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To: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Edward N. Bonner, Sheriff-Coroner-Marshall
Date: October 6, 2009
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. 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 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 2008/2009, the Task Force has recovered vehicles valued at \$1,106,270. Funds received for this fiscal year pursuant to this code section total \$357,836, plus interest earned of \$3,515 for a total of \$361,351. Expenses paid from this fund totaled \$30,575, with payments made to the agencies for officer salaries of approximately \$334,350 in August/September 2009.

In FY 06/07, there were 910 auto thefts and recoveries were 675 or 74%. The first full year of operation, Placer County auto thefts dropped to 710 with recovery rates of 600 or 84%. For FY 08/09, auto thefts dropped to 693 with a recovery rate of 487 or 71%. 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.

The Placer Regional Automated Fixed and Mobile Identification Fund were approved to enhance mobile and fixed identification. The Remote Access Network (RAN) board selected members met several times in FY 2008/2009. A working group was identified from all the agencies. An expenditure plan was developed for FY 2008/2009 and 2009/2010. The RAN Board approved the Expenditure Plan and it was subsequently approved by the Placer County Board of Supervisors. Implementation of the plan began the Spring of FY 08/09.

Annual operating revenues have been received for this fund in the amount of \$357,791, with interest of \$10,366 for total revenue of \$368,157. Funds were carried over from FY 2007/2008 in the amount of \$213,805, for a total available \$557,805 in FY 2008/2009. Expenditures made to date per the approved plan total \$257,872, of which \$48,000 of that is an encumbrance. Funds carried over have to be spent the following fiscal year or returned to the State. These funds are included in the budget submitted to your Board for approval according to the Expenditure Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

The funding for these regional programs has been included in your Final Budget approved for FY 2009/2010. Upon mid-year review, the budget may be adjusted to more accurately reflect the revenues collected and any changes made to the plan. The revenue currently anticipated for FY 2009/2010 is \$343,000 for each fund. PRATTF budget is currently budgeted with carryovers, at \$678,852 (this includes payments to agencies for FY 2008/2009). The Regional Auto Fixed and Mobile Identification fund, with carryovers, is budgeted at \$713,590. The 4th quarter revenues were not available by the close of our year end and were estimated at \$81,000 for each fund. The actual revenue received was over \$13,744 more than this original projection. There is no additional impact to the General Fund.

Attachments: Annual year end reports for

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

**Placer County Regional Auto Theft Task Force
Annual Year-end Report
Fiscal Year 2008/2009**

Financial Activity:

Revenues Received:

Description	Budget	Actual	4 th Qtr Accrual	Total
VC 9250.14	\$ 213,517	\$ 276,836	\$81,000	\$357,836
Interest Earned	\$ 11,000	\$ 3,515		\$ 3,515
Total	\$ 343,000	\$ 287,157	\$81,000	\$361,351

Note: Actual for 4th quarter was \$94,744, balance of \$13,744 applied to FY 2009/10.

Expenditures Incurred:

Description	Budget	Actual
Communications	\$ 6,240	\$ 4,763
Professional Services – Allied Agencies	\$249,257	\$ 19,600*
Special Dept. Expenses & Misc Supplies	\$ 8,760	\$ 3,745
Training	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,269
Travel & Transportation	\$ 2,500	\$ 380
Total	\$269,257	\$ 30,757

Note: Expenditures for Sheriff, Roseville, and Rocklin officers carried over/paid in 1st quarter of 2009/10 in the approximate amount of \$334,350.

Operational Activity:

Investigations	128	
Investigation Assists	176	
Arrests	34	
Arrests Assists	29	
Recoveries	66	
Recovery Assists	32	
Recovered Vehicle Values	\$1,106,270	
Parole Searches	10	
Probation Searches	11	
Business Inspections	3	

Fiscal 07/08 Theft and Recoveries	Fiscal 08/09 Theft and Recoveries
% of recoveries = 84%	% of recoveries = 71%
Thefts: 711	Thefts: 693
Recoveries: 600	Recoveries: 487

**Placer County Regional Auto Fingerprint Fixed and Mobile Identification
Annual Year-end Report
Fiscal Year 2008/2009**

Financial Activity:

Revenues Received:

Description	Budget	Actual	4 th Qtr Accrual	Total
VC 9250.19	\$ 332,000	\$ 276,791	\$81,000	\$ 357,791
Interest Earned	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,366		\$ 10,366
Total	\$343,000	\$ 387,157	\$81,000	\$ 368,157

Note: Actual for 4th quarter was \$94,744, balance of \$13,744 applied to FY 2009/2010.

Expenditures Incurred:

Description	Budget	Actual
Equipment Maintenance	\$ -0-	\$ 19,799
Professional Services	\$ 279,656	\$ 190,073
Special Dept. Expenses	\$ 229,149	\$ -0-
Equipment	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000**
Total	\$ 556,805*	\$ 257,872

Note: *213,805 fund balance carried over 2007/2008.

** Encumbered

Operational Activity:

Fiscal Year 2008/2009 was the second year of receipts for monies approved under VC 9250.19.

The RAN Board convened with all members selected as per the code. A working group was identified from members of the county and cities. The working group developed preliminary projects. The RAN Board reviewed and approved a plan for FY 2008/2009 and FY 2009/2010 that was subsequently approved by 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. The regional partners began implementing the adopted plan in Spring 2008/2009. A copy of the plan "Annual Expenses Summary" is attached for your preview.