



Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority

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AGENDA
BOARD MEETING
MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY
HILTON DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH
815 MAIN STREET, Crystal A Ballroom
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102
JULY 18, 2025
1:00 PM

The presiding officer of the Board of the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (Committee) will be physically present in the Crystal A Ballroom, Hilton Downtown, 815 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Some Committee members may attend via videoconferencing.

Link to July 18, 2025, MVCPA Board Meeting Documents (under Calendar tab):
<https://www.txdmv.gov/about-us/MVCPA>

All agenda items are subject to possible discussion, questions, consideration, and action by the Board of the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (Board). Agenda item numbers are assigned for ease of reference only and do not necessarily reflect the order of their consideration by the Board. Presentations may be made by the identified staff, Board member, or other personnel as needed. The Board reserves the right to discuss any items in closed session where authorized by the Open Meetings Act.

- 1. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**
- 2. Pledges of Allegiance – U.S. and Texas**
- 3. Chair's Reports – Mike Rodriguez, Chairman**
 - A. Approval of Transcript as Minutes (April 16, 2025) (ACTION ITEM)
 - B. Chair's Report
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 - A. Staffing Update
 - B. Border Taskforce Commander Meeting in Eagle Pass Recap

BRIEFING AND ACTION ITEMS

- 5. MVCPA FY 2026 Budget Overview – Glenna Bowman, Chief Financial Officer, TXDMV (BRIEFING ONLY)**
- 6. MVCPA Grant Management Tracking System Update – TXDMV CIO Wendy Barron (BRIEFING ONLY)**

7. **Senate Bill 224 State Partner Agency Update - MVCPA Director William Diggs (BRIEFING ONLY)**
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 - 7D. TxDPS – Regulatory Services Division Josh Martin, Program Supervisor
 - 7E. TxDPS – Criminal Investigations Division Sharon Jones, Major
8. **Senate Bill 224 Advisory Committee update – Sharon Jones, Major TxDPS (BRIEFING ITEM)**
9. **Grants, Budget, and Reporting Committee Update – Sharon Jones, Major TxDPS (BRIEFING ITEM)**
10. **FY-26 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant Award Recommendations – Sharon Jones, Major TxDPS (ACTION ITEM)**
11. **FY-26 Task Force Grant Award Recommendations – Sharon Jones, Major TxDPS (ACTION ITEM)**
12. **MVCPA 2026 Conference Venue recommendation and selection – Sharon Jones, Major TxDPS (ACTION ITEM)**
13. **Insurance Refund Requests – Dan Price, MVCPA Audit Manager (ACTION ITEM)**
14. **Recommendation to increase MVCPA FTE Count in FY-28 – Yessenia Benavides, MVCPA Business Analyst (BRIEFING ONLY)**

CLOSED SESSION

15. **The Board may enter into closed session under one or more of the following provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551:**

Section 551.071 - Consultation with and advice from legal counsel regarding:

- pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer.
- a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the

Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Government Code Chapter 551; or
any item on this agenda.

Section 551.074 - Personnel matters.

- Discussion relating to the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, and dismissal of personnel.

Section 551.076 - Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits.

- the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or
- a security audit.

Section 551.089 - Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits.

- security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology;
- network security information as described by Government Code Section 2059.055(b); or
- the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

16. Action Items from Closed Session

17. Public Comment

18. Adjournment

The Board will allow an open comment period to receive public comment on any agenda item or other matter that is under the jurisdiction of the Board. No action will be taken on matters that are not part of the agenda for the meeting. For subjects that are not otherwise part of the agenda for the meeting, Board members may respond in accordance with Government Code §551.042 and consider the feasibility of placing the matter on the agenda for a future meeting.

If you would like to comment on any agenda item (including an open comment under the agenda item for Public Comment), you must complete a speaker's form at the registration table prior to the agenda item being taken up by the Board.

Public comment will only be accepted in person. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes, and time allotted to one speaker may not be reassigned to another speaker.

Any individual with a disability who plans to attend this meeting and requires auxiliary aids or services should notify the department as far in advance as possible, but no less than two days in advance, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Contact

David Richards by telephone at (512) 465-1423.

I certify that I have reviewed this document and that it conforms to all applicable Texas Register filing requirements.

CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: David Richards, General Counsel, (512) 465-1423.



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Agenda Item: 1
Subject: Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

	Present
Chief Mike Rodriguez – Governor Designated Presiding Officer Law Enforcement Representative – Laredo, TX	
Kit Whitehill – Governor Appointed Board Member Insurance Consumer Representative – Coppell, TX	
Rebecca Cantu-Serrano – Governor Appointed Board Member Insurance Consumer Representative – Brownsville, TX	
Charla Brotherton – Governor Appointed Board Member Insurance Writer Representative – Fort Worth, TX	
Scott Jackson – Governor Appointed Board Member Insurance Writer Representative	
Thomas Sloan – Governor Appointed Board Member Law Enforcement Representative	
Major Sharon Jones – Ex Officio Member Designee for the Public Safety Director Texas Department of Public Safety	



Agenda Item: 2

Subject: Pledges of Allegiance – U.S. and Texas



"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: MVCPA Staff
Agenda Item: 3. A
Subject: Approval of Transcript as Minutes (October 17, 2024)

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item. Motion to approve the transcript as minutes.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MVCPA staff emailed the October 17, 2024, Board Meeting Transcript to all MVCPA board members on January 9 , 2025, for review.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: MVCPA Staff
Agenda Item: 3. B
Subject: Chair's Report

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: William Diggs, Director
Agenda Item: 4A
Subject: MVCPA Staffing Update

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide the MVCPA staffing update.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

NA

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

MVCPA currently has a total of 15 of the 15 positions filled.



To: MVCPA Board Meeting
From: William Diggs, Director
Agenda Item: 4B
Subject: Border Taskforce Commander Meeting in Eagle
Pass Recap

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The MVCPA Border Taskforce Commanders met in the City of Eagle Pass on May 20, 2025 with Federal, State and other Local Law Enforcement Agencies. MVCPA Law Enforcement Board Members as well as MVCPA Leadership attend the daylong meeting.

Key highlights include:

- The group discussed challenges and trends related to vehicle theft and the impact it has at US/Mexico Border Crossings.
- MVCPA will be represented at the upcoming Texas District and County Attorneys Association in Round Rock, Texas September 23rd – 25th.
- The Meeting closed out with a tour of the International Bridge #2 in Eagle Pass, Texas.
- The group determined the next meeting will take place in El Paso, Texas in the Fall.



To: MVCPA Board Meeting
From: Glenna Bowman, CPA
Chief Financial Officer, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
Agenda Item: 5
Subject: FY26 Budget Overview

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item provides an overview of the MVCPA FY 2026 budget, including revenues, expenditures, other estimated funding needs, and estimated remaining balances available for future board needs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

MVCPA is self-supporting and is funded from motor vehicle insurer fees deposited to the General Revenue Fund.

Estimated Available Funding

In FY 2026, the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate includes \$22.7 million in estimated fee collections for the Crime Prevention Program and \$28.4 million for the Catalytic Converter Program. In addition, the board has authority to carry forward unexpended funds from prior years of \$3.3 million for Crime Prevention and \$14.0 million for the Catalytic Converter program. Staff also expect to receive an estimated \$8.2 million for Crime Prevention and \$438,506 for Catalytic Converter in additional insurance collections identified during the audit process.

Estimated Expenditures

Board staff estimate expenditures and funding obligations of \$31.7 million for the Crime Prevention program and \$32.2 million for the Catalytic Converter program in FY 2026, including amounts for grant awards, operating expenditures, and interagency contracts with Texas state agency program partners.

Other Obligations

The Board has received a request for a refund of overpayments of vehicle insurer fees. If the board approves this refund request, MVCPA will be responsible for a portion of the repayment to the insurer in an estimated amount of \$1.5 million. Board staff have also set aside funds in contingency reserve in the event actual collections of revenues are less than the estimated amounts or the board identifies needs that are not contemplated in the current budget.

Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority
FY 2026 Budget Overview
As of 7/1/2025

Description	Crime Prevention Program	Catalytic Converter Program (SB224)	Total, All Programs
FY 26 Estimated Available Funding:			
FY 26 Estimated Revenue	\$ 22,722,958.00	\$ 28,403,697.00	\$ 51,126,655.00
FY 24 & 25 Unexpended Balances Carried Forward	\$ 3,346,447.00	\$ 14,055,070.00	\$ 17,401,517.00
FY 24 Additional Insurance Collections	\$ 8,159,117.00	\$ 438,506.00	\$ 8,597,623.00
Total Available Funding	\$ 34,228,522.00	\$ 42,897,273.00	\$ 77,125,795.00
FY 26 Estimated Expenditures:			
Grant Awards	\$ 30,105,873.00	\$ 21,571,915.00	\$ 51,677,788.00
Operating Expenditures	\$ 1,561,957.00	\$ 1,643,015.00	\$ 3,204,972.00
TxDPS RSC Interagency Contract	\$ -	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00
TxDPS CID Interagency Contract	\$ -	\$ 5,171,200.00	\$ 5,171,200.00
TDLR Interagency Contract	\$ -	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 550,000.00
TxDMV Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00
Total FY 26 Estimated Expenditures	\$ 31,667,830.00	\$ 32,236,130.00	\$ 63,903,960.00
FY 26 Remaining Balance	\$ 2,560,692.00	\$ 10,661,143.00	\$ 13,221,835.00
Less:			
Est. Insurance Refund Request (if approved)	\$ (1,500,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (1,500,000.00)
Contingency Reserve	\$ (1,060,692.00)	\$ (5,000,000.00)	\$ (6,060,692.00)
FY 26 Balance Available for Other Needs	\$ -	\$ 5,661,143.00	\$ 5,661,143.00



To: MVCPA Board
From: Wendy Barron, Chief Information Officer
Agenda Item: 6
Subject: Grant Management Tracking System Update

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide an update related to the search for a new Grant Management Tracking System (GMTS).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

To be determined.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Efforts remain underway to replace the current GMTS. There have been multiple meetings with our project manager assigned by the Project Management Office (PMO) within the TxDMV. We are working closely with MVCPA Staff, and selected Taskforce Commanders to further narrow the field of those systems under consideration.



To: MVCPA Board
From: William Diggs Jr., Director MVCPA
Agenda Item: 7A-7E
Subject: Senate Bill 224 State Partner Agency Update

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide an update related to the progress of State Partner Agency efforts in support of SB224.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

TBD

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

SB 224 State Partner Agencies continue to provide their best efforts in reducing theft of Catalytic Converters in the State of Texas. I have asked the following agency representatives to provide you with an update:

- 7A. TxDMV – Enforcement Director Carrie Thompson
- 7B. TxDMV – Vehicle Titles & Registration Director Annette Quintero
- 7C. TxDLR - Consumer Protection Manager Michael (Ford) Strawn
- 7D. TxDPS – Regulatory Services Division Josh Martin, Program Supervisor
- 7E. TxDPS – Criminal Investigations Division Sharon Jones, Major



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Sharon Jones, Major Texas DPS/MVCPA Board Member
Agenda Item: 8
Subject: SB 224 Advisory Committee Update

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide the MVCPA Board with an update related to SB 224 Advisory Committee activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

NA

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Major Jones will provide a brief update related to the SB 224 Advisory Committee meeting that took place on the morning of July 17th, and provide an overview of future planned activities.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Sharon Jones, Major, GBR Committee Chair
Agenda Item: 9
Subject: Grants, Budget, and Reporting Committee Update

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide an overview of July 17th and 18th 2025 Grants Budget and Reporting Committee outcome.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The GBR Committee heard the following topics:

- MVCPA FY-26 Budget Overview – Glenna Bowman, CPA, CFO
- FY-26 SB224 Applicant Presentations - Applicants
- FY-26 SB224 Grant Applicant Recommendations – Sharon Jones, Major, TXDPS
- FY-26 Taskforce Applicant Presentations- Applicants
- FY-26 Taskforce Applications Recommendations – Sharon Jones, Major, TXDPS



To: MVCPA Board
From: Sharon Jones, Major TXDPS
Agenda Item: 10
Subject: FY26 SB224 Grant Application Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To consider prospective grantees request for FY26 SB224 grant funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

TBD

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

For the FY26 MVCPA SB224 Program Strategy, I recommend the following for your consideration:

FY26 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant		
City or County	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Addison Police Department	\$216,017	
Allen Police Department	\$81,667	
Alvarado Police Department	\$24,000	
Andrews Police Department	\$246,354	
Arp Police Department	\$21,200	
Azle Police Department	\$138,750	
Bandera Police Department	\$14,167	
Beaumont Police Department	\$285,834	
Bellmead Police Department	\$7,083	
Belton Police Department	\$18,250	

Brownsville Police Department	\$388,517	
Bullard Police Department	\$21,600	
Bunker Hill Memorial Villages Police	\$65,417	
Caddo Mills Police Department	\$20,833	
Caldwell County Constable's Office Pct. 2	\$18,501	
Caldwell Police Department	\$17,791	
Castroville Police Department	\$28,800	
Cedar Hill Police Department	\$55,209	
Celina Police Department	\$112,000	
Cibolo Police Department	\$487,118	
Clear Lake Shores Police Department	\$25,416	
Clute Police Department	\$119,999	
College Station Police Department	\$301,492	
Collinsville Police Department	\$29,600	
Commerce Police Department	\$60,000	
Converse Police Department	\$288,800	
Cooke County Sheriff's Office	\$66,292	
Cuero Police Department	\$13,750	
Cumby Police Department	\$29,600	
Dallas Police Department	\$1,224,538	
Eagle Pass Police Department	\$339,133	
Eastland County Sheriff's Office	\$29,583	
Eastland Police Department	\$46,667	
El Paso Police Department	\$370,833	
Elgin Police Department	\$43,880	
Elm Ridge Police Department	\$104,132	
Eules Police Department	\$100,209	
Fairfield Police Department	\$79,925	
Fort Stockton Police Department	\$60,000	
Frisco Police Department	\$586,393	
Fulshear Police Department	\$138,500	
Galveston County Sheriff's Office	\$397,400	
Galveston Police Department	\$533,212	
Glasscock County Sheriff's Office	\$18,501	
Groves Police Department	\$63,333	
Gunter Police Department	\$12,500	
Hallettsville Police Department	\$74,000	
Harris County Sherriif's Office	\$255,150	

Harrison County Sheriff's Department	\$213,727	
Heath Police Department	\$12,000	
Henderson Police Department	\$20,833	
Hewitt Police Department	\$65,625	
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office	\$346,528	
Holland Police Department	\$202,654	
Hondo Police Department	\$44,320	
Hood County Sheriff's Department	\$60,000	
Houston Police Department	\$960,642	
Jacinto City Police Department	\$24,375	
Jefferson ISD Police Department	\$22,625	
Johnson County Sheriff's Department	\$208,333	
Kemah Police Department	\$55,042	
Kendall County Sheriff's Department	\$215,254	
Kleberg County Attorney's Office	\$22,917	
Kyle Police Department	\$205,000	
Lakeview Police Department	\$46,583	
Laredo Police Department	\$1,511,895	
Lee County Sheriff's Department	\$84,146	
Live Oak Police Department	\$30,208	
Lubbock County Sheriff's Department	\$204,245	
Mabank Police Department	\$357,200	
Mansfield Police Department	\$469,731	
Maverick County Sheriff's Department	\$341,100	
Mexia Police Department	\$35,000	
Midlothian Police Department	\$185,471	
Mont Belvieu Police Department	\$153,349	
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	\$200,375	
Morgans Point Resort Police Department	\$10,800	
Murphy Police Department	\$15,000	
Mustang Ridge Police Department	\$326,340	
New Braunfels Police Department	\$438,724	
Nolanville Police Department	\$25,800	
Palestine Police Department	\$30,000	
Palmer Police Department	\$10,000	
Panola County Sheriff's Office	\$76,875	
Town of Pecos City Police Department	\$434,560	
Polk County Sheriff's Department	\$45,000	

Potter County Sherriﬀ's Office	\$348,080	
Pottsboro Police Department	\$19,200	
Premont Police Department	\$514,983	
Princeton Police Department	\$16,667	
Town of Prosper Police Department	\$309,834	
Rains County Sheriﬀ's Office	\$177,907	
Refugio Police Department		\$23,333- Withdrew Application
Roanoke Police Department	\$125,000	
Robertson County Sheriﬀ's Office	\$100,000	
Robinson Police Department	\$21,600	
Robstown Police Department	\$78,354	
Rockwall County Sheriﬀ's Office	\$226,190	
Rosebud Police Department	\$20,667	
Round Rock Police Department	\$423,519	
Sachse Police Department	\$16,208	
San Angelo Police Department	\$133,962	
San Saba County Sheriﬀ's Office	\$19,200	
Sansom Park Police Department	\$56,400	
Santa Clara Marshal's Office	\$28,800	
Schertz Police Department	\$362,263	
Sealy Police Department	\$25,000	
Seguin Police Department	\$88,333	
Shelby County Sheriﬀ's Office	\$30,000	
Silsbee Police Department	\$33,125	
Sinton Police Department	\$221,212	
Smith County Sheriﬀ's Office	\$29,500	
Somervell County Sheriﬀ's Office	\$40,833	
Sugar Land Police Department	\$42,084	
Temple Police Department	\$875,029	
The Colony Police Department	\$125,000	
Tom Green County Sheriﬀ's Office	\$156,662	
Trinity County Sheriﬀ's Office	\$63,333	
Universal City Police Department	\$45,642	
University of St Thomas Police Dept.	\$70,330	
Vidor Police Department	\$48,625	
Waller County Sheriﬀ's Office	\$67,500	
West Police Department	\$63,200	
Wichita Falls Police Department	\$254,166	

Willis Police Department	\$53,458	
Wood County Sheriff's Office	\$179,328	
Wylie Police Department		\$311,634 Withdrew Application
Young County Sheriff's Office	\$78,400	
Zavala County Sheriff's Office	\$231,532	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$21,215,349</u>	



To: MVCPA Board
From: Sharon Jones, Major TXDPS
Agenda Item: 11
Subject: FY-26 Task Force Grant Award Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To consider prospective grantees request for FY26 Task Force grant funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

TBD

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

For the FY26 MVCPA Task Force Program Strategy, I recommend the following for your consideration:

FY26 Task Force Grant Applications		
City or County	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Austin Police Department	\$532,588	
Beaumont Police Department	\$760,241	
Brownsville Police Department	\$1,960,343	
Burnet County Sheriff's Office	\$744,122	
Corpus Christi Police Department	\$894,028	
Dallas County Sheriff's Office	\$1,283,888	
Dallas Police Department	\$1,732,442	
Eagle Pass Police Department	\$361,449	
El Paso Police Department	\$2,023,985	
Farmers Branch Police Department	\$240,000	
Galveston County Sheriff's Office	\$1,075,096	

Harris County Sheriff's Office	\$1,240,191	
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office	\$1,052,143	
Houston Police Department	\$2,402,936	
Laredo Police Department	\$1,904,825	
Lubbock County Sherri's Department	\$1,088,277	
Mansfield Police Department	\$963,810	
Maverick County Sherri's Department	\$242,679	
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	\$1,187,656	
Paris Police Department	\$608,121	
Pasadena Police Department	\$141,733	
Potter County Sheriff's Office	\$531,273	
Prosper Police Department	\$1,320,829	
River Oaks Police Department	\$17,500	
San Angelo Police Department	\$253,505	
San Antonio Police Department	\$1,369,199	
San Marcos Police Department	\$182,922	
Smith County Sheriff's Office	\$420,957	
Tarrant County Sheriff's Office	\$2,088,421	
Travis County Sheriff's Office	\$1,164,849	
Victoria Police Department	\$315,865	
TOTAL	\$30,105,873	



To: MVCPA Board
From: Sharon Jones, Major
Agenda Item: 12
Subject: MVCPA 2026 Conference Venue recommendation and selection

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide ability for the MVCPA Conference Venue to be recommended and a selection made for future planning.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Major Sharon Jones will provide a venue recommendation for the MVCPA 2026 Conference.



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Daniel Price, Audit Manager
Agenda Item: 13
Subject: Insurance Fee Refund Request – 22 Requests

RECOMMENDATION

Action Item.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Report on the MVCPA fee requests for refund and/or penalty and interest waivers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

USAA COMPANIES:

The USAA Companies came forward to report previously unreported amounts for the periods of 2019 through 2023. The periods were reviewed and verified by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' Audit Division. During the review process amounts were verified to both be underpaid and overpaid. All underpaid amounts have been corrected.

PHILADELPHIA INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY:

The taxpayer's representative reports the 2nd half 2023 report and payment was erroneously not submitted in March 2024. When this was discovered in July 2024, the payment was submitted; however, the payment information did not include the correct filing period and was incorrectly applied by comptroller staff.

During the same timeframe, the 1st half 2024 payment also did not include the correct payment information and went into a suspense status. This made the account appear underpaid and a duplicate payment was made, along with penalty and interest that was not due.



RECOMMENDATION

Consideration of refund for MVCPA fee overpayment for the following periods and amounts:

1st HALF 2019

United Services Automobile Association	\$ 589,362
USAA Casualty Insurance Company	\$ 494,612
USAA General Indemnity Company	\$ 315,782
Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance Company	\$ 257,030

2nd HALF 2020

United Services Automobile Association	\$ 761,444
USAA Casualty Insurance Company	\$ 663,840
USAA General Indemnity Company	\$ 376,816
Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance Company	\$ 328,528

2nd HALF 2021

United Services Automobile Association	\$ 906,760
USAA Casualty Insurance Company	\$ 809,232
USAA General Indemnity Company	\$ 467,632
Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance Company	\$ 421,532

1st HALF 2023

United Services Automobile Association	\$ 427,550
USAA Casualty Insurance Company	\$ 411,174
USAA General Indemnity Company	\$ 305,513
Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance Company	\$ 261,716

2nd HALF 2023

United Services Automobile Association	\$ 8,510
USAA Casualty Insurance Company	\$ 14,825
USAA General Indemnity Company	\$ 11,555
Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance Company	\$ 9,060

Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company

2 nd Half 2023	\$96,529.62
1 st Half 2024	\$9,644.25



To: Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Board
From: Yessenia Benavides, MVCPA Management Analyst
Agenda Item: 14
Subject: MVCPA Staffing Request

RECOMMENDATION

Briefing Only.

PURPOSE AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MVCPA Staff is committed to continuing its mission to empower local law enforcement agencies in their effort to combat motor vehicle crimes. To address the growth in the number of grantees, MVCPA Staff is requesting 4 additional full-time employees.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

TBD

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) was established in 1991 and began issuing grants in 1993. Over the past 34 years, the MVCPA has become an invaluable resource for law enforcement in Texas. The MVCPA's vision is to empower local law enforcement agencies and communities to combat and prevent motor vehicle theft, motor vehicle burglary, and fraud-related motor vehicle crimes, ensuring that all Texans are free from harm and loss caused by these offenses.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, the costs of catalytic converter components rose significantly, leading to a heightened focus on preventing catalytic converter theft by the Texas Legislature and law enforcement. Criminals became increasingly violent when attempting to steal these parts. In response, the 88th Legislature passed Senate Bill 224 (SB 224), which established enhanced criminal penalties for catalytic converter theft and implemented administrative penalties relating to regulatory enforcement of metal recycling entities (MRE).

In FY 2023, the MVCPA was allocated \$14.9 million. Following the additional funding from SB 224, the total appropriation for FY 2024 was \$48.8 million, and for FY 2025, it was set at \$55.2 million. These funds are used to issue grants that support police and sheriff task forces aimed at combating motor vehicle crime and addressing the associated financial losses affecting Texas, its citizens, and businesses. In FY 2023, the MVCPA awarded 24 law enforcement grants. With the support from SB 224, the number of grants awarded increased to 58 in FY 2024 and reached 113 in FY 2025. To adjust to the increase of 91 additional grantees, the MVCPA expanded its staff from 5 to 15 personnel.

In FY 2026, over 30 task forces have requested funding and more than 125 jurisdictions have sought funding under SB 224. As the number of grantees continues to increase, the volume of work and demand has also significantly risen. To address this growth, the MVCPA is requesting funding for 4 additional full-time employees, which would bring the total staff to 19. Of the new hires, 2 will be dedicated to grant coordination, while the other 2 will focus on audit and insurance collections. Adding more personnel will ensure that MVCPA can efficiently manage its growth without overwhelming current employees.