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**LOUISIANA AUTOMOBILE THEFT &
INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION AUTHORITY (LATIFPA)**

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023 | 10:00am
LDI Plaza Hearing Room
1702 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

Members present: Nathan Strebeck, Chairman, Renee Free, Rep. Mike Huval, Tommy Jeter, Barry Milligan, Chris Styron, Lt. Michael Wilkerson, Natalie Brunson-Wheeler, and Senator Kirk Talbot

Members Absent: David Clements

Staff present: Crystal Stutes, Kevin Smith, Special Agent Allen Applewhite (NICB)

Nathan Strebeck, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Approval of August 9, 2023, Minutes: Representative Huval moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2023 meeting. Mr. Barry Milligan seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the minutes were approved without objection.

Budget Report (attached): Ms. Crystal Stutes reviewed the financial status of the Authority as of November 27, 2023, highlighting budget authority and expenditures, collections, and summary for the FY 22/23.

Mr. Strebeck mentioned increasing the budget for media campaigns. He stated that the Coalition of Insurance Fraud released a study two years ago that quantified the cost of insurance fraud at \$308.6 billion annually. A more recent study found that those under the age of 45 were significantly more likely to commit insurance fraud. As such, he feels we need to focus anti-fraud marketing towards that younger age group.

Update on Current LATIFPA LPR Installations and Operations: Assistant Director, Kevin Smith reported on updates on new LPR vendors currently being used to replace current outdated LPR camera system. The report included detailed accounting of each agency's status in the grant process from approval, ordering, installation, and complete operation.

NICB Report: Allen Applewhite provided information on LPR usage and reviewed the NICB LPR agency reporting stats.

LATIFPA Community Outreach Update: Assistant Director Smith submitted community outreach and education program report from November 2023 through February 2024.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Renee Free moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Natalie Brunson-Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion was approved without objection and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.