



## LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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### MEETING MINUTES

## **LOUISIANA AUTOMOBILE THEFT & INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION AUTHORITY**

Thursday, April 2, 2015 10:00 am  
Plaza Hearing Room  
1702 North Third Street, Poydras Building  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Members present: Cleve Franklin, Jeremy Gathe, Richard Hagey, Mike Huval, Thomas Jeter, Don Resweber, Jeff Watts

Members absent: Warren Byrd, David Clements, Donnie Ladatto, Jr., Thomas McCormick

Staff present: Jeffrey Zewe, Kevin Smith

Vice-Chairman Resweber called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Mr. Jeter moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting. Mr. Gathe seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the minutes were approved without objection.

Mr. Zewe reported on the LATIFPA Budget. The report was accepted as given.

Louisiana State Police Major Paul Edmonson gave a presentation detailing his agency's need for the acquisition of pole cameras and their intended use. Mr. Hagey asked several questions about the use, quality, impact and cost of the cameras. Mr. Franklin expressed a desire that the cameras be used primarily by the Insurance Fraud and Auto Theft Unit within Louisiana State Police. Mr. Franklin moved as follows:

In accordance with the Cooperative Endeavour Agreement with the National Insurance Crime Bureau (CEA), to approve purchase of pole cameras as requested by the Louisiana State Police, in an amount not to exceed \$25,960.00; to assign said cameras to the Insurance Fraud and Auto Theft Unit within the Louisiana State Police; and to direct that the NICB require said cameras be predominately used for purposes of insurance fraud and/or auto theft investigation.

Mr. Franklin's motion was seconded by Mr. Hagey. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the motion was approved without objection. Mr. Watts abstained from voting on said motion.



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Mr. Applewhite with the National Insurance Crime Bureau gave an update on the LATIFPA Bait Vehicle and LPR Programs. Mr. Applewhite indicated that the Dodge Stratus, assigned to the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office, has equipment that has become inoperable. Mr. Applewhite further explained that the Baton Rouge Police Department had offered to repair the equipment and use the vehicle. Mr. Watts moved to transfer the Dodge Stratus from the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office to the Baton Rouge Police Department. Mr. Hagey seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the motion was approved without objection.

Mr. Applewhite indicated the possibility that the F-250 pickup truck, donated by GEICO, could be equipped with bait equipment at a price less than that previously approved by the LATIFPA Board of Directors. Mr. Applewhite indicated that it would be helpful to know in advance of the equipment installation which agency the vehicle was being assigned to.

Mr. Franklin moved that the Board allow consideration of placement of the aforementioned vehicle. Mr. Jeter seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the motion was approved without objection.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Franklin moved that the F-250 be assigned to the Louisiana State Police. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hagey. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the motion was approved without objection. Mr. Watts abstained from voting on said motion.

Mr. Smith provided an update on schools visited and community events participated in since the last board meeting. The report was accepted as given.

Mr. Zewe provided a report on the upcoming legislative session. The report included mention of several bills of interest to LATIFPA. Representative Huval discussed two bills he has authored, those being HB 160 and HB 184. The report was accepted as given.

Mr. Zewe reminded members of the board that all members must complete and file a Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement with the Louisiana Board of Ethics no later than May 15, 2015. A copy of the required Statement was provided to each board member.

With no further business, Mr. Franklin moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hagey seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.