

MINUTES

Louisiana Automobile Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority (LATIFPA)

February 5, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The Louisiana Automobile Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority (**LATIFPA**) board members and staff met on Wednesday, January 14, 2009; however, due to evolving issues relative to availability of a sufficient number of members to establish a quorum and timely notice for a meeting change, it became necessary for the **LATIFPA** board to meet on Thursday, February 5, 2009 to conduct business previously noticed for the January 14, 2009 meeting. There were six board members present on January 14, 2009.¹ No one from the public presented on either date to attend the meetings at any of the times noticed. The agenda items noticed for both dates are the same except that it was determined by staff that a board vote for routine meeting dates/times is not recommended. Instead, the staff distributed a list of meeting dates and times for calendar year 2009, subject to change if necessary. All reports and information prepared for/shared on January 14, 2009 were presented at the February 5, 2009 meeting where the **LATIFPA** board took action with a quorum present and pursuant to notice.

On February 5, 2009, Chairman Warren Byrd called the meeting of **LATIFPA** to order at 9:01 a.m. Director Denise Cassano called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Mr. Warren E. Byrd, Chairman
Treasurer John Kennedy by Jason Stagg, Designee
Lieutenant Allen Carpenter
Mr. Larry Hinton
Mr. Richard Soileau
Attorney General James D. "Buddy" Caldwell
by Trey Phillips, Designee

Members Absent

Representative A.B. Franklin
Senator Troy Hebert
Ryan Marine

¹ Warren E. Byrd, Jason Stagg, Larry Hinton, Ryan Marine, Richard Soileau and Trey Phillips.

Staff Members Present

Ms. Denise Cassano
Mr. Kevin Smith
Ms. Alydia Washington
Ms. Clara Couvillion
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 August 19, 2008 meeting were presented for review and approval. Mr. Jason Stagg made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. Richard Soileau seconded that motion. The minutes of the August 19, 2008 meeting were approved and adopted by unanimous consent.

Director Cassano gave a report on the fundraising efforts and expenditures of **LATIFPA**. Director Cassano also gave a report on the **LATIFPA** auto theft and insurance fraud public awareness radio ad development and buy. A motion was made by Mr. Larry Hinton to adopt and approve the radio contract and buy. The motion was seconded by Lieutenant Allen Carpenter and adopted by unanimous consent.

Director Cassano directed each board member to the report in their packets from the Steering Committee on Equipment Purchases and the accompanying recommendation by the committee to approve the purchase of an additional License Plate Reader (LPR) prior to the end of Fiscal Year 2008/2009 for the respective law enforcement agency at a time deemed by the committee and to approve the use of a vendor as designated by the committee. Mr. Soileau made a motion not to accept the recommendations by the steering committee. The motion was seconded by Lieutenant Carpenter and adopted by unanimous consent.

Director Cassano directed each board member to the report in their packets from Mr. Charlie Peters, National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) on the installation and operation of the LPR with the Baton Rouge Police Department. Director Cassano asked the board further to approve expenditures in the amount of \$2,100 payable to PIPS Technology for the installation of the LPR with the Baton Rouge Police Department. Mr. Soileau made a motion to adopt and approve \$2,100 for payment to NICB for the cost of installation once the equipment is completely operational. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinton and adopted by unanimous consent.

Chairman Byrd directed each board member to the report in their packets on the bait vehicle deployment and activity by the Baton Rouge, Shreveport and Bossier City police departments.

Assistant Director Kevin Smith gave a report on the middle and high school curriculum presentations. Special acknowledgement was given to Mr. Charlie Peters for his assistance with the Bossier City middle school curriculum presentations.

There were no recommendations for legislative development by the board members and there was no further business offered by any board member. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.