

Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority

Board Meeting July 9, 2020



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AGENDA



Motor Vehicle CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY MEETING OPEN MEETING VIA

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL*

PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR'S MARCH 16, 2020, TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF

CERTAIN OPEN MEETING PROVISIONS**

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020

9:00 A.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD REMOTELY VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL*

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All agenda items are subject to possible discussion, questions, consideration, and action by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. Agenda item numbers are assigned for ease of reference only and do not necessarily reflect the order of their consideration by the Authority. The Authority reserves the right to discuss any items in executive session where authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
- B. Approval of Transcripts as Minutes
 - Transcript from February 5, 2020
- C. Comments from Chairman and Board Members

BRIEFING AND ACTION ITEMS - Bryan Wilson (including Committee Chairs and designated staff)

- 2. Discuss and consider insurance refund request for Triangle Insurance Company
- 3. Review and consider for approval FY2021 budget
 - A. CPA contract extension

- B. Investigator training budget approval
- C. Authority for MVCPA Director to work with TxDMV staff to modify budget if a waiver or partial waiver to the policy directive to reduce General Revenue appropriations by 5 percent is granted
- 4. Consider and discuss the MVCPA's savings plan and impact to meet a 5 percent reduction in MVCPA funding requested by State of Texas leaders
- 5. Review and consider FY2021 Grant Awards including authority for MVCPA Director to make adjustments to grant awards if a waiver or partial waiver to 5 percent reduction in funding is granted
- 6. Review and consider a grant award to Texas A&M University to continue taskforce operational support and data collection efforts of the Grant Management Tracking System
- 7. Discuss and consider planning for the FY2022-2023 Grant Cycle Request for Applications
 - A. Grant Types
 - i. Taskforce grants
 - ii. Motor Vehicle Crime Auxilliary Grants
 - iii. Community Oriented Solutions Grants
 - iv. Prosecution and Judicial Agency Grants
 - v. Other grant types like fraud related motor vehicle crime (TACs)
 - B. Applicant Eligibilty Standards
 - C. Match ratios and amounts
 - D. Scoring and distribution standards
- 8. Review and discuss the Legislative Appropriation Request authorized by state law in Transportation Code Chapter 1006 and discuss other exceptional items needed to submit to TxDMV for the 87th Legislative session
- 9. Discuss and consider legislative recommendations for the 87th Legislature including but limited to funding, collections, and reporting
- 10. Discuss and consider the fee collections and refund processes

MVCPA DIRECTOR'S REPORTS - Bryan Wilson (including designated staff)

- 11. Reports on MVCPA-related activities identified by the Director as noteworthy, which may include reports on:
 - A. Budget
 - B. Grant Activities and Analysis
 - C. Grant Adjustments status
 - D. Public Education and Public Awareness program and activities
 - E. MVCPA Law Enforcement Training
 - F. Assessment Collection Activities
 - G. Agency Operations and COVID Impact
 - H. Monitoring
- 12. Public Comment

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Authority may enter into closed session under one or more of the following provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551:

- **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.

B. Section 551.074 - Personnel matters.

- Discussion relating to the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline and dismissal of personnel.
- C. Section 551.076 - Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits; Closed Meeting.
 - the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices: or
 - a security audit.
- D. Section 551.089 - Security devices or security audits:
 - the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or
 - a security audit.

Action Items from Executive Session 14.

15. Adjournment

The Authority will allow an open comment period to receive public comment on any agenda item or other matter that is under the jurisdiction of the Authority. 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, Authority members may respond in accordance with Government Code, Section 551.042 and consider the feasibility of placing the matter on the agenda for a future meeting.

If you want to comment on any agenda item (including an open comment under Item #12), you must send an email to AskMVCPA@txdmv.gov with one of the following prior to the agenda item being taken up by the Authority:

- 1. a completed comment card (available on the TxDMV webpage for the MVCPA Board meeting: https://www.txdmv.gov/about-us/MVCPA); or
- 2. the following information:
 - a. the agenda item you wish to comment on;
 - b. your name and address, including your city, state, and zip code; and
 - c. who you are representing.

You must wait for the chairman to call on you before you verbally make your comment via the link or the toll-free number listed above. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes, and time allotted to one speaker may not be reassigned to another speaker.

Agenda items may be presented by the named presenters or other staff.

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 the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority by telephone at (512) 465-1485.

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.



Board Agenda Item Section 1. Call to Order

Part A. Roll Call

NOTES:

Lt. Tommy Hansen, Board Chairman
Law Enforcement Representative – Hitchcock, TX
Ms. Ashley Hunter – Board Member
Insurance Representative – Austin, TX
Mr. Armin Mizani – Board Member
Consumer Representative –Keller, TX
Deputy Chief Mike Rodriguez – Board Member
Law Enforcement Representative – Laredo, TX
Mr. Shay Gause – Board Member
Insurance Representative – Helotes, TX
Major Justin Owen – Designee, Ex Officio Member
Law Enforcement Representative – Texas Department of Public Safety
 Ms. Kit Whitehill – Board Member
Consumer Representative – Coppell, TX



Board Agenda Item Section 1. Call to Order

Part B. Approval of Transcript as Minutes

MVCPA staff emailed the February 5, 2020 Board Meeting Transcript to all Board Members on June 16, 2020 for review.



Board Agenda Item Section 1. Call to Order

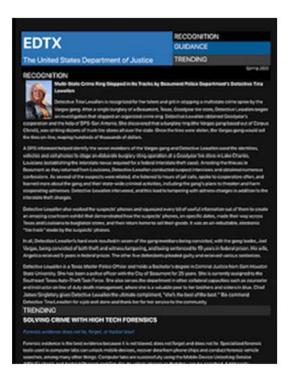
Part C. Comments from Chairman and Board Members

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Congratulations to Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force

One of Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force cases was featured in the USDOJ, Eastern District of Texas Newsletter. This article except was forwarded to MVCPA from the Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force. It was noted that Lead Detective Tina Lewallen's resume was also highlighted in the newsletter.





Board Agenda Item

Section 2. Discuss and consider insurance refund request for Triangle Insurance Company

Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority

July 9, 2020

Discuss and consider insurance refund request Triangle Insurance Company

Staff Recommendation

The MVCPA Staff recommends that refund request be approved in the amount of \$4,466.00.

Triangle Insurance Company

MVCPA received the original request for refund on March 12th, 2020. It was reviewed and rejected as incomplete, it also had accuracy concerns. On March 13th, 2020 a revised request for refund was submitted. On June 9, 2020 the Taxpayer History Report was received from the Comptroller of Public Accounts. After reviewing the Taxpayer History Report staff determined that there was a statistically significant issue with the number of \$2 vs \$4 policies reported. Staff requested a listing of policies issued by Triangle Insurance in Texas for the year. When Staff reviewed the detail, it was determined the detail did support the refund request.

The reason for refund explanation provided:

From: Lea Anne Smith, CPA [mailto:lea.anne.smith@triangleins.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 3:41 PM

To: Zz - Resource - AskMVCPA < <u>AskMVCPA@txdmv.gov</u>> **Subject:** Amended Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Fee

Hello,

We inadvertently picked up incorrect numbers on the year end 2019 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention report and overpaid our fee. I have amended the return in Webfile, but once I leave the site, it appears to revert back to my original filing. Please let me know what steps I need to take to correct this report and either refund the overpayment or apply to next quarter.

Thank you, Lea

^{*} The amount of refund requested is \$4,466.

Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Application for Refund Claim of Semiannual Fee

Company Name: Triangle Insurance Company, Inc.	Date: 03/12/2020
Address: PO Box 1189	NAIC No.: 28535
Comptroller's Taxpayer Number: 17313947602	TDI No: <u>94659</u>
Street Address: 205 W. Maple Ave., Ste 103	
City: Enid State: OK Z	_{ip:} <u>73701</u>
Company Contact Person: Katie McCants Contact Phone	e Number: 580-237-4276
Contact Email: katie.mccants@triangleins.com	
Refund Report Year: 2019	
Please Circle One: 1st Semi-Annual Payment	2nd Semi-Annual Payment
Refund Requested: \$4,466.00	

As provided in Title 43 Texas Administrative Code, §57.51, the authority will consider all information provided to determine if a refund request is valid, and may require that additional information is provided before a final determination can be made.

Complete the information requested below and forward to the MVCPA along with supporting documentation and proof of overpayment.

Policy Term	Amended Motor Vehicle Years	Less: Motor Vehicle Years Originally Reported	Motor Vehicle Years Over reported		Assessment Rate per Motor Vehicle Year (circle one)	Refund Amount Requested
1 Year	3,248	4,713	1,465	or	\$4.00 \$2.00	3,072 1,394
6 Months				or	\$4.00 \$2.00	
30 Day	,			or	\$4.00 \$2.00	
	Totals		1,465	-		4,466

Along with this form, you must include the following:

- 1. An explanation of the reason(s) for the refund. If a request is due to duplicate payments from multiple entities for the same policies then proof of the duplicate payments must be provided along with this request for refund.
- 2. A copy of the original report.
- 3. Documentation of original payment.
- 4. A signed copy of the amended return; do not file with Comptroller's office.

By submitting this application for refund, I certify that I have been designated by my corporation as the authorized official to apply for refunds of the MVCPA fee. The statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that under the Texas Penal Code § 37.10 any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties.

Authorized Signature and Title: Katu Molant, Manager, Account Bate: 3/12/20



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A report must be filed even if no fee is due.

Insurance Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Author Semiannual Fee Report - July through December 2019

(Licensed Companies and Miscellaneous Organizations)

Only for use to report the July through December 2019 period.

a. T Code ■ 76100			
c. Taxpayer number	d. Filing period	e.	f. Due date
173-13947602	PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2019	194	03-01-2020
g. Taxpayer name	and tax report mailing address		about Insurance Tax, cetails are also available online
Triangle Insurance Company, In	c.	www.comptroller.t	
PO Box 1189		•	-
Enid. OK 73702		h. IMPORTA	ANT

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address has changed. Show changes	1.	
beside the preprinted information.	-	_
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NOTE: Insurers may recoup this fee from policyholders as authorized by 28 TAC, Section 5.205.

Who Must File

All licensed property and casualty insurance companies, including risk retention groups, interinsurance or reciprocal exchanges, mutual associations, Mexican Casualty Companies or Lloyd's plans that are licensed to write any form of motor vehicle insurance in this state as defined in Article 5.01(e), Insurance Code, during the last six months of the year are required to compute and pay the fee.

For Specific Information for Questions Regarding the Fee

All requests for information, other than form completion, should be referred to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) at AskMVCPA@txdmv.gov or call 512-465-1485.

> web file

Electronic reporting and payment options are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Have this form available when you log on.

www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/file-pay/

(Instructions continued on back.)

CALCULATION	
1. Total number of motor vehicle years for policies effective July 1 - Aug. 31	1. ■ 768
2. Fee rate	2. 2.00
3. Amount due for July 1 - Aug. 31 (Multiply Item 1 by Item 2)	3 1,536.00
4. Total number of motor vehicle years for policies effective Sept. 1 - Dec. 31,	404E
5. Fee rate	5. ■ 4.00
6. Amount due for Sept. 1 - Dec. 31 (Multiply Item 4 by Item 5)	6 4,060.00
7. TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE (Add Item 3 and Item 6)	E E06 00

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Form 25-107-A (10-19)



Insurance Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Semiannual Fee Report - July through December 2019

8. TOTAL AMOU	NT DUE AND PAYA	BLE <i>(See Item 7.)</i>		8.	5,596.00
Taxpayer name	Triangle Insurance	Company, Inc.	k.		I.
■ T Code	■ Taxpayer number	■ Period	I declare the information i	n this document and all attaclge and belief.	chments is true and correct
76020	173-13947602		sign Authorized agen	McCant	
Make the amount in Item 8	Mail to COMPTROLLER	OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS	Preparer's name (Type or	r print.) Katie McCants	i
payable to STATE COMPTROLLER	P.O. Box 149356 Austin, TX 7871		Daytime phone (Area code & number)	580-237-4276	Date 3/12/2020

You have certain rights under Chapters 552 and 559, Government Code, to review, request and correct information we have on file about you. Contact us at the address or phone number listed on this form.





03/12/2020 10:10:57 AM

You are logged in as:

Taxpayer

17313947602

TRIANGLE INSURANCE COMPANY INC
PO BOX 1189
ENID , OK 73702-1189

User Identification

Darla G Kirk darla.kirk@triangleins.com (580) 237-4276 232 173.219.108.214

Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Fee

Summary Original Return for Period Ending Dec 31, 2019 (194)

Return Summary	Entries	Fee Rate	Fee Due
Calculation			
Total number of motor vehicle years for policies effective July 1 - August 31, current year	1,465	x 2.0000	2,930.00
Total number of motor vehicle years for policies effective September 1 - December 31, current year	1,783	x 4.0000	7,132.00
Summary			
Total Fee Due			10,062.00

Total Fee Due 10,062.00
Prior Payments - 10,062.00

Balance Due = 0.00
Pending Payments - 0.00

Total Amount Due and Payable = 0.00

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You are logged in as: Taxpayer 17313947602 1/31394/602 TRIANGLE INSURANCE COMPANY INC PO BOX 1189 ENID , OK 73702-1189 **User Identification** Darla G Kirk darla.kirk@triangleins.com (580) 237-4276 232 173.219.108.214

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Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Fee

Summary Original Return for Period Ending Jun 30, 2019 (192)

Return Summary	Entries	Fee Rate	Fee Due
Calculation Total number of motor vehicle years for policies effective January 1 - June 30, current year	1,465	x 2.0000	2,930.00
Summary Total Fee Due			2,930.00

Total Fee Due 2,930.00 Prior Payments - 2,930.00 Balance Due = 0.00**Pending Payments** - 0.00 = 0.00

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Total Amount Due and Payable

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Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Fee



Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Fee

Review Amended Return for Period Ending Dec 31, 2019 (194)

Return Summary	Entries	Fee Rate	Fee Due
Calculation			
Total number of motor vehicle years for policies effective July 1 - August 31, current year	768	x 2.0000	1,536.00
Total number of motor vehicle years for policies effective September 1 - December 31, current year	1,015	x 4.0000	4,060.00
Summary			
Total Fee Due			5,596.00
Total F	ee Due	5,	596.00

Balance Due = 5,596.00 Pending Payments - 10,062.00 Total Amount Due and Payable = -4,466.00

If you are filing a return in order to request a refund of an overpaid assessment, be aware that filing a paper return alone does not constitute a valid request for refund. For information on how to file for a refund, please contact the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority at 512-465-1485 or <u>AskABTPA@txdmv.gov</u>. For more information about this tax please visit our site.

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TX Vehicle Count

For Period From 01-01-2019 To 12-31-2019

TOTAL JAN 1 - JUN 30, 2019	1465
TOTAL JUL 1 - AUG 31	768
TOTAL SEP 1 - DEC 31	1015
GRAND TOTAL	3248
LESS AMOUNT REPORTED ON 6/30/19 REPORT	1465
AMENDED AMOUNT REPORTED ON 12/31/19 REPORT	1783



Board Agenda Item

Section 3. Review and consider for approval FY2021 budget

A. CPA contract extension

B. Investigator training budget approval

C. Authority for MVCPA Director to work with TxDMV staff to modify budget if a waiver or partial waiver to the policy directive to reduce General Revenue appropriations by 5 percent is granted

Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority

July 9, 2020

FY2021 Budget – Consider and Approve

Staff Recommendation:

- 1) Approve FY 2021 MVCPA budget.
- 2) Authorize the MVCPA Director to work with TxDMV staff to modify budget if a waiver or partial waiver to the policy directive to reduce General Revenue appropriations by 5 percent is granted.

Proposed Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority AY 2021 Budget

MVCPA Budget Category	Original Proposed Budget	Reductions	Projected Obligations and Encumbrances Based on Reduced Appropriations Plan
Advertising and Promotion	\$25,500.00	\$0.00	\$25,500.00
All Other Operating	\$29,527.00	-\$7,000.00	\$22,527.00
Consumable Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Grants	\$12,293,618.00	-\$428,709.00	\$11,864,909.00
Professional Fees & Services	\$112,000.00	-\$30,000.00	\$82,000.00
Salaries and Personnel Costs	\$356,606.00	\$0.00	\$356,606.00
Travel	\$16,100.00	-\$3,000.00	\$13,100.00
Grand Total	\$12,835,851.00	-\$468,709.00	\$12,367,142.00

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CPA Fee Collections Contract Extension

Staff Recommendation – Authorize MVCPA Director to coordinate with TxDMV to provide interagency agreement extension and budget of CPA interagency agreement.

Agency	Description of services	Staff Recommended Contract Amount
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts	 Collects the motor vehicle fees assessed against TX licensed property and casualty insurers writing policies covering motor vehicles. Retains and maintains fee assessment information in CPA database. Produces the assessment forms and provides them to insurers in January and June. Identifies and reports to MVCPA insurers who fail to file the fee assessment or fail to render payment. 	\$10,000 per fiscal year, contract is biennial at \$20,000

Note: To improve collections and reporting of non-paying insurers to Texas Department of Insurance as required by Transportation Code Chapter 1006, MVCPA Director will discuss semi-annual reporting of non-paying insurers with CPA during this extension.

Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority July 9, 2020

Motor Vehicle Crime Investigator Training Budget

Recommendation: The FY2021 budget shows a reduction in training amounts that MVCPA staff believe will still meet the operational needs of the statewide network of motor vehicle crime investigators.

	FY18	FY18	FY19	FY19	FY20	FY20	FY21
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Projected	Proposed
	\$15,000		\$15,000		\$15,000		
Travel for Trainers		\$7,165		\$5,135		\$2,000	\$8,000
Supplies		\$3,450		\$5,971		\$2,000	\$2,000
Total		\$10,615		\$11,106		\$4,000	\$10,000

Background

MVCPA provides <u>Intermediate and Advanced Motor Vehicle Crime Investigator training</u>. The training classes are supported by MVCPA grant-funded taskforces. The MVCPA and staff provide registration services, supplies and operational support to the training events hosted by taskforces. The TxDMV is a contract training provider for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) and maintains these classes as part of their training plan to ensure officers that complete the training has certified TCOLE hours.

Completion of these classes provide taskforce and other qualifying investigators unqualified access to the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) databases managed by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB). They use this access to identify stolen vehicles, confirm the identity of vehicles that have been altered or worn and to help people and businesses complete certain types of title transactions. Taskforce funded officers completed 17,165 Confidential Vehicle Identification Inspections in FY19 that met the requirements under the Title Act and Texas Administrative Code.



Board Agenda Item

Section 4. Consider and discuss the MVCPA's savings plan and impact to meet a 5 percent reduction in MVCPA funding requested by State of Texas leaders

Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority



May 20, 2020

To: State Agency Board/Commission Chairs
State Agency Heads/Executive Directors
Appellate Court Justices and Judges
Chancellors, Presidents, and Directors of Institutions and Agencies of Higher Education

Please accept our sincere thanks for the incredible work provided by your agencies and institutions and the dedication you have shown to help the state through this troubling time. Each agency has taken on the challenge and worked tirelessly to ensure that essential services are provided to Texans in need. Know that we are committed to prioritizing the public health of our state.

As you have no doubt seen, there is significant economic uncertainty not only in this state but across the country and around the world. We are confident that Texas will get back to work and continue leading the nation in job growth, economic innovation, and business creation. However, it will take months until we know the true extent of the economic ramifications of COVID-19, and how combating this virus will impact state finances. To prepare for this economic shock, we must take action today to ensure that the state can continue providing the essential government services that Texans expect.

To achieve that goal, every state agency and institution of higher education must engage in prudent fiscal management efforts. Savings achieved in the current biennium are not only necessary to offset current year revenue losses, the savings will provide for the smoothest path toward recovery as you provide necessary services to Texans. Some cost saving strategies that agencies should pursue that will not affect the state's response to COVID-19 include foregoing any capital expenditures that can be deferred, any avoidable travel expenditures, any administrative expenses that are not mission critical, and keeping unfilled any open positions that are not essential to the COVID-19 response. These savings should be lapsed to the Treasury.

Additionally, we request each state agency and institution of higher education submit a plan identifying savings that will reduce your general and general revenue related appropriations by five percent for the 2020-2021 biennium. Please submit this plan to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor by June 15, 2020.

Given the importance of the state's response to COVID-19 and the continuity of critical government functions, the following are excluded from the five percent reduction:

• Appropriations to the Texas Division of Emergency Management, the Texas Department of State Health Services, the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Military Department, and the Texas Department of Public Safety;

- Funding for debt service requirements and bond authorizations;
- Current law requirements for the Foundation School Program and school safety;
- Funding for Child Protective Services;
- Benefits and eligibility levels in Medicaid programs, the Children's Health Insurance Program, the foster care program, the adoption subsidies program, the permanency care assistance program, and services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;
- Funding for behavioral health service programs;
- Appropriations for Correctional Security Operations and Correctional Managed Health Care at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- Appropriations to Health Related Institutions and Community Colleges; and
- Employer Contributions to the Teacher Retirement System and Employees Retirement System funds and to Social Security.

In the coming weeks, the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor will issue instructions for the Legislative Appropriations Request that each state agency and institution of higher education will submit for the 2022-2023 biennium. While the exact final instructions are still being determined, every state agency and institution should prepare to submit reduced budget requests as well as strategies to achieve further savings. Furthermore, when the state revenue picture becomes clearer in the coming months, it may become necessary to make additional budget adjustments.

Though state leaders will make difficult decisions in the future, please know that we will not impede your agency's response to the coronavirus threat or take actions that will harm the public health of this state. As Texans recover from this pandemic, it is incumbent that state government continues to maintain mission critical services without placing a greater burden on taxpayers. Your assistance in achieving these goals is imperative.

Our offices stand ready to assist you with any questions you have or any clarifications that may be necessary. Thanks again for your service to the state and her people. We will get through this time by helping our fellow neighbors and relying on them in turn.

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Sincerely.

Greg Abbott Governor

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Dan Patrick Lieutenant Governor Dennis Bonnen Speaker of the House From: Wilson, Bryan
To: Thomas Galvan

Cc: Flores, Linda; Ralston, John; Price, Daniel; Menoskey, Mary; Charlie Leal (charlie.leal@gov.texas.gov); Mellott,

Shelly, Miller, Matthew, Chairman Hansen, Rey, Sergio

Subject: TxDMV/ MVCPA Draft Plan to Reduce 5% from GR

Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 4:53:21 PM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

LBB letter 5% reduction.docx

Chairman Hansen requested that I send this on his behalf. I included in letter format for your convenience.

Dear Mr. Galvan,

In response to the instruction letter dated June 9, 2020 regarding five percent biennial budget reduction plans, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) and the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) provide this high-level summary of the reduction plan. This information has also been submitted into ABEST.

Funds Collected

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Date: 6/15/2020

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Agency code: 608 Agency name: Department of Motor Vehicles

	REV	ENUE LOSS		REDU	CTION AMOUNT		PRO	GRAM AMOUNT		TARGET
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Item / Category / Strategy / MOF	2020	2021	Total	2020	2021	Total	2020	2021	Total	
Item 1 - Reduction in rental space										
Category: Administrative - Operating Expenses										
Item Comment: Reduction in rental space costs for	or meetings.									
Strategy: 2-2-1 Motor Vehicle Burglary and The	ft Prevention									
General Revenue Funds										
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General Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$7,000	\$11,000	\$4,000	\$7,000	\$11,000	
Item 1 - MOF Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$7,000	\$11,000	\$4,000	\$7,000	\$11,000	
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Item 2 - FTE Total	90	30	Φ	\$7,500	\$3,000	\$10,500	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$10,500	
Item 3 - Reduction in educational programs costs										
Category: Programs - Service Reductions (Other)										
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Item 4 - Reduction in grants

Item 3 - MOF Total

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Category: Programs - Grant/Loan/Pass-through Reductions

Item Comment: Reduce grant award funds used to fund local law enforcement officers and their operating expenses in taskforce. This function is required by Transportation Code 1006.154(a)(1),(2),(3) & (5). Suspend Rapid Response Strikeforce grants used to increase law enforcement officers conducting border and port security operations and combating use of stolen vehicles in human trafficking.

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FTE Reduction

From: Wilson, Bryan To: **Thomas Galvan**

Melitta Berger; Ralston, John; Flores, Linda; Rey, Sergio; Chairman Hansen Cc:

Subject: RE: TxDMV/ MVCPA Draft Plan to Reduce 5% from GR

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:27:00 AM

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Thomas.

The MVCPA has called a meeting for July 9, 2020 to consider options. The MVCPA board will review the options of across the board cuts, targeted expense cuts, termination of specific grant programs or any other options appointees decide to consider to meet the plan targets. I will let you know what they decide after the meeting. I copied Chairman Hansen for convenience.

Regards

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Bryan,

Thank you for the letter summarizing the 5 percent reduction plan. I am reviewing this and the ABEST submission and everything appears to comply with the instructions LBB provided to agencies.

I have one question regarding the proposed reduction to grants. How would the proposed reduction amounts be allocated among the grantees [e.g., across-the-board % reduction or other methodology]?

Thanks, Thomas

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^[1] Spending requirements for border and port security in GAA Article IX, 17.07 will be met but reduced.

From: Thomas Galvan
To: Wilson, Bryan

Cc: <u>Chairman Hansen; Love, Caroline; Flores, Linda; Miller, Matthew</u>

Subject: Re: Plan to Reduce Funding

Date: Thursday, July 2, 2020 4:17:22 PM

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Bryan,

There are no additional instructions from LBB regarding the 5 percent reduction plans at this time. The expectation is that any appropriations reductions will be formally implemented through a supplemental appropriations bill or other action initiated by leadership. That is all the information I have so far.

Let me know if you have additional questions.

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Thomas,

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Thank you.

Best Regards.

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Board Agenda Item

Section 5. Review and consider FY2021 Grant Awards including authority for MVCPA Director to make adjustments to grant awards if a waiver or partial waiver to 5 percent reduction in funding is granted

Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority

July 9, 2020

Review and Consider for Approval FY 2021 Grant Awards

FY 2021 Origina	al Grant Awar	d Recommen	dations	Per FY21 A	Application	Differ	ence	Covid R	eduction	Board Ad	justments	
Grantee Name	Application	Award	Match	Award Amount	Matab Amazunt	Award	Match	3.8%	Revised	Board Directed	Recommended	
Grantee Name	Submitted	Amount	Amount	Award Amount	Match Amount	Amount	Amount	Reduction	Award	Change	Final Award	APP Completed
City of Austin	Υ	\$430,685	\$173,182	\$430,685	\$173,182	\$0	\$0	\$16,366	\$414,319		\$414,319	Υ
City of Beaumont	Υ	\$528,714	\$361,626	\$528,714	\$361,626	\$0	\$0	\$20,091	\$508,623		\$508,623	Resubmit Resolution with Correct Reference
City of Brownsville	Υ	\$924,350	\$1,008,124	\$924,350	\$1,008,124	\$0	\$0	\$35,125	\$889,225		\$889,225	Υ
Burnet County	Υ	\$200,000	\$130,651	\$200,000	\$130,651	\$0	\$0	\$7,600	\$192,400		\$192,400	Υ
City of Corpus Christi	Υ	\$410,973	\$717,396	\$410,973	\$717,396	\$0	\$0	\$15,617	\$395,356		\$395,356	Resubmit Resolution with Correct Reference and remove amounts
City of Dallas	Υ	\$625,000	\$137,939	\$625,000	\$137,939	\$0	\$0	\$23,750	\$601,250		\$601,250	No Resolution
Dallas County	Υ	\$540,000	\$214,743	\$540,000	\$214,743	\$0	\$0	\$20,520	\$519,480		\$519,480	No Resolution
City of Eagle Pass	Y	\$125,000	\$168,218	\$125,000	\$168,218	\$0	\$0	\$4,750	\$120,250		\$120,250	Υ
City of El Paso	Υ	\$929,465	\$378,420	\$929,465	\$378,420	\$0	\$0	\$35,320	\$894,145		\$894,145	Υ
Galveston County	Υ	\$469,183	\$200,268	\$469,183	\$200,268	\$0	\$0	\$17,829	\$451,354		\$451,354	Υ
Harris County	N	\$772,403	\$1,402,128	\$772,403	\$1,402,128	\$0	\$0	\$29,351	\$743,052		\$743,052	No Resolution
City of Houston	Υ	\$995,000	\$1,387,828	\$995,000	\$1,387,828	\$0	\$0	\$37,810	\$957,190		\$957,190	No Resolution
City of Laredo	Υ	\$685,000	\$420,670	\$685,000	\$420,670	\$0	\$0	\$26,030	\$658,970		\$658,970	Υ
Lubbock County	Υ	\$404,523	\$238,929	\$404,523	\$238,929	\$0	\$0	\$15,372	\$389,151		\$389,151	Υ
City of Mansfield	Υ	\$300,000	\$209,298	\$300,000	\$209,298	\$0	\$0	\$11,400	\$288,600		\$288,600	Υ
Montgomery County	Υ	\$337,464	\$279,279	\$337,464	\$279,279	\$0	\$0	\$12,824	\$324,640		\$324,640	Υ
City of Paris	Υ	\$106,709	\$44,318	\$106,709	\$44,318	\$0	\$0	\$4,055	\$102,654		\$102,654	Υ
City of Pasadena	Υ	\$76,000	\$608,000	\$76,000	\$608,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,888	\$73,112		\$73,112	Υ
Potter County	Υ	\$361,705	\$229,909	\$361,705	\$229,909	\$0	\$0	\$13,745	\$347,960		\$347,960	Υ
City of San Antonio	Υ	\$800,000	\$561,746	\$800,000	\$561,746	\$0	\$0	\$30,400	\$769,600		\$769,600	Υ
Smith County	Υ	\$332,792	\$186,922	\$332,792	\$186,922	\$0	\$0	\$12,646	\$320,146		\$320,146	Υ
Tarrant County	Υ	\$1,145,500	\$441,125	\$1,145,500	\$441,125	\$0	\$0	\$43,529	\$1,101,971		\$1,101,971	Υ
Travis County	Υ	\$631,137	\$405,074	\$631,137	\$417,325	\$0	\$12,251	\$23,983	\$607,154		\$607,154	Υ
City of Victoria	Υ	\$154,719	\$30,943	\$154,719	\$30,943	\$0	\$0	\$5,879	\$148,840		\$148,840	Υ
Total		\$12,286,322	\$9,936,736	\$12,286,322	\$9,948,987	\$0	\$12,251	\$466,880	\$11,819,442		\$11,819,442	

Staff Recomendation: MVCPA award the amounts posted in Recommended Final Award Amounts. Director is authorized to make adjustments to grant awards if a waiver or partial waiver of the 5% reduction in funding is granted by legislative leaders/ LBB. MVCPA staff will apply special conditions to any grantee not meeting application requirements prior to an award being issued.



Board Agenda Item

Section 6. Review and consider a grant award to Texas A&M University to continue taskforce operational support and data collection efforts of the Grant Management Tracking System

July 9, 2020

Texas A&M Grant Management and Tracking System

Staff Recommendation – Authorize MVCPA Director to approve a new grant to Texas A&M University to continue the operation and maintenance of the MVCPA Grant Management and Tracking System (GMTS). The grant replaces the current interagency agreement that expires on August 31, 2020. The system is used by MVCPA and all grantees to maintain all records. The grant terms and award statement will be developed with legal counsel to continue the maintenance and operation of the web-based GMTS. Additional funds are included for potential development and add to on-going operations new features determined by the MVCPA (Motor Vehicle Crime Auxiliary grants, Community Oriented Solutions grants and Rapid Response grants). The conversion from interagency agreement to grant also moves the cost out of administrative costs helping MVCPA stay below the 8% cap on administrative expenses. The data provided by grantees and reported to the Legislature is better reflected as a direct operations cost to MVCPA.

Summary:

- Texas A&M built GMTS through an interagency contract that ran from FY17-FY20;
- GMTS will change to an operational grant;
- If a grant cannot be worked out MVCPA will continue it through TxDMV as an interagency agreement.

Agency	Description of Services	Staff Recommended	
		Amount	
Texas A&M University	 Maintenance and operation of the existing Grant Management and Tracking System. Maintained on TAMU server. Future enhancements (change in application 	\$30,000 \$5,000	
	process, scoring system, match ratios, etc.) determined by MVCPA	43,000	
		Total-\$35,000	



Board Agenda Item

Section 7. Discuss and consider planning for the FY2022-2023 Grant Cycle Request for Applications

A. Grant Types

i. Taskforce grants

ii. Motor Vehicle Crime Auxiliary Grants

iii. Community Oriented Solutions Grants

iv. Prosecution and Judicial Agency Grants

v. Other grant types like fraud related motor vehicle crime (TACs)

B. Applicant Eligibility Standards

C. Match ratios and amounts

D. Scoring and distribution standards

July 9, 2020

MVCPA Taskforce Grants

Staff Recommendation

Consider and Discuss the Authority to approve MVCPA Taskforce Grants.

Purpose

The purpose of this grant program is to provide law enforcement agencies with long term funding to operate continuing regional enforcement teams to combat motor vehicle crime. The grant is to fund comprehensive programs including personnel cost, overtime, travel, equipment, and operations costs.

Eligible Applicants and Limitation

Only law enforcement, prosecutor and judicial agencies may apply for law enforcement related programs. Agencies currently operating taskforces or participating in taskforces will be considered continued grants.

Not-for-profit corporations and professional associations may apply for education and marketing programs. Performance bonds may be required.

The amount requested in an application for law enforcement programs under this program must be less than one-half the motor vehicle crime loss value reported by the agency to DPS in the preceding year. Other applications must demonstrate need well beyond the amount requested in the application.

Funding requests must include all costs needed to operate a motor vehicle crime prevention taskforce/program. In kind contributions and allocations are allowed

Level of Funding

- MVCPA will reimburse 80% of actual costs of approved items
- Single jurisdiction grants applications will have lower reimbursement rate not to exceed 50% unless they demonstrate that they have unique size or geographic situations.

Activities and Funding Parameters

- RFP anticipated date of announcement, application collection and review: January to June
- Grant Period: September 1 August 31
- Management of the award will be in MVCPA Grants Management Tracking System (GMTS)
- The equipment becomes the exclusive property of the grantee agency after the reporting period is completed.
- MVCPA will issue a grant close-out after determining the grant conditions have been met.

Programs Types Eligible

- i) Law Enforcement, Detection, and Apprehension provide financial support to law enforcement agencies for economic automobile theft enforcement teams (referred to as taskforces). Taskforces will develop organized methods to combat motor vehicle burglary and theft through enforcement of law, detection of criminal enterprise and /or apprehension of law violators and groups.
- **ii) Prosecution/Adjudication/Conviction** provide financial support to prosecutors and judicial agencies for programs designed to reduce the incidence of economic automobile burglary and theft. Taskforces may incorporate this program category into the organized methods to combat motor vehicle burglary and theft.
- **Prevention, Anti-Theft Devices and Automobile Registration** provide financial support to eligible applicants to reduce the incidence of economic automobile burglary and theft. This program category must provide methods to distribute equipment or technology and/or to test experimental equipment or technology designed for automobile theft and burglary deterrence. The application shall demonstrate how the financial support will assist automobile owners in preventing automobile burglary or theft and / or to establish a uniform program to prevent stolen motor vehicles from entering Mexico.
- enforcement agencies (enforcement teams referred to as taskforces), local prosecutors, judicial agencies, and other eligible applicants to combat economic automobile theft (including parts). Applicants will develop organized methods to combat the sale of stolen vehicles and parts using vehicle identification number inspection, inspections of facilities that operate motor vehicle part and component distribution enterprises, labeling etching methods including component part labeling and contradicting other fraudulent means to sell stolen vehicles or parts.
- enforcement agencies and other eligible applicants to assist automobile owners in preventing automobile burglary or theft. Develop and provide specialized training or education program(s) on Motor Vehicle Crime prevention, interdiction and prosecution to law enforcement, prosecutors, and other groups combatting motor vehicle theft and burglary. Provide education in Motor Vehicle Crime prevention to business groups and the public.
- **vi) Maintenance and support** Provide support of mission could be IT services, command centers, bait car or law enforcement equipment rotation, border or port security operations coordination, data analytics, etc.

Application Considerations

- Jurisdictions that are in the top 20 for reported incidents of motor vehicle theft receive priority funding.
- Application must be accompanied with statement of need supported by data and/or reports demonstrating that the losses related to motor vehicle crime are at least twice the value of the amount requested under the grant.
- Applications will be evaluated based on need, past program effectiveness of meeting statutory measures, number of jurisdictions served, and descriptions of program elements.
- Applications showing that grantee will make services available to other agencies or use for wider geographic/jurisdiction coverage area will be a priority.

Expected Outcomes/Reporting:

 Grant recipients will submit progress reports and expenditure report data each quarter and will provide additional reports

FY20 MVCPA Funding	MVCPA Portion with	MVCPA Portion with	With Split 80/20	
Amount as is with	80/20	70/30	Multi and 50/50	
variable	Reimbursement Rate	Reimbursement Rate	Single (Staff Estimate	
Reimbursement rate			Only)	
\$12,519,018	\$16,178,694	\$14,156,357	\$12-13 million	

July 9, 2020

MVCPA Auxiliary Grant (MAG) Initiative

Staff Recommendation

Consider and Discuss the Authority approve MVCPA Auxiliary Grant (MAG) Initiative.

Purpose

The purpose of this grant program is to provide law enforcement agencies with ad hoc funding for interdiction equipment. MVCPA's FY20 strategic planning survey feedback from police chiefs and taskforces showed a need to provide immediate solutions beyond taskforce funding (officers) to reduce motor vehicle crime. Survey feedback indicated that three categories of equipment are needed to combat motor vehicle crimes effectively. They are: (1) Surveillance Equipment (pole cams, sky-cam trailers, etc.); (2) Motor Vehicle Crime Detections Technology (LPRs etc.); and (3) Border and Port Security Equipment.

Eligible Applicants and Limitation

Only law enforcement agencies may apply. Agencies currently operating taskforces or participating in taskforces may not apply for this grant. Taskforce administrative and participating agencies should seek comprehensive taskforce funding or use Rapid Response funding to supplement exigent needs.

The amount requested in an application under this program must be less than one-half the motor vehicle crime loss value reported by the agency to DPS in the preceding year.

Funding opportunity is limited to equipment that will be solely used to combat motor vehicle crime.

Level of Funding

• MVCPA will only reimburse 80% of actual costs of specific items up to the maximum reimbursement rate.

Activities and Funding Parameters

- RFP anticipated date of announcement, application collection and review: March to June
- Grant Period: September 1 August 31
- Management of the award will be incorporated into Grants Management Tracking System (GMTS)
- Grant recipients will report data from the impact of the purchase for the year of the award plus three years after the award period in GMTS
- The equipment must be maintained by the grantee through warranty purchases or at grantee expense for the duration of the grant and reporting period.

- The equipment becomes the exclusive property of the grantee agency after the reporting period is completed.
- MVCPA will issue a grant close-out and release of asset after determining the grant conditions have been met.
- Jurisdiction may buy additional units when successful procurements result in overall unit cost savings but maximum amount of funding will not be exceeded.

Proposed Funding Table					
Surveillance Equipment	Maximum Amount of Grant				
Mobile or Stationary License Plate Readers	\$18,000				
SkyCam Trailers	\$70,000				
Border and Port Security					
Multi-unit Stationary Camera, LPR and Artificial Intelligence software	\$50,000				
Jammer Detectors	\$12,000				

Match Required:

 80/20 split funding model – MVCPA/MAG provides 80% and grantee 20% up to maximum value

No in-kind, no in lieu of.

Jurisdiction submits application. Once awarded then order is placed, purchase made, vendor payments complete, submit of reimbursement, MVCPA pays 80% of approved items.

Application Considerations

- Jurisdictions that are in the top 20 for reported incidents of motor vehicle theft may double amount listed in table above if they are not covered by a taskforce grant.
- Application must be accompanied with statement of need supported by data and/or reports demonstrating that the losses related to motor vehicle crime are at least twice the value of the amount requested under the grant.
- Applications will be evaluated based on need.
- Applications showing that grantee will make items and equipment available to other partner agencies or use for wider geographic/jurisdiction coverage area will be a priority.
- The grant program is for purchases only. MVCPA/MAG grant will not consider leasing.

Expected Outcomes/Reporting:

Grantees must provide information on statutory performance measures (motor vehicle crime arrest, prosecutions, cases cleared and vehicles recovered) for the period of the grant plus three years to demonstrate how equipment helped to combat motor vehicle crime.

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FY22-23 Community Oriented Solutions (COS) Grant

Staff Recommendation

Consider and discuss approval of Community Oriented Solutions (COS) Grant Program.

Purpose

The purpose of this initiative is to provide funding for agencies to prevent motor vehicle crime by developing and participating in community based solutions. The programs must be evidence based, developed on broadly accepted theoretical framework and include restorative justice principles. The program applications must demonstrate community based and people oriented solutions to motor vehicle crime.

The core elements are restorative diversion programs, restoration to normalcy for the communities; repair damage among victims, involve inclusion of offenders back to their community. The goal of this funding opportunity is to decrease auto theft; decrease the likelihood to offenders committing future offenses; rectify the damage already caused by offenses; encourage forgiveness and increase victim and offender's satisfaction; and most importantly increase confidence in the fairness of the justice system.

Eligible Applicants

City and County law enforcement agencies, prosecutor offices (that have jurisdiction for motor vehicle crime), judicial agencies and not-for-profit agencies.

Coalitions of the above agencies are preferred.

Level of Funding

- Single entity application: no less than \$5,000 up to \$25,000
- Multiple/Collaboration Application: No less than \$10,000 up to \$100,000
- The amount requested in an application under this program may not exceed one-half the motor vehicle crime loss value reported by the law enforcement agency in the community to DPS in the preceding year.

Activities and Funding Parameters – applications must include one or more of the following:

- Coordinated meeting that include the following parties trained facilitator, victims of crime and the offender
- Formation and/or use of family or group conferencing, circle sentencing programs, also known as peacemaking circle
- Restitutions, arbitration or mediation program, cautioning and diversion program
- Delivery of a variety of evidence-based services while offender is in the process of reentry

Match Required:

- 80/20 split funding model MVCPA/MAG provides up to 80% and grantee 20%
- In-kind contributions for direct program cost are allowed up to one-half of the match requirement.

Application Considerations

- Application must be accompanied with statement of need, data, and coverage area(s).
- Applications will be evaluated based on merits of need, cost, and program framework, partners, and description.
- Grant is to be used for personnel, operations and basic equipment. Capital expenses and purchases are excluded.
- Expected Outcomes must be provided in the applications. Data must include impact on motor vehicle theft prevention, evidence-based victim and offender satisfaction in the restorative justice system, improved relationship between law enforcement and community.
- If a law enforcement agency is not a sponsor or participant then a letter from the agency indicating the motor vehicle crime loss values submitted to DPS is required.
- Maximum term for a program funded is four years.



Board Agenda Item

Section 8. Review and discuss the Legislative Appropriation Request authorized by state law in Transportation Code Chapter 1006 and discuss other exceptional items needed to submit to TxDMV for the 87th Legislative session

FY23 Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) based on 20% of Collection Amount – The Revenue Accounting Section of the Comptroller of Public Accounts reported that the for the FY20 first filing period since the new law went into effect \$40,272,421.07 was deposited to the MVCPA Fund 3206. Based on the annualized total collection the MVCPA Director recommends that the LAR baseline be calculated on 20% of the annualized total \$16.1 million.

FY22-23 Exceptional Item Request

Fee Collections and Refund Processing Unit

Purpose

The focus of this unit is to support insurers that sell any form of motor vehicle insurance to be educated and comply with the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) Fee requirements to increase support to combat motor vehicle crime and support trauma facility and emergency medical services in Texas.

Estimated costs for program: \$280,000 Estimated Increase in Collections: \$2.7 million

Description

The unit will include fee analysis, payment audit and education to insurers. Create a unit comprised of 3 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions (Tax Audit Manager, Tax Auditor, and Program Specialist) designed to increase the accuracy of fees paid to the MVCPA. The Motor Vehicle Fee Insurance Collections Unit will be housed in Austin in the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. The TxDMV accounts receivable unit will establish processes consistent with all fees collected by TxDMV. The unit will closely coordinate the collection of the fee paid by insurers with the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Texas Department of Insurance and the Office of Attorney General.

Over the last five years the MVCPA has determined that implementing a dedicated unit could increase collections by 3.9% or \$2.7 million. The unit will provide support to insurers selling motor vehicle insurance with a commitment for equitable collection practices to ensure fair market conditions for all companies. The program specialist will ensure companies needing assistance with elements of the MVCPA Fee compliance receive assistance and information. This unit will focus on ensuring that the MVCPA fee is remitted correctly and timely. The staff will use statistical analysis and risk-based assessment processes to determine which insurers have the highest probability of having underpaid the MVCPA fee. All positions will be funded through MVCPA appropriations. Estimated cost include fringe, travel equipment, and supplies.

Possible Legislative Changes:

A rider to the GAA or modification to TTC 1006.154 (b) excluding the costs related to collections from the 8% overhead expenses.

Modification to TTC 1006.153 authorizing penalties for insurers that fail to file or that submit reports late. Modification to TTC 1006.153 authorizing interest on amount when insurers make late payments.

Modification to TTC 1006.153 authorizing MVCPA to perform audits for insurers that are required to pay the MVCPA fee.

Modification to TTC 1006.152 authorizing recoupment of audit costs if required for insurers that improperly request a refund.



Board Agenda Item

Section 9. Discuss and consider legislative recommendations for the 87th Legislature including but limited to funding, collections, and reporting

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87th Legislature Proposed Statute Changes - MVCPA

	Removing MVCPA from a TxDOT reporting requirement
DESCRIPTION	Statute requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to include in one of its annual reports information about MVCPA grants programs. This requirement is likely a holdover from when the authority was part of TxDOT. Because MVCPA reports its activities annually, requiring the TxDOT report to include information about MVCPA grants is duplicative and no longer relevant to the TxDOT report.
RECOMMENDATION/ MODIFCATION	Recommend changing statute to remove MVCPA grants from being reported as part of a TxDOT reporting requirement.
ESTIMATED COST SAVINGS OR BENEFIT	Removing the reporting requirement simplifies the TxDOT's report and reduces the burden on MVCPA staff to support that element of the report.

	Deposit MVCPA Appropriations into the TxDMV Fund				
DESCRIPTION	The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) has its own, governor - appointed board but is part of the TxDMV. The MVCPA collects a fee from insurance companies. This fee revenue is deposited 60% to the emergency and trauma center accounts with the remainder, included the 20% that shall be appropriated for MVCPA purposes, deposited to the general revenue fund (GR). This makes the method of finance for MVCPA-related, TxDMV appropriations GR while all other TxDMV appropriations method of finance is the TxDMV Fund.				
RECOMMENDATION/ MODIFCATION	Recommend changing statute to have the MVCPA-related fee amount or actual MVCPA-related appropriation amount deposited into a subaccount within the TXDMV Fund each fiscal year.				
ESTIMATED COST SAVINGS OR BENEFIT	Having either the statutory 20% of MVCPA-fee collections or its actual related appropriations amount deposited to the TxDMV Fund rather than GR would result in all TxDMV-related appropriations having the same method of finance. This would create more efficiencies and less effort in administering and reporting on TxDMV financials. Depending on how the deposit is structured in law, any reduction in GR deposits could be fully offset with a reduction in GR expenditures so there would be no net effect on the state's budget.				

	Improve MVCPA fee collections				
DESCRIPTION	State law requires motor vehicle insurers to pay a fee to the MVCPA. On Sept 1, 2019, that fee increased to \$4 per motor vehicle year of insurance. This is estimated to double the amount of revenue generated to \$100 million annually.				
	These increased amounts place greater responsibilities and demands on MVCPA related to collecting the fee. But statute does not provide enough flexibility when it comes to fee collections.				
RECOMMENDATION/ MODIFCATION	 Recommend amending statute to: Modify Transportation Code 1006.154(b) to either exclude costs related to fee collection from the 8% administrative expenses limit or increase the limit. Modify Transportation Code 1006.153 to allow a penalty against an insurer for fee reporting violations, charge interest on late payments, and allow audits related to the fee and recoupment of such audit costs for improperly requested fee refunds. 				
ESTIMATED COST SAVINGS OR BENEFIT	The additional costs, including new staff, are estimated at \$280,000 per year. The improvement in fee collections is estimated to generate more than \$500,0000 a year in additional revenue.				



Board Agenda Item

Section 10. Discuss and consider the fee collections and refund processes

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Fee Collections and Refund Process

Staff is updating the MVCPA on meetings with TDI. No Action to be taken by MVCPA Board for this Agenda item

The following is MVCPA's SOP to handle reporting to the TDI the non-filers and non-payers of the MVCPA assessment form.

Enforcement Referral Process between TDI and MVCPA

The following process outlines the referral process that the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) undertakes in reporting to Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) those insurers who have not filed and/or not paid the MVCPA fee. The following is the section of the Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 1006 that defines this process.

Sec. 1006.153. FEE IMPOSED ON INSURER. (a) In this section, "motor vehicle years of insurance" means the total number of years or portions of years during which a motor vehicle is covered by insurance.

- (b) An insurer shall pay to the authority a fee equal to \$4 multiplied by the total number of motor vehicle years of insurance for insurance policies delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed by the insurer. The fee shall be paid not later than:
- (1) March 1 of each year for a policy delivered, issued, or renewed from July 1 through December 31 of the previous calendar year; and
- (2) August 1 of each year for a policy delivered, issued, or renewed from January 1 through June 30 of that year.
- (c) The fee imposed by this section is in addition to any other fee or tax imposed by law on an insurer.
- (d) The authority shall notify the Texas Department of Insurance of any insurer that fails to pay the fee required by this section, and the Texas Department of Insurance may for that reason revoke the insurer's certificate of authority.
 - (e) Out of each fee collected under Subsection (b):
- (1) 20 percent shall be appropriated to the authority for the purposes of this chapter;
- (2) 20 percent shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund, to be used only for criminal justice purposes; and

(3) 60 percent shall be deposited to the credit of the designated trauma facility and emergency medical services account under Section <u>780.003</u>, Health and Safety Code, to be used only for the criminal justice purpose of funding designated trauma facilities, county and regional emergency medical services, and trauma care systems that provide trauma care and emergency medical services to victims of accidents resulting from traffic offenses.

Referral Process:

- TDI will continue to provide the MVCPA with vehicle in force groups 1 & 2 policy count information to help determine if companies should have filed or paid. This information is available typically by June 1 of each year. TDI will send this information to askmvcpa@txdmv.gov. For any questions related to this information, MVCPA should email TDI at DataCall@tdi.texas.gov.
- 2. When the Comptroller sends MVCPA the list of property and casualty insurers; including non-payers and non-filers, between May and September, MVCPA will promptly notify TDI by email and include the list of these insurers. Send the notification and list to Rachel Cloyd's attention at EnforcementGeneral@tdi.texas.gov.
- 3. MVCPA will then follow its ordinary process (outlined below) to notify the insurers of their obligation to pay and make collection efforts. This includes sending a certified letter to the insurer at the CPA address of record, TDI address of record (if different from the CPA) and the Attorney for Record, if known. Insurers are given 30 days to file the report and/or pay the fee.
- 4. MVCPA will then send a list of all remaining insurers MVCPA believes are non-payers to Rachel Cloyd's attention at EnforcementGeneral@tdi.texas.gov. This list will include any non-filers that we deem to be non-payers after review of the CPA and TDI reports and any non-payers.
- 5. This notification must also include all evidence regarding the outstanding obligations by the remaining insurers, including:
 - a. all letters, notices, and enclosures MVCPA sent to the insurer;
 - b. all proof of mailing, fax confirmation, or email delivery;
 - c. all responses received, if any;
 - d. the Comptroller report;
 - e. documents to show how much money MVCPA believes each insurer owes, if available including:
 - CPA forms 25-106, 25-107 or 25-107A
 - Any other documentation indicating the insurer has auto premium or policy counts that are not of a type excluded from the fees.

- Non-filers will not have any supporting documentation Note: MVCPA does not collect policy information. The statute sets the standards of motor vehicle years regardless of policies. If a company fails to file we cannot ascertain the exact liability owed to the state.
 - 6. TDI Enforcement Division will review the referrals and evidence to determine whether an investigation will be opened and if action is warranted. Enforcement may contact MVCPA staff with any questions. If action is taken against an insurer, TDI will provide the MVCPA with a copy of any public document when closing the case, such as a warning letter or commissioner's order. If no action is taken TDI will advise MVCPA as to the reason no action was taken (not enough evidence, time expired, etc.)

Other Matters related to Referrals

MVCPA anticipates having future discussions with TDI regarding:

- a. Comptroller contract:
 - provision of the list on a semi-annual and not annual basis;
 - setting specific deadlines for list provision; and
 - provision of Comptroller notifications to non-payers.
- b. Insurance underpayers
- c. Risk Retention Groups
- d. Possible future commercial auto statistical reports

Comptroller of Public Accounts process

- 1. Insurers file a form with the Comptroller to report their motor vehicle years and pay Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention semiannual fee.
 - a. Insurers file and pay twice per year, for January-June, and July-December.
 - b. First filing and payment is due to the Comptroller on August 1.
 - c. Second filing and payment is due March 1 of the following year.
 - d. Some are late, but there is no penalty for late filings.
- Once per year, the Comptroller sends a list of non-payers and non-filers to MVCPA sometime between May and September. The list includes both time periods. It also includes the amount of Motor Vehicle Premium reported to the Comptroller.
- 3. The Comptroller does not help with collections. The contract is ministerial.
- 4. Comptroller sends a system-generated email approximately two months to insurers who did not file their insurance tax forms and this includes MVCPA non-filers.

MVCPA process

- 1. After MVCPA gets the list of non-filers from Comptroller, its procedures are:
 - a. MVCPA sends letters to non-filers and non-payers via certified mail to CPA address of record, TDI address of record and attorney of record that is found on the authorized insurer report.
 - b. MVCPA keeps a mail log of outgoing mail.
 - c. MVCPA makes a copy of the signed letters and any returned certified mail receipts or returned envelopes.
- 2. MVCPA does not send letters to companies in receivership, as identified by the Comptroller, or those non-filers that we deem do not owe the MVCPA fee.
 - MVCPA doesn't know whether the Comptroller's late pay reminder is sent to insurers in receivership.
 - If a company is in receivership and is a non-payer, MVCPA may want to consider notifying the OAG on a go-forward basis to preserve the right to any possible claim.

Comptroller Contact Information:

- 1. MVCPA's contacts at Comptroller:
 - Melanie Reck Miscellaneous Tax Section.
 - Clarissa Rodriguez and Bridget Moton (Bryan Wilson's contacts)
- 2. TDI's contacts at Comptroller:
 - Nikki Cobb Government Relations.

July 9, 2020
Insurance Collection Update

Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) meeting

A conference call was held on April 17, 2020 with MVCPA staff, TxDMV Office of General Counsel and Texas Department of Insurance to clarify the reporting process of those insures who do not file and/or do not pay. MVCPA was not able to proceed with reporting non compliant insurers to TDI until the process was clarified. After the discussion it was found there was a disconnect between TDI's interpretation of non filers versus non payers. The TDI said they would only proceed with their review if MVCPA could prove that the non filers owed the fee. TDI also stated they had a 2 year deadline to review an insurance company so our future process will have to be reviewed in order to give information to TDI within their timeframe.

MVCPA reworked out reporting processes and sent the final document to TDI to ensure that both agencies were in agreement.

• 2016, 2017 and 2018 non filers

MVCPA reviewed the non filer insurance companies for 2016, 2017 and 2018. MVCPA determined that the non filers for 2016 and 2017 likely did not owe the MVCPA fee and were not reported to the TDI. In May, MVCPA sent over the non-filer information for 2018. TDI Enforcement Division has opened six investigations based on that information. TDI will inform MVCPA of any action taken.

2019 non filers

We received the 2019 Comptroller of Public Accounts annual report on May 18, 2020. There were 48 non filers (not counting those in receivership). Letters were mailed out on June 25, 2020 to the insurers at the address of record with the Comptroller, the TDI (if different than CPAs) and the Attorney for Service listed on the TDI website. 104 certified letters were sent out in total. Insurers are given 30 days to file. MVCPA will then request an updated report from the CPA and after review of any insurers still showing as a non filer will be reported to TDI Enforcement if MVCPA believes they owe the fee.

MVCPA fee assessment forms

With the increase of the MVCPA fee from \$2 to \$4 that went into effect September 1, 2019, the CPA made a one time form, 25-107A, which was only used for the time period of July-December 2019. It separated out the \$2 fee owed for July and August and the \$4 fee for September-December.

MVCPA asked for an update of the forms to align the instructions with MVCPA statute and Texas Administrative Code. After discussion with the CPA the new forms were published. A copy of the form is included in the board book.

FY20 Collection Amount

Per the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the first filing period of FY20 the amount collected to date is broken down as both 20% to the authority and 20% to GR is represented by \$13,706,126.83. The 60% deposited to fund 5111 (trauma centers) is \$20,640,190.24 and the remaining balance collected is \$5,934,973.99. This will be allocated once July closes. For reference the FY 19 collections (9/1/18-8/31/19) were \$50,042,956.51.





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Instructions for Computing the Motor Vehicle **Crime Prevention Authority Semiannual Fee**

When to File

Reports and payments are due semiannually:

- March 1 for the last six months of the previous year
- · Aug. 1 for the first six months of the current year

Refunds

An insurer that seeks either a refund of fees or a determination of the sufficiency of their semiannual payment must notify the Authority in writing not later than four years after the date the semiannual payment was made. This includes the amending of a report that would generate a refund. Send refund requests to:

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For Assistance with Form Completion

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General Instructions

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Policies Subject to the Fee

Every form of insurance on any automobile, or other vehicle listed below and its operating equipment or necessitated by reason of the liability imposed by law for damages arising out of the ownership, operation, maintenance or use in this state of the following:

- any automobile
- motorcycle
- motorbicycle
- truck

- tractor
- traction engine
- any self-propelled vehicle
- · truck-tractor

- autocycle
- · any vehicle trailer, or a motor vehicle

The following are **excluded** from consideration for the fee:

- · every motor vehicle running only on fixed rails or tracks
- policies providing mechanical breakdown coverage
- garage liability policies
- · nonresident policies
- · policies providing only non-ownership or hired auto coverages

Calculating Motor Vehicle Years

"Motor vehicle years of insurance" means the total number of years or portions of years during which a motor vehicle is covered by insurance consistent with 43 TAC 57.48. The fee is equal to the number of motor vehicle years of insurance multiplied by \$4.

Each insurer, in calculating the fees established by Transportation Code, §1006.153, shall comply with the following guidelines:

- (1) The statutory fee of \$4 is payable on each motor vehicle for which the insurer provides insurance coverage during the calendar year regardless of the number of policy renewals;
- (2) When more than one insurer provides coverage for a motor vehicle during the calendar year, each insurer shall pay the statutory fee for that vehicle;

In the calculation of motor vehicle years, the following items should be noted:

- · Policy cancellations for any reason have no effect on the fee amount due for the vehicles covered by such policies. Once a policy is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed during each semiannual period, the fee accrues. If a policy is written and later cancelled, the MVCPA fee would be due. A cancellation of an insurance policy for which no insurance coverage was provided results in no MVCPA fee due because there are no motor vehicle years of insurance for that policy.
- Endorsements deleting vehicles are treated in the same manner as a cancellation. If a vehicle is removed from a policy by endorsement, the full MVCPA fee is still due.
- Endorsements adding vehicles accrue "motor vehicle years" in the year of the endorsement.
- · Vehicles substituted on existing policies by endorsement, if substituted concurrently, are subject to an additional fee.
- · Policies delivered, issued for delivery or renewed with an effective period that extends into the next period or year will be counted 100% in the period or year of issue.

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(Licensed Companies and Miscellaneous Organizations)

A report must be filed even if no fee is due.

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NOTE: Insurers may recoup this fee from policyholders as authorized by 28 TAC, Section 5.205.

Who Must File

All licensed property and casualty insurance companies, including risk retention groups, interinsurance or reciprocal exchanges, mutual associations, Mexican Casualty Companies or Lloyd's plans that are licensed to write any form of motor vehicle insurance in this state as defined in Article 5.01(e), Insurance Code, during the last six months of the year are required to compute and pay the fee.

For Specific Information for Questions Regarding the Fee

All requests for information, other than form completion, should be referred to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) at AskMVCPA@txdmv.gov or call 512-465-1485.



Electronic reporting and payment options are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Have this form available when you log on.

www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/file-pay/

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- truck

- tractor
- traction engine
- any self-propelled vehicle
- · truck-tractor

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- (1) The statutory fee of \$4 is payable on each motor vehicle for which the insurer provides insurance coverage during the calendar year regardless of the number of policy renewals;
- (2) When more than one insurer provides coverage for a motor vehicle during the calendar year, each insurer shall pay the statutory fee for that vehicle;

In the calculation of motor vehicle years, the following items should be noted:

- Policy cancellations for any reason have no effect on the fee amount due for the vehicles covered by such policies. Once a policy is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed during each semiannual period, the fee accrues. If a policy is written and later cancelled, the MVCPA fee would be due. A cancellation of an insurance policy for which no insurance coverage was provided results in no MVCPA fee due because there are no motor vehicle years of insurance for that policy.
- Endorsements deleting vehicles are treated in the same manner as a cancellation. If a vehicle is removed from a policy by endorsement, the full MVCPA fee is still due.
- Endorsements adding vehicles accrue "motor vehicle years" in the year of the endorsement.
- Vehicles substituted on existing policies by endorsement, if substituted concurrently, are subject to an additional fee.
- Policies delivered, issued for delivery or renewed with an effective period that extends into the next period or year will be counted 100% in the period or year of issue.

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Board Agenda Item

- **11.** Reports on MVCPA-related activities identified by the Director as noteworthy, which may include reports on:
 - A. Budget
 - B. Grant Activities and Analysis
 - **C.** Grant Adjustments status
 - **D.** Public Education and Public Awareness program and activities
 - E. MVCPA Law Enforcement Training
 - F. Assessment Collection Activities
 - **G.** Agency Operations and COVID Impact

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Budget Status Report

Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority AY 2020 as of 5/31/2020						
MVCPA Budget Category	Adjusted Budget	Expenditures	Projected Obligations and Encumbrances	Available Budget	% Available Budget	
Advertising and Promotion	\$27,500	\$24,688	\$1,182	\$1,630	5.9%	
All Other Operating	\$71,705	\$22,021	\$17,881	\$31,775	44.3%	
Consumable Supplies	\$40,756	\$516	\$18,666	\$21,575	52.9%	
Grants	\$12,229,320	\$4,321,343	\$7,179,123	\$728,876	6.0%	
Professional Fees & Services	\$87,000	\$15,285	\$24,953	\$46,762	53.7%	
Salaries and Personnel Costs	\$363,475	\$271,134	\$-	\$92,341	25.4%	
Travel	\$16,100	\$6,267	\$-	\$9,833	61.1%	
Grand Total	\$12,835,856	\$4,661,254	\$7,241,805	\$932,792	7.3%	

July 9, 2020 Grant Activities and Analysis

Statutory Obligations Report – FY2020 Q1-Q3

1.1.15	Increase the recovery rate of stolen motor vehicles	
	Number of vehicles recovered by taskforces	9,187
1.1.16	Increase the clearance rate of motor vehicle thefts	
	Number of motor vehicle theft cases cleared	26,465
1.1.17	Increase the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft	
	Number of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft by taskforces	2,560
2.1.12	Increase the clearance rate of motor vehicle burglaries	
	Number of burglary cases cleared	11,928
2.1.13	Increase the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle burglary	
	Number of persons arrested for burglary by taskforces	596
8.1.1	Increase the clearance rate of fraud-related motor vehicle crimes	
	Number of fraud-related motor vehicle cases cleared	105
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	41

FY 2019 Border Security Reporting Template

Agency Cod		Agency Name:		Prepar	_		Reporting Period	•				
60	08	Department of Moto	r Vehicles	Bryan V	Vilson/Dawne Crich	low-Rouse	September 2019 - February 2020					
Category:	Grants		Subcategory:	Subcategory: Local Law Enforcemen		ment SBP Program:		Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention				
Strategy (e.g. A.1.1)	00	OE/MOF Code		ncy Division	Appropriated	Budgeted	Expended in Border Counties	for Border for Border Security Activities Expended in Non-Border Counties	Expended in Non-Border Counties	Total Expended		
B.2.1	4000-Grant	ts	Automobile Bur Prevention Aut	glary and Theft nority	\$2,800,000	\$5,788,084	\$5,783,986			\$5,783,986		
										\$0		
										\$0		
										\$0		
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										\$0 \$0		
Total, Objec	ts of Exper	nse			\$2,800,000	\$5,788,084	\$5,783,986	\$0	\$0			
B.2.1		Revenue Fund	Automobile But Prevention Aut	glary and Theft nority	\$2,800,000				Ψ	\$5,783,986		
										\$0 \$0		
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										\$0		
Total, Metho	od of Finan	cing		chec	\$2,800,000			\$0 \$0				
		Number of Po	sitions (FTF)	Спес	,n \$0	ΦU	ΦU	ΦU	\$0	\$0		
Subcategor	y Definition		(. 1 L)		1	1				Page 62 of 80		

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A grant is a financial award given by a state agency to an eligible grantee. They are not expected to be repaid by the recipient and do not include technical assistance or other forms of financial assistance such as a loan or loan guarantee.

The Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority provides grants to local law enforcement agencies (task forces) to fund initiatives to reduce incidences of motor vehicle theft and burglary.

Agency Notes:

Appropriation Authority:

Article IX, Sec. 17.07 Border Security - Informational Listing. Included elsewhere in this Act is \$800.0 million in border security funding for the 2018-2019 biennium. The following is an informational list of the amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act for border security to the Department of Public Safety, Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Department of Criminal Justice, the Commission on Law Enforcement, the Office of the Attorney General, the Soil and Water Conservation Board, and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Department of Motor Vehicles

Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority Grants (ABTPA) \$5.6 million

The appropriated amount for ABTPA is \$5.6 million for the FY18-FY19 biennial total. In accordance with Appropriations Act, Article IX, Section 4.02 Grants, the ABTPA distributes grants on a reimbursement basis. For FY19 ABTPA designated specific grant funded Law Enforcement Agencies that operate along to Texas Border with Mexico (City of Brownsville, City of Eagle Pass, City of El Paso, City of Laredo,) and in the Texas Seaports (City of Beaumont, City of Corpus Christi, Galveston County, Harris County, City of Houston, City of Pasadena, City of Victoria) as "border/port security grants."

FY 2019 Expenditure amounts are revised to reflect data as of March 12, 2020. Changes from the October 2019 report include two adjustments with a net change of a decrease in the amount of \$4,098 as compared to the previous FY 2019 report.

Expenses provided in this report are well below the obligations and encumbrances made by ABTPA. General Appropriations Act, Article IX Sec. 4.02. Grants. (a), requires ABTPA to "distribute grants on a reimbursement or as needed basis." Also, due to the statutory requirement (Chapter 783 Texas Government Code) for reimbursement grants, payments cannot be completed until after the due date of reports set in the rules promulgated by the Comptroller under this law.

The number of Positions (FTE) required in the report has not been provided because the employees under this grant program are not direct State employees. The number of positions funded under these grants are employees of grantees and subgrantees.

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FY 2019 Border Security Grant Awards and Expenditure Report

Revised Reporting Period September 2018 - August 2019*

						FY 19						
			FY 19 Appn	FY 19 Appn	FY19	Total Expended						
Border			1st Round Award's	2nd Round	Grant Award	Border Grants a	FY 2019 Remain	ng Total Obligated	AY			
Grantee Name	Vendor Number	r Grant Number	9/1/18 - 8/31/19	Award's	Total's	of 8/31/19	Encumbered	2019	AY 201	19 as of 3-12-20		
City of Beaumont	1746000278	608-19-1230100	\$528,714		\$ 528,7	14 \$ 251,66	5 \$ 277,0	19 \$ 528,	14 \$	528,714	\$	-
City of Brownsville	1746000422	608-19-0310100	\$714,350		\$ 714,3	50 \$ 482,69	2 \$ 231,6	58 \$ 714,	50 \$	714,350	\$	-
City of Corpus Christi	1746000574	608-19-1780200	\$345,973		\$ 345,9	73 \$ 115,67	4 \$ 230,2	99 \$ 345,	73 \$	345,973	\$	-
City of Eagle Pass	1746000698	608-19-1620100	\$151,222		\$ 151,2	22 \$ 120,75	8 \$ 30,4	54 \$ 151,	<mark>22</mark> \$	151,222	\$	-
City of El Paso	1746000749	608-19-0710200	\$778,537		\$ 778,5	37 \$ 540,96	8 \$ 237,5	59 \$ 778,	37 \$	778,537	\$	-
Galveston County	1746000908	608-19-0840000	\$414,183		\$ 414,1	33 \$ 120,18	7 \$ 293,9	96 \$ 414,	83 \$	408,790	\$	5,393 Liquidate remainder per Brian
Harris County	1760454514	608-19-1010000	\$1,272,403 \$	(110,000)	\$ 1,162,4	03 \$ 907,74	5 \$ 254,6	58 \$ 1,162,	<mark>03</mark> \$	1,162,403	\$	-
City of Houston	1746001164		\$669,496		\$ 669,4	96 \$ 481,58	2 \$ 187,9	14 \$ 669,	<mark>96</mark> \$	670,791	\$ (1,295) Strikeforce PO added for \$4,999 after data was
												compiled; payment of \$1,295 made; per Brian, add
												to Border Report but liquidate the remainder of
		608-19-HPD0000										open PO
City of Laredo	1746001573	608-19-2400100	\$637,768		\$ 637,7	58 \$ 298,45	8 \$ 339,3	LO \$ 637,	<mark>68</mark> \$	637,768	\$	-
City of Pasadena	1746001846	608-19-1011500	\$76,000		\$ 76,0	00 \$ 43,40	5 \$ 32,5	95 \$ 76,	00 \$	76,000	\$	-
City of Victoria	1746002441	608-19-2350100	\$154,719 \$	154,719	\$ 309,4	38 \$ 126,97	1 \$ 182,4	57 \$ 309 ,	<mark>38</mark> \$	309,438	\$	- Keep open
	В	order Grants Subtotal	\$5,743,365	\$44,719	\$ 5,788,0	4 \$ 3,490,10	7 \$ 2,297,9	77 \$ 5,788,	<mark>84</mark> \$	5,783,986		

Article IX, Sec. 17.07 Border Security - Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority Grants (ABTPA) - the appropriated amount for ABTPA is \$5.6 million for the FY18-19 biennial total.

^{*} data is updated through March 12, 2020

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Border Security Performance Report

2018-4	August	2019-A	ugust	2020-Fe	bruary	
Bor	der	Bore	der	Bor	der	
Assist	Lead	Assist	Lead	Assist	Lead	Agency Explanatory Notes for 2020 (if required)
	145		204		103	
	16.82		5.5		7.03	
	5		16		- 11	
	453		978			Not all MVCPA taskforces are able to see or access prosecutor records. See cases submitted to prosecutors below.
			2115		974	

Agency Category Indicator

DMV - Grants: Local # of intelligence referrals

MVCPA Law Lbs. of drugs seized
Enforcement # of apprehensions for smuggling
of apprehensions resulting in cases charged

cases to prosecutor

of apprehensions resulting in officer submitting

Several activities that MVCPA funded law enforcement agencies uniquely perform in their roles as local Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Taskforces

Number of stolen vehicles recovered	Number of stolen vehicles recovered					2025
Number of written crime analysis bulletins disseminated						617
Number of days vehicle identification inspections occurred at a border crossing or port to prevent					189	
Number of cars inspected at bridge or port					3052	
Number of collaborations with federal agencies for bridge or port activities (CBP, DHS, FBI, etc						651

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Texas A&M University, Public Policy Research Institute, Bait Car Research Summary

Overview:

A grant was issued in July 2019 to the Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) at Texas A&M (TAMU) to conduct a research project with the MVCPA task forces. The grant was originally awarded for \$35,000. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, TAMU is not able to complete the study in its entirety within the time limit allotted. The previous deadline for the study was June 30, 2020. They were only able to complete some of their deliverables with a request for compensation of \$13,673.

An Excerpt from Executive Summary of TAMU's final report:

"The Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority provided the Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) at Texas A&M University with a grant to implement an analysis of bait car operations in the state of Texas. In order to accomplish this, surveys of bait car operators were to be conducted. In addition, PPRI was to employ an experimental research design where two large bait car operations would randomly vary the visibility of car keys and the visibility of items designed to attract the attention of potential thieves.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the participating bait car operations were suspended, leaving PPRI without the ability to complete the experimental design. However, in preparation for the experiment and design of the survey, PPRI conducted a literature review, implemented a preliminary survey, conducted multiple interviews with program Commanders and site visits to observe bait car operations. In addition, PPRI created the experimental design and survey."

The final report reviews some of PPRI's findings from these preparatory activities. Following this review, some potential considerations for future actives are discussed. In addition, the report concludes with a research design that can be implemented in the future once bait car operations resume following the conclusion of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bait Car Research study was placed on an indefinite suspension. The Field Research was not able to be conducted. MVCPA staff will look at reissuing a grant to them to resume the study once the COVID Emergency is over and the budget allows it.

Grant period is expired as of June 30, 2020 and the final invoice was submitted for payment.

Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority July 9, 2020 TxDMV Employees Imbedded in Taskforces

TxDMV coordinates closely with MVCPA funded taskforces. MVCPA and the local law enforcement agencies continue to look for ways to strengthen these relationships, coordinate investigations and to serve the public.

Harris County Auto Theft Unit

Investigator Michael Scott is the TxDMV Investigator assigned to Harris County Auto Theft Unit. Investigator Scott also holds a Certified Fraud Examiner Certification. He works cases involving the Tax Office and any fraudulent title transfers through the administrative investigations. His duties also include working on fraud related matters within the motor vehicle process, titling, registration, and odometer fraud. Investigator Scott forwards criminal matters uncovered to Harris County taskforce for collaborative investigation and resolve.

Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force

Presently assigned to the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force are:
Paul Skendrovic, Assistant Chief, DMV Enforcement
Ray Stafford, Investigator IV, DMV Enforcement
Shad Baxter, Investigator IV, DMV Enforcement
John Buesing, CID Investigator, DMV CID

Investigator Skendrovic was the first member of TxDMV to be assigned to the taskforce and his duties include assisting with title fraud investigations, tracing of vehicle transfers, and explaining the provisions of DMV regulations. Investigators Stafford and Baxter where later added to the taskforce – they take administrative action against dealers when necessary with quick access to law enforcement criminal penalties, if required. The CID investigator also accepts criminal cases which falls into his realm of expertise. Presently they are working on a title fraud case on a dealer (license suspended) who used another dealer's identification to transfer titles and several odometer frauds which would have been assigned to one of the LE investigators. One of the most time-consuming grant functions is assisting other LE agencies with investigations. Many referrals from LE agencies are sent to these investigators.

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New Statutory Requirement Report

Fraud-related Motor Vehicle Crime

Taskforce Reporting so far FY20 (Partial Year – Not Complete)
Number Of Persons Arrested For Fraud-Related Motor Vehicle Crimes:

41 105

Number of cleared of fraud-related motor vehicle crimes:

Examples of Fraud-Related Motor Vehicle Crime Reported by Grantees

1. El Paso Q1

The training conference was created to assist our Mexican Law Enforcement counterparts from Juarez Mexico. The Juarez Municipal Traffic Unit provided a brief overview on the techniques they use in detecting fraudulent registrations. Texas agencies provided Mexican law enforcement with tools needed for basic detection of stolen vehicles, fraudulent titles and fraudulent registrations. The training benefited both sides of the border and will assist U.S. law enforcement with the recovery and re-repatriation of stolen vehicles. A total of forty Mexican officers attended; trainers and presenters were from the El Paso Police Department (Auto Theft Task Force), Texas D.P.S. (C.I.D.) Texas D.P.S. (BATIC), El Paso County Tax Assessor Collector's Office, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, and State Farm Insurance.

2. Galveston Q1 7.1.6

In September 2019, Galveston County Auto Crimes Task Force assisted in a multi-agency investigation involving Newton County Sheriff's Office, NICB, and Geico SCU into a motor vehicle theft/Insurance fraud case. The vehicle was located and recovered with two suspects arrested on felony charges including insurance fraud. Galveston County Auto Crimes Task Force further collaborated with Montgomery County Sheriff's Office which led to the arrest and seizure of seven grams of Methamphetamine as well.

3. Beaumont Q3

The Hardin County TFO investigated a theft case. During the investigation, the TFO obtained a Facebook search warrant and information received from the warrant led him to five actors involved in the theft of three vehicles. The information also led the TFO to a Credit Card Abuse ring involving at least two actors. The Hardin County TFO obtained warrants on the individuals involved in the cases. One warrant issued was for Tampering with Evidence; three warrants for Theft; and three warrants for Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information.

4. San Antonio Q2

A detective was contacted by a victim who said he found his stolen truck on Facebook Marketplace. The victim stated he went to the seller's location and called police for assistance. At the scene, patrol officers confirmed the vehicle as stolen. The seller, a mechanic shop owner, told officers that he purchased the vehicle from another known mechanic for \$1,500.00. The detective responded to the scene and spoke to both parties. The vehicle was recovered and released to the victim.

5. San Antonio Q2

A citizen contacted a detective stating that he purchased a truck in Houston for \$18,000 dollars, but he discovered that he had received an invalid Title. The citizen requested for a Vehicle Crimes detective to identify his truck to make sure it was not a stolen vehicle. The detective met with the innocent purchaser and immediately noticed the Nader sticker was obviously a fake. The detective checked and discovered that a car dealership reported the vehicle to the Rockwell Police Department on November 19, 2019. The detective sent a TLET notification of the recovery to the Rockwall PD. The stolen truck was removed off TCIC/NCIC and towed to the City pound. The vehicle was purchased on the OfferUp.com website.

6. Tarrant County Q2

TxDMV investigators assigned to the Task Force assist in resolving two nuisance criminal violations that come to Law Enforcement attention on a routine basis. This involves "curb-stoning" and dealers failing to transfer title in 30 days. "Curb-stoning" is dealers advertising vehicles for sale off premise typically in parking lots or on the side of the road. These complaints are generated both through DMV and through the local police agencies. A DMV investigator and Task Force detective will make the scene of these complaints and based on the DMV investigators work, a Task Force detective will issue a citation to the dealer. Panther City Motors, a habitual violator was issued 2 criminal citations by the task force detective. DMV investigator will also follow-up with an administrative case against the dealer. In another case, TxDMV investigator assisted Carrolton PD identifying a dealer who was curb-stoning vehicles. Citations to follow.

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FY 2020 Grant Adjustment Report

Grant Program	Adjustment Type	Description	Budget Adjustment Total	Approval Date	Denial Date
City of San Antonio	Program	Utilize travel funds for out-of-state travel to attend IAATI Conference	\$0	2/21/20	
Travis County	Budget	Move supplies income to equipment to upgrade trackers	\$2,186.00	2/27/20	
Harris County	Program	Change in target goals	\$0	3/24/20	
Dallas County	Program	Fix error on application for selection of Cash Match Type	\$0	3/13/20	
City of Corpus Christi	Program	Approval of vehicle wraps	\$0	4/6/20	
City of San Antonio	Program/Budget	Cancel request for out-of-state travel; move travel income to overtime to assist with COVID-19 directives	\$10,000.00	4/28/20	
Tarrant County	Budget	Move supplies/DOE income to equipment to purchase new computers	\$2,500.00	5/5/20	
City of Mansfield	Budget	Move program income to supplies/DOE for vehicle maintenance and wrap	\$7,000.00	5/7/20	
Burnet County	Budget	Move personnel income to fringe, overtime, and supplies/DOE	\$5,500.00	5/11/20	
City of Dallas	Program	Change in target goals	\$0.00	5/12/20	
Smith County	Budget	Move professional and contract services income to equipment to purchase new computers	\$10,000.00	5/21/20	
City of Austin	Budget	Move fringe income to personnel to adjust for error in previous program adjustment	\$26,081.00	5/21/20	
Lubbock County	Program	Change in target goals	\$0	5/21/20	
City of Mansfield	Budget	Move program income to equipment for tracker upgrade	\$315.00	5/21/20	
City of Austin	Budget	Move program income to equipment to purchase bait vehicle	\$12,000.00	6/1/20	
Dallas County	Budget	Move program income to travel to create subcategory for future travel	\$600.00	5/28/20	

Potter County	Program	Initiate charging for 68-A inspections; approval for vehicle wrap; change to target goals	\$0	6/2/20	
City of Houston	Budget	Move professional and contract services income to fringe and personnel due to change in personnel	\$114,483.00	6/18/20	
City of Corpus Christi	Budget	Move supplies/DOE, travel, and fringe incomes to personnel and overtime	\$25,500.00		
City of Houston	Program	Admin closed by MVCPA	\$0		
City of Victoria	Budget	Admin closed by MVCPA	\$0		
City of Pasadena	Program	Admin closed by MVCPA	\$0		
Dallas County	Budget	Admin closed by MVCPA	\$0		
City of El Paso	Budget	Grantee did not submit/finish adjustment	\$0		

Total: 24

Budget Change: 14 Program Change: 9 Budget/Program Change: 1

(Previously Reported on 2/5/20)

Grant Program	Adjustment Type	Description	Budget Adjustment Total	Approval Date	Denial Date
Burnet County	Budget	Move supplies/DOE income to travel	\$487.00	09/17/19	
Travis County	Budget	Move program income to overtime and supplies/DOE	\$4,705.00	10/03/19	
City of Corpus Christi	Program	Approval of vehicle wraps	\$0	10/23/19	
Galveston County	Program	Change in target goals	\$0	01/02/20	
Harris County	Budget	Move program income to supplies/DOE	\$6,391.70	10/28/19	
City of Brownsville	Program	Change in target goals	\$0	01/02/20	
City of Austin	Budget	Move personnel income to overtime and travel	\$30,300.00	11/06/19	
City of Laredo	Program	Change in target goals	\$0	01/02/20	
City of Victoria	Program	Change in target goals	\$0	01/02/20	
City of Pasadena	Program	Change in target goals	\$0	01/02/20	
City of Mansfield	Program	Utilize supplies/DOE income for vehicle maintenance repair on vehicles donated by NICB	\$0	01/14/20	
Tarrant County	Budget	Move supplies/DOE income to overtime	\$20,400.00	01/23/20	

Total: 12

Budget Change: 5 Program Change: 7

Budget/Program Change: 0

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Public Education and Public Awareness Initiative







Public Education and Public Awareness

MVCPA has been using a variety of social media and webbased tools to promote motor vehicle crime prevention, and to advance its statutory obligations. In preparation for July is Watch Your Car Month, we uploaded social media messages on MVCPA TxDMV website, Facebook, Twitter and linked taskforces across the state.

JULY IS WATCH YOUR CAR MONTH – NOW ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

https://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/consumerprotection/auto-theft-prevention

- Click here to like us on Facebook and share July is Watch Your Car Month
- Click here to Retweet July is Watch Your Car Month
 <u>Tweet</u>

Media Outreach: In recognition of "Watch Your Car Month," MVCPA, Insurance Council of Texas, State Farm Insurance, and National Insurance Crime Bureau published a press release recommending drivers to follow these layers of protection to guard against vehicle theft: Common Sense. Vehicle owners should always:

- Remove keys from the ignition
- Lock your doors/close windows completely
- Park in well-lit areas

Warning Devices. Popular devices include:

- Audible alarms
- Steering column collars
- Steering wheel/brake pedal lock

Immobilizing Devices. These can prevent thieves from bypassing the ignition and hot-wiring vehicles. Some examples are:

- Smart keys
- Fuse cut-offs
- Kill switches
- Starter, ignition, and fuel pump disablers
- Wireless ignition authentication

Based on collaboration with MVCPA, Insurance Council of Texas, State Farm Insurance, and National Insurance Crime Bureau this July, drivers can submit their success stories to the MVCPA about how they were able to recover their vehicle, prevent their car from being stolen or what tips they provided law enforcement leading to the recovery of their vehicle. Texans can submit success stories to the MVCPA at: AskMVCPA@txdmv.gov to win steering wheel locks and trailer locks.





National Media Outreach with Auto Theft Prevention Associations (ATPA)

MVCPA has been meeting with ATPA agencies including Colorado Auto Theft Crime Prevention, Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority, California Auto Theft Crime Prevention, and The International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) representatives to discuss a centralized theme that captures the varieties of ATPA motor vehicle crime prevention messages, tips, campaigns, public awareness education and outreach — an attempt to create a shared theme that provides consistency in messaging across multi-media platforms for motor vehicle theft locally, nationally and internationally. MVCPA is participating in the working committee to strategize a needs assessment instrument to be presented to the larger ATPA body, to enable a decision on how to proceed with a national media campaign.

Twitter

MVCPA's Twitter account reactivated in August 2019 and has been actively used. The account now has 28 Followers, and more than 45 Tweets.

Facebook

MVCPA Facebook now has 60 Followers, an average of 6 Views per day, and 1,423 Likes from 6/6-7/3/20. Many, not all the task force members have Facebook and Twitter accounts. We have been trying to encourage taskforce members to use their social media platforms more to increase the coverage and impact motor vehicle crime prevention messages. Based on recorded number of views on news items posted and shared among taskforces, many posts, especially the ones listed below recorded high number of views:

Published	Post
7/2/2020	https://www.ttnews.com/articles/cargo-theft-likely-increase-over-july-4th-holiday-report-
11:40 AM	says?fbclid=IwAR13ja6qQwSdiA1fCR51LX404slFqKB_mtu8QsXjGuWhNKwKGFVRUjDBISk
6/30/2020	https://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/consumer-protection/auto-theft-prevention?fbclid=IwAR3T6ssja1xV-
5:05PM	8SXMynRkZbdLjw39PDqz022PBXXjLCK3RazgmHVcG2YEyE
6/26/2020	https://www.12newsnow.com/article/news/crime/agencies-looking-for-suspects-involved-in-
5:19PM	multiple-auto-related-crimes-in-beaumont/502-0d95ab8a-9587-449b-82d8-06770b51ccfc
6/24/2020	https://www.cbs46.com/looters-steal-70-brand-new-cars-from-california-dealership-with-a-total-value-
7:42 M	nearly-2/article_8e24b90f-2fbf-502f-abb5-
	8ffd8075b46e.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-
	share&fbclid=IwAR3bmoVrGmqY5LqoDJcsCsCAd0OCbaAnX1v3iJvfHcM9FOU_1syodyOHzTQ
6/10/2020	https://www.mytexasdaily.com/north-texas/over-60-vehicles-valued-at-1-2-million-located-in-
5:02 PM	large-scale-and-sophisticated-dfw/article_7aa05826-ab42-11ea-93f7-136e579fd451.html
6/01/2020	https://www.click2houston.com/news/local/2020/05/28/identity-thieves-targeting-local-car-
11:59 AM	dealerships-during-covid-19-pandemic/

Assembled Vehicles training

The Department of Motor Vehicles, Vehicle Titles and Registration Department will conduct a webinar on July 14th to cover the new rules affecting assembled vehicles. This affects those grantees that conduct 68A's on these vehicles.

House Bill 1755, enacted by the 86th Legislature, required the department to adopt administrative rules to permit a person to apply for title and registration for an assembled vehicle as outlined by Transportation Code, Chapter 731. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) adopted 43 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 217, Subchapter L (Subchapter L), that outlines the process and requirements for a person to apply for title and registration for an assembled vehicle that has not been titled in Texas or another state.



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As a result of House Bill 1755, enacted by the 86th Legislature related to the titling and registering of assembled vehicles, the department revised the *Law Enforcement Identification Number Inspection* (Form VTR-68-A). Revisions were made to capture the identifying number for any component parts not original to the vehicle and the year and make of the vehicle for which those parts were originally manufactured. This is to ensure proper identification of the vehicle and use of the identifying number at the time of application for title.

Effective June 22, 2020, the revised Form VTR-68-A should be used when completing inspections. The prior September 2019 revision remains valid for use; however, we encourage utilizing the latest version.

Thank you,

Jeremiah Kuntz, Director Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

If you have any questions concerning this communication, please contact your local TxDMV Regional Service Center.





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Effective June 22, 2020, the owner of an assembled vehicle must obtain an approval letter on department letterhead from a TxDMV Regional Service Center (RSC) prior to applying for title at a county tax assessor-collector office. The RSC will determine if the vehicle is eligible for title and registration and verify all required documents have been provided.

The TxDMV website has been updated with assembled vehicle information to ensure owners are prepared to obtain title and registration for their assembled vehicle. This information can be found at https://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/assembled-vehicles. The Assembled and Rebuilt Vehicle Manual has been removed from the TxDMV website and is in the process of being revised with these new requirements.

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Agency Operations and COVID impact

FY2019 Activities and Funds Report

The FY19 Activities and Funds Report was submitted to the Texas Legislature on April 1, 2020 as required by statute.

Border Security Report

The MVCPA border security report was sent by TxDMV to the LBB on March 31, 2020.

COVID Impact

On March 17, 2020 TxDMV directed all staff to begin telecommuting. Staff are still able to work in the office if need be as long as they use personal protection equipment. DMV implemented a phase 1 return to work where the Regional Service Centers were reopened for public transactions. Governor Abbott issues a statement granting a temporary extension to obtain initial registration, renewal of registration and vehicle titling. Many, if not all, of our grantees suspended conducting 68A inspections during this time. With the Regional Service Centers reopening, some have started conducting the inspections again.

MVCPA placed an order in March for personal protection equipment (PPE) of hand sanitizers, masks, bleach wipes, gloves and paper towels. The TxDMV Purchasing Department is having a hard time finding vendors to fulfill this order. To date, only hand sanitizer and masks were able to be ordered. Gloves and bleach wipes are still on back order and the paper towel order was cancelled. Ten grantees requested PPE and they were sent hand sanitizer and masks in late May.

An email was sent to the grantees on April 3, 2020 in the Commander Update. Below is the section of the email of instructions given to the grantees regarding the COVID impact on their operations.

Grant Rules and Requirements Update

MVCPA is committed to being flexible enough to enable continued operations whenever possible, but still in compliance with state, county, and city authority declarations. MVCPA has worked to identify ways to help facilitate your operations and hopefully to reduce your need to make too many inquiries. Please note the following items that we think will ease your grant operations:

• **Progress Report** due dates are extended by 60 days. You may still submit them according to the schedule in the Grant Administrative Manual. You do not need to notify MVCPA if you

- are going to be late. MVCPA staff is directed not to issue a reminder until after the 60 days are passed. If you need more time just send an email to grants.mvcpa@txdmv.gov .
- Expenditure Reports due dates are extended by 30 days. Reports will be processed upon submission. If you need more time just send an email to grants.mvcpa@txdmv.gov. Please remember that we cannot begin to process a payment until the report is submitted.
- Staff or Officers Reassigned to Work Remotely/Home Grant positions funded under MVCPA have always been allowed to work remotely or under conditions approved by city / county policy. Under shelter in place or stay at home orders the appropriate city/county management may direct the staff to work from home even if no official policy is in place. The MVCPA will continue to reimburse the salary and fringe as specified in the Statement of Grant Award.
- Change in Duties from Duties Described in Grant Application If grant funded positions are directed during the Governor's Disaster declaration, local resolution, or order to perform duties not generally considered part of the grant activities, please follow the orders and contact MVCPA at a time when convenient. MVCPA intends to reimburse the activities while under the declaration or special order. Please maintain documentation and time sheets consistent with sound payroll practices.
- Needed Grant Adjustments to Support Working Remotely or Expanded Duties Grantees may always move up to 5% of the amount of the grant in available funds to most categories. During the disaster declaration, grantees may spend up to \$2,000 in program income or available funds budgeted elsewhere on equipment without a grant adjustment. The funds must be used to assist the taskforce to meet operational needs to work remotely or facilitate the execution and continuity of MVCPA related operational functions. If the grantee has more funds available in program income or operational categories, MVCPA staff will promptly coordinate the grant adjustment requests. If any staff can work remotely please consider providing these resources when available.
- Administrative Paid Leave and Shelter at Home Directives: MVCPA will reimburse grant-funded staff that were ordered home by a city/county ordinance/order. The employee must be eligible for administrative or emergency leave of the employer and consistent with city/county orders.
- The Legislative Budget Board has ordered that state funds spent on COVID 19 activities be tracked The MVCPA Quarterly Expenditure Report has been updated to allow financial officers to report any grant or match funds that were used related to the COVID 19 Emergency Disaster Declaration. This includes any administrative leave, equipment, and other grant or match funds with for COVID 19 expenses. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

July 9, 2020

MVCPA Virtual Command Center (VCC)

Background:

MVCPA law enforcement board members requested that we develop and implement the VCC to facilitate secure motor vehicle crime law enforcement communications. This system allows secure communication between taskforces and allows sharing of files such as bulletins and BOLO's ("Be on the Look Out").

The trial system became operational as of February 21, 2020 and was scheduled to last for 4-6 weeks.

The system became fully operational and open to all Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Investigators as of May 21, 2020. MVCPA expanded VCC access to all Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Investigators that had access to Insurance Services Organization (ISO) databases.

As of July 3, 2020, 5 investigators from the ISO database invitation email have asked to join the MVCPA VCC and a total of 34 personnel now have access to the VCC.

Action Taken:

The FBI's LEEP group conducted training for the VCC prior to the last board meeting, on February 4, 2020. Twenty two out of the twenty-four Grantee Commanders/appointees attended.

MVCPA Grant Coordinators remind the commanders of the importance of the VCC and ask if they have had any login issues when discussing their grants. We have also issued reminders of the importance of the VCC and updates at each monthly grantee webinar and in each monthly commander update.

Robert Sutton created VCC instructional slides and sent them out to all grantees on February 21, 2020.

MVCPA has received permission from DPS to load the DPS Monthly Auto Theft Report and the weekly summary of the Border Operations Sector Assessment (BOSA) into the VCC.

On April 17, the MVCPA Director and Robert Sutton held a phone conference with David, the FBI LEEP Administrator and spoke about tips that may help increase VCC participation. He suggested that he can create multiple listservs to represent different regions of the State of Texas. This will allow someone to send a message to a specific region that a new incident may be affected, rather than send one to everyone on the VCC. This may help make aware more grantees of a new posting and increase participation.

On April 21, MVCPA Director, Chairman Hansen, Board Member Mike Rodriguez, and Grant Coordinator Robert Sutton held a conference call to discuss usage and future plans for the VCC. Board Members Mike Rodriguez and Chairman Hansen recommended that we continue to use the VCC. They also requested that MVCPA staff obtain permission from The National Insurance Crime (NICB) to expand the VCC access to all Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Investigators.

NICB provided the email addresses of all investigators approved to have access to Insurance Services Organization (ISO) databases and gave permission to use these email addresses to send an invite to all to join the MVCPA VCC. On May 21, MVCPA sent out an invitation to all investigators on the active NICB ISO-list, as well as the NICB investigators, totaling 529 personnel.

CHAPTER 57. MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY

43 TAC §\$57.9 - 57.11, 57.14, 57.15, 57.18, 57.22 - 57.27, 57.29, 57.30, 57.33, 57.34, 57.36, 57.41, 57.48 - 57.51, 57.58

INTRODUCTION. The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority adopts amendments to 43 TAC Chapter 57, Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority, in §§57.9 - 57.11, 57.14, 57.15, 57.18, 57.22 - 57.27, 57.29, 57.30, 57.33, 57.34, 57.36, 57.41, 57.48 - 57.51, and 57.58. The Authority adopts the amendments and the titles of Transportation Code, Part 3, and Chapter 57 without changes to the proposed text as published in the August 30, 2019, issue of the *Texas Register* (44 TexReg 4663). These rules will not be republished.

REASONED JUSTIFICATION. The amended sections are necessary to implement Transportation Code Chapter 1006 as amended by Senate Bill (SB) 604 and House Bill (HB) 2048, 86th Legislature, Regular Session (2019). Chapter 1006 was amended to change the name of the "Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority" (ABTPA) to the "Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority" (MVCPA) and delete the authority to implement a vehicle registration program. An amendment to Transportation Code §1006.153 increased the fee that insurers pay to the Authority.

The titles to Part 3 and Chapter 57 and sections throughout Chapter 57 were amended replacing references to ABPTA with MVCPA to implement the name change in SB 604.

Section 57.14(b)(3) deletes "Automobile Registration" from the list of MVCPA program categories eligible for consideration for funding. This deletion implements SB 604 which removed the Authority's authority to establish and fund a motor vehicle registration program.

Section 57.48(a) updates the referenced citation from Texas Civil Statutes, Article 4413(37), §10 to Transportation Code §1006.153 to reflect the current statute after recodification.

Section 57.48(a)(1) increases the statutory fee from \$2 payable on each motor vehicle for which the insurer provides insurance coverage during the calendar year regardless of the number of policy renewals to \$4 payable on each motor vehicle for which the insurer provides insurance coverage during the calendar year regardless of the number of policy renewals to implement the increase in HB 2048.

Section 57.48(a)(3) clarifies the type of insurance policy that is subject to the statutory fee by adding "insurance" after "motor vehicle;" adding" or automobile insurance" after motor vehicle; and updating the referenced citation from Texas Civil Statutes, Article 4413(37), §1(5) to Transportation Code Chapter 1006 to reflect the current statute after recodification.

Section 57.48(a)(4) increases the amount of the referenced statutory fee from \$2 to \$4 to implement the increase in HB 2048.

Section 57.49(a) and (b) update the referenced citation from Texas Civil Statutes, Article 4413(37), §10 to Transportation Code §1006.153 to reflect the current statute after recodification.

Section 57. 50 updates the referenced citation from Texas Civil Statutes, Article 4413(37), §10 to Transportation Code §1006.153 to reflect the current statute after recodification.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS.

The Authority received one written comment on the proposal.

Comment.

The commenter is concerned that insurance rates are already too expensive and suggests that the Authority focus on making insurance more effective and less profitable instead of raising fees.

Response.

The Authority appreciates the comment; however, it is beyond the scope of the rule project and the jurisdiction of the Authority. The Authority does not regulate the business of insurance. The \$2 increase in the fee in §57.48 only implements a required statutory change.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The Authority adopts amended §§57.9 - 57.11, 57.14, 57.15, 57.18, 57.22 - 57.27, 57.29, 57.30, 57.33, 57.34, 57.36, 57.41, 57.48 - 57.51, and 57.58 under SB 604, Section 5; House Bill 2048; and Transportation Code Chapter 1006.

Senate Bill 604, Section 5, 86th Legislature, Regular Session (2019), changed the name of the "Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority" to the "Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority" and deleted the authority to implement a vehicle registration program.

House Bill 2048, Section 9, 86th Legislature, Regular Session (2019), increased the fee paid to the Authority from insurers from \$2 multiplied by the total number of motor vehicle years of insurance for insurance policies delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed by the insurer to \$4 multiplied by the total number of motor vehicle years of insurance for insurance policies delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed by the insurer.

Transportation Code, §1006.101(a), authorizes the Authority to adopt rules to implement the Authority's powers and duties.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. Transportation Code Chapter 1006; and Transportation Code §1006.101(a).

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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