



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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COMMISSIONER



MEETING MINUTES

LOUISIANA AUTOMOBILE THEFT & INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Wednesday, December 10, 2014 10:00 am
Plaza Hearing Room
1702 North Third Street, Poydras Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Members present: Chairman Warren Byrd, David Clements, Cleve Franklin, Thomas Jeter, Donnie Ladatto, Jr., Thomas McCormick, Don Resweber, Jeff Watts

Members absent: Terrance Apple, Richard Hagey, Mike Huval

Staff present: Jeffrey Zewe, Kevin Smith

Chairman Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Mr. Franklin moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2014 meeting. Mr. McCormick seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the minutes were approved without objection.

Representatives of the Louisiana State Police (LSP) gave an informational briefing detailing their usage and need for License Plate Recognition (LPR) equipment. Chairman Byrd thanked the LSP for their presentation. The Board found the LSP presentation to be impressive, informative and helpful in furthering the LATIFPA mission of reducing automobile theft.

Mr. Franklin recommended that LATIFPA invite LSP to submit a proposal, during the 2015-2016 fiscal year, for equipment they might need assistance in obtaining.

Mr. Resweber recommended that LATIFPA encourage parish district attorney's to purchase LPR equipment to aide in the effort to prevent automobile theft.

Following a satisfactory review by the Steering Committee on Equipment Purchases, Mr. Franklin moved to approve the purchase and placement of an LPR system on the Causeway Bridge in Jefferson Parish in accordance with an estimate from LaTech Security and Surveillance, dated September 2, 2014 in the amount of \$43,851.00. Mr. Resweber seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the motion was adopted without objection.



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Mr. Applewhite gave a report on behalf of the National Insurance Crime Bureau. The report was accepted as given.

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

Mr. Smith discussed the need to purchase promotional items for use at school and community outreach events. Mr. Smith specifically requested authorization for LATIFPA to purchase lunch boxes, which have previously been well received by the public. Mr. Franklin moved to authorize the purchase of lunch boxes to be used as promotional items, said purchase not to exceed \$10,000.00. Mr. McCormick seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the motion was adopted without objection.

Mr. Ladatto recommended that LATIFPA investigate the possibility of partnering with the LSP for dual messaging for promotional items. Mr. Smith agreed to look into that possibility.

Mr. Zewe announced that the LATIFPA and LDI hosted the 2014 Conference on Insurance Fraud and Auto Theft on October 15, 2014. Over 250 attendees, from five states, learned about developments in insurance fraud and auto theft and methods to combat those crimes. U.S. Attorney Walt Green delivered the keynote address which focused on his office's role in establishing and operating the National Center for Disaster Fraud. The next conference will be held in 2016.

Mr. Zewe announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the LATIFPA Board of Directors would be held on January 13, 2015 at 10:00 am. The tentative dates for 2015 Board of Director Meetings are April 7, July 14 and October 13. All meetings will take place at the Louisiana Department of Insurance in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

With no further business, Mr. Byrd moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Resweber seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.