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To: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Edward N. Bonner, Sheriff-Coroner-Marshall
Date: November 25, 2008
Subject: Annual Report for Placer County Regional Auto Theft Task Force and Automated Fixed and Mobile Identification Funds

ACTION REQUESTED

An Annual Report is provided to your Board related to the programs established pursuant to Vehicle Code (VC) 9250.14 for the Placer Regional Auto Theft Task Force (PRATTF) and Vehicle Code (VC) 9250.19 for the Placer Regional Automated Fixed and Mobile Identification funds.

BACKGROUND

On March 20, 2007, your Board adopted Resolutions # 2007-79 and 2007-80 for the collection of one-dollar (\$1) annual registration fees on vehicles registered in Placer County pursuant to VC 9250.14 and 9250.19. Fees collected on commercial vehicles would be subject to an additional fee of two dollars (\$2). Each program collects the one dollar (\$1) annual registration fees separately. A sunset clause currently exists for each -- 2010 for PRATTF and 2012 for Automated Fixed and Mobile Identification. Interest bearing funds were set up to collect the funds distributed quarterly by the State. Disbursements began after the first quarter of FY 2007/2008. The total amount collected for the Placer Regional Auto Theft Task Force was \$215,191 and for the Automated Fixed and Mobile Identification Fund was \$213,805. The difference in the two amounts was the amount of interest applied. Annual financial and activity reports are required to be submitted to the County Board of Supervisors and to the State Controller's Office (attached).

The Placer County Regional Auto Theft Task Force was created to investigate and apprehend and reduce vehicle theft and related crimes within Placer County through aggressive, innovative and proactive enforcement measures. The objectives adopted by the Task Force are to decrease the incidents of auto thefts, increase the recovery rate of stolen vehicles, and increase the clearance rate of vehicle thefts. The Task Force partners with the California Highway Patrol to provide staffing of a sergeant and one patrol officer, along with the full force and support of the Highway Patrol. The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) also participates by providing bait cars and cars used in the Task Force operations.

Prior to the implementation of the Task Force, enforcement actions were conducted on a reactionary basis versus a proactive basis and information was not compiled across jurisdictional boundaries. Officers would respond to calls after the fact and often had few leads to investigate. The Task Force provides a centralized location for vehicle theft investigations, expertise, assistance and training for the local police agencies and insurance company special investigation units. They focus enforcement activities and the investigation of auto thefts and overlap jurisdictional boundaries to increase effectiveness. They identify, evaluate and document the various trends and patterns of vehicle theft in Placer County. They identify suspicious locations that may be used for chop shop activities and interface with public and private industry and local law enforcement to provide public awareness and training and reduce auto theft occurrence.

The Task Force began operations at the beginning of FY 2007/2008 with start-up funds provided by the Local Community Block Grant. The City of Rocklin provides the office space for the Task Force. The Task Force is led by a California Highway Patrol (CHP) sergeant and allied agency support of Placer County, the City of Roseville, and the City of Rocklin. The cost of the CHP staff, which includes the sergeant and a patrol officer, with the exception of overtime, is paid by the CHP and not included as part of task force expenditures. Payment for the allied agency support comprises the majority of task force expenditures. The Task Force distributes funds to offset salaries for one deputy sheriff and one police officer each from the cities of Roseville and Rocklin.

For FY 2007/2008, the Task Force has recovered vehicles valued at \$837,500. Funds received pursuant to this code section total \$215,191, including interest earned. Expenses were paid from this fund totaling \$209,934. These were primarily to reimburse the Task Force participants for the staffing related to this Task Force as noted above.

Of special interest to the Board and the citizens of Placer County was the impact of task force efforts. In the calendar years prior to the approval of the task force, 2004 and 2005, vehicle thefts had increased to 1,224 and 1,364 respectively. There were 909 vehicles recovered in 2004, or 74%. There were 951 vehicles recovered in 2005, or 71%. In FY 06/07, there were 910 auto thefts and recoveries were 675 or 74%. With just one full year of operation, Placer County auto thefts dropped to 710 (a reduction of 200, a 22% decrease) with recovery rates of 600 or 84%. This is an increase of recovery rates of 10%. The presence of a regional Task Force is a factor when insurance rates are determined for the county residents. Residents may not necessarily see a drop in their insurance rates because there are many other factors that comprise the rate structure. However, the presence of a regional auto theft Task Force brings the overall rate down compared to what it would be otherwise. To address this issue more thoroughly, an insurance representative will be available to provide an overview and respond to any questions the Board may have.

The Placer Regional Automated Fixed and Mobile Identification Fund was approved to enhance mobile and fixed identification. It is currently in the development and planning stages. The Remote Access Network (RAN) board is just completing its member selection process pending final selection of a Board representative. The RAN Board will plan to convene within the next several months. The working group of the regional partners will be developing and presenting a plan for their approval and subsequent approval of the Placer County Board of Supervisors. It is projected that this plan can be adopted and implementation of the plan can begin by the Spring of FY 08/09.

Annual operating revenues have been received for this fund in the amount of \$213,805, including interest earned. No expenditures have been made to date pending approval of the operational

plan by the RAN Board. Approval of this plan will also be submitted to your Board for review and approval of the expenditure plan to include in the budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

The funding for these programs has been included in your Final Budget approved for FY 2008/2009. Upon mid-year review, the budget may be adjusted to more accurately reflect the revenues collected. The revenue currently anticipated for FY 2008/2009 is \$264,000 for each fund. PRATTF budget is currently budgeted, with carryovers, at \$269,257. The Regional Fixed and Mobile Identification fund, with carryovers, is budgeted at \$477,805. The 4th quarter revenues were not available by the close of our year end. Therefore, accruals of \$60,000 were estimated for each fund. The actual revenue received was over \$30,000 more than this original projection.

Attachments: Annual year end reports for

- 1) 9250.14 Auto Theft Task Force
- 2) 9250.19 Auto Fixed and Mobile Identification Funds

**Placer County Regional Auto Theft Task Force
Annual Year-end Report
Fiscal Year 2007/2008**

Financial Activity:

Revenues Received:

Description	Budget	Actual	4th Qtr Accrual	Total
VC 9250.14	\$ 213,517.00	\$153,517.30	\$60,000.00	\$213,517.30
Interest Earned	\$ 1,674.00	\$ 1,673.85		\$ 1,673.95
Total	\$215,191.00	\$155,191.16	\$60,000.00	\$215,191.16

Note: Actual for 4th quarter was \$90,126.50, balance of \$30,126.50 applied to FY 2008/2009.

Expenditures Incurred:

Description	Budget	Actual
Communications	\$ 5,040.00	\$ 385.85
Professional Services – Allied Agencies	\$195,151.00	\$203,326.44
Special Dept. Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 691.80
Training	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 398.66
Travel & Transportation	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 131.54
Total	\$215,191.00	\$209,934.29

Note: Expenditure balance of \$5,256.87 to be applied to Professional Services for CHP overtime pending.

Operational Activity:

Investigations	203	
Investigation Assists	108	
Arrests	73	
Arrests Assists	24	
Recoveries	61	
Recovery Assists	21	
Recovered Vehicle Values	\$837,500	
Parole Searches	5	
Probation Searches	11	
Business Inspections	1	

Fiscal 06/07 Theft and Recoveries	Fiscal 07/08 Theft and Recoveries
Thefts: 910	Thefts: 711
Recoveries: 675	Recoveries: 600

**Placer County Regional Auto Fingerprint Fixed and Mobile Identification
Annual Year-end Report
Fiscal Year 2007/2008**

Financial Activity:

Revenues Received:

Description	Budget	Actual	4th Qtr Accrual	Total
VC 9250.19	\$ 120,000.00	\$152,618.72	\$60,000.00	\$212,618.72
Interest Earned	\$ -0-	\$ 1,186.61		\$ 1,186.61
Total	\$120,000.00	\$153,805.33	\$60,000.00	\$213,805.33

Note: Actual for 4th quarter was \$90,126.50, balance of \$30,126.50 applied to FY 2008/2009.

Expenditures Incurred:

Description	Budget	Actual
Special Dept. Expenses	\$120,000.00	\$ -0-
Total	\$120,000.00	\$ -0-

Note:

Operational Activity:

Fiscal Year 2007/2008 was the first year of receipts for monies approved under VC 9250.19. As such, there were no monies available initially to apply to projects. This year was used to plan, identify members of the Remote Access Network (RAN) Board, and identify a working group and potential projects.

Pursuant to VC 9250.19, the RAN Board is required to convene to approve for the planned use of the funds received under this vehicle code section. Therefore, members of the RAN Board have been identified and will begin convening for review of applicable projects in FY 2008/2009.

A working group has been identified from members of the county and cities. Preliminary projects have been outlined to begin discussions to develop a plan to be approved by the RAN Board and subsequently the Placer County Board of Supervisors. Clarification on the uses of the monies has been underway given the new technologies applied on the State and Federal level for identification purposes. It is proposed that a plan will be developed and adopted FY 2008/2009 to begin preliminary implementation in Spring 2008/2009.

Costs to-date has been Placer County staff time to plan and coordinate the process to-date.

Vehicle Theft and Recovery Comparison

Calendar 2004	Calendar 2005	Fiscal 06/07	Fiscal 07/08
Thefts: 1,224	Thefts: 1,364	Thefts: 910	Thefts: 711
Recoveries: 675	Recoveries: 600	Recoveries: 675	Recoveries: 600
Recovery %: 74	Recovery %: 71	Recovery %: 74	Recovery %: 84