**MINUTES**

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

**(LATIFPA)**

June 12, 2013

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 10:10 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 Honorable Mike Huval, State Representative

Louisiana Department of the Treasury House Committee on Insurance

Mr. Richard J. Hagey Honorable Dan Morrish

SIU Manager, SCLA By Mr. Don “Tuffy” Resweber, Designee

Louisiana Farm Bureau Insurance Company

Mr. Terrance “Terry” Apple

Insurance Fraud Investigator

Department of Justice, State of Louisiana

Mr. Cleve Franklin

Senior Special Investigator

GEICO Insurance Company

Mr. Thomas McCormick, Esq.

Assistant Attorney General

Department of Justice, State of Louisiana

Lieutenant Trevor J. Smith, Supervisor

Insurance Fraud Unit

Louisiana State Police

Staff Members Present Staff Members Absent

Ms. Denise Cassano, Director Jonathan Wagner, Legal Counsel

 Louisiana Department of Insurance

Mr. Kevin Smith, Assistant Director

Mr. Lonnie Richardson

IT Division

Louisiana Department of Insurance

Ms. Ileana Ledet, Deputy Commissioner

Louisiana Department of Insurance

**There was one attendee 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).**

The minutes of the April 17, 2013 Board meeting were presented for review and approval. A motion was made by Mr. Terrance Apple 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 April 17, 2013, meeting were adopted by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. McCormick to add to the agenda a report from Lieutenant Trevor Smith on the April 25, 2013, meeting of the **LATIFPA** Steering Committee on Equipment Purchases. Mr. Willard Hamilton seconded the motion. Prior to the vote Chairman Byrd opened the floor for any public comment, but there was none. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Lieutenant Smith reported on the April 24, 2013, meeting of the **LATIFPA** Steering Committee on Equipment Purchases. The report was accepted as given.

Director Denise Cassano gave an update on the installation of license plate readers, under the **LATIFPA**/NICB License Plate Reader Program, in Calcasieu, Baton Rouge and Lafayette. The report was accepted as given.

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

Director Cassano reported and made recommendations to the board on the findings by JS Investigations on the inoperable bait vehicles in the **LATIFPA**/NICB bait vehicle program. The report and recommendations were accepted as given.

Ms. Ileana Ledet, Deputy Commissioner, LDI Public Affairs Division and Mr. Lonnie Richardson, LDI IT Division, gave a presentation and demonstration of the new **LATIFPA** educational microsite.

Mr. Allen Applewhite, NICB, gave his quarterly report on the License Plate Recognition (LPR) program and the Vehicle Investigation Prevention Enforcement Response (VIPER), a bait vehicle program. 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.

There being no further business, Mr. McCormick made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Apple seconded the motion. Prior to the vote Chairman Byrd opened the floor for any public comment, but there was none. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.