**MINUTES**

**Louisiana Automobile Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority**

**(LATIFPA)**

December 14, 2011

Poydras Building

1702 North Third Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Warren Byrd called the meeting of the **Louisiana Automobile Theft and Insurance** **Fraud Prevention Authority (LATIFPA)** to order at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed. Director Denise Cassano called the roll.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present Members Absent

Warren E. Byrd, Esq., Chairman Mr. Ryan Marine

Executive Counsel Regions Insurance

Louisiana Department of Insurance

Mr. Willard Hamilton Mr. Larry Hinton, Esq.

Internal Auditor General Counsel

Louisiana Department of the Treasury GEICO Companies

Mr. Thomas McCormick, Esq. Mr. Terrance “Terry” Apple

Department of Justice, State of Louisiana Insurance Fraud Investigator

Department of Justice, State of Louisiana

Lieutenant Trevor J. Smith, Supervisor Honorable A. B. Franklin

Insurance Fraud & Auto Theft Unit Louisiana State Representative

Louisiana State Police

Mr. Richard J. Hagey

SIU Manager, SCLA

Louisiana Farm Bureau Insurance Company

Honorable Dan Morrish

By Mr. Don “Tuffy” Resweber, Designee

Staff Members Present Staff Members Absent

Ms. Denise Cassano, Director

Ms. Virginia G. Benoist, Assistant Attorney General

and Legal Counsel to the Louisiana Department of Insurance

Mr. Kevin Smith, Assistant Director

Mr. Paul Boudreaux, Jr., Esq., Director

Fraud Section

**There were four attendees from the public at this meeting.**

Chairman Byrd declared that a quorum was present. **Prior to action on each agenda item for which a vote was taken, there was a public comment period as required under La.R.S. 42:14(D).**

Chairman Byrd introduced Mr. Richard Hagey, SIU Manager, Special Investigations Unit, Louisiana Farm Bureau Insurance Company, a new Board member replacing Mr. Richard Soileau and appointed by the Commissioner of Insurance representing a motor vehicle insurer doing business in Louisiana.

The minutes of the September 28, 2011, Board meeting were presented for review and approval. A motion was made by Mr. Don Resweber to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. Tom McCormick seconded the motion. Prior to the vote Chairman Byrd opened the floor for any public comment, but there was none. The minutes of the September 28, 2011, meeting were adopted by unanimous vote.

Director Cassano reported on **LATIFPA** income, expenditures and donations. The report was accepted as given.

Director Cassano gave an update on the public awareness and education programs for FY 2011/2012.

Mr. Doug Wilkinson, Wilkinson, Foy LLC, gave a report on the Outreach and Action Plan developed by Wilkinson, Foy LLC for **LATIFPA** to enhance the **LATIFPA** staff outreach to the senior citizens, young elderly and caregivers in all parishes of the state.

Chairman Byrd gave an update on the license plate reader presently placed with the New Orleans Police Department under the **LATIFPA**/National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) License Plate Reader Program.

Mr. Charlie Peters, NICB introduced Mr. Allen Applewhite who will serve as Mr. Peters replacement for NICB in coordinating the License Plate Recognition (LPR) and the Vehicle Investigation Prevention Enforcement Response (VIPER) programs with **LATIFPA**.

Mr. Peters, NICB, gave his quarterly report on the LPR program and the VIPER programs. The report was accepted as given.

Assistant Director Kevin Smith gave a report on the middle and high school curriculum presentations and other educational events conducted by **LATIFPA**. The report was accepted as given.

Chairman Byrd presented a 2012 proposed quarterly meetings schedule to the **LATIFPA** Board members for discussion. Mr. McCormick made a motion to adopt the 2012 proposed quarterly meeting schedule of the **LATIFPA** Board of Directors with the following four proposed meeting dates: Wednesday, March 14, 2012, Wednesday, June 13, 2012, Wednesday, September 12, 2012 and Wednesday, December 12, 2012. Lieutenant Trevor Smith seconded the motion. Prior to the vote Chairman Byrd opened the floor for any public comment, but there was none. The 2012 quarterly meeting schedule of the **LATIFPA** Board of Directors was adopted by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.