

MINUTES

Louisiana Automobile Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority (LATIFPA)

August 19, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Warren Byrd called the meeting of **the Louisiana Automobile Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority (LATIFPA)** to order at 2:05 p.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. Ryan Marine
Mr. Richard Soileau
Attorney General James D. "Buddy" Caldwell
by Trey Phillips, Designee

Members Absent

Representative A. B. Franklin
Senator Donald R. "Don" Cravins

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

Ms. Alydia Washington

Chairman Byrd declared that a quorum was present. The minutes of the April 23, 2008 meeting were presented for review and approval. Mr. Larry Hinton made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. Richard Soileau seconded that motion. The minutes of the April 23, 2008 meeting were approved and adopted by unanimous consent.

Two guests were in attendance at the meeting to address the board concerning new laws as it relates to boards and commissions. Ms. Arlene Knighten, an attorney with the Louisiana Department of Insurance, reported on legislation passed affecting boards and commissions in the state of Louisiana. Ms. Courtney Jackson, an attorney with the Louisiana Board of Ethics, gave a presentation on the new reporting requirements in the law affecting board and commissions.

Ms. Virginia Benoist gave a report on the spending of appropriated state funds.

Director Cassano gave a report on the fundraising efforts and expenditures of the Louisiana Automobile Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority. Director Cassano also gave a report on expenditures necessary to implement the “Give-Up” education program. A motion was made by Mr. Jason Stagg to approve expenditures up to \$5,000 for the development and implementation of the “Give-Up” education program. Mr. Hinton seconded that motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Director Cassano gave a report on anticipated expenditures for the Conference on Insurance Fraud and Vehicle Theft and requested approval from the board to fund a portion of the conference if the conference budget was not met with revenues from attendee registration. Mr. Hinton made a motion to approve expenditures in an amount up to \$10,000.00 to supplement funding of the Conference on Insurance Fraud and Vehicle Theft. Mr. Soileau seconded that motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Mr. Charlie Peters gave a report on the bait vehicle activity by the Baton Rouge Police Department, Shreveport Police Department and Bossier City Police Department.

Assistant Director Kevin Smith reported on the recent middle and high school curriculum presentations.

Director Cassano announced that the Conference on Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud would be held at the Holiday Inn Select in Baton Rouge on October 14, 2008. Director Cassano also announced that July was National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month and that **LATIFPA** participated by appearing on various news and talk shows to speak about vehicle theft prevention and to present tips for preventing vehicle theft.

There was no further business offered by any member. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.