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IVHMTPIV Council Members

The following members serve on the Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council:



Alexi Giannoulias
Illinois Secretary of State

Alexi Giannoulias was sworn in as Illinois' 38th Secretary of State in 2023. Overseeing the largest Secretary of State's office in the nation with more than 4,000 employees and 25 departments, Giannoulias' top priorities have been to enhance road safety, modernize office operations and improve customer services for Illinois residents.

Giannoulias launched an ongoing effort to transform and modernize the office's outdated technology, making it more secure and efficient and enabling Illinoisans to obtain more services online, replacing the need to visit a DMV. Customer experience has been improved by eliminating the "Time Tax," or the amount of time that Illinoisans spend waiting in lines or filling out forms to obtain simple but essential government services.

In 2006, Giannoulias was elected Illinois State Treasurer, becoming the youngest State Treasurer in the nation at age 30. After leaving the Treasurer's office in 2011, Giannoulias was appointed as chairman of the Illinois Community College System, overseeing the state's 48 community colleges. He also served as senior director at BNY Mellon Wealth Management, a member of the Chicago Public Library Board of Directors and an adjunct professor at Northwestern University.

Bryan Hart, Director of the Secretary of State Police Department, is Secretary Giannoulias' designee and serves as Chairman of the Council.



Brendan F. Kelly
Director, Illinois State Police

Brendan Kelly was nominated by Governor JB Pritzker as the Director of the Illinois State Police in January 2019. Kelly is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Louis University School of Law, served as an officer in the United States Navy, and comes from a family of law enforcement and military service.

As Director of ISP, Kelly has advocated for more graduating classes of State Police officers, expansion of state police public integrity units and better law enforcement training standards. He has also initiated changes to the firearms background process and enforcement of firearms safety. Kelly has also established separate divisions for the Illinois State Police Academy to improve training and recruitment.

Colonel Chris Owen, Deputy Director, Division of Patrol for Illinois State Police, is Director Kelly's designee to the Council.



Larry B. Snelling

Superintendent, Chicago Police Department

Larry Snelling was sworn in as the 64th Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department in September 2023. Snelling redesigned the Department’s current force training model around national best practices and constitutional policing and has testified as an expert in federal use of force cases. Additionally, Superintendent Snelling was a lead trainer for field force training for the 2012 Chicago NATO Summit.

Prior to being appointed Superintendent, Snelling served in multiple areas of the Chicago Police Department. He was Chief of the Bureau of Counterterrorism and served as the Deputy Chief of Area 2. Before this, he served as Commander of the 7th (Englewood) District, where he was also a Watch Operations Lieutenant. Prior to his time in the 7th District, he was a Sergeant in the Physical Skills Section and the Operations Section Sergeant for recruit training at the Police Academy. Snelling also served as a Sergeant in the 22nd (Morgan Park) District.

Commander Andrew Costello, Central Investigations Division of the Bureau of Detectives for the Chicago Police Department, serves as Superintendent Snelling’s designee to the Council.



Honorable Eileen O’Neill Burke

Cook County State’s Attorney

After graduating from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and Chicago-Kent College of Law, Eileen O’Neill Burke worked on the front lines of the justice system as a Cook County Assistant State’s Attorney for ten years. After a decade as a prosecutor, she worked as a criminal defense attorney, which gave her a balanced view of the justice system.

In 2008, Eileen was elected to the Circuit Court of Cook County. After 8 years in the trial court, she was elected to the First District Appellate Court in Cook County. Justice Burke authored over 800 written decisions in both civil and criminal cases and reviewed over 1,800 trial court decisions.

During her time on the bench, Justice Burke was asked every year to serve as Judicial Education Faculty member teaching both trial court and appellate court judges. Eileen served as the President of the Illinois Judges Association which represents both retired and active judges throughout Illinois.

David Williams, with the Special Prosecutions Bureau, currently serves as State’s Attorney O’Neill Burke’s designee to the Council.



Honorable Jodi Hoos
Peoria County State's Attorney

Jodi Hoos was sworn in as the first woman to ever hold the position of Peoria County State's Attorney on September 1, 2019, after a unanimous appointment vote from the Peoria County Board. She went on to win election in November 2020 and again in 2024.

Prior to her service as State's Attorney, Hoos was the Peoria County Resident Circuit Judge for five years. During her time on the bench, she handled a variety of civil cases ranging from personal injury to multi-million dollar medical malpractice claims.



Phillip Arnold
Chief, Village of Shorewood Police Department

Phillip Arnold has served in law enforcement for over 37 years and has been the Chief of Police for the Village of Shorewood since December 2021.

He is a member of the Police Chief's Assoc. of Will County and Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee. He is also Chairman of the Chief's Operating Committee for the Western Will County Communications Center and Chairman of the Personnel Committee for the Tri-River Police Training Region, Mobile Training Unit 16.



Todd Feltman
State Farm Insurance Company

Todd Feltman has worked at State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company for 30 years. His current responsibilities include countrywide responsibilities for reporting automobile liability insurance to various states as well as overseeing non-voluntary insurance markets.

He is a member of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the Insurance Industry Committee on Motor Vehicle Administration, ACORD and X12 organizations.



Jason Smith
Farmers Insurance Group

Jason Smith is a supervisor in the Special Investigations Unit and is responsible for SIU field operations in four states. He began his insurance career in 2001 as a multi-line claims representative in Southern Indiana.

He has held multiple positions in claims including field claims representative senior special investigator. Smith has a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Indiana and holds the insurance designations of INS and FCLS. He is a member of the International Association of Special Investigators.



Christopher Skorcz

Horace Mann

Chris Skorcz is a 25-year veteran of the insurance industry, the last 20 of which have been spent in various executive roles with several leading property and casualty insurers.

Skorcz currently serves as Senior Vice-President for Horace Mann Educators Corp. (HMN), a publicly traded diversified financial services firm. He leads a team of product managers, actuaries, and analysts and regularly works cross-functionally with leaders in the Claims, Underwriting, Regulatory, Legal, IT, Distribution, and Finance divisions of Horace Mann.

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Motor Vehicle Theft Trends

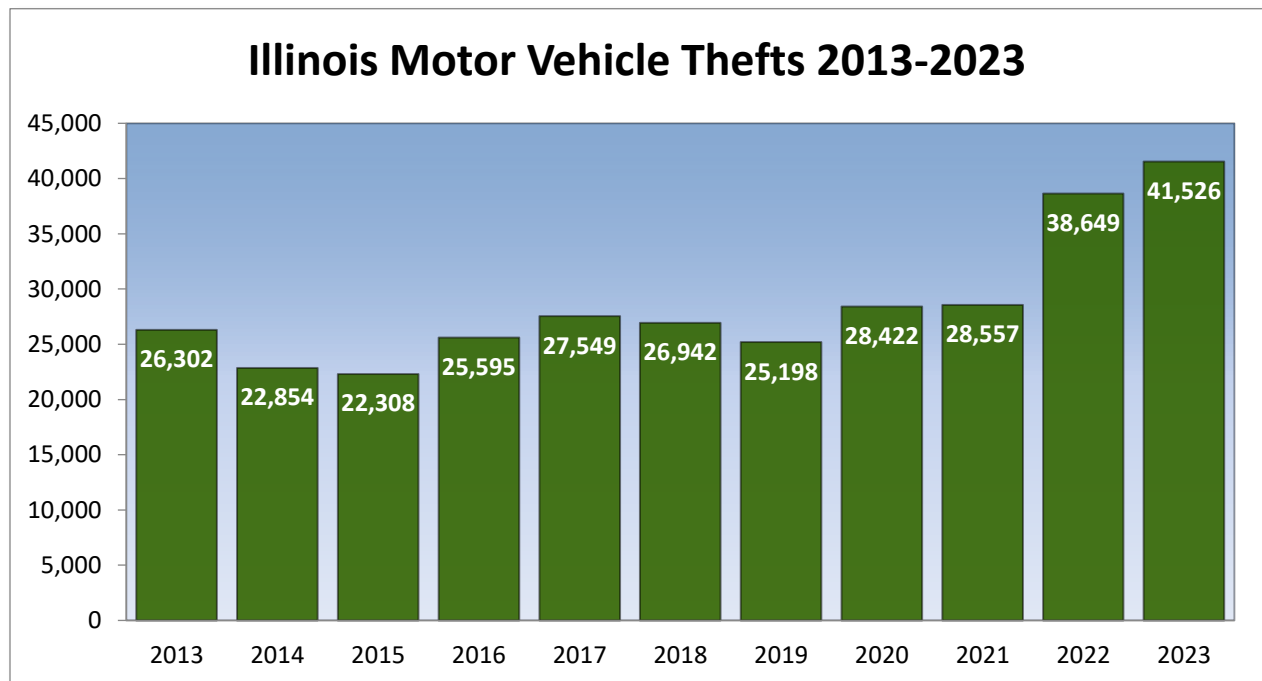
Statewide

In 1991, when the General Assembly first established the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, Illinois recorded 75,214 stolen vehicles that year. Since then, theft prevention efforts have produced significant reductions in the rate of annual thefts. In 2023, however, the number of motor vehicle theft offenses in Illinois rose to 41,526 from the previous year. This increase of 7% follows an upward trend that has occurred since 2020 and may be ascribed to a few contributing factors:

- The COVID-19 pandemic brought a dramatic shift in the economy and our general way of life. High unemployment and tragic public health outcomes fueled by the pandemic contributed to an overall increase in all types of crimes, including motor vehicle thefts.
- In the summer of 2022, there was a drastic increase in Hyundai/Kia vehicle thefts, which were linked to social media videos that demonstrated how easily certain models could be stolen. This trend has continued in 2023 for certain models.

As citizens in Illinois and throughout the country adjust to post-pandemic life, there is a clear recognition that job shortages have significantly impacted a variety of job sectors. The nationwide shortage of police officers means that individual law enforcement agencies typically are not adequately staffed to devote time and manpower to sustained investigations into motor vehicle theft cases. Even when adequately staffed, many agencies lack the technology or ability to organize multi-jurisdictional vehicle theft efforts.

The most effective tool for combating motor vehicle theft involves sustained, organized, and coordinated law enforcement efforts. Reductions are further solidified when prosecutions are achieved through strong partnerships with local State's Attorneys.



Annual Vehicle Thefts, NICB Statistics

Hyundai and Kia Models

In 2023, Hyundai and Kia vehicles experienced the highest theft rates again. The trend started in May of 2022, when several viral social media videos exposed a vulnerability in certain models and described in detail how to rapidly steal these vehicles.

According to NICB, four of these models were in the top five most stolen vehicles across the country and Illinois was not immune to this trend. According to Chicago Police data, Hyundai and Kia thefts increased from 2022 to 2023 and accounted for approximately half of all vehicle thefts in the city, which contributed to the statewide overall increase in thefts for the year.

Both Hyundai and Kia have issued recalls for affected models which involves the installation of a free anti-theft software upgrade. The affected models utilize a keyed ignition switch and may include the following:

- 2018-2022 Accent
- 2011-2022 Elantra
- 2013-2020 Elantra GT
- 2013-2014 Genesis Coupe
- 2018-2022 Kona
- 2020-2021 Palisade
- 2013-2022 Santa Fe
- 2013-2018 Santa Fe Sport
- 2019 Santa Fe XL
- 2011-2019 Sonata
- 2011-2022 Tucson
- 2012-2017 & 2019-2021 Veloster
- 2020-2021 Venue

To find out more information, contact your local dealer or visit <https://www.hyundaiantitheft.com>.

2023 Most Stolen Vehicles		
Rank	Make and Model	2023 Thefts
1	Hyundai Elantra	48,445
2	Hyundai Sonata	42,813
3	Kia Optima	30,204
4	Chevrolet Silverado 1500	23,721
5	Kia Soul	21,001

Visit [NICB.org](https://www.nicb.org) to learn more.



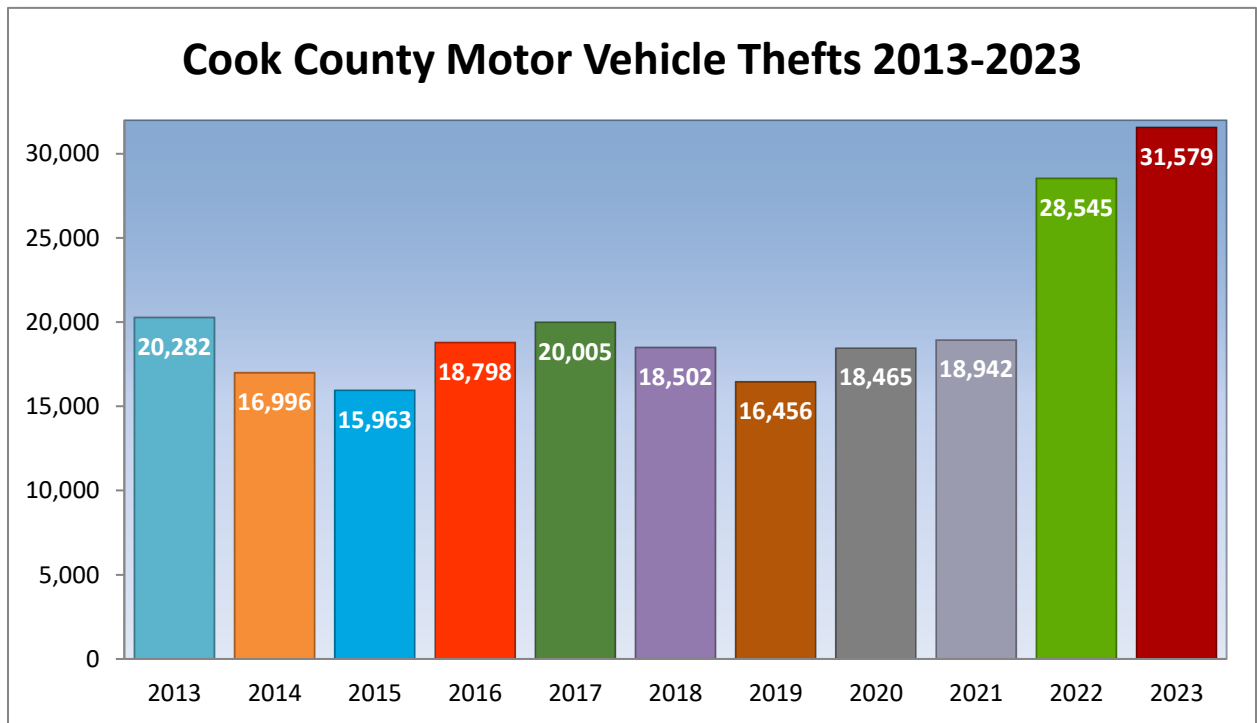
Top 5 Most Stolen Vehicles, NICB Report, 2023

Cook County

As the nation’s second largest county, Cook County consistently holds the lion’s share of motor vehicle thefts for the State of Illinois. In 2023, there were 31,579 thefts, which represented 76% of all thefts throughout Illinois.

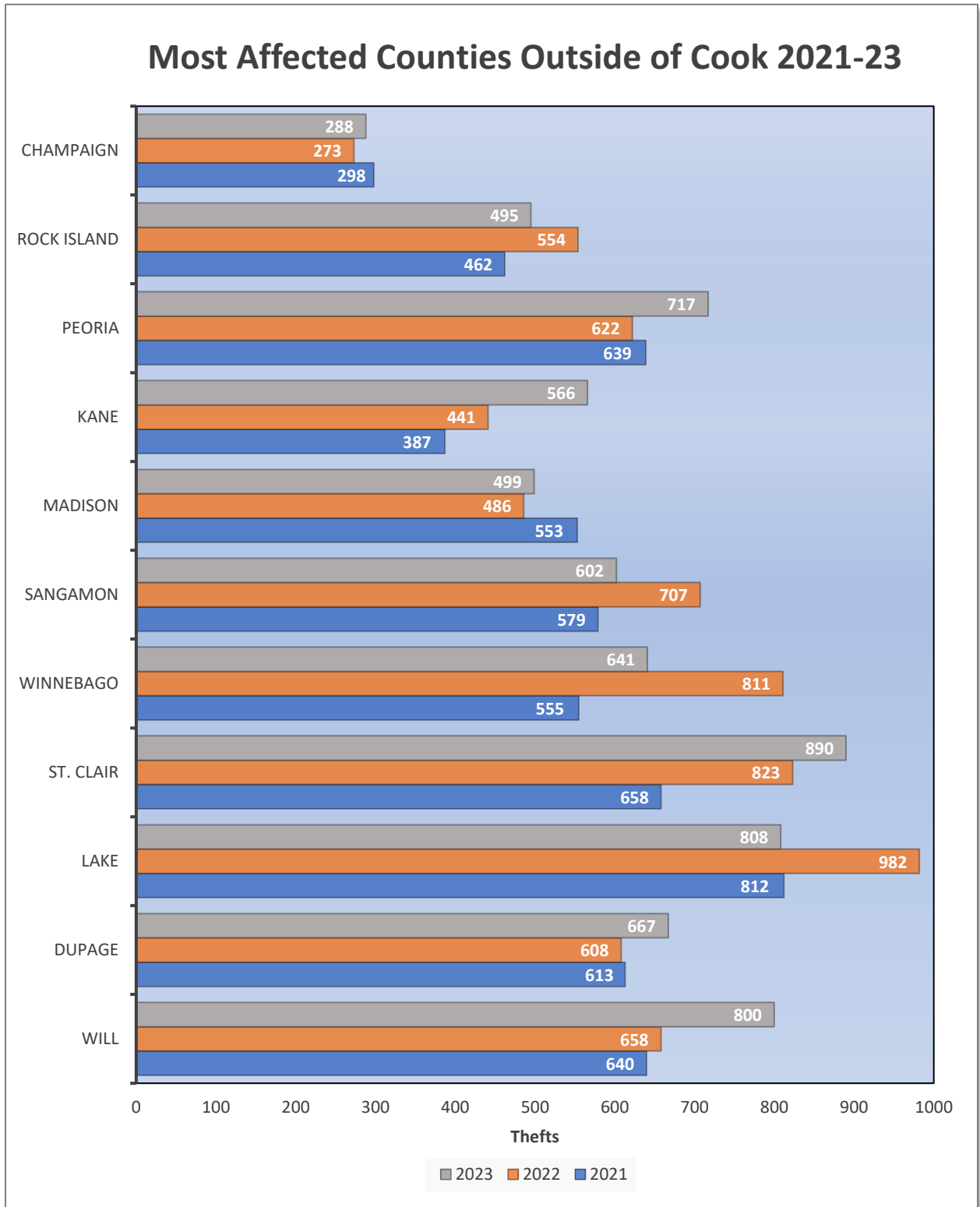
As noted in the “Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Trends” and “Hyundai and Kia Thefts” section of this report, overall increases in crime have had a significant impact on motor vehicle theft and the ease in which certain Hyundai and Kia models can be stolen has further compounded this issue.

Despite this recent increase, a multi-faceted approach to combating motor vehicle theft that involves coordinated law enforcement efforts coupled with the resources to bring about successful prosecutions is still the most effective way to reduce motor vehicle theft. Decades of sustained programming have produced statistics that prove this, having driven the statewide number of thefts down from over 75,000 in 1991.



Cook County Vehicle Thefts, NICB Statistics

Most Affected Counties Outside of Cook



County Vehicle Thefts 2021-2023, NICB Statistics

Chicago Vehicle Hijackings/Carjackings

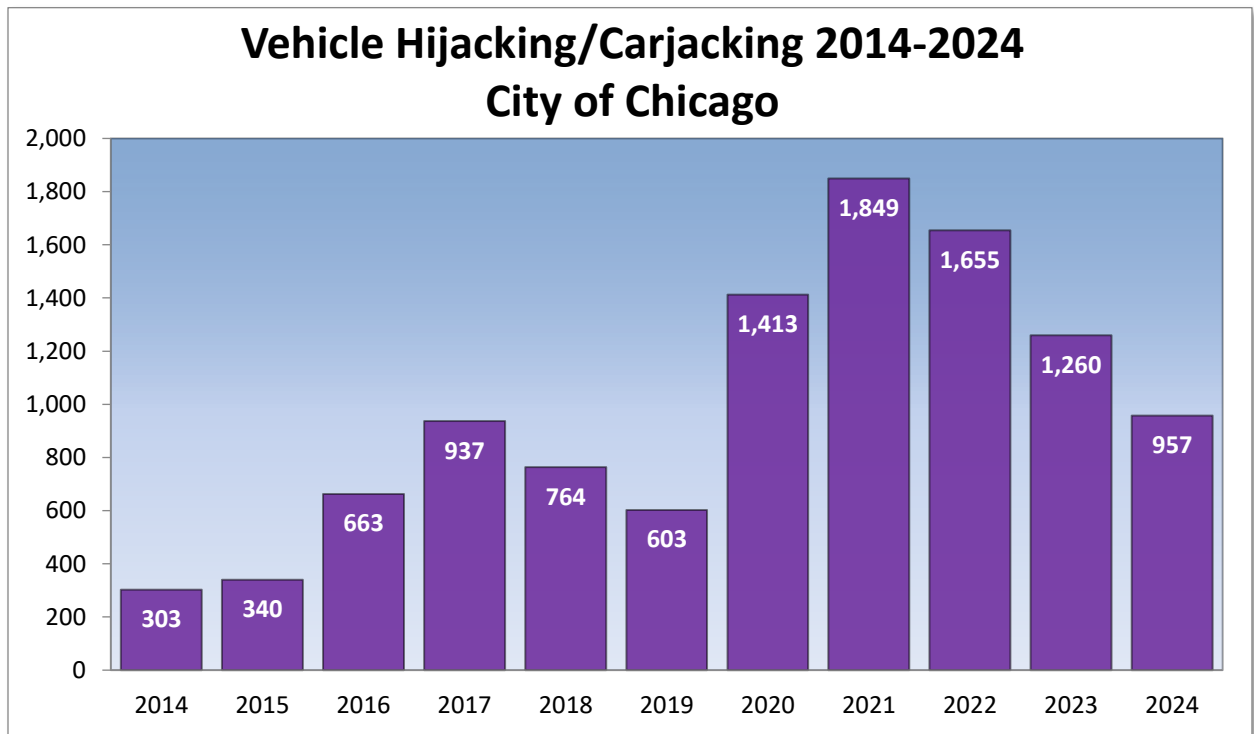
In 2022, House Bill 3699 was signed into law and became Public Act 102-0904. With an effective date of January 1, 2023, the new law amended the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Act to place an additional emphasis on combating vehicle hijackings/carjackings.

The legislation officially changed the name to the Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Act. It also came with a one-time transfer of \$30 million from the General Revenue Fund into the trust fund to assist these efforts.

Vehicle hijackings/carjackings can affect residents throughout the entire state, yet they are not always consistently reported. Additionally, the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) reporting system transitioned to a National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) on January 1, 2021, and poses some challenges for certain jurisdictions when reporting crimes.

Chicago leads the state with the highest rates and for consistency, those numbers are provided below. Classification of this crime may fall under several categories, but for reporting purposes the numbers listed include "vehicle hijacking" and "aggravated vehicle hijacking" only. The following chart illustrates how this crime has trended over the past 10 years.

With the addition of targeted funding which started in 2023, the data has shown a significant reduction in vehicle hijackings/carjacking. In 2024, there were 957 vehicle hijackings/carjacking, which is the first time that numbers have fallen under one thousand since the pandemic. Continued targeted efforts should further reduce that number.



Vehicle Hijackings and Aggravated Vehicle Hijackings 2014-2024 - City of Chicago Data Portal

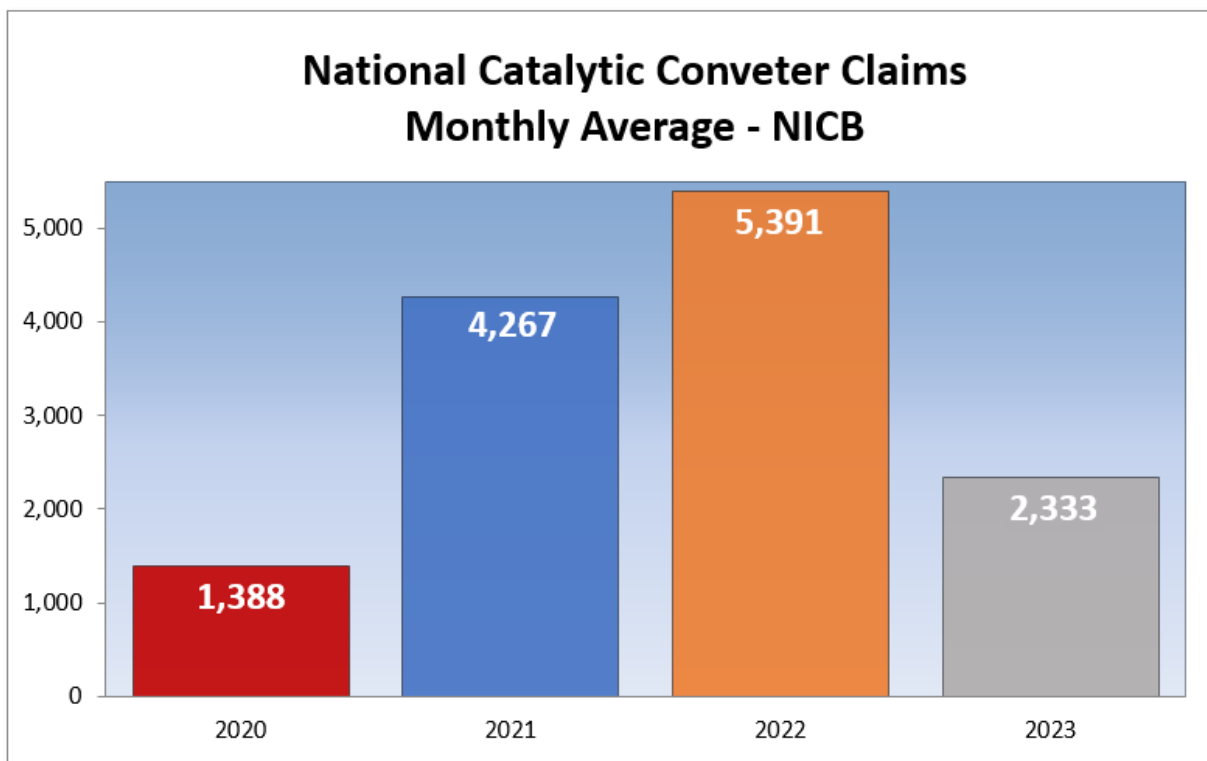
Catalytic Converter Thefts

NICB reports that the national figure on insurance claims for catalytic converter thefts jumped in recent years from 16,660 in 2020, to 51,209 in 2021 and eventually 64,701 in 2022. There is good news, however. For 2023, claims have fallen back down to approximately 28,000.¹

Locally, State Farm Insurance, one of the largest insurance carriers of private passenger policies in Illinois, has also noticed a considerable reduction of 74% in claims for the first half of 2024.²

Still, incidents of catalytic converter theft can be difficult to track. According to Carfax, the actual number of thefts throughout the nation in 2023 may have been more than 150,000, which is three times the reported amount. And while recent data shows a more than 50% reduction in claims, when Carfax tracked millions of service records for the number of replacement catalytic converter installations, they noticed just a 5.1% drop for 2023.³

Another challenge for reporting is that not all catalytic converter thefts result in a police report being issued. In many other cases, insurance companies may not be involved due to either the lack of insurance or high deductibles being cost prohibitive for the owner, which results in settling the matter out-of-pocket.



National Catalytic Converter Claims Monthly Average, NICB Statistics

¹ Consumer Reports, [How to Prevent Catalytic Converter Theft](#), July 2024

² State Farm, [State Farm Sees 74 Percent Drop in Catalytic Converter Thefts](#), September 2024

³ Carfax, [Catalytic Converter Theft: 10 Most Targeted Vehicles](#), May 2024

Overview of Council Programs and Activity

Program Activity 1992 -2017

The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council expended approximately \$133 million in grants awards in a 24-year period. Those grants supported a variety of law enforcement programs that enhanced investigations and prosecutions of vehicle theft-related crimes.

Most funds paid the salaries and benefits of personnel assigned to task forces and special investigative teams in the state. Remaining funds were utilized for equipment, commodities, travel, contractual agreements, and costs not covered by the other categories.

Program Activity 2018-2023

From 2019-2022, the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council expended approximately \$24 million in grant awards. These grants not only supported vehicle theft prevention efforts, but also targeted vehicle hijackings/carjackings, recycled metal theft crimes and involved considerable support from participating law enforcement agencies.

In 2018, the Council worked diligently to review and offer revisions to the [2019-2022 Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy](#), which is the document that serves as a guide to the Council in order to establish priorities of program funding for a 4-year cycle. A Request for Grant Proposal (RFGP) was issued in 2019, and the following grants were awarded beginning in Fiscal Year 2020:

- Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force (TCAT), City of Joliet
- Metro East Auto Theft Task Force (MEATTF), St. Clair County
- Illinois Statewide Auto Theft Task Force (ISATT), Village of Thornton
- Chicago Major Auto Theft Investigations Unit (CMATI), Chicago Police Department, which is funding through a Memorandum of Understanding with ISATT

As in the past, funds were utilized to pay the salaries and benefits of personnel assigned to task forces so that dedicated officers and prosecutors can work cases from start to finish. Funding was also used for equipment, much of which has become specialized including drone technology, automated license plate readers and sophisticated surveillance systems.

Pursuant to Public Act 100-0373, an electronic verification system was established for the Mandatory Insurance Division of the Secretary of State's office and went live in 2021. This system relies upon incoming data from the insurance companies to electronically match vehicle registrations.

In 2022, the Council again reviewed and revised the [2023-2026 Statewide Funding Strategy](#) and prepared for the upcoming 4-year grant cycle. In 2023, Public Act 102-0904 came with a one-time transfer of \$30 million from the General Revenue Fund into the trust fund to aid in the prevention of vehicle hijackings/carjackings, motor vehicle theft and recyclable metal theft.

All previously funded task forces returned for the 2023-2026 grant cycle, with the addition of the following:

- Greater Peoria Auto Crimes Task Force (GPACT), City of Peoria
- Expressway Safety Enforcement Group (ESEG), Illinois State Police
- Pekin Police Department ALPR and Drone Program, City of Pekin
- LeRoy Police Department ALPR Program, City of LeRoy

Council Activity 2024

The Full Council met three times throughout the year: March 12, May 16 and October 17. The Grant Review Committee met once on April 23.

Conversations centered upon task force updates, reviews of quarterly financial and performance reports and the consideration of grant applications for returning grantees in fiscal year 2025. Additionally, there were robust conversations about rogue towing activity in the Chicago area and future funding forecasts.

In June, Secretary Giannoulis held a press conference with law enforcement agencies to announce more than \$11 million in grant funding. It was attended by participating law enforcement agencies who discussed the role of technology in helping to combat these crimes. Council staff were also able to conduct site visits, which included an in-depth briefing of ongoing investigations in the Metro East.



Secretary Giannoulis at a press conference announcing grants totaling more than \$11 million to police organizations. Also pictured from left to right: Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly, TCAT Director Zach Johnston, Chicago Police Department Deputy Chief of Detectives Kevin Bruno, and ISATT Director Adam Broshous, June 26, 2024



Full Council Meeting, Illinois State Capitol, March 2024

Council Funded Programs 2024

A variety of theft prevention efforts have been supported with Council funding since 1992. In 2024, the Council funded four task forces, which included 85 personnel supported by, or assigned to, Council-funded programs for the year. These programs also rely upon considerable support from participating agencies who share in the common mission of crime reduction.

Task Forces

Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: City of Joliet

Amount awarded in 2024 (FY 25): \$2,269,500

The Tri-County Auto Theft (TCAT) Task Force serves the Joliet metropolitan area, including Will, Kankakee, Grundy, Kendall and Iroquois counties. Within its boundaries there are three of the nation's largest interstate systems – I-55, I-80 and I-57. Joliet/Elwood is also home to the CenterPoint Intermodal Center, which is the largest auto/train/truck transfer center in North America, covering over 6500 acres of property.

The task force works with the police departments of Joliet, Bradley, Kankakee, Manteno, Momence, and Wilmington; the sheriff's offices of Will, Grundy and Kankakee County; and the Will and Kankakee County State's Attorney's offices. This grant allows the unit to reduce auto theft and fraud related cases in the region, identify and recover stolen vehicles, investigate incidents of insurance and title fraud, investigate scrap and recycling yards, and pursue cases of vehicle hijacking/carjacking.

TCAT places a priority on fraud involving counterfeit titles/out-of-state titles, VIN switching, identity theft, vehicle cloning and insurance fraud. The task force routinely works with multi-jurisdictional details, assists local officers with specialized theft cases and offers presentations to police departments, educating officers on all aspects of auto theft.

In Fiscal Year 2024, TCAT opened 528 cases, which resulted in 122 arrests. The task force recovered 348 vehicles with an estimated value of \$7.6 million dollars. In addition, TCAT conducted 4 vehicular hijacking investigations, 24 catalytic converter theft investigations and assisted local, state and federal agencies in 35 cases involving search warrants, fugitive apprehensions and other related crime.

Illinois Statewide Auto Theft Task Force
Chicago Major Auto Theft Investigations Unit

Grantee: Village of Thornton
Amount awarded for 2024 (FY 25): \$4,784,778
(\$3,376,815 to ISATT and \$1,407,963 to CMATI)

The Illinois Statewide Auto Theft (ISATT) Task Force is a partnership between the Village of Thornton and the Secretary of State Police to combat auto thefts through collaboration with sworn staff from state, county and local law enforcement agencies. The task force operates with statewide jurisdiction, but focuses its efforts on the Northeastern Illinois region.

ISATT is located at the center of the I-294/80 corridor, which is a "hot spot" of auto theft crime in Illinois. Crimes involving auto theft, insurance fraud, rogue towing operators and recyclable metal theft are just some of the capabilities of this unit. Partnerships with State's Attorney's offices, the National Insurance Crime Bureau and trained audit staff allow the task force to conduct cradle-to-grave investigations and prosecutions.

For Fiscal Year 2025, ISATT continues to partner with the Chicago Police Department's Major Auto Theft Investigations Unit (CMATI) through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU establishes a formal working relationship where additional resources for overtime and equipment may be provided in an effort to work collaboratively regarding auto theft and vehicle hijacking/carjacking in the region.

In Fiscal Year 2024, ISATT opened 1,854 investigations, which resulted in 545 criminal charges. They recovered 1,346 vehicles with an estimated value of \$29.9 million. ISATT assisted area agencies with another 414 vehicle recoveries with an estimated value of nearly \$9 million. Additionally, their audit team conducted 240 audits of businesses in the auto industry including scrap processors and body shops, resulting in 2247 violations and 106 referrals to the Secretary of State Police for further investigation.

ISATT also continues to assist in multijurisdictional carjacking details. There have been 97 overall details over the years, which have resulted in 233 recovered vehicles, 163 auto theft related criminal charges and 47 guns recovered.

In Fiscal Year 2024, CMATI opened 77 investigations and recovered 760 vehicles with an estimated value of \$16 million.

Metro East Auto Theft Task Force

Grantee: St. Clair Sheriff's Department
Amount awarded for 2024 (FY 25): \$2,438,954

The Metro East Auto Theft (MEATTF) Task Force combats auto theft that is unique to southern Illinois and the Illinois-Missouri border. The task force is comprised of investigators from agencies located in St. Clair, Madison and Monroe Counties and works closely with the police departments of St. Louis and St. Louis County.

The Metro East is the largest urban area in Illinois outside of Chicago and is known for its sporting events, hotels, restaurants and shopping venues. MEATTF partners with multiple jurisdictions to reduce vehicle theft for individuals who reside within the region or are simply visiting. The task force also provides multiple classes throughout the year to educate patrol officers on auto theft trends and investigative tactics.

In Fiscal Year 2024, MEATTF made 225 arrests, which resulted in 195 criminal charges. They recovered 649 vehicles with an estimated value of nearly \$10 million.

Greater Peoria Auto Crimes Task Force

Grantee: Peoria Police Department
Amount awarded for 2024 (FY 25): \$1,501,100

The Greater Peoria Auto Crimes Task Force (GPACT) Task Force is located in the City of Peoria. This unit brings together the resources of the Peoria Police Department, Peoria County Sheriff's Office, Peoria County State's Attorney's Office, National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) and the Illinois Secretary of State Police.

The Illinois River intersects the Peoria area along with several major interstates systems and highways including I-74, I-155, I-474 and RT-29. Peoria County is consistently among the top ten counties in Illinois for auto theft crimes and is in the top five for 2023. In addition to combatting auto theft, vehicular hijacking and recyclable metal theft, GPACT will develop an updated training program aimed at the public, relevant industries, and law enforcement patrol and investigations.

In Fiscal Year 2024, GPACT opened 339 cases, which resulted in 288 auto theft related criminal charges. The task force recovered 246 vehicles with an estimated value of \$3.7 million dollars and assisted agencies with 6 other vehicle recoveries valued at nearly \$200,000.

Infrastructure Supporting Law Enforcement

Expressway Safety Enforcement Group

Grantee: Illinois State Police

Amount awarded for 2024 (FY 25): \$676,978

The Expressway Safety Enforcement Group (ESEG) is a statewide enforcement group comprised of several divisions within the Illinois State Police (ISP) including the Division of Patrol (DOP), Division of Forensic Science (DFS), and Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI).

ISP provides patrol officers, investigators, crime scene investigators, and forensic services to support local agency partners in combating vehicle theft, hijackings, and all related crime. ESEG utilizes air operations, canines, and specialized equipment, to apprehend offenders for thefts of motor vehicles.

With a priority on Chicago Expressway safety, ESEG is designed to use targeted overt uniform policing, technological advancements, investigative follow-up, crime scene processing, and forensic science examination to reduce these crimes and related criminal activity. ESEG also advances strategic planning and bolsters the mission of sworn resources in Cook County and other identified Illinois counties.

In Fiscal Year 2024 ESEG recovered 1,059 vehicles, of which 154 were due to vehicular hijacking. They made 98 arrests related to stolen motor vehicles and an additional 7 arrests related to vehicular hijacking. A total of 69 firearms were seized, K9s were deployed 93 times, and the forensic laboratory processed 5,132 assignments in relation to stolen or hijacked vehicle recoveries. Additionally, ESEG used air operations 220 times to target stolen or hijacked vehicles and related crimes and assisted other agencies in these efforts 224 times.

Pekin Police Department - ALPR and Drone Program

Grantee: Pekin Police Department

Amount awarded for 2024 (FY 25): \$143,889

The Pekin Police Department has implemented a two-pronged approach to addressing motor vehicle theft and recyclable metal thefts in Pekin and surrounding jurisdictions. The project involves the implementation of 52 stationary and 2 portable, solar-powered ALPR cameras, strategically placed throughout the city to aid in locating stolen vehicles. The implementation of a drone program assists law enforcement in recyclable metal theft investigations that occur within and outside of the city including tow yards, large and small car dealerships, corporation parking lots, and bus parking lots.

LeRoy Police Department – ALPR Program

Grantee: LeRoy Police Department

Amount awarded for 2024 (FY 25): \$25,000

The City of LeRoy is split by I-74, which had limited ALPR coverage. This program expands coverage with eight additional ALPRs to capture both North and Southbound traffic in anticipation of identifying stolen vehicles and apprehending those who are committing these crimes.

Mandatory Insurance Verification

Prior to the Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Act, Illinois would select a small random sample of eligible vehicle registrations each month and send a mailing to the vehicle owners, requiring that the owners provide insurance information valid on the date of selection. That information was then verified with the insurance company.

In 2018, Public Act 100-0373 designated that no more than 10% of each dollar collected for every year may be utilized for the creation, implementation, and maintenance of an electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy verification program.

In 2020, funds were utilized to create and implement an electronic verification system, which was tested and verified for proper operation that year. This system relies upon incoming data from the insurance companies that must match vehicle registrations. If a match is not made, a letter is sent to the vehicle owner outlining how to verify insurance in case of error and notifying them that the vehicle registration may be suspended.

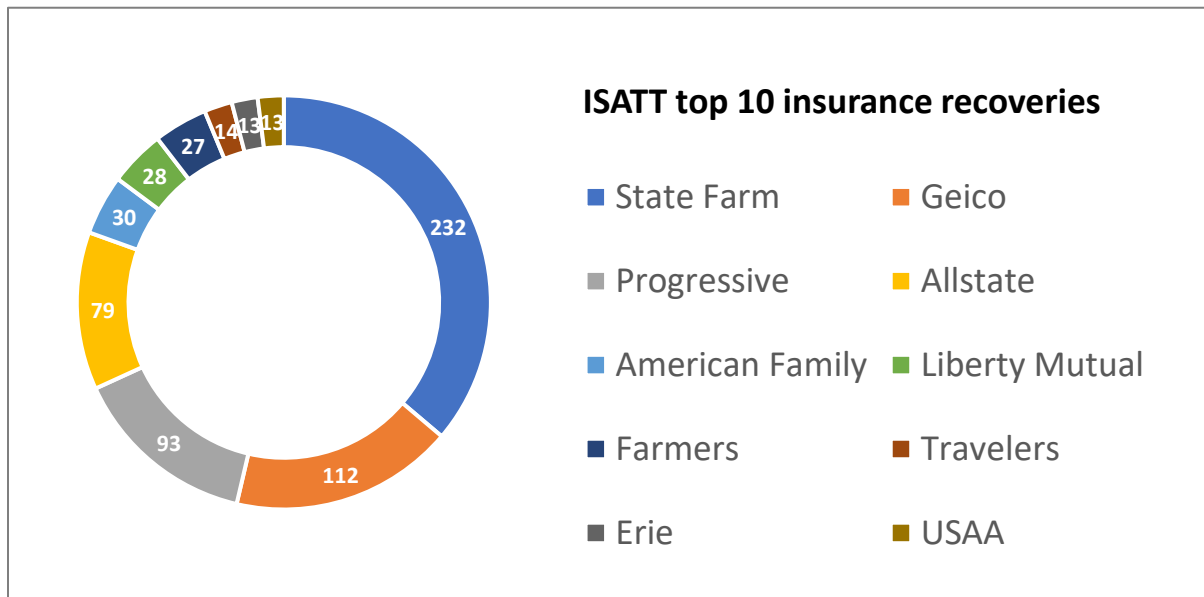
Since 2021, when the system went live, the percentage of registered vehicles without verified insurance has dropped from 12.7% to 6.0%. This translates into approximately half-million vehicle owners having either obtained insurance or received license plate suspensions.

The Mandatory Insurance Division is currently staffed by 10 employees who electronically verify the insurance status of approximately 10 million vehicle registrations, twice per year.

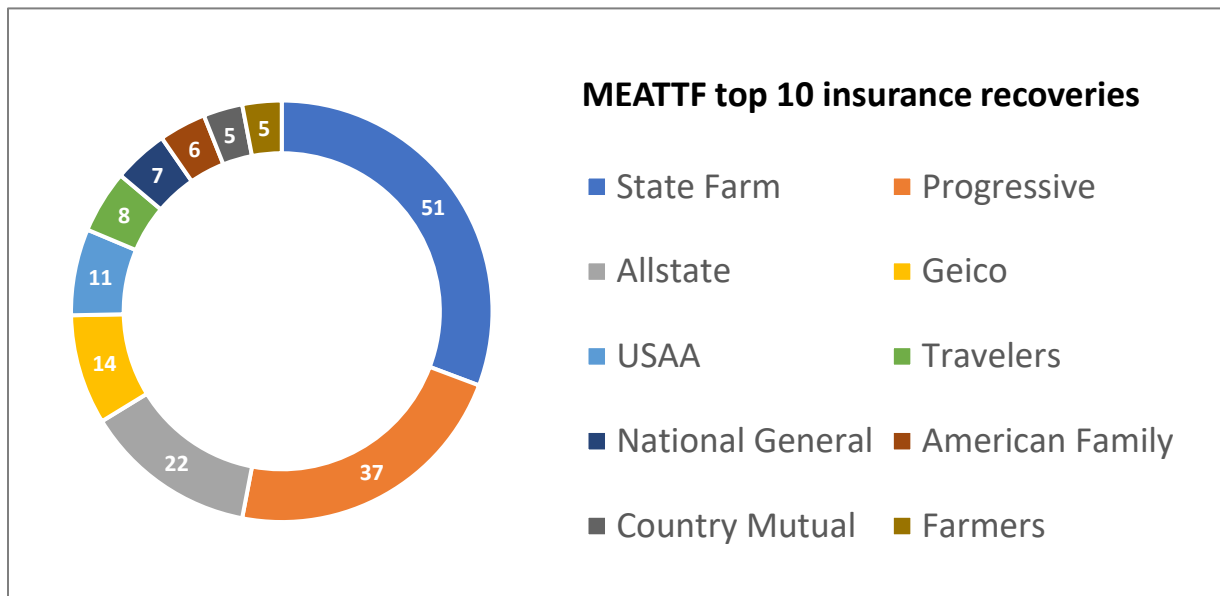


Recoveries by Insurance Company

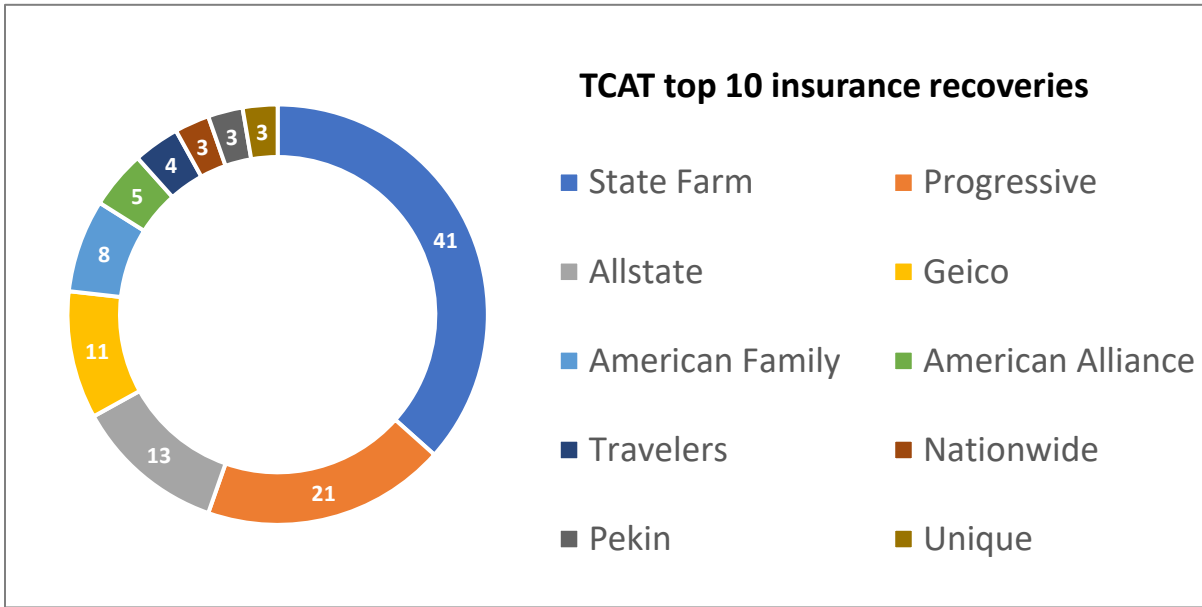
For Fiscal Year 2024, the combined recovery value for all task forces totaled more than \$67 million. This was achieved with an investment of \$11 million, which is a rate of return of approximately \$6 for every \$1 spent. In an effort to better assist the insurance industry, task forces have been compiling data based upon the number of vehicle recoveries attributed to each insurance company. The charts listed below illustrate the insurance companies who have been impacted the most according to regional activity.



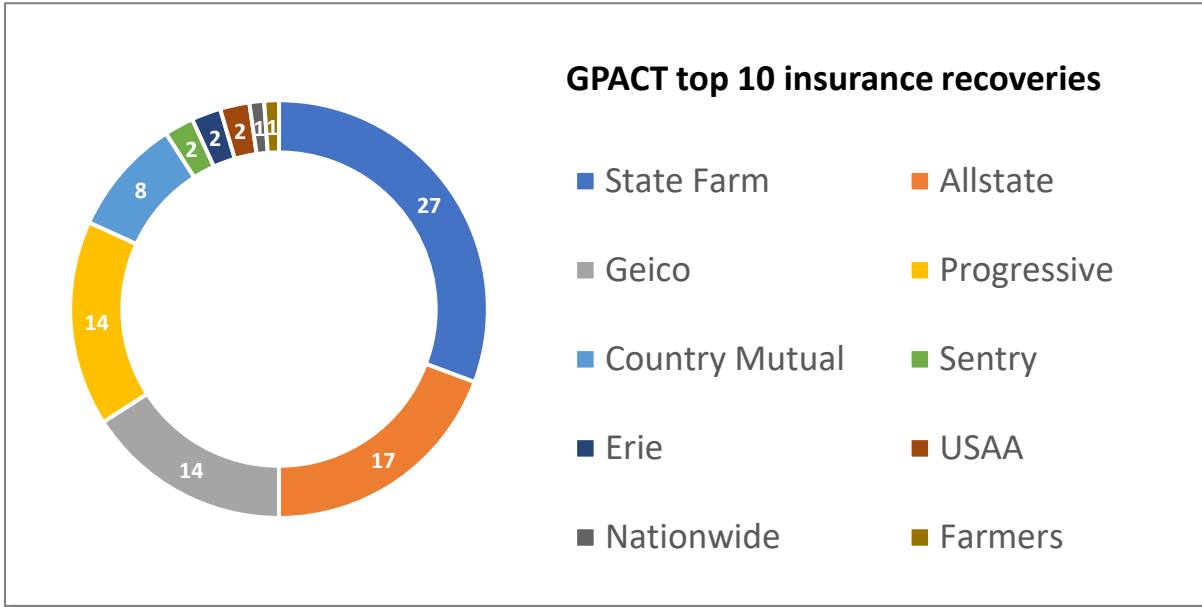
ISATT recoveries by insurance company, FY 2024



MEATTF recoveries by insurance company based on \$25,000 average recovery value, FY 2024



TCAT recoveries by insurance company, FY 2024



GPACT recoveries by insurance company, FY 2024

Financial Statement 2024

Prior financial statements have shown fiscal year snapshots. Moving forward, financial statements will provide calendar year information. Additionally, this financial information will show how funds are being utilized for the Mandatory Insurance Verification system, pursuant to Public Act 102-0904, which designates, “no more than 10% of each dollar collected,” to be for used for “the creation, implementation, and maintenance of an electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy verification program.”

Revenues, expenditures and fund balance for Calendar Year 2024

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE:	MANDATORY INS.	COUNCIL	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	\$6,121,933.78	\$24,785,332.85	\$30,907,266.63
REVENUES:			
	MANDATORY INS.	COUNCIL	TOTAL
Amount Collected 10% to Mandatory Ins. 90% to Council	\$732,559.50	\$6,593,035.46	\$7,325,594.96
Interest income		\$1,329,276.90	\$1,329,276.90
Total Revenues	\$732,559.50	\$7,922,312.36	\$8,654,871.86
EXPENDITURES:			
	MANDATORY INS.	COUNCIL	TOTAL
Administrative *	\$1,810,519.15	\$301,967.61	\$2,112,486.76
Grants		\$11,840,199.00	\$11,840,199.00
Audit Transfers Out			
Refunds **		\$36,394.00	\$36,394.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,810,519.15	\$12,178,560.61	\$13,989,079.76
ENDING FUND BALANCE:			
Ending Balance	\$5,043,974.13	\$20,529,084.60	\$25,573,058.73

* Payroll expenditures for the final pay period in December were unavailable at the time of the issuance of this report. Those expenses have been estimated.

** Refund to Stonegate Insurance Co. and Unique Insurance Co. for overpayment to the Trust Fund.

Program Grant Awards

AWARDS:	2024
Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force	\$2,269,500
Illinois Statewide Auto Theft Task Force *	\$3,376,815
Chicago Major Auto Theft Investigations Unit *	\$1,407,963
Metro East Auto Theft Task Force	\$2,438,954
Greater Peoria Auto Crimes Task Force	\$1,501,100
Expressway Safety Enforcement Group	\$676,978
Pekin Police Department – ALPR and Drone Program	\$143,889
LeRoy Police Department – ALPR Program	\$25,000
Total	\$11,840,199

* Program grant awards issued as one grant.

Historical Trust Fund Activity for Calendar Year 2021 to 2023

	2021	2022	2023
Insurance company payments	\$7,126,732	\$7,273,887	\$7,325,595
Transfers out		\$18,893 *	\$53,456 **
Sub Total	\$7,126,732	\$7,254,994	\$7,272,139
Admin. Expenditures Mandatory Ins.	\$1,689,242	\$1,229,256	\$1,578,210
Admin. Expenditures Council	\$264,459	\$298,502	\$309,545
Grants	\$7,329,325	\$6,339,911	\$21,792,049
Sub Total	\$9,283,026	\$7,867,669	\$23,679,804

* Refund to Amica Mutual Insurance and Amica P&C Insurance for overpayment to the Trust Fund.

** Statutory audit transfer and refunds to Stonegate Insurance Co. and Unique Insurance Co. for overpayment to the Trust Fund.

Participating Agencies

Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force



1 Joliet Officer
1 Bradley Officer
1 Kankakee City Officer
3 Kankakee County Deputies
1 Grundy County Deputy
1 Will County Deputy
1 Momence Officer
1 Wilmington Officer
2 Manteno Officers
1 Will County Assistant State's Attorney
1 Will County State's Attorney Investigator
1 Kankakee County Assistant State's Attorney
1 Administrative Director

Metro East Auto Theft Task Force



3 St. Clair County Deputies
1 Madison County Deputy
1 Monroe County Deputy
1 Alton Officer
1 Shiloh Officer
1 Belleville Officer
1 Millstadt Officer
1 Columbia Officer
1 Caseyville Officer
1 Fairview Heights Officer
1 St. Clair County Assistant State's Attorney
1 Madison County Assistant State's Attorney
1 Office Manager

Greater Peoria Auto Theft Task Force



1 Secretary of State Police Lieutenant *
1 Secretary of State Sergeant *
1 Secretary of State Investigator *
2 Peoria Officers
2 Peoria County Deputies
1 Other Agency Officer
1 Peoria County Assistant State's Attorney
2 Auditors
1 National Insurance Crime Bureau Agent *
1 Office Manager
1 Fiscal Officer

**Illinois Statewide Auto Theft Task Force
Chicago Major Auto Theft Investigations**



- 1 Secretary of State Police Lieutenant *
 - 4 Secretary of State Sergeants *
 - 4 Secretary of State Investigators *
 - 1 Bedford Park Officer
 - 1 Cook County Deputy
 - 1 Matteson Officer
 - 1 Beecher Officer
 - 1 Chicago Heights Officer
 - 1 Chicago Officer
 - 1 Crestwood Police Officer
 - 1 Park Forest Officer
 - 1 Thornton Officer
 - 1 Blue Island Officer
 - 1 Burbank Officer
 - 2 Cook County State's Attorney Investigators
 - 1 Cook County Assistant State's Attorneys
 - 1 Attorney General Prosecutor
 - 1 National Insurance Crime Bureau Agent *
 - 2 Auditors
 - 1 Clerical
 - 1 Crime Analyst
 - 1 Thornton Financial Officer
 - 1 Chicago Police Department Sergeant
 - 6 Chicago Police Department Detectives
 - 3 Chicago Police Officers
- * Salaries are not paid by Council funds.*

Council Pictures through the Year



MEATTF agents were alerted to a stolen vehicle from an local school. An investigation led to the discovery of the abandoned vehicle and the recovery of two firearms. The suspect was linked to multiple vehicle burglaries, a shooting in Missouri, and has been charged in Illinois with gun and motor vehicle offenses.



Between July 2023 and February 2024 there were over 65 catalytic converter thefts at 12 different businesses in St. Clair County resulting in over \$150,000 in property damage. MEATTF agents identified, arrested, and charged the suspect with multiple counts of aggravated unlawful possession of stolen motor vehicle parts, possession of burglary tools, and resisting arrest.



GPACT agents investigated a dealership theft of a 2022 Dodge Charger Hellcat Redeye Jailbreak, valued at nearly \$85,000. It was recovered a short time later and the 16-year-old subject was charged and linked to several other cases.



ISATT agents were able to locate this 2024 Volvo XC90 and two other vehicles that were fraudulently purchased through identity theft. All three vehicles were recovered in a railcar, enroute to the Southwest and ultimately headed out of the country. The total recovery value was over \$114,000.



This 2022 BMW M3 Competition was purchased at auction with a fraudulent VIN. ISATT agents positively identified the vehicle as having been stolen in New York. Agents were able to re-VIN the vehicle and return it to the legal owner.



ISATT agents located this stolen 2021 Hyundai Genesis G80, valued at \$33,000. This vehicle was a “chase car,” which was used in stealing two other vehicles, which were also recovered. Offenders will steal any type of vehicle and use it to commit other crimes.



TCAT agents located the stripped and chopped remains of a Camaro in the Chicago area. The vehicle was reported stolen from a Chevrolet Dealership that was burglarized.

Thank you to the following companies who contributed to the 2024 Trust Fund

Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company
AIG Property Casualty Company
Allmerica Financial Alliance Insurance Company
Allstate Insurance Companies
American Access Casualty Insurance Company
American Bankers Insurance Company of FL
American Family Insurance Companies
American Freedom Insurance Company
American Heartland Insurance Company
American Modern Property and Casualty Insurance Company
American National Property & Casualty Insurance
American Select Insurance Co
American Standard Insurance Company of WI
Amica Insurance Companies
Association Casualty Insurance Company
Auto Club Insurance Association
Automobile Club Interinsurance Exchange
Auto-Owners Insurance Company
Badger Mutual Insurance Company
Bankers Standard Insurance Company
Berkley Insurance Company
Bristol West Insurance Company
California Casualty General Insurance Co. of OR
Central Mutual Insurance Company
Charter Oak Fire Insurance Co.
Chubb Insurance Companies
Citizens Insurance Companies
Clearcover Insurance Company
Columbia Mutual Insurance Company
Cornerstone National Insurance Company
COUNTRY Insurance Companies
Crestbrook Insurance Company
Depositors Insurance Company
Direct Auto Insurance Company
Economy Insurance Companies
Electric Insurance Company
Elephant Insurance Company
Employers Insurance Company of Wausau
Encompass Insurance Companies
Erie Insurance Companies
Essentia Insurance Company
Esurance Insurance Companies
Falcon Insurance Company
Farmers Insurance Companies
Farmington Casualty Company
Federal Insurance Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
First Acceptance Insurance Company Inc.
First Chicago Insurance Company
Foremost Insurance Company
Founders Insurance Company
Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company
Fred Loya Insurance Agency, Inc.
Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance Company
GEICO Insurance Companies
General Motors Insurance Company
Goodville Mutual Casualty Company
Grain Dealers Mutual Insurance Company
Grange Insurance Companies
Great Northern Insurance Company
Grinnell Insurance Companies
Hartford Insurance Companies
Hastings Mutual Insurance Company
Horace Mann Insurance Companies
Illinois Farmers Insurance Company
Incline Casualty Company

Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance Company
Integon Casualty Insurance Company
Iowa Mutual Insurance Company
Kemper Reciprocal
Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies
Madison Mutual Insurance Company
Meemic Insurance Company
MemberSelect Insurance Company
Mendakota Casualty Company
Mercury Insurance Company of Illinois
Meridian Security Insurance Company
MGA Insurance Company
MIC General Insurance Corporation
MICO Insurance Company
Midvale Indemnity Company
Midwest Family Mutual Insurance Company
Milbank Insurance Company
National General Insurance Companies
Nationwide Insurance Companies
Noblr Reciprocal Exchange
Owners Insurance Company
Pacific Indemnity Company
Pekin Insurance Company
Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company
Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company
Phoenix Insurance Company
ProCentury Insurance Company
Progressive Insurance Companies
Response Insurance Company
Riverport Insurance Company
Rockford Mutual Insurance Company
Root Insurance Company
Rural Trust Insurance Company
Safe Auto Insurance Company
Safeco Insurance Companies

Safeway Insurance Company
Secura Insurance Companies
Selective Ins. Co of South Carolina
Sentinel Insurance Company, Ltd.
Shelter Insurance Companies
Spinnaker Insurance Company
St. Paul Insurance Companies
Standard Insurance Companies
Star Insurance Company
Starstone National Insurance Company
State Auto Insurance Companies
State Farm Insurance Companies
Stillwater Insurance Company
Stonegate Insurance Company
The Cincinnati Insurance Companies
First Liberty Insurance Corporation
The General Automobile Insurance Company, Inc.
Toggle Insurance Company
Travelers Insurance Companies
Truck Insurance Exchange
Trumbull Insurance Company
Trustgard Insurance Company
Twin City Fire Insurance Company
Unique Insurance Company
United Insurance Companies
Unitrin Insurance Companies
USAA Insurance Companies
Vault Reciprocal Exchange
Vigilant Insurance Company
Viking Insurance Company
Wadena Insurance Company
West Bend Mutual Insurance Company
Westfield Insurance Companies
XL Specialty Insurance Company
Young America Insurance Company

The IVHMTPIV Act

(20 ILCS 4005/1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1301)

Sec. 1. This Act shall be known as the Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Act.
(Source: P.A. 102-904, eff. 1-1-23.)

(20 ILCS 4005/2) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1302)

Sec. 2. The purpose of this Act is to prevent, combat and reduce vehicle hijacking and related violent crime as well as motor vehicle theft in Illinois; to improve and support vehicle hijacking and motor vehicle theft law enforcement, prosecution and administration of vehicle hijacking and motor vehicle theft and insurance verification laws by establishing statewide planning capabilities for and coordination of financial resources.
(Source: P.A. 102-904, eff. 1-1-23.)

(20 ILCS 4005/3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1303)

Sec. 3. As used in this Act:

- (a) (Blank).
- (b) "Council" means the Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council.
- (b-2) "Director" means the Director of the Secretary of State Department of Police.
- (b-5) "Police" means the Secretary of State Department of Police.
- (b-7) "Secretary" means the Secretary of State.
- (c) "Trust Fund" means the Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Trust Fund.

(Source: P.A. 102-904, eff. 1-1-23.)

(20 ILCS 4005/4) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1304)

Sec. 4. There is hereby created an Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council, which shall exercise its powers, duties and responsibilities. There shall be 11 members of the Council consisting of the Secretary of State or his designee, the Director of the Illinois State Police, the State's Attorney of Cook County, the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, and the following 7 additional members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Secretary of State: a state's attorney of a county other than Cook, a chief executive law enforcement official from a jurisdiction other than the City of Chicago, 5 representatives of insurers authorized to write motor vehicle insurance in this State, all of whom shall be domiciled in this State.

The Director shall be the Chairman of the Council. All members of the Council appointed by the Secretary shall serve at the discretion of the Secretary for a term not to exceed 4 years. The Council shall meet at least quarterly.

(Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-904, eff. 1-1-23.)

(20 ILCS 4005/5) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1305)

Sec. 5. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation. All members shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their duties.

(Source: P.A. 86-1408.)

(20 ILCS 4005/6) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1306)

Sec. 6. The Secretary shall employ, in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Personnel Code, such administrative, professional, clerical, and other personnel as may be required and may organize such staff as may be appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 100-373, eff. 1-1-18.)

(20 ILCS 4005/7) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1307)

Sec. 7. The Council shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

- (a) To apply for, solicit, receive, establish priorities for, allocate, disburse, contract for, and spend funds that are made available to the Council from any source to effectuate the purposes of this Act.
- (b) To make grants and to provide financial support for federal and State agencies, units of local government, corporations, and neighborhood, community and business organizations to effectuate the purposes of this Act, to deter, investigate, and prosecute recyclable metal theft, and for law enforcement agencies to assist in the identification, apprehension, and prosecution of vehicle hijackers and the recovery of stolen motor vehicles.
- (c) To assess the scope of the problem of vehicle hijacking and motor vehicle theft, including particular areas of the State where the problem is greatest and to conduct impact analyses of State and local criminal justice policies, programs, plans and methods for combating the problem.
- (d) To develop and sponsor the implementation of statewide plans and strategies to combat vehicle hijacking and motor vehicle theft and to improve the administration of vehicle hijacking and motor vehicle theft laws and provide an effective forum for identification of critical problems associated with vehicle hijacking and motor vehicle theft.
- (e) To coordinate the development, adoption and implementation of plans and strategies relating to interagency or intergovernmental cooperation with respect to vehicle hijacking and motor vehicle theft law enforcement.
- (f) To adopt rules or regulations necessary to ensure that appropriate agencies, units of government, private organizations and combinations thereof are included in the development and implementation of strategies or plans adopted pursuant to this Act and to adopt rules or regulations as may otherwise be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

- (g) To report annually, on or before January 1, 2019 to the Governor, General Assembly, and, upon request, to members of the general public on the Council's activities in the preceding year.
- (h) To exercise any other powers that are reasonable, necessary or convenient to fulfill its responsibilities, to carry out and to effectuate the objectives and purposes of the Council and the provisions of this Act, and to comply with the requirements of applicable federal or State laws, rules, or regulations; provided, however, that these powers shall not include the power to subpoena or arrest.
- (i) To provide funding to the Secretary for the creation, implementation, and maintenance of an electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy verification program.

(Source: P.A. 102-904, eff. 1-1-23.)

(20 ILCS 4005/8) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1308)

Sec. 8.

- (a) A special fund is created in the State Treasury known as the Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Trust Fund, which shall be administered by the Secretary at the direction of the Council. All interest earned from the investment or deposit of monies accumulated in the Trust Fund shall, pursuant to Section 4.1 of the State Finance Act, be deposited in the Trust Fund.
- (b) Money deposited in this Trust Fund shall not be considered general revenue of the State of Illinois.
- (c) Money deposited in the Trust Fund shall be used only to enhance efforts to effectuate the purposes of this Act as determined by the Council and shall not be appropriated, loaned or in any manner transferred to the General Revenue Fund of the State of Illinois.
- (d) Prior to April 1, 1991, and prior to April 1 of each year thereafter, each insurer engaged in writing private passenger motor vehicle insurance coverages which are included in Class 2 and Class 3 of Section 4 of the Illinois Insurance Code, as a condition of its authority to transact business in this State, may collect and shall pay into the Trust Fund an amount equal to \$1.00, or a lesser amount determined by the Council, multiplied by the insurer's total earned car years of private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies providing physical damage insurance coverage written in this State during the preceding calendar year.
- (e) Money in the Trust Fund shall be expended as follows:
 - (1) To pay the Secretary's costs to administer the Council and the Trust Fund, but for this purpose in an amount not to exceed 10% in any one fiscal year of the amount collected pursuant to paragraph (d) of this Section in that same fiscal year.
 - (2) To achieve the purposes and objectives of this Act, which may include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (A) To provide financial support to law enforcement and correctional agencies, prosecutors, and the judiciary for programs designed to reduce vehicle hijacking and motor vehicle theft and to improve the administration of motor vehicle theft laws.
 - (B) To provide financial support for federal and State agencies, units of local government, corporations and neighborhood, community or business organizations for programs designed to reduce motor vehicle theft and to improve the administration of vehicle hijacking and motor vehicle theft laws.
 - (C) To provide financial support to conduct programs designed to inform owners of motor vehicles about the financial and social costs of vehicle hijacking, interstate shootings, and motor vehicle theft and to suggest to those owners methods for preventing motor vehicle theft.
 - (D) To provide financial support for plans, programs and projects designed to achieve the purposes of this Act.
 - (3) To provide funding to the Secretary's Vehicle Services Department for the creation, implementation, and maintenance of an electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy verification program by allocating no more than 75% of each dollar collected for the first calendar year after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly and no more than 10% of each dollar collected for every calendar year after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly. The Secretary shall distribute the funds to the Vehicle Services Department at the beginning of each calendar year.
- (f) Insurers contributing to the Trust Fund shall have a property interest in the unexpended money in the Trust Fund, which property interest shall not be retroactively changed or extinguished by the General Assembly.
- (g) In the event the Trust Fund were to be discontinued or the Council were to be dissolved by act of the General Assembly or by operation of law, then, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5 of the State Finance Act, any balance remaining therein shall be returned to the insurers writing private passenger motor vehicle insurance in proportion to their financial contributions to the Trust Fund and any assets of the Council shall be liquidated and returned in the same manner after deduction of administrative costs.

(Source: P.A. 102-904, eff. 1-1-23.)

(20 ILCS 4005/8.5)

Sec. 8.5. (Repealed).

(Source: P.A. 103-154, eff. 6-30-23. Repealed by P.A. 103-363, eff. 7-28-23.)

(20 ILCS 4005/8.6)

Sec. 8.6. Private passenger motor vehicle insurance. Before April 1 of each year, each insurer engaged in writing private passenger motor vehicle insurance coverage that is included in Class 2 and Class 3 of Section 4 of the Illinois Insurance Code, as a condition of its authority to transact business in this State, may collect and shall pay to the Department of Insurance an amount equal to \$4, or a lesser amount determined by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board by rule, multiplied by the insurer's total earned car years of private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies providing physical damage insurance coverage written in this State during the preceding calendar year. Of the amounts collected under this Section, the Department of Insurance shall deposit 10% into the State Police Law Enforcement Administration Fund and 90% into the Law Enforcement Training Fund.

(Source: P.A. 102-16, eff. 6-17-21; 102-775, eff. 5-13-22; 102-1071, eff. 6-10-22; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-609, eff. 7-1-24.)