



Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority

Board Meeting

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AGENDA
BOARD MEETING
MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
4000 JACKSON AVE., BUILDING 1, LONE STAR ROOM
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78731
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022
9:00 A.M.

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All agenda items are subject to possible discussion, questions, consideration, and action by the Board of the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (Board). Agenda item numbers are assigned for ease of reference only and do not necessarily reflect the order of their consideration by the Board. Presentations may be made by the identified staff, Board member, or other personnel as needed. The Board reserves the right to discuss any items in closed session where authorized by the Open Meetings Act.

- 1. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**
- 2. Pledges of Allegiance - U.S. and Texas**
- 3. Chair's Reports - Chairman Rodriquez**
 - A. Approval of Transcript as Minutes (August 23, 2022)
 - B. Comments from Chairman
 - C. Commendations and Congratulations
 - D. Consider Committee Appointments
- 4. MVCPA Director's Report - Joe Canady (including designated MVCPA and TxDMV staff) (BRIEFING ONLY)**
 - A. Personnel
 - B. Budget
 - C. Grant Activities and Analysis
 - D. Grant Adjustments
 - E. Educational Programs and Marketing
 - F. Assessment, Collection, Refund Activities
 - G. Agency Operations and Collaboration with TxDMV Divisions
 - H. Law Enforcement Operations and TxDMV Collaboration
- 5. MVCPA Grants Budget and Reporting (GBR) Committee Report - Joe Canady (including Committee Chair and designated staff) (BRIEFING AND ACTION ITEMS)**
 - A. FY 2023 Budget (ACTION ITEM)

- B. Rapid Response Strikeforce Grant Award to City of Arlington (BRIEFING ONLY)
 - C. FY 2024 - 2025 grant scoring and award determination process (ACTION ITEM)
 - D. Grant Violation Documentation, Notification, and Determination Policy (ACTION ITEM)
 - E. Taskforce Vehicle Purchase and Lease Policy (ACTION ITEM)
 - F. FY 2024 - 2025 Plan of Operation (ACTION ITEM)
 - G. FY 2024 - 2025 Request for Application and Grant Timeline (ACTION ITEM)
 - H. Grantee Presentations Made to Grant Budget and Reporting Committee (November 4, 2022) (BRIEFING ONLY)
 - I. Progress Report Definitions and Data Collected (BRIEFING ONLY)
 - J. Prosecutor Awareness of Motor Vehicle Crimes (BRIEFING ONLY)
 - K. DNA Testing (BRIEFING ONLY)
 - L. Buying a Used Vehicle Resource (BRIEFING ONLY)
6. **State Auditor's Office Update** - Joe Canady (BRIEFING ONLY)
7. **Public Education and Public Awareness (PEPA) Grant Update** - Joe Canady (BRIEFING ONLY)

CLOSED SESSION

8. **The Board may enter into closed session under one or more of the following provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551, including Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Temporary Tag Redesign:**
- Section 551.071** - Consultation with and advice from legal counsel regarding:
- pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer;
 - a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Government Code Chapter 551; or
 - any item on this agenda.
- Section 551.074** - Personnel matters.
- Discussion relating to the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, and dismissal of personnel.
- Section 551.076** - Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits.
- the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or
 - a security audit.
- Section 551.089** - Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits.
- security assessments or deployments relating to information resources

technology;

- network security information as described by Government Code Section 2059.055(b); or
- the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

9. Action Items from Closed Session

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment

The Board will allow an open comment period to receive public comment on any agenda item or other matter that is under the jurisdiction of the Board. No action will be taken on matters that are not part of the agenda for the meeting. For subjects that are not otherwise part of the agenda for the meeting, Board members may respond in accordance with Government Code §551.042 and consider the feasibility of placing the matter on the agenda for a future meeting.

If you would like to comment on any agenda item (including an open comment under the agenda item for Public Comment), you must complete a speaker's form at the registration table prior to the agenda item being taken up by the Board.

Public comment will only be accepted in person. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes, and time allotted to one speaker may not be reassigned to another speaker.

Any individual with a disability who plans to attend this meeting and requires auxiliary aids or services should notify the department as far in advance as possible, but no less than two days in advance, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Contact David Richards by telephone at (512) 465-1423.

I certify that I have reviewed this document and that it conforms to all applicable Texas Register filing requirements.

CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: David Richards, General Counsel, (512) 465-1423.

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Agenda Item: 1
Subject: Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

	Present
Assistant Chief Mike Rodriguez – Governor Designated Presiding Officer Law Enforcement Representative – Laredo, TX	
Kit Whitehill – Governor Appointed Board Member Insurance Consumer Representative – Coppell, TX	
Rebecca Cantu-Serrano – Governor Appointed Board Member Insurance Consumer Representative – Brownsville, TX	
Charla Brotheron – Governor Appointed Board Member Insurance Writer Representative – Fort Worth, TX	
Dean Smith – Governor Appointed Board Member Insurance Writer Representative – North Richland Hills, TX	
Lieutenant Julio Gonzalez – Committee Chairman - Governor Appointed Board Member Law Enforcement Representative – Dallas, TX	
Major Sharon Jones – Ex Officio Member Designee for the Public Safety Director Texas Department of Public Safety	



Agenda Item: 2

Subject: Pledges of Allegiance – U.S. and Texas



"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: MVCPA Staff
Agenda Item: 3. A
Subject: Approval of Transcripts as Minutes (August 23, 2022)

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item. Motion to approve the transcripts.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MVCPA staff emailed the August 23, 2022, Board Meeting Transcripts to all MVCPA Board members on November 11, 2022 for review.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Roland Luna, TxDMV Deputy Executive Director
Agenda Item: 4. A
Subject: Personnel

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Personnel retirements in August 2022 created a vacancy for the position of the MVCPA Division Director.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) Executive Division coordinated with the MVCPA Board to rewrite the MVCPA Division Director job description and was successful in the position being classified as a Director V. The position was posted on October 6, 2022. TxDMV received many applicants who were qualified for the position. TxDMV Executive Director Daniel Avitia and Deputy Executive Director Roland Luna conducted a first-round interview of applicants and narrowed the applicant pool. Second round interviews were conducted in coordination with MVCPA Board members, and a selection was made.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
 From: Dan Price, Grant Auditor
 Agenda Item: 4. B
 Subject: Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview of FY22 and FY23 Budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

FY22 Budget Summary

Ledger Group	Account	Fund	Dept	Appn/PCA	Appn Year	Budget	Expense	Total Encumbrances	Encumbrance	Pre-Encumbrance	Available Budget*
DEPTID	ADVERTISNG	1	500001	30301	2022	23,872.04	15,174.87	8,697.17	8,697.17	0	0
DEPTID	CNTRCT_SVC	1	500001	30301	2022	16,074.03	5,829.39	10,000.00	10,000.00	0	244.64
DEPTID	COM_EQ_SW	1	500001	30301	2022	3,962.86	3,962.86	0.00	0	0	0
DEPTID	CONSUM	1	500001	30301	2022	693.9	670.69	23.21	23.21	0	0
DEPTID	FEES & CHG	1	500001	30301	2022	5,073.64	5,073.64	0.00	0	0	0
DEPTID	FREIGHT	1	500001	30301	2022	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
DEPTID	GRANTS	1	500001	30301	2022	14,418,201.28	8,592,416.42	5,785,784.86	5,785,784.86	0	40,000.00
DEPTID	IN_ST_TRV	1	500001	30301	2022	10,814.06	10,670.82	0.00	0	0	143.24
DEPTID	MBRSH_PRT	1	500001	30301	2022	1,523.00	1,523.00	0.00	0	0	0
DEPTID	OTHER_PERS	1	500001	30301	2022	66,938.68	46,729.04	0.00	0	0	20,209.64
DEPTID	OTH_EXP	1	500001	30301	2022	4,650.41	4,650.41	0.00	0	0	0
DEPTID	OT_ST_TRV	1	500001	30301	2022	1,193.06	1,193.06	0.00	0	0	0
DEPTID	PROF_FEES	1	500001	30301	2022	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
DEPTID	RENT_BLDG	1	500001	30301	2022	6,344.25	6,344.25	0.00	0	0	0
DEPTID	RENT_M&OTH	1	500001	30301	2022	3,737.85	3,572.38	0.00	0	0	165.47
DEPTID	REPRD_PRT	1	500001	30301	2022	106.56	106.56	0.00	0	0	0
DEPTID	REPRD_PRT	1	500001	33101	2022	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
DEPTID	SAL&WAGE	1	500001	30301	2022	403,865.88	403,865.88	0.00	0	0	0
DEPTID	SERVICES	1	500001	30301	2022	9,044.50	9,044.50	0.00	0	0	0
DEPTID	UTILITIES	1	500001	30301	2022	3,509.00	3,471.79	0.00	0	0	37.21
						14,979,605.00	9,114,299.56		5,804,505.24	0.00	60,800.20

MVCPA FY23 Budget overview as of 11/9/2022

Ledger Group	Account	Account Description	Budget	Expense	Total Encumbrances	Available Budget*	Percent Available
DEPTID	ADVERTISNG	Advertising & Promotion	136,481.00	-	-	136,481.00	100%
DEPTID	CNTRCT_SVC	Purchased Contract Services	22,720.00	-	12,500.00	10,220.00	45%
DEPTID	COM_EQ_SW	Computer Equipment Software	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00	100%
DEPTID	CONSUM	Consumable Supplies	2,500.00	99.07	113.94	2,286.99	91%
DEPTID	FEES & CHG	Fees & Other Charges	18,151.00	1,260.44	250.22	16,640.34	92%
DEPTID	FREIGHT	Freight	11,000.00	-	-	11,000.00	100%
DEPTID	GRANTS	Grants	14,119,773.00	-	13,809,999.00	309,774.00	2%
DEPTID	IN_ST_TRV	Travel In-State	15,000.00	1,837.58	-	13,162.42	88%
DEPTID	MBRSH_P	Memberships & Training	3,530.00	560.00	-	2,970.00	84%
DEPTID	OT_ST_TRV	Travel Out of State	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00	100%
DEPTID	OTH_EXP	Other Expenses	13,737.00	-	91.45	13,645.55	99%
DEPTID	OTHER_PERS	Other Personnel Costs	9,078.00	503.36	-	8,574.64	94%
DEPTID	PROF_FEES	Professional Fees & Svc	110,000.00	-	-	110,000.00	100%
DEPTID	RENT_BLDG	Rent, Buildings	4,000.00	-	-	4,000.00	100%
DEPTID	RENT_M&OTH	Rent, Machine & Other	5,204.00	295.90	3,489.00	1,419.10	27%
DEPTID	REPRD_PRT	Reproduction & Printing	57,000.00	-	-	57,000.00	100%
DEPTID	SAL&WAGE	Salaries & Wages	419,892.00	52,673.34	-	367,218.66	87%
DEPTID	SERVICES	Services	530.00	-	-	530.00	100%
DEPTID	UTILITIES	Utilities	3,509.00	289.85	3,210.14	9.01	0%
Grand Total			14,979,605.00	57,519.54	13,829,653.75	1,092,431.71	7%



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Gresham Kay, Grant Specialist
Agenda Item: 4.C
Subject: Grant Activities and Analysis

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Analysis of the status of MVCPA Auxiliary and Taskforce Grants and grantee performance measures for fiscal year 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

FY2022 MAG Grant

Grant awards were certified complete for 40 of 43 MAG grant applications. The three applicants that were unable to complete the grant award process were notified that this will not prevent them from applying for future funding opportunities. Grantees are in the process of purchasing and leasing ALPRs and submitting online requests for reimbursement. Grantees will also submit quarterly Progress Reports showing implementation.

MVCPA Taskforce Grants

All FY23 Taskforce grant awards have been certified complete. For the FY22 grant cycle, staff is reviewing grant files to ensure all grant conditions as stated in the Statement of Grant Award have been met so that MVCPA can proceed to final closeout and payment. Below are the Statutory Performance Measures from FY2022 Q1-Q4:

1.1.15	Increase the recovery rate of stolen motor vehicles recovered by taskforces	Number of vehicles recovered	12,497
1.1.16	Increase the clearance rate of motor vehicle thefts	Number of motor vehicle theft cases cleared	9,373
1.1.17	Increase the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft	Number of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft by taskforces	2,655
2.1.12	Increase the clearance rate of motor vehicle burglaries	Number of burglary cases cleared	2,315
2.1.13	Increase the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle burglary	Number of persons arrested for burglary by taskforces	632
8.1.1	Increase the clearance rate of fraud-related motor vehicle crimes	Number of fraud-related motor vehicle cases cleared	331

8.1.2	Increase the number of persons arrested for fraud-related motor vehicle crimes. Number of persons arrested for fraud-related motor vehicle crimes	119
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Other Performance Measures

FY2022 Q1-Q4

1.1.10	Number of stolen vehicles recovered in response to LPR alerts Number of vehicles recovered from LPR detection	1,691
1.3.2	Conduct 68(A) inspections (for TxDMV assignment or reassignment of VIN). Number of vehicles inspected to complete 68(A) inspections.	28,582
4.1.2	Inspect vehicles at bridge/port Number of vehicles inspected	5,155



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Gresham Kay, Grant Specialist
Agenda Item: 4. D
Subject: Grant Adjustments

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Grant adjustment changes the terms of MVCPA contract with grantees. As such, the MVCPA director reports all requested modifications of grant awards to the MVCPA Board of Directors each meeting. The following grant adjustments were approved after the last board meeting on 08/23/2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Grant Program	Adjustment Type	Description	Budget Adjustment Total	Approval Date
Dallas County	Budget	Move \$55,600 to Fringe, including the introduction of \$4,700 in Program Income, to cover a shortage in funds for the fringe category due in part to raise and cost of living increases for county employees.	\$4,700.00	8/31/2022
Smith County	Budget	Move \$12,092 from Program Income into Equipment for the purchase of a vehicle.	\$12,092.00	9/29/2022
Burnet County	Budget	Burnet County made adjustments to the budget for FY 2023. Move \$2,643 to Fringe, \$2,130 to	\$42,299.00	10/3/2022

		Travel, \$2,744 to Equipment, and \$31,492 to Supplies/DOE. This includes the introduction of \$42,299 in Program Income.		
City of Mansfield	Budget	Move \$2,300 to Equipment new 4G tracking devices. Move \$4,500 to Travel and \$1,600 to Supplies/DOE for costs to attend TAVTI conference. This includes the introduction of \$8,400 in Program Income.	\$8,400.00	10/4/2022
City of Victoria	Program	Approval of artwork for banner for VIN Etching events.		11/2/2022
City of Corpus Christi	Program	Approval of artwork for public awareness campaign's souvenir coin.		11/2/2022
Dallas County	Budget	Move \$2,500 from Program Income into Equipment for the purchase of VIN and Catalytic Converter etching systems.	\$2,500.00	11/9/2022
Tarrant County	Program, Budget	Approval for modifications to FY23 target numbers. Move \$4,800 from Supplies/DOE and \$1,200 from Program Income to the Travel category for in-state training costs.	\$1,200.00	11/16/2022

FY22: 1 Budget Change

FY23: 5 Budget Change – 3 Program Change



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Gresham Kay, Grant Specialist
Agenda Item: 4. E
Subject: Educational Programs and Marketing

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Report on the MVCPA taskforce educational programs and marketing update.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Social Media

MVCPA continues to obtain information and communicate with grantees, stakeholders, and community members across the state using a variety of web-based and social media tools (Facebook, Twitter, MVCPA TxDMV website, and linking to taskforces across the state).

Utilizing grant funding, grantee agencies share information with the public using social media as well. For example, Laredo Auto Theft Task Force engaged the community on Facebook related to locating stolen vehicles reached and sharing lock your car messages, reaching an audience of 40,000 in October. Across all taskforces, there were 2,753 postings on social media outlets in FY22, an increase of 58%.

Public Education and Public Awareness (PEPA) Grant

MVCPA is coordinating with Insurance Council of Texas' (ICT) and its media contractor, talkStrategy, in the development of public service announcements and digital targeted advertising that will run throughout the fiscal year. ICT will also conduct an outreach to MVCPA Taskforces in the joint execution of education programs. This includes events in key Texas markets emphasizing the creative concept of "Lock It Down".

Print and Marketing Media

MVCPA continues to distribute promotional items and brochures to grantees, as well as place and receive orders for items. Grantees periodically contact MVCPA when they have upcoming events requesting that promotional items be mailed to them.

Education Materials Distributed to Taskforces and Other Law Enforcement

FY22

Materials	Number
Printed material (brochures and coloring books)	75,535
Promotional material	8,939
Parking lot signs	7

FY23 YTD

Materials	Number
Printed material (brochures and coloring books)	7,220
Promotional material	4,145

Public Education and Public Awareness Program and Activities (Grantee)

FY22 Progress Report Public Awareness Activities for all Grantees.		
Goal 3: Educate/Train Citizens and Qualified Personnel in Detection and Prevention of Motor Vehicle Theft, Burglary of Motor Vehicles and Theft of Vehicle Parts and Accessories		
Strategy 1: Conduct Public Awareness Related Activities Used to Educate Citizens		
3.1.1	Conduct educational outreach events (include trade show, exhibits, booths at community events, vehicle displays, brochures, etc.)	598
	Number of outreaches	
3.1.2	Conduct educational presentations to the public	
	Number of presentations. Presentation means in person, on-line, original written document, article, or webpage.	405
3.1.3	Number attended educational public presentations	
	Number of participants /attendees	291,003
3.1.4	Conduct vehicle identification initiative/event	
	Number of etching events	99
3.1.4	Conduct vehicle identification initiative/event	
	Number of etching events. Include windows, component parts, VIN stamps and catalytic converters.	1,941
3.1.5	Purchase advertisements in local outlets	
	Number of advertisements purchased or provided complimentary for taskforce. Include all types of media purchased or provided free (social, tv, utility inserts, billboards, transportation, etc.). Describe in 6.1.1.	32
3.1.6	Conduct vehicle report card initiatives.	
	Number report cards issued	14,692
3.1.7	Utilize social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	
	Number of postings in social media outlets	2,753
3.1.8	Deploy outdoor public notification signage	
	Number of deployments per month (if sign remains several months, count as 1 deployment per month)	4,218
3.1.9	Provide assistance and/or information to individual citizens (phone/e-mail/ other media)	
	Number of citizens requesting assistance for month	70,297
3.1.10	Conduct media outreach, including, public service announcements, press releases, and interviews	
	Number of outreaches	1,448
Strategy 2: Conduct Law Enforcement Training Activities to Educate Officers on Recognition and Apprehension of Stolen Vehicles and Property		

3.2.1	Conduct law enforcement training (TCOLE)	
	Number of classes provided for TCOLE credit	165
3.2.2	Number attended law enforcement training (TCOLE)	
	Number of participants in class(es) receiving TCOLE credit	3,451
3.2.3	Conduct vehicle crimes presentations to law enforcement agencies (non TCOLE)	
	Number of classes or presentations. Presentations may include electronic roll call documents, shift BOLOs and other written or presented materials based on local practices.	615
3.2.4	Number attended vehicle crimes presentations to law enforcement agencies (non TCOLE)	
	Number of participants receiving information from class or presentation	13,171



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Dan Price, Grant Auditor
Agenda Item: 4. F
Subject: Assessment, Collection, Refund Activities

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Report on the MVCPA fee collections for FY22 and activity related to non-filers, non-payors, and requests for refund.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Per the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the amounts collected for FY22 is broken down as both 20% to the authority and 20% to GR is represented by \$22,036,184.34. The 60% deposited to fund 5111 (trauma centers) is \$66,108,553.00. The total amount collected is \$110,180,921.68.

MVCPA works with the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) to promote compliance with insurers that are licensed to sell motor vehicle insurance to file appropriate documents regarding the MVCPA fee.

Collections:

2020 Final List of Non-filers sent to TDI Sept 28, 2022

- 14 Non-filers submitted:
- 2 Investigations opened
- 6 In Liquidation/ receivership - not reported to Comptroller
- 5 No Premium reported to TDI
- 1 "Entity confusion" between CPA and TDI

2021 Second Non-filer letter sent Oct 18, 2022 – Evaluate 2nd week of December

2022 First Half Non-filer report due from CPA Insurance Tax Office

Statistical Non-Payors

FY 2020 and FY 2021 sent to TxDMV Office of General Counsel for legal letter.

Statistical Under-Payors

FY 2020 and FY 2021 sent to TxDMV Office of General Counsel for legal letter.

TAC Rules – Needed for Non-filing Penalty

Refund Requests:

The following table represents the Insurance Companies that have requested a refund.

Insurance Company	Date of Refund Request	Amount of Request	Date of Review	Results
Utica Mutual Ins Co CY2021	10/5/2022	\$ 10,328.00	10/7/2022	Cover Letter does not foot & Tie, Explanation not valid
Graphic Arts Mutual Ins CO CY2021	10/5/2022	\$ 13,908.00	10/7/2022	Cover Letter does not foot & Tie, Explanation not valid
Utica National Insurance Group CY2021	10/5/2022	\$ 8,204.00	10/7/2022	Cover Letter does not foot & Tie, Explanation not valid
Republic Franklin Insurance Company CY2021	10/5/2022	\$ 16,856.00	10/7/2022	Cover Letter does not foot & Tie, Explanation not valid
Utica Loyds of Texas CY2021	10/5/2022	\$ 13,660.00	10/7/2022	Cover Letter does not foot & Tie, Explanation not valid
Utica Loyds of Texas CY2020	10/5/2022	\$ 12,184.00	10/7/2022	Cover Letter does not foot & Tie, Explanation not valid
Republic Franklin Insurance Company CY2020	10/5/2022	\$ 11,488.00	10/7/2022	Cover Letter does not foot & Tie, Explanation not valid
Utica National Insurance Group CY2020	10/5/2022	\$ 8,160.00	10/7/2022	Cover Letter does not foot & Tie, Explanation not valid
Graphic Arts Mutual Ins CO CY2020	10/5/2022	\$ 12,672.00	10/7/2022	Cover Letter does not foot & Tie, Explanation not valid
Utica Mutual Ins Co CY2020	10/5/2022	\$ 8,576.00	10/7/2022	Cover Letter does not foot & Tie, Explanation not valid
Utica Mutual Ins Co CY2021	8/19/2022	\$ 10,328.00	9/6/2022	TDI License number provided is not Valid, Explanation not valid.
Graphic Arts Mutual Ins CO CY2021	8/19/2022	\$ 13,908.00	9/6/2022	TDI License number provided is not Valid, Explanation not valid.
Utica National Insurance Group CY2021	8/19/2022	\$ 8,204.00	9/6/2022	TDI License number provided is not Valid, Explanation not valid.
Republic Franklin Insurance Company CY2021	8/19/2022	\$ 16,856.00	9/6/2022	TDI License number provided is not Valid, Explanation not valid.
Utica Loyds of Texas CY2021	8/19/2022	\$ 13,660.00	9/6/2022	TDI License number provided is not Valid, Explanation not valid.
Utica Loyds of Texas CY2020	8/19/2022	\$ 12,184.00	9/6/2022	TDI License number provided is not Valid, Explanation not valid.
Republic Franklin Insurance Company CY2020	8/19/2022	\$ 11,488.00	9/6/2022	TDI License number provided is not Valid, Explanation not valid.
Utica National Insurance Group CY2020	8/19/2022	\$ 8,160.00	9/6/2022	TDI License number provided is not Valid, Explanation not valid.
Graphic Arts Mutual Ins CO CY2020	8/19/2022	\$ 12,672.00	9/6/2022	TDI License number provided is not Valid, Explanation not valid.
Utica Mutual Ins Co CY2020	8/19/2022	\$ 8,576.00	9/6/2022	TDI License number provided is not Valid, Explanation not valid.
Church Mutual Insurance	8/19/2022	\$ 14,104.00	9/6/2022	TDI License number provided is not Valid, No Explanation



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 4. G
Subject: Agency Operations and Collaboration with TxDMV Divisions

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Increased levels of collaboration and coordination between MVCPA and other TxDMV Divisions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Increased collaboration, coordination, and communication has been evident in the first quarter of fiscal year 2023.

- MVCPA presented at the TxDMV Conversation Café with a presentation on vehicle safety relating to steps to prevent the theft of a vehicle and unlawful appropriation of personal belongings.
- MVCPA participated in several workgroups between divisions, including the Temporary Tag Redesign.
- The MVCPA Acting Director participated in an Executive Team workshop with all TxDMV divisions in San Antonio.
- TxDMV Executive Director Division provided staff to assist with registration at committee and board meetings so that MVCPA staff can focus on the meeting.
- TxDMV Information Technology Division provided staff to assist with technology requirements before and during the committee and board meetings.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 4. H
Subject: Law Enforcement Operations and TxDMV Collaboration

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Report on increased collaborations between TxDMV and MVCPA taskforces.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The increase in communication, collaborations, and interactions between TxDMV and law enforcement has resulted in the following positive impacts to taskforces.

- Direct contacts to TxDMV Regional Service Center staff for taskforce investigators to receive assistance relating to 68-A inspections while the inspections are being performed.
- TxDMV Law Enforcement Assistance Team created to develop a process for officers and investigators to become vetted and receive non-certified motor vehicle records without the need to submit credentialing documents each time. This has resulted in a fast turnaround for taskforces to obtain the records needed while in the field conducting investigations.
- Temporary Tag Redesign Presentations to taskforce commanders during law enforcement intelligence webinars and the Texas Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators training conference for investigators to have an opportunity to review the new design and its security features.
- Direct Communications with taskforce commanders concerning TxDMV law enforcement bulletins to ensure taskforce personnel are aware of changes to temporary tags or other TxDMV processes in a timely manner.
- TxDMV and MVCPA is working to provide taskforce analyst access to data that will further assist in the identification of stolen vehicles



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grants Budget and Reporting Committee
From: Julio Gonzalez, Grants, Budget, and Reports Committee Chair / Dan Price, Grant Auditor
Agenda Item: 5. A
Subject: FY 2023 Budget Adjustments

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item. Approve the MVCPA budget transfers.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Revisions to the FY23 budget to address MVCPA director position and FY22 merits.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles reclassified the MVCPA Director position to a Director V with an annual salary of \$135,000 and merit adjustments to staff resulting in a need to transfer \$16,161 from advertising to salary, other personnel, and fees & charge accounts. The revised available budget for advertising is \$136,481.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Julio Gonzalez, Grants, Budget, and Reports Committee Chair / Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 5. B
Subject: Rapid Response Strikeforce Grant Award to City of Arlington Police Department

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rapid Response Strikeforce Grants are authorized by the MVCPA Board for existing MVCPA taskforces and participating agencies in responding to emergency and exigent needs for outbreaks of criminal activity.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The award of \$4,560 to Arlington Police Department resulted in a remaining balance of \$45,440 available funds for Rapid Response Strikeforce Grants in FY23.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Arlington Police Department was awarded \$4,560 to address a 68 and 75% increase of stolen motor vehicles in two business areas of their city which has resulted in significant economic losses to vehicle owners. The Grant Term will end on August 31, 2023.

The Arlington Police Department will use funds to lease 2 fixed location Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras, in the amount of \$5,700, to monitor two high vehicular traffic areas aimed toward locating and increasing the ability to recover stolen motor vehicles.

The Arlington Police Department will provide \$1,140 in cash match for the lease of the 2 LPR cameras to meet the \$5,700 total lease price. The Arlington Police Department will commit to provide funding for the reoccurring annual cost in FY24. The application contained an error in the cash match amount and was noted and corrected in the Statement of Grant Award.

The Arlington Police Department qualifies for Rapid Response Strikeforce (RRS) Grant funding as a participating agency with the MVCPA grant funded Tarrant County Regional Auto Crimes Taskforce based on the MVCPA board approved process for approval and funding of RRS Grants.



**Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority
Rapid Response Strikeforce (RRS) Grant Application**

Program Name:	FY2023
Grantee/Administrative Agency Name:	ORI #
Arlington Police Department	TX2200000: TARRANT CO SO
Participating agency(ies) name:	

Proposed Term of Grant		
Proposed Start Date	Proposed End Date	Proposed Duration
10/1/2022	8/31/2023	10 months

Describe Emergency or Exigent Situation and Overview of Proposed RRS Operation

Over the past three years, the Arlington Police Department (APD) has seen a significant increase in motor vehicle theft. The APD's auto theft analysis report found that large commercial parking lots such as the AT&T Stadium and the Parks Mall parking garages have experienced a rapid increase in motor vehicle theft (MVT) resulting in a significant economic loss to vehicles owners. Criminals often use stolen vehicles to commit MVT, Burglary from a Motor Vehicle (BMV), and Fraud Related Motor Vehicle Crime (FRMVC). In 2020, the AT&T stadium had 66 motor vehicle thefts, which increased by 68% to 111 in 2021. In 2020, the Parks Mall had 12 motor vehicle thefts, which increased by 75% to 25 in 2021. So far in 2022, APD is reporting 25 motor vehicle thefts from the Parks Mall and 43 from the AT&T Stadium. Out of the 278 reported motor vehicle thefts from these areas since 2020, APD has recovered 42 vehicles. Cars parked in a parking facility are at a higher risk of being stolen or burglarized due to poor security, low lighting, blind spots where cars cannot easily be seen, and lots being open to pedestrians. A high volume of vehicles in parking facilities increases the likelihood that a suspect will get away unnoticed. Motor vehicle thefts and the resulting crimes can put APD officers and the community at risk. Both locations have extensive surveillance camera networks. ALPR cameras used in conjunction with security cameras will help officers identify and apprehend criminals involved in MVT. The Arlington Police Department is seeking immediate grant funding to lease two Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) cameras to increase surveillance at the AT&T stadium and the Parks Mall to improve the department's ability to recover stolen vehicles. The ALPR cameras can capture up to 900 plates per minute, search for stolen vehicle license plates, and send instant alerts when a hot list match happens so that officers can take appropriate action.

Additional Area of RRS Operation (counties/cities) [only complete if not covered above]:	
Counties	Cities

Summary of RRS Resources Requested/Provided		
Type of resource requested:	Grant Resource Needed	Match Resource Needed
# of personnel		
Overtime Units (estimate hours)		
List type of equipment requested for purchase (surveillance, LPR, bait, etc.)	Installation and service for two (2) ALPR cameras for one year	Renewal of service for ALPR cameras
Travel Costs		

Rapid Response Strikeforce Grant Budget Summary		
	Amount RRS Funds Requested	20% Match Provided (Required)
Personnel	Not Allowed in RRS Reimbursement	\$ -
Fringe	Not Allowed in RRS Reimbursement	\$ -
Overtime	\$ -	\$ -
Professional and Contract Services	Not Allowed in RRS Reimbursement	\$ -
Travel	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Costs	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Amount of funds Requested/Provided:	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,000.00

**Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority
Rapid Response Strikeforce Grant Application**

Describe the activity/response/equipment requested. Include description of the match resource(s) proposed:

(Taskforce program income cannot be used)

Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras are a proven solution to prevent and combat motor vehicle crime. The Arlington Police Department wishes to lease two (2) LPR cameras for one year. These cameras provide law enforcement with real-time alerts for hot-listed vehicles. Officers will receive alerts when a stolen vehicle, a vehicle with a stolen license plate, or a license plate with NCIC warrants drives in the vicinity of the camera. Officers and detectives can also access the data from the system to solve criminal cases involving motor vehicle theft or burglary of a motor vehicle. These LPR cameras will be located in geographical areas where motor vehicle theft and burglary of motor vehicles are prevalent. The department will commit to renewing the service on the LPR cameras for one year after the grant.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Julio Gonzalez, Grants, Budget, and Reports Committee Chair / Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 5. C
Subject: FY 2024 – 2025 Grant Scoring and Award Determination Process

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item. Approve the proposed grant scoring and award determination process.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Texas Transportation Code Section 1006.151 provides that MVCPA shall allocate grant funds primarily based on the number of motor vehicles stolen in, or the motor vehicle burglary or theft rate across, and the number of fraud-related motor vehicle crimes committed in the state rather than based on geographic distribution.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

FY24-25 Scoring

- ***Need (51 points)**
 - Number of Motor Vehicle Crimes (MVT-MVB-FRMVC) for applicant agency ***
 - The problem identified is clearly supported by relevant data
 - The data provided is specific to the participating and coverage area
 - Or
 - Number of Motor Vehicle Crimes (MVT-MVB-FRMVC) for applicant and participating agencies
 - The problem identified is clearly supported by relevant data
 - The data provided is specific to the participating and coverage area
- **Previous fiscal year performance (existing taskforce only) (25 points)**
 - Number of recovered vehicles recovered per taskforce
 - Number of arrests for motor vehicle crimes per taskforce
 - Number of motor vehicle crime cases cleared per taskforce
 - Number of motor vehicle crime cases filed with prosecutor per taskforce
- **Previous fiscal year performance (new applicants only) (25 points)**
 - Number of recovered vehicles
 - Number of arrests for motor vehicle crimes
 - Number of motor vehicle crime cases cleared
 - Number of motor vehicle crime cases filed with prosecutor
- **Budget (10 points)**
 - Ratio of State funds to local participation (cash match and in-kind)

- State funds per arrests (total all taskforce arrests)
- State funds per recoveries
- State funds per LEO

- **Reasonable (14 points)**
 - The narrative clearly provides explanation to support project goals, strategies, and activities
 - The activities selected are reasonable and clearly support the identified problem
 - The target number selected for each activity is reasonable to support the identified problem

- **Point Reductions (per occurrence)**
 - Target numbers for previous fiscal year missed by more than 25% (-1 point)
 - Progress report returned for editing (-1 point)
 - Expenditure report returned for editing (-1 point)
 - Submitted reports late (-2 points)
 - Submitted reports in delinquent status (-5 points)
 - Complied with special conditions late (-2 points)
 - Complied with special conditions in delinquent status (-5 points)
 - Received grant violation (-10 points)

- **Extra Credit**
 - Border/Port jurisdiction (5 points)
 - Multi-agency taskforce (5 points)
 - Programs having demonstrated successful Fraud Related Motor Vehicle Crime Operations (5 points)
 - Catalytic converter theft
 - Vehicle finance
 - Temporary tags
 - Programs having demonstrated dedication to utilizing technology without the use of MVCPA funds (5 points)
 - Automatic License Plate Reader
 - Programs having demonstrated successful training of officers, not part of the MVCPA network, in the identification of stolen vehicles (5 points)
 - State and Federal law enforcement conducting border or checkpoint operations
 - Agency personnel outside of taskforce participating and coverage agencies

Allocation

- **Order all applicants certified as complete based on score**
- **Determine top ten applicants based on need and score**
- ***Top ten applicants allocated a combined total of 50% of funds budgeted for taskforce grants**
- ****Remaining applicants recommended for funding receive an allocation based on need and score**

***Determine the minimum number of MVT required for applicants or applicants and participating agencies to qualify for funding**

**** Allocations are proportionate for each grantee based all scoring criteria and MVCPA board determination**

*****Determine if the Number of MVT should be based on county wide number or applicant agency**

FY22-23 Grant Awards	Award Amount	MVT for Applicant Agency	MVT County Wide	Multi-Agency Grants MVT
Tarrant County	\$1,332,593	147	6,792	6,717
City of Houston	\$1,251,130	15,586	24,166	15,162
City of Brownsville	\$1,020,922	135	423	318
City of El Paso	\$975,265	966	1,153	
Harris County	\$853,100	6,393	24,166	
City of San Antonio	\$815,785	8,894	10,071	
City of Dallas	\$797,339	11,809	17,375	
City of Laredo	\$756,565	216	263	
Travis County	\$697,075	463	5,238	879
City of Beaumont	\$583,951	381	672	996
Dallas County	\$544,454	59	17,375	7,453
Galveston County	\$518,201	105	754	891
Lubbock County	\$446,785	126	1,235	1,616
City of Corpus Christi	\$429,518	1,018	1,050	
City of Austin	\$411,300	4,570	5,238	
Potter County	\$399,494	31	892	1,330
Montgomery County	\$372,720	644	971	540
Smith County	\$357,474	190	436	1,647
City of Mansfield	\$331,342	73	6,792	537
Burnet County	\$220,894	37	56	3,796
City of Victoria	\$144,236	100	125	
City of Eagle Pass	\$138,059	71	71	
City of Paris	\$117,857	67	96	823
City of Pasadena	\$83,940	671	2,166	

Top Ten Sheriff's Office (All County SO's regardless of grant status)	MVT	Population	Theft Rate per 100,000
Harris SO	6,393	1,963,419	325
Bexar SO	693	281,606	246
Montgomery SO	644	507,062	127
Travis SO	463	220,019	210
Fort Bend SO	415	526,388	78
Hidalgo SO	369	250,859	147
Liberty SO	191	65,498	291
Smith SO	190	103,230	184
Midland SO	162	27,244	594
Tarrant SO	147	33,411	439
Top 10 Police Department (All Municipal PD's regardless of grant status)	MVT	Population	Theft Rate per 100,000
Houston PD	15,586	2,339,252	666
Dallas PD	11,809	1,349,185	875
San Antonio PD	8,894	1,592,693	558
Austin PD	4,570	1,016,721	449
Fort Worth PD	3,675	947,862	388
Arlington PD	1,334	402,323	332
Lubbock PD	1,083	265,990	407
Corpus Christi PD	1,018	329,538	309
El Paso PD	966	684,737	141
Irving PD	950	241,692	393



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Julio Gonzalez, Grants, Budget, and Reports Committee Chair / Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 5. D
Subject: Grant Violation Documentation, Notification, and Determination Policy

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item. Approve the proposed Progress Reporting, Expenditure Reporting, Contract Major Obligations and Compliance with Grant Conditions Policies.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Grant rules are posted in the Grant Administrative Manual, Texas Grant Management Standards, and state statutes, however there is no policy to document, notify grantees, and make a formal determination.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Grantee Violation Documentation and Notification Policy

- The MVCPA ensures that rule violations are properly documented, and notices are provided for grantees to take corrective actions prior to MVCPA consideration under 43 TAC § 57.23 specifically the policy must cover:
 - Notification for late or missing report provided in the MVCPA Grant Administrative Manual.
 - Notification of inaction or missing proof of compliance with special conditions in a Statement of Grant Award (SGA).

Notification and Determination of Grant Violations

All grants shall be managed in accordance with the following: (Title 43 TAC Chapter 57)

- Applicable federal or state laws, rules, regulations, policies, or procedures; and
- Terms, conditions, standards, or stipulations of grant agreements.

5.1.1 Progress Reporting (Proposed)

Progress Reports shall be submitted electronically to the MVCPA at <https://MVCPA.tamu.edu>. Submissions shall only be made by grant officials that have been assigned the role to submit Progress Reports as recorded by the grantee in the MVCPA in the online system. Data submitted in the progress report must be only from grant funded activities. If the grantee provides data in the report that is not as a result of grant funded activities, it must be clearly indicated and explained in each quarterly report. All grantee Progress Reports are due by the fifteenth (15th) day of the following month. If the fifteenth (15th) day falls on a weekend or holiday it must be submitted on the following business day. The Progress Report will be considered delinquent if it has not been received before the 30th of each month. The final end of year report is due on October 15th of each year. Grant payments may be withheld until reports are submitted.

Progress Report Deadlines

Progress Period	Report Due Date	Delinquent Date
Q1 - September 1 - November 30	December 15	December 30
Q2 - December 1 - February 28	March 15	March 30
Q3 - March 1 - May 31	June 15	June 30
Q4 - June 1 - August 31	September 15	September 30
Year End Report September 1 - August 31	October 15	October 30

- Each grantee shall submit all required reports in accordance with the instructions provided in the MVCPA Grant Administrative Manual (GAM).
- Grantee must submit required reports to the MVCPA as defined in section 5.1.1 of the FY20 Grant Administrative Manual or will be in violation unless grantee has received prior instructions from the MVCPA to submit after the delinquent date due to the submission influencing another report.
- MVCPA will use grantee webinars and email to remind grantees of due dates for reports. A notice of grant violation will be sent to Grantees, via email, five days after it is considered in delinquent status. Requests for an extension must be submitted prior to the deadline, with proper justification and may be approved by the MVCPA director or MVCPA board designee.
- Grantees who fail to submit a delinquent report within 5 days after receiving notice of a grant violation may be subject to administrative penalties.
- Grantees have 15 days after receiving a deficient or grant violation notification to request an appeal.
- The MVCPA director or MVCPA board designee will determine the outcome of the grant appeal.
 - 1st Violation – Grantee Receives a warning
 - 2nd Violation – Grant violation letter
 - 3rd Violation – Notification to the Board
 - 4th Violation – Withholding of funds until MVCPA Director and MVCPA Board designee is provided satisfactory evidence that the violation has been corrected and an action plan is in place to prevent future violations.
 - 5th Violation – Notification to the MVCPA Board and suspension until the board is presented with satisfactory evidence that the violation has been corrected or the grant is terminated.

5.2.1 Expenditure Reporting (Proposed)

Grantees are required to submit quarterly financial expenditure reports. Expenditure Reports shall be submitted electronically to the MVCPA at <https://MVCPA.tamu.edu>. Submissions shall only be made by grant officials who have been assigned the role to submit Expenditure Reports as recorded by the grantee in the online system. This report shall provide total expenditures by quarter; as well as supporting documentation that ties to the amount requested for every category for both MVCPA expenditures and cash or alternative match.

Expenditure Report Deadlines

Expenditure Period	Report Due Date	Delinquent Date
Q1 - September 1 - November 30	December 31	January 15
Q2 - December 1 - February 28	March 31	April 15
Q3 - March 1 - May 31	June 30	July 15
Q4 - June 1 - August 31	October 15	November 1

- Each grantee shall submit all required reports in accordance with the instructions provided in the MVCPA Grant Administrative Manual (GAM).
- Grantee must submit required reports to the MVCPA as defined in section 5.2.1 of the FY20 Grant Administrative Manual or will be in violation unless grantee has received prior instructions from the MVCPA to submit after the delinquent date due to the submission influencing another report.
- MVCPA will use grantee webinars and email to remind grantees of due dates for reports. A notice of grant violation will be sent to Grantees, via email, five days after it is considered in delinquent status. Requests for an extension must be submitted prior to the deadline, with proper justification and may be approved by the MVCPA director or MVCPA board designee.
- Grantees who fail to submit a delinquent report within 5 days after receiving notice of a grant violation may be subject to administrative penalties.
- Grantees have 15 days after receiving a deficient or grant violation notification to request an appeal.
- The MVCPA director or MVCPA board designee will determine the outcome of the grant appeal.
 - 1st Violation – Grantee Receives a warning
 - 2nd Violation – Grant violation letter
 - 3rd Violation – Notification to the Board
 - 4th Violation – Withholding of funds until MVCPA Director and MVCPA Board designee is provided satisfactory evidence that the violation has been corrected and an action plan is in place to prevent future violations.
 - 5th Violation – Notification to the MVCPA Board and suspension until the board is presented with satisfactory evidence that the violation has been corrected or the grant is terminated.

5.4 Contract Major Obligations

As required in 43 TAC § 57.22, Third Party Participation, including any amendments, must be reviewed and approved as to form and content by the MVCPA director or board designee prior to the release of any funds under the contract when the amount is \$15,000 or more.

5.4.1 Compliance with all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines

As required in 43 TAC § 57.3, Grantees with grant conditions as required in the Statement of Grant Award may not receive payments until the special conditions are met, unless otherwise stated by MVCPA. Special conditions may include:

- Border Security Report Requirement
 - Intelligence Sharing
 - Interlocal Agreements (Multi-agency grant)
 - Multi-agency Grant Operational Plan
 - Resolution
 - Prosecutor Agreement
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- MVCPA will send a reminder notice to grantees 30 days after the beginning of the Fiscal Year, to grantees that have not complied with a grant condition as required in the statement of grant award. MVCPA will provide a due date before it is considered delinquent.
 - MVCPA will use grantee webinars and email to remind grantees of due dates for grant conditions. A notice of grant violation will be sent to Grantees, via email, five days after it considered in delinquent status. Requests for an extension must be submitted with proper justification and may be approved by the MVCPA director or MVCPA board designee.
 - Grantees who fail to provide satisfactory evidence of the compliance within 30 days after receiving notice of a grant violation may be subject to administrative penalties in rule or policy including suspension and up to and including termination of the grant.
 - The MVCPA director will send notice to the MVCPA board of a grantee failing to comply with a grant condition.
 - Grantees have 15 days after receiving a deficiency or grant violation notification to request an appeal.
 - The MVCPA director and MVCPA board designee will determine the outcome of the grant appeal.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Julio Gonzalez, Grants, Budget, and Reports Committee Chair / Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 5. E
Subject: Taskforce Vehicle and Purchase and Lease Policy

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item. Approve the proposed Vehicle Purchase Policy and proposed Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses Policy.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

New vehicle prices and lease/rental rates have increased and reduced the availability of vehicles meeting Current Price Caps.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Current Price Caps for the Purchase and Lease of Taskforce Vehicles

Global chip shortages, supply chain issues, and demand has reduced the availability of new vehicles. These shortages have impacted the cost or replacement vehicles for MVCPA taskforces and the entire nation. Rising costs have made it nearly impossible for taskforces to find and receive a replacement vehicle within the current price cap of \$25,000. If the taskforce can locate a vehicle within the allowed spending limitation, grantees must act quickly before the vehicle is sold or in the case of a vehicle build (off state contracts) grantees have experienced a delay of shipment into the next fiscal year which results in budget issues.

The rising costs of vehicles and shortages has influenced vehicle rental/lease rates as well. Grantees are reporting that lease rates have risen just as the cost of new vehicles has and this may result in the need to lease older vehicles or a vehicle that doesn't truly meet taskforce needs to stay under the \$600.00 price cap.

Average cost of vehicles purchases:

- 2019 average vehicle purchase price
 - \$29,735.70
- 2020 average vehicle purchase price
 - \$31,280.50
- 2021 average vehicle purchase price
 - \$37,629.48
- 2022 average is contingent upon final expenditure reports

Vehicle rental/lease rates:

Grantee	Description	MVCPA Funds	Cash Match	Grant Total	In-Kind Match	# of vehicles	Per Month
Beaumont	Vehicle Lease	\$6,251		\$6,251		1	\$521
Beaumont	Vehicle Lease				\$7,200	1	\$600
Brownsville	Vehicle Lease	\$37,800		\$37,800		7	\$550
El Paso	Vehicle Lease		\$57,600	\$57,600	\$67,500	15	\$695
Harris	Vehicle Lease				\$134,100	21	\$532
Houston	Vehicle Lease	\$115,200		\$115,200		16	\$600
Laredo	Vehicle Lease	\$79,200		\$79,200	\$52,800	11	\$1,000
Potter	Vehicle Lease		\$21,240		\$21,240	3	\$590

4.6.1.1 Vehicle Purchase Policy (Proposed)

Grantees with prior approval, may purchase vehicles appropriate for the stated and intended use to support grant activities. Grantees may use MVCPA funds and Cash Match funds (including program income) to purchase vehicles up to an amount that the MVCPA director and MVCPA board designee determine is reasonable and necessary to meet the goals, strategies, and activities of the grant.

If not included in the original application, grantees must submit a Budget Grant Adjustment Request to move funds or obtain authorization to introduce Program Income. The following apply to purchase vehicles:

- 1) All Budget Grant Adjustment requests to purchase vehicle must be submitted using the Grant Management and Tracking System (GMTS) and include the following:
 - a. type of vehicle
 - b. intended use of vehicle, and
 - c. how the purchase supports grant funded activities.
- 2) All MVCPA vehicle purchases will be reviewed by the MVCPA director and MVCPA board designee to ensure the cost of the vehicle and upfitting charges are reasonable and necessary.
- 3) A minimum 20% Cash Match is required to purchase vehicles.
- 4) Any portion above an amount identified as unreasonable may only be reflected as in-Kind match.
- 5) The MVCPA director will consider age of fleet and number of vehicles per officer prior to approval.
- 6) If the grantee does not accept a decision of the MVCPA director and MVCPA board designee, the Grantee may request an Expedited Board Review Process teleconference with the MVCPA Grants, Budget, and Reports Committee to present their information and obtain a decision.

4.7 SUPPLIES AND DIRECT OPERATING EXPENSES (Proposed)

4.7.1 General Guidelines

All items included in Supplies and Direct Operating expenses must be related to the day-to-day operation of the MVCPA grant-funded program. Itemized expenses must be allowable, reasonable, and necessary to enhance the program and/or meet the goals strategies, and activities of the grant.

Rent and lease expenses/costs must be the actual cost if property is not owned by grantee. Use allowance or depreciation may be submitted in the grant application for grantee owned property.

Office supplies and other miscellaneous small items may be combined into one-line item. Pens, paper clips, paper, etc. can be included within the standard Office Supplies line item.

The cost per month of any leased vehicle must be reasonable and necessary, as determined by the MVCPA director and MVCPA board designee to meet the goals, strategies, and activities of the grant. Any portion above an amount identified as unreasonable may only be reflected as in-kind match.

Costs for leasing vehicles shall include the number of vehicles to be leased and the fee per vehicle. When sharing use of items between programs or with the general agency operations the costs must be prorated in the grant budget to properly reflect the allocation.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Julio Gonzalez, Grants, Budget, and Reports Committee Chair / Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 5. F
Subject: FY 2024 - 2025 Plan of Operation

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item. Approve the FY24 - 25 Plan of Operation and request TxDMV Submit to the Texas Legislature.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Plan of Operation informs the Texas Legislature of the status of the MVCPA and of the efforts of the statewide network to reduce motor vehicle crimes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Taskforce Progress and Year-end reports have been reviewed along with results from a statewide needs assessment survey to identify data, current motor vehicle crime (MVT-MVB-FRMVC) trends and causes and need to include in the Plan of Operation to the Texas Legislature.

Survey results indicate the following needs:

Critical needs of Taskforces and other Law Enforcement Agencies

- Funding to purchase an Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) with dedicated personnel to operate.
- Qualified Investigators to perform 68-A Inspections. The volume of inspectors is greater than the number of qualified personnel.
- Statewide ALPR Program
- Additional Personnel
- Bait vehicles
- Confidential informant funds

Solutions that would increase the successes of MVCPA Taskforces

- 63% recommend funding for Motor Vehicle Crime Technology Equipment
- 57% recommend additional law enforcement investigators in existing taskforce programs to address catalytic converter theft, jugging, 68-A backlogs to detect and prevent fraudulent titling and registration of altered vehicles and other crimes involving the use of stolen vehicles such as human smuggling.
- 50% recommend the funding for Motor Vehicle Criminal Intelligence Analysts

Equipment needs

- 73% recommended Automatic License Plate Readers
- 40% recommended Laptop Computers
- 39% recommended Surveillance Equipment

Public Educations and Awareness by level of importance

- 60% recommended local media and advertising campaign
- 52% recommended a statewide media and advertising campaign
- 45% recommended additional overtime for taskforce employees or other agencies to perform public awareness

Solutions to keep up with increases in motor vehicle crimes

- Additional appropriations from the Texas Legislature
- Sharing costs for specialized equipment with community businesses and leaders
- Additional personnel. Caseloads and personnel shortages are causing personnel to become “burnout”. Additional Overtime is not a solution for existing personnel.
- Purchasing unmarked vehicles versus renting
- Short term grants, to agencies not assigned to a taskforce, to fund overtime personnel to supplement current taskforces
- Additional funding for the larger grantees.
- Community involvement through neighborhood associations
- Include state/federal resources into taskforces to help with personnel, vehicles, equipment, and analysts.
- Additional training for officers to include traffic and patrol officers to identify stolen vehicles



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Julio Gonzalez, Grants, Budget, and Reports Committee Chair / Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 5. G
Subject: FY 2024 - 2025 Taskforce Grant Request for Application and Grant Timeline

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item. Approve the FY24 - 25 Request for Application and Grant Timeline.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To hold a MVCPA Conference with law enforcement training, grantee training and the allocation of grant awards.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Minimum expenses for board and staff estimated at \$11,400. Minimum expenses for grantees estimated at \$65,125. MVCPA will coordinate with TxDMV Financial Administrative Services to develop a funding process for grantees.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Fiscal Year 24-25 RFA and Grant Timeline

- **February 2023**
 - MVCPA GBR Committee and Board Meeting
 - Six grantee presentations
 - Develop and approve FY24 - 25 Request for Applications
- **March 3, 2023**
 - Publish Taskforce Grants FY24-25 RFA
- **March 15, 2023**
 - Grant Application Workshop - Determine if in person or remote
- **April 2023**
 - MVCPA GBR Committee and possible Board Meeting TBD
 - Remaining six grantee presentations
- **May 12, 2023**
 - FY24-25 Applications Due
- **May 15 - May 19, 2023**
 - Review to ensure applicants meet qualifications stated in RFA and certify as complete
- **May 22 - June 2, 2023**
 - Application Scoring
- **June 12 - June 15, 2023**
 - MVCPA Training Conference/GBR Committee/Board Meeting/FY24-25 Grant Awards
 - 1st day GBR Committee – Grantee Presentations
 - 2nd day Statewide Motor Vehicle Crimes Training

- o 2nd day Grantee Training – Taskforce – In person Taskforce Commander and Financial Officer or designees
- o 3rd day Statewide Motor Vehicle Crimes Training
- o 4th day MVCPA Board Meeting and Grant Awards Ceremony

Estimated Travel Costs for a 4-day conference plus 2 half day travel days

BOD & Staff - Est 10 People

Travel	Qty	Days	Per each	Amount
Airfare	5		\$ 500.00	2,500.00
Carpool - Fuel	1		\$ 100.00	100.00
Lodging w/ tax	10	5	\$ 114.00	5,700.00
Meals w 1st & last	10	5	\$ 62.00	3,100.00
			Total	11,400.00

Plus, conference room, AV etc

Grantees Est 50 people

Travel	Qty	Days	Per each	Amount
Airfare	25		\$ 420.00	10,500.00
Car - Fuel (2 per vehicle)	25		\$ 425.00	10,625.00
Lodging w/ tax	50	5	\$ 114.00	28,500.00
Meals w 1st & last	50	5	\$ 62.00	15,500.00
			Total	65,125.00



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Julio Gonzalez, Grants, Budget, and Reports Committee Chair / Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 5. H
Subject: Grantee Presentations to MVCPA Grants, Reports, and Budget Committee

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The MVCPA Grants, Budget, and Reports (GBR) Committee received grantee reports from Beaumont, Burnet, Galveston, Harris, Tarrant, and Travis to have a better understanding about the needs of taskforces.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The GBR Committee identified increases in criminal activity and certain taskforce activities are reducing the success of some taskforce functions.

- Fraud Related Motor Vehicle Crime reduces the amount of time available for Auto Theft Investigations and Burglary of Motor Vehicle Investigations.
- Burglary of Motor Vehicle (BMV) cases and BMV cases are dependent upon a bait vehicle program.
- All taskforces have experienced an increase in 68-A inspections. Scheduling difficulties are present in various task forces due to the overwhelming number of requests for 68-A inspections and a shortage of investigators.
- Increases in motor vehicle theft causes taskforces to become reactive instead of proactive and the need to triage cases according to priority.
- Increases in motor vehicle crimes often reduces the amount of time available for public awareness activities.

The committee identified certain elements that greatly increase a taskforce success.

- Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) are beneficial and there is a need for a statewide ALPR network to successfully combat motor vehicle crimes at border crossings, check points, and other strategic locations across the State of Texas.
- Taskforces with dedicated prosecutors are more likely to achieve a higher number of prosecuted cases and convictions for motor vehicle crimes which often decreases the number of repeat offenders in their jurisdictions.
- The MVCPA should consider contracting with a vendor to provide a prosecutorial guidance resource for district attorneys and their staff on how to prosecute Auto Theft cases and Engaging in Organized Crime Cases related to Motor Vehicle Crime.

The committee identified certain taskforce MVCPA administrative requirements could be reviewed to recommend changes in definitions and processes to capture additional data while reducing time spent on reporting.

- Progress Report definitions for recoveries, arrests and cleared cases need clear definitions to capture the work of taskforces as well as their grantee agencies.
- Progress Report sections should be reviewed to identify measures that can be combined or removed to decrease the amount of time to complete the report.
- The committee recommends a comprehensive analysis of the definitions for key performance metrics and submit a report to the Chairman of the GBR prior to the start of FY24

The committee identified other elements that could increase the success of taskforces

- Additional funding to add personnel to keep up with an increase of criminal activity.
- Explore contracting for DNA testing of motor vehicle cases.
- Prosecutor awareness of motor vehicle crimes training.
- Motor Vehicle Criminal Analysts
- Additional training about the Virtual Command Center to ensure the quality of intelligence postings rather than quantity.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 5. I
Subject: Progress Report and Data Collected

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview Taskforce Progress Report

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Current Grantee Progress report

- 11 pages with 127 measures for grantees to report their progress
- 8 measures are statutorily required for all grantees
- 11 are required for taskforces designated as a Border or Port
- 8 are required for taskforces with an assigned prosecutor

Some measures, such as collaborations and assists are duplicated in across sections of the progress report. Each fiscal year the progress report version is reviewed to identify measures that should be added, combined, or removed. MVCPA staff will collaborate with taskforce commanders and the MVCPA board designee to identify and recommend improvements to the FY24 - 25 Progress Report.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 5. J
Subject: Prosecutor Awareness of Vehicle Crimes

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Importance of having prosecutors in MVCPA Taskforces

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Prosecutor caseload backlogs often reduce the attention to motor vehicle crime offenses. Two MVCPA taskforces have a dedicated prosecutor, and this has allowed a much greater success rate in convictions and incarcerations of criminals committing motor vehicle crime offenses. Counties without dedicated prosecutors may benefit from having a guide to prosecute these cases. MVCPA with the assistance of TxDMV Office of General Counsel will collaborate with the dedicated prosecutors to increase awareness of these cases to Judicial Districts across Texas.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 5. K
Subject: DNA Testing

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DNA Testing of evidence collected from vehicles involving motor vehicle crimes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Often when a suspect has committed a motor vehicle crime offense, touch DNA may be left behind and could be beneficial in identifying an offender and connecting unknown offenders to multiple crimes. Crime labs may do not always accept touch DNA due to a lower percentage of positive results and the backlog of cases statewide.

Advances in technology has allowed for Rapid DNA equipment to become available to law enforcement agencies to perform in house testing by property trained personnel. However, results of this testing may only be admissible in courts if it had been analyzed by an accredited lab. Potentially, two samples could be collected with one being tested locally and the second sent to an accredited lab.

MVCPA will research Rapid DNA Testing equipment and report to the MVCPA Board if it could be beneficial and cost effective to taskforces.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 5. L
Subject: Buying a Used Vehicle

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Informing citizens with the steps that should be followed to avoid buying a stolen vehicle and what is required after the purchase is made.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Individuals purchasing used vehicles often lack the knowledge of being able to recognize a stolen vehicle and in some cases end up losing tens of thousands of dollars. Even in legitimate purchases, the individual may not be aware of the steps required to title the vehicle and obtain license plates for their vehicle purchase.

In coordination with TxDMV Vehicle Titles and Registration Division, MVCPA has created a Person-to-Person Motor Vehicle Sales resource guide. This is aimed at reducing the number of innocent purchasers of stolen vehicles and increase awareness of legally titling and registering vehicles.

The example shown on the next page will include MVCPA and TxDMV logos. It will be printed and distributed to taskforces for use in public awareness campaigns. The resource document will also be distributed to Tax Assessor Collector and TxDMV Regional Service Center Offices.

BUYING A VEHICLE?

Follow these steps and helpful advice to protect yourself as a buyer

Avoid Buying a Stolen Vehicle

- Once you know the VIN - use the **National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) VINCheck® Service** (<https://www.nicb.org/vincheck>). NICB offers this free service to determine if a vehicle has been reported stolen or as a salvage vehicle. **OR**
- **Run a Title Check at TxDMV** on the VIN by using the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTS) at <https://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/buying-or-selling-a-vehicle/title-check-look-before-you-buy>. Both services help you to know if the vehicle that you are buying has been reported as stolen, repair salvage, or total salvaged before you pay any money or sign any paperwork for the vehicle.
- When buying from a private individual, make sure the "Owner" listed on the front of the title matches the name and address of the person selling the vehicle. If possible, have the seller accompany you to the county tax office to avoid unwanted surprises.
- Ensure the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the vehicle's dash is present, secure, and unaltered. Check to ensure the VIN plate has not been repainted and the numbers stamped in the plate appear to be original factory numbers. Make sure that the number on the door sticker matches the VIN plate number. No door sticker - Watch Out!
- Avoid sellers with no fixed address, place of employment or phone number.
- **Be suspicious of any deal that seems too good to be true.**

Things to do when buying a used vehicle

- **Transfer the title:** Require that the seller sign and transfer the title to you immediately and file the transfer with your local County Tax Assessor Collector. If you do not have title in your name, you are not the legal owner of the vehicle.
- **Obtain Insurance:** Texas Liability Insurance is required for vehicle registration.
- **Pay all applicable taxes and fees to the County Tax Assessor Collector (TAC):** State law requires private and dealer vehicle sales to pay title application fees, taxes, and registration fees. To avoid penalties, a transfer of ownership is required within 30 days of purchase. If the vehicle is not running or is not going to be driven, you are still required to transfer the title within 30 days and "Title Only" may be applied for (inspection and insurance is not required for Title Only)
- **Register your car and obtain license plates:** You can only get metal license plates, paper temporary tags, or temporary permits from a licensed vehicle dealer, a County Tax Assessor Collector, or the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. It is illegal to operate a vehicle that displays an unauthorized temporary tag.

Other things that you need to do if instructed:

Get a Safety Inspection: If you intend to purchase a registration sticker when you transfer the title, the vehicle must have a current passing inspection. If you need to check when the vehicle was last inspected, you can verify at www.mytxcar.org.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Joe Canady, Acting Director
Agenda Item: 6
Subject: State Auditor's Office Update

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State Auditor's Office (SAO) continues its audit on grant processes at the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) and is currently in the testing phase of the audit. MVCPA staff granted auditors from the SAO read-only access to the Texas A&M University Grant Management and Tracking System, met with the auditors to explain grant processes, and provided grant documentation as requested. The audit report is expected to be released in March 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The State Auditor's Office (SAO) continues its audit on the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA). The audit objective remains the same, which is to determine whether MVCPA has processes in place to ensure that it awards, administers, and monitors its grants in accordance with applicable requirements and whether it complies with selected statutory requirements, including limitations on administrative expenses.

The SAO auditors have been granted read-only access to the Texas A&M University Grant Management and Tracking System that MVCPA uses for taskforce grants to perform testing relating to the scope of the audit. Also, MVCPA staff have met with auditors from the SAO to explain grant processes and provided various documentation.

MVCPA welcomes the audit and anticipates a release of findings in March 2023.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Yessenia Benavides, Program Specialist
Agenda Item: 7
Subject: Public Education and Public Awareness Grant Update

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The MVCPA awarded a Public Education and Public Awareness Grant to the Insurance Council of Texas to develop advertisement campaigns aimed at informing the public with a message to reduce their chances of becoming a victim of motor vehicle crimes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The message creation by the Insurance Council of Texas (ICT) is “Lock It Down”. The catchy phrase will include two references to a vehicle. 1. The “O” in Lock is a key fob displaying a lock symbol and hanging key. 2. The “O” in Down resembles a vehicle tire.



An advertisement campaign will show a car parked in an unlit location with a thief running toward a car. As the thief approaches the car a hand holding a key fob is displayed as the bob is clicked to lock it down. A beep audible is heard by the thief and the cars lights illuminate indicating the car has been locked down and the thief has a discouraged look on his face. The next scene shows the “watch your car eyes” and the car driving away safely. The scene ends with the

watch your car eyes morphing into the lock it down logo with the ICT and MVCPA logos displayed as well as LockItDownTx.com. All scenes will include audio and visual effects.





LOCK IT DOWN!

ICT INSURANCE COUNCIL OF TEXAS

MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY

LockItDownTX.com

A large graphic with a blue background and radiating lines. It features the text "LOCK IT DOWN!" in large, bold, black letters. To the left of the text is an illustration of a black car key with a yellow wireless signal icon above it. Below the text are the logos for the ICT Insurance Council of Texas and the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. At the bottom, the website "LockItDownTX.com" is written in yellow.

[Prevent Vehicle Theft Texas - Lock It Down! \(lockitdowntx.com\)](http://lockitdowntx.com)



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When you park in town, always Lock it Down!

Lock your vehicle and take your keys. Approximately 50% of all stolen vehicles were left unlocked.

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This is one simple thing you can do to protect your vehicle and its contents.

Everything's bigger in Texas, including motor vehicle theft and burglary. Texas ranks second in the country for the most motor vehicle theft, and every year, more than 65,000 cars and trucks are stolen and nearly 200,000 are burglarized.

That's a mess of frustrated motorists and a lot of messy insurance claims.

[Learn More](#)





What does it mean to Lock it Down?

1 HIDE

If you must leave valuables in the car—whether a laptop, or other personal belongings—hide them or lock them away.

- Place smaller items in the glove box, armrest/console or under seats.
- Place larger items in the trunk, and if you have a hatchback, make sure they are covered.
- Hide or cover your items from view.
- A firearm should never be left in a vehicle.

2 LOCK

Lock your doors when you leave your car.

3 TAKE

If you have valuables, take them with you when you leave or park your car.



Taking just a few moments to protect your valuables can save lots of headaches down the road. It's as easy as a click of a button to Lock It Down!

[Learn More](#)





DID YOU KNOW?

84,413

In 2020, there 84,413 vehicles were reported stolen in the state of Texas, with a total loss valued at \$1.1 billion.*

\$2Million

In 2020, reported theft from vehicles cost Texas motorists nearly \$2 million.*

\$60Million

In 2020, reported theft of vehicle parts was valued at almost \$60 million.†

For the year 2020, the top five highest rates of auto theft in Texas occurred in:

- Kennedy County (1,741.3 per 1,000)
- Terry County (1,435.8 per 1,000)
- Dallas County (549.7 per 1,000)
- Loving County (546.4 per 1,000)
- Potter County (521.5 per 1,000)

*Source: Texas Department of Public Safety's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) database.
 †Source: Texas Department of Public Safety - Crime in Texas Report, Crime by Jurisdiction

PREVENTION TIPS

1. **Hide Your Valuables From Plain Sight To Avoid Attracting Thieves.**
2. **Lock Your Vehicle And Take Your Keys.**
 Approximately 50% of all stolen vehicles were left unlocked.
3. **Never Hide A Second Set Of Keys In Or On Your Vehicle.**
 Thieves can easily find extra keys.
4. **Park In Well-Lit Areas And Attended Parking Lots.**
 More than half of all vehicle thefts occur at night, and thieves tend to target unattended lots.
5. **Never Leave Your Vehicle Running, Even If You Will Only Be Away For A Minute.**
 Vehicles are commonly stolen at gas stations and ATMs. Many vehicles are also stolen on cold mornings when the owner leaves the vehicle running to warm up.

WHEN YOU FOLLOW THESE TIPS, YOU LOCK IT DOWN!