

MINUTES

Louisiana Automobile Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority (LATIFPA)

August 19, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Warren Byrd called the meeting of **Louisiana Automobile Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority (LATIFPA)** to order at 10:07 a.m. Director Denise Cassano called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Mr. Warren E. Byrd, Chairman
Treasurer John Kennedy by Jason Stagg, Designee
Senior Trooper Robert Bennett
Mr. Larry Hinton
Mr. Terrance Apple
Mr. Thomas McCormick

Members Absent

Representative A.B. Franklin
Senator Troy Hebert
Mr. Ryan Marine
Mr. Richard Soileau

Staff Members Present

Ms. Denise Cassano
Mr. Kevin Smith
Ms. Virginia G. Benoist, Assistant Attorney General
and Legal Counsel to the Louisiana Department of Insurance

Staff Members Absent

Chairman Byrd declared that a quorum was present. The minutes of the May 14, 2009 board meeting were presented for review and approval. A motion was made by Mr. Jason Stagg to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. Larry Hinton seconded that motion. The minutes of the May 14, 2009 meeting were approved and adopted by unanimous consent.

Chairman Byrd reviewed with the board members Act Number 131 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Director Denise Cassano gave a report on the fundraising efforts, other donations, contributions and expenditures of the **LATIFPA**. The report was accepted as given.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas McCormick to approve an overage payment to the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) to cover the cost of shipping the PIPS license plate recognition systems to the New Orleans and Lafayette Police Departments in the amount of \$61.12. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terrance Apple. The motion was approved and adopted by unanimous consent.

Senior Trooper Robert Bennett gave a report on the recommendations from the Steering Committee on Equipment Purchases at its August 3, 2009 meeting.

A motion was made by Trooper Bennett to approve a steering committee recommendation to expend up to \$4,495.00 for the installation and repair of the Orion equipment purchased by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) for installation in an additional bait vehicle donated for use by a Louisiana insurer for placement as the sixth bait vehicle in the **LATIFPA** bait vehicle program. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCormick. The motion was approved and adopted by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Mr. Jason Stagg to approve, at the recommendation of the steering committee, the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office as the next recipient of a bait vehicle in the **LATIFPA** bait vehicle program equipped with Orion equipment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terrance Apple. The motion was approved and adopted by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Mr. Apple to approve, at the recommendation of the steering committee, the removal of the bait vehicle, in the **LATIFPA** bait vehicle program, from the Bossier City Police Department by letter over the signature of the Chairman of the **LATIFPA** Board of Directors and the Chairman of the Steering Committee on Equipment Purchases. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Hinton. The motion was approved and adopted by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Mr. Apple to approve, at the recommendation of the steering committee, the placement of the bait vehicle with Orion equipment presently in use by the Bossier City Police Department with the Baton Rouge Police Department as a second bait vehicle, in the **LATIFPA** bait vehicle program, with their law enforcement agency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinton. The motion was approved and adopted by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Mr. Stagg, at the recommendation of the steering committee, to grant authority to the Steering Committee on Equipment Purchases to review, evaluate and move Orion equipped bait vehicles, in the **LATIFPA** bait vehicle program, among the participating law enforcement agencies for a two (2) year period as the steering committee deems appropriate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Apple. The motion was approved and adopted by unanimous consent.

Trooper Bennett made a motion, at the recommendation of the steering committee, to approve the purchase of a one-year maintenance agreement at a cost of \$1,024.00 to cover the cost of repairs of the Remington Elsag license plate reader purchased by the NICB and presently in use, under the **LATIFPA** License Plate Reader Program, by the New Orleans Police Department. The motion was seconded by Mr. Apple. The motion was approved and adopted by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Senior Trooper Bennett, at the recommendation of the steering committee, to approve the removal of the Remington Eltag license plate reader purchased by the NICB and presently in use by the New Orleans Police Department, repair it under the one-year maintenance agreement, and place it with the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinton. The motion was approved and adopted by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Senior Trooper Bennett, at the recommendation of the steering committee, to approve expenditures up to \$100 for the purchase of a gigabyte ram upgrade for the surveillance vehicle laptops for both the New Orleans Police Department and the Shreveport Police Department for use with their bait vehicles in the **LATIFPA** bait vehicle program. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCormick. The motion was approved and adopted by unanimous consent.

Chairman Byrd deferred action on Item (E) of the agenda – Report on Use Agreement under negotiation between the **LATIFPA** and the Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority.

Mr. Charlie Peters, Special Agent with the NICB reported on the status of the installation of two (2) new Orion license plate readers funded by **LATIFPA** for placement with the Lafayette and New Orleans Police Departments. He further reported on the current license plate reader activity of the license plate readers presently in place with the Baton Rouge Police Department and the New Orleans Police Department. The report was accepted as given.

Mr. Peters further reported on the bait vehicle activity in the **LATIFPA** bait vehicle program for the Baton Rouge Police Department, Shreveport Police Department, New Orleans Police Department and the Bossier City Police Department. The report was accepted as given.

Assistant Director Kevin Smith gave a report on the middle and high school curriculum presentations and scheduled education events for the 2009 – 2010 school year. The report was accepted as given.

Chairman Byrd deferred action on Item (I) of the agenda – Report and discussion on potential contract to upgrade middle and high school education programs.

There were no public comments and no announcements.

There being no further business, Mr. Hinton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCormick and approved and adopted by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.