America
Hastings Mutual Insurance Company	Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company
Horace Mann Insurance Company	Owners Insurance Company
Horace Mann Property & Casualty Insurance Co.	Pacific Indemnity Company
Illinois Farmers Insurance Company	Pekin Insurance Company
Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance Company	Permanent General Assurance Corporation
Infinity Insurance Company	Permanent General Assurance Corporation of OH
Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania	Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company
Integon Casualty Insurance Company	Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company
Iowa Mutual Insurance Company	Phoenix Insurance Company
Ironshore Indemnity Inc.	ProCentury Insurance Company

Progressive Direct Insurance Company	Toggle Insurance Company
Progressive Northern Insurance Company	Travelers Casualty Insurance Co. of America
Progressive Universal Insurance Company	Travelers Commercial Insurance Co.
Property & Casualty Insurance Co. of Hartford	Travelers Home and Marine Insurance Co.
Regent Insurance Company	Travelers Indemnity Company
Response Insurance Company	Travelers Indemnity Company of America
Riverport Insurance Company	Travelers Indemnity Company of CT
Rockford Mutual Insurance Company	Travelers Property Casualty Co. of America
Root Insurance Company	Truck Insurance Exchange
Safe Auto Insurance Company	Trumbull Insurance Company
Safeco Insurance Company of Illinois	Trustgard Insurance Company
Safeway Insurance Company	Twin City Fire Insurance Company
Secura Insurance, A Mutual Company	United Equitable Insurance Company
Secura Supreme Insurance Company	United Fire & Casualty Company
Selective Ins. Co of South Carolina	United Security Health and Casualty
Sentinel Insurance Company, Ltd.	United Services Automobile Association (USAA)
Shelter General Insurance Company	Unitrin Direct Insurance Company
Shelter Mutual Insurance Company	Unitrin Direct Property and Casualty Company
Standard Fire Insurance Company	Unitrin Preferred Insurance Company
Standard Property & Casualty Insurance Co.	Unitrin Safeguard Insurance Company
Star Insurance Company	USAA Casualty Insurance Company
Starstone National Insurance Company	USAA General Indemnity Company
State Auto Property and Casualty Insurance	Vault Reciprocal Exchange
State Automobile Mutual Insurance Company	Vigilant Insurance Company
State Farm Fire and Casualty Company	Viking Insurance Company of Wisconsin
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.	Wadena Insurance Company
Teachers Insurance Company	West Bend Mutual Insurance Company
The Cincinnati Casualty Company	Westfield Insurance Company
The Cincinnati Insurance Company	Westfield National Insurance Company
The First Liberty Insurance Corporation	XL Specialty Insurance Company
The General Automobile Insurance Co., Inc.	Young America Insurance Company

Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act (Public Act 100-0373)

Section 15. The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act is amended by changing Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 8.5, and 12 as follows:

(20 ILCS 4005/1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1301) (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

Sec. 1. This Act shall be known as the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Act. (Source: P.A. 86-1408.)

(20 ILCS 4005/2) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1302) (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

Sec. 2. The purpose of this Act is to prevent, combat and reduce motor vehicle theft in Illinois; to improve and support motor vehicle theft law enforcement, prosecution and administration of motor vehicle theft and insurance verification laws by establishing statewide planning capabilities for and coordination of financial resources. (Source: P.A. 86-1408.)

(20 ILCS 4005/3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1303) (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

Sec. 3. As used in this Act:

(a) ~~(Blank). "Authority" means the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.~~

(b) "Council" means the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council, ~~established within the Authority by this Act.~~

(b-2) "Director" means the Director of the Secretary of State Department of Police.

(b-5) "Police" means the Secretary of State Department of Police.

(b-7) "Secretary" means the Secretary of State.

(c) "Trust Fund" means the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Trust Fund. (Source: P.A. 86-1408.)

(20 ILCS 4005/4) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1304) (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

Sec. 4. There is hereby created ~~within the Authority~~ an Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council, which shall exercise its powers, duties and responsibilities ~~independently of the Authority~~. There shall be 11 members of the Council consisting of the Secretary of State or his designee, the Director of the Department of State Police, the State's Attorney of Cook County, the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, and the following 7 additional members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Secretary of State Governor: a state's attorney of a county other than Cook, a chief executive law enforcement official from a jurisdiction other than the City of Chicago, 5 representatives of insurers authorized to write motor vehicle insurance in this State, all of whom shall be domiciled in this State. ~~The Director Governor from time to time shall be designate the Chairman of the Council from the membership.~~ All members of the Council appointed by the Secretary Governor shall serve at the discretion of the Secretary Governor for a term not to exceed 4 years. ~~The initial appointed members of the Council shall serve from January 1, 1991 until the third Monday in January, 1995 or until their successors are appointed.~~ The Council shall meet at least quarterly. (Source: P.A. 89-277, eff. 8-10-95.)

(20 ILCS 4005/6) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1306) (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

Sec. 6. The Secretary Executive Director of the Authority shall employ, in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Personnel Code, such administrative, professional, clerical, and other personnel as may be required and may organize such staff as may be appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Act. (Source: P.A. 86-1408.)

(20 ILCS 4005/7) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1307) (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

Sec. 7. The Council shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

(a) To apply for, solicit, receive, establish priorities for, allocate, disburse, contract for, and spend funds that are made available to the Council from any source to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

(b) To make grants and to provide financial support for federal and State agencies, units of local government, corporations, and neighborhood, community and business organizations to effectuate the purposes of this Act, to deter and investigate recyclable metal theft, and to law enforcement agencies to assist in the prosecution of recyclable metal theft.

(c) To assess the scope of the problem of motor vehicle theft, including particular areas of the State where the problem is greatest and to conduct impact analyses of State and local criminal justice policies, programs, plans and methods for combating the problem.

(d) To develop and sponsor the implementation of statewide plans and strategies to combat motor vehicle theft and to improve the administration of the motor vehicle theft laws and provide an effective forum for identification of critical problems associated with motor vehicle theft.

(e) To coordinate the development, adoption and implementation of plans and strategies relating to interagency or intergovernmental cooperation with respect to motor vehicle theft law enforcement.

(f) To ~~adopt promulgate~~ rules or regulations necessary to ensure that appropriate agencies, units of government, private organizations and combinations thereof are included in the development and implementation of strategies or plans adopted pursuant to this Act and to ~~adopt promulgate~~ rules or regulations as may otherwise be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

(g) To report annually, on or before January 1, 2019 ~~April 1, 1992~~ to the Governor, General Assembly, and, upon request, to members of the general public on the Council's activities in the preceding year.

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

(i) To provide funding to the Secretary for the creation, implementation, and maintenance of an electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy verification program. (Source: P.A. 86-1408.)

(20 ILCS 4005/8) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1308) (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

Sec. 8.

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) To pay the ~~Secretary's Authority's~~ costs to administer the Council and the Trust Fund, but for this purpose in an amount not to exceed ~~10% ten percent~~ in any one fiscal year of the amount collected pursuant to paragraph (d) of this Section in that same fiscal year.
- (2) To achieve the purposes and objectives of this Act, which may include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (A) To provide financial support to law enforcement and correctional agencies, prosecutors, and the judiciary for programs designed to reduce motor vehicle theft and to improve the administration of motor vehicle theft laws.
- (B) To provide financial support for federal and State agencies, units of local government, corporations and neighborhood, community or business organizations for programs designed to reduce motor vehicle theft and to improve the administration of motor vehicle theft laws.
- (C) To provide financial support to conduct programs designed to inform owners of motor vehicles about the financial and social costs of motor vehicle theft and to suggest to those owners methods for preventing motor vehicle theft.
- (D) To provide financial support for plans, programs and projects designed to achieve the purposes of this Act.
- (3) To provide funding to the Secretary's Vehicle Services Department for the creation, implementation, and maintenance of an electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy verification program by allocating no more than 75% of each dollar collected for the first calendar year after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly and no more than 50% of each dollar collected for every other year after the first calendar year. The Secretary shall distribute the funds to the Vehicle Services Department at the beginning of each calendar year.
- (f) Insurers contributing to the Trust Fund shall have a property interest in the unexpended money in the Trust Fund, which property interest shall not be retroactively changed or extinguished by the General Assembly.
- (g) In the event the Trust Fund were to be discontinued or the Council were to be dissolved by act of the General Assembly or by operation of law, then, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5 of the State Finance Act, any balance remaining therein shall be returned to the insurers writing private passenger motor vehicle insurance in proportion to their financial contributions to the Trust Fund and any assets of the Council shall be liquidated and returned in the same manner after deduction of administrative costs. (Source: P.A. 88-452; 89-277, eff. 8-10-95.)

(20 ILCS 4005/8.5) (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

Sec. 8.5. State Police Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund. The State Police Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund is created as a trust fund in the State treasury. The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of the Trust Fund. The Trust Fund is established to receive funds from the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council. All interest earned from the investment or deposit of moneys accumulated in the Trust Fund shall be deposited into the Trust Fund. Moneys in the Trust Fund shall be used by the Department of State Police for motor vehicle theft prevention purposes. (Source: P.A. 97-116, eff. 1-1-12.)

(20 ILCS 4005/12)

Sec. 12. Repeal. Sections 1 through ~~9 and Section~~ 11 are repealed January 1, ~~2025 2020~~. (Source: P.A. 99-251, eff. 1-1-16.)

Section 20. The State Finance Act is amended by changing Sections 5 and 5.295 as follows:

(30 ILCS 105/5) (from Ch. 127, par. 141)

Sec. 5. Special funds.

(a) There are special funds in the State Treasury designated as specified in the Sections which succeed this Section 5 and precede Section 6.

(b) Except as provided in the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Act, when any special fund in the State Treasury is discontinued by an Act of the General Assembly, any balance remaining therein on the effective date of such Act shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund, or to such other fund as such Act shall provide. Warrants outstanding against such discontinued fund at the time of the transfer of any such balance therein shall be paid out of the fund to which the transfer was made.

(c) When any special fund in the State Treasury has been inactive for 18 months or longer, the fund is automatically terminated by operation of law and the balance remaining in such fund shall be transferred by the Comptroller to the General Revenue Fund. When a special fund has been terminated by operation of law as provided in this Section, the General Assembly shall repeal or amend all Sections of the statutes creating or otherwise referring to that fund. The Comptroller shall be allowed the discretion to maintain or dissolve any federal trust fund which has been inactive for 18 months or longer.

(d) (Blank).

(e) (Blank).

(Source: P.A. 90-372, eff. 7-1-98.)

(30 ILCS 105/5.295) (from Ch. 127, par. 141.295)

Sec. 5.295. The Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Trust Fund. (Source: P.A. 86-1408; 86-1475.)

Section 25. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Sections 4-109, 7-604, and 7-607 and by adding Section 7-603.5 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/4-109)

Sec. 4-109. Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Program. The Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council, is hereby authorized to establish and operate a Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Program as follows:

(a) Voluntary program participation.

(b) The registered owner of a motor vehicle interested in participating in the program shall sign an informed consent agreement designed by the Secretary of State under subsection (e) of this Section indicating that the motor vehicle registered to him is not normally operated between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. The form and fee, if any, shall be submitted to the Secretary of State for processing.

(c) Upon processing the form, the Secretary of State shall issue to the registered owner a decal. The registered owner shall affix the decal in a conspicuous place on his motor vehicle as prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(d) Whenever any law enforcement officer shall see a motor vehicle displaying a decal issued under the provisions of subsection (c) of this Section being operated upon the public highways of this State between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., the officer is authorized to stop that motor vehicle and to request the driver to produce a valid driver's license and motor vehicle registration card if required to be carried in the vehicle. Whenever the operator of a motor vehicle displaying a decal is unable to produce the documentation set forth in this Section, the police officer shall investigate further to determine if the person operating the motor vehicle is the registered owner or has the authorization of the owner to operate the vehicle.

(e) The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director of the Department of State Police and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council, shall design the manner and form of the informed consent agreement required under subsection (b) of this Section and the decal required under subsection (c) of this Section.

(f) The Secretary of State shall provide for the recording of registered owners of motor vehicles who participate in the program. The records shall be available to all law enforcement departments, agencies, and forces. The Secretary of State shall cooperate with and assist all law enforcement officers and other agencies in tracing or examining any questionable motor vehicles in order to determine the ownership of the motor vehicles.

(g) A fee not to exceed \$10 may be charged for the informed consent form and decal provided under this Section. The fee, if any, shall be set by the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council and shall be collected by the Secretary of State and deposited into the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Trust Fund.

(h) The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director of the Department of State Police and the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this Section.

(Source: P.A. 88-128; 88-684, eff. 1-24-95.)

(625 ILCS 5/7-603.5 new)

Sec. 7-603.5. Electronic verification of a liability insurance policy.

(a) The Secretary may implement a program of electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy verification for motor vehicles subject to Section 7-601 of this Code for the purpose of verifying whether or not the motor vehicle is insured. The development and implementation of the program shall be consistent with the standards and procedures of a nationwide organization whose primary membership consists of individual insurance companies and insurance trade associations. The program shall include, but is not limited to:

(1) a requirement that an insurance company authorized to sell motor vehicle liability insurance in this State shall make available, in a format designated by the Secretary that is consistent with a nationwide organization whose primary membership consists of individual insurance companies and insurance trade organizations, to the Secretary for each motor vehicle liability insurance policy issued by the company the following information:

(A) the name of the policy holder;

(B) the make, model, year, and vehicle identification number of the covered motor vehicle;

(C) the policy number;

(D) the policy effective date;

(E) the insurance company's National Association of Insurance Commissioner's number; and

(F) any other information the Secretary deems necessary to match an eligible vehicle with an insurance policy;

(2) a method for searching motor vehicle liability insurance policies issued and in effect in this State by using the information under paragraph (1) of this subsection (a);

(3) a requirement that at least twice per calendar year, the Secretary shall verify the existence of a liability insurance policy for every registered motor vehicle subject to Section 7-601 of this Code; and if the Secretary is unable to verify the existence of a liability insurance policy, the Secretary shall, by U.S. mail or electronic mail, send the vehicle owner a written notice allowing the vehicle owner 30 calendar days to provide proof of insurance on the date of attempted verification, or to provide proof that the vehicle is no longer operable;

(4) a requirement that a vehicle owner who does not provide proof of insurance or proof of an inoperable vehicle under paragraph (3) of this subsection (a) shall be in violation of Section 7-601 of this Code and the Secretary shall suspend the vehicle's registration and the owner shall pay any applicable reinstatement fees and shall provide proof of insurance before the Secretary may reinstate the vehicle's registration under Section 7-606 of this Code;

(5) a requirement that if a vehicle owner provides proof of insurance on the date of the attempted verification under paragraph (3) of this subsection (1), the Secretary may verify the vehicle owner's response by furnishing necessary information to the insurance company. Within 7 calendar days of receiving the information, the insurance company shall confirm and notify the Secretary the dates of the motor vehicle's insurance coverage. If the insurance company does not confirm coverage for the date of attempted verification, the Secretary shall suspend the vehicle's registration and the owner of the vehicle shall pay any applicable reinstatement fees and shall provide proof of insurance before the Secretary may reinstate the vehicle's registration under Section 7-606 of this Code;

(6) a requirement that the Secretary may consult with members of the insurance industry during the implementation of the program, including, but not limited to, during the drafting process for adopting any rules that may be necessary to implement or manage an electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy verification program;

(7) a requirement that commercial lines of automobile insurance are excluded from the program, but may voluntarily report insurance coverage to the State.

(b) In addition to the semi-annual verification of liability insurance under subsection (a) of this Section, the Secretary may select monthly verification for a motor vehicle owned or registered by a person:

(1) whose motor vehicle registration during the preceding 4 years has been suspended under Section 7-606 or 7-607 of this Code;

(2) who, during the preceding 4 years, has been convicted of violating Section 3-707, 3-708, or 3-710 of this Code while operating a vehicle owned by another person;

(3) whose driving privileges have been suspended during the preceding 4 years;

(4) who, during the preceding 4 years, acquired ownership of a motor vehicle while the registration of the vehicle under the previous owner was suspended under Section 7-606 or 7-607 of this Code; or

(5) who, during the preceding 4 years, has received a disposition of court supervision under subsection (c) of Section 5-6-1 of the Unified Code of Corrections for a violation of Section 3-707, 3-708, or 3-710 of this Code.

(c) Nothing in this Section provides the Secretary with regulatory authority over insurance companies.

(d) The Secretary may contract with a private contractor to carry out the Secretary's duties under this Section.

(e) Any information collected, stored, maintained, or referred to under this Section shall be used solely for the purpose of verifying whether a registered motor vehicle meets the requirements of Section 7-601 of this Code and shall be exempt from a records request or from inspection and copying under the Freedom of Information Act. A request for release of verification of liability insurance policy information from the Secretary shall require a court order, subpoena, or the motor vehicle owner's approval.

(f) An insurer identified by an electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy program as insuring less than 1,000 vehicles per year shall be exempt from the reporting requirements under subsection (a) of this Section.

(g) The Secretary may adopt any rules necessary to implement this Section.

(625 ILCS 5/7-604) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 7-604)

Sec. 7-604. Verification of liability insurance policy.

(a) The Secretary of State may select random samples of registrations of motor vehicles subject to Section 7-601 of this Code, or owners thereof, for the purpose of verifying whether or not the motor vehicles are insured. In addition to such general random samples of motor vehicle registrations, the Secretary may select for verification other random samples, including, but not limited to registrations of motor vehicles owned by persons: whose motor vehicle registrations during the preceding 4 years have been suspended pursuant to Section 7-606 or 7-607 of this Code;

(2) who during the preceding 4 years have been convicted of violating Section 3-707, 3-708 or 3-710 of this Code while operating vehicles owned by other persons;

(3) whose driving privileges have been suspended during the preceding 4 years;

(4) who during the preceding 4 years acquired ownership of motor vehicles while the registrations of such vehicles under the previous owners were suspended pursuant to Section 7-606 or 7-607 of this Code; or

(5) who during the preceding 4 years have received a disposition of supervision under subsection (c) of Section 5-6-1 of the Unified Code of Corrections for a violation of Section 3-707, 3-708, or 3-710 of this Code.

(b) Upon receiving certification from the Department of Transportation under Section 7-201.2 of this Code of the name of an owner or operator of any motor vehicle involved in an accident, the Secretary may verify whether or not at the time of the accident such motor vehicle was covered by a liability insurance policy in accordance with Section 7-601 of this Code.

(c) In preparation for selection of random samples and their verification, the Secretary may send to owners of randomly selected motor vehicles, or to randomly selected motor vehicle owners, requests for information about their motor vehicles and liability insurance coverage. The request shall require the owner to state whether or not the motor vehicle was insured on the verification date stated in the Secretary's request and the request may require, but is not limited to, a statement by the owner of the names and addresses of insurers, policy numbers, and expiration dates of insurance coverage.

(d) Within 30 days after the Secretary mails a request, the owner to whom it is sent shall furnish the requested information to the Secretary above the owner's signed affirmation that such information is true and correct. Proof of insurance in effect on the verification date, as prescribed by the Secretary, may be considered by the Secretary to be a satisfactory response to the request for information. Any owner whose response indicates that his or her vehicle was not covered by a liability insurance policy in accordance with Section 7-601 of this Code shall be deemed to have registered or maintained registration of a motor vehicle in violation of that Section. Any owner who fails to respond to such a request shall be deemed to have registered or maintained registration of a motor vehicle in violation of Section 7-601 of this Code.

(e) If the owner responds to the request for information by asserting that his or her vehicle was covered by a liability insurance policy on the verification date stated in the Secretary's request, the Secretary may conduct a verification of the response by furnishing necessary information to the insurer named in the response. The insurer shall within 45 days inform the Secretary whether or not on the verification date stated the motor vehicle was insured by the insurer in accordance with Section 7-601 of this Code. The Secretary may by rule and regulation prescribe the procedures for verification.

(f) No random sample selected under this Section shall be categorized on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, economic status or geography.

(g) (Blank).

(h) This Section shall be inoperative upon of the effective date of the rules adopted by the Secretary to implement Section 7-603.5 of this Code. (Source: P.A. 98-787, eff. 7-25-14; 99-333, eff. 12-30-15 (see Section 15 of P.A. 99-483 for the effective date of changes made by P.A. 99-333); 99-737, eff. 8-5-16.)

(625 ILCS 5/7-607) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 7-607)

Sec. 7-607. Submission of false proof - penalty. If the Secretary determines that the proof of insurance submitted by a motor vehicle owner under Section 7-603.5, 7-604, 7-605 or 7-606 of this Code is false, the Secretary shall suspend the owner's vehicle registration. The Secretary shall terminate the suspension 6 months after its effective date upon payment by the owner of a reinstatement fee of \$200 and submission of proof of insurance as prescribed by the Secretary. All fees collected under this Section shall be disbursed under subsection (g) of Section 2-119 of this Code. (Source: P.A. 99-127, eff. 1-1-16.)