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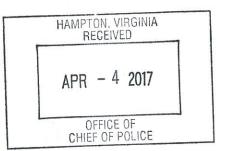
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Chief Terry L. Sult Hampton Division of Police 40 Lincoln Street Hampton, Virginia 23669-3591



Dear Chief Sult:

The Virginia Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) Program is a statewide cooperative effort of the Department of State Police, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and more than 172 local law enforcement agencies participating. The goal of the HEAT Program is to decrease auto thefts adverse impact upon automobile insurance premiums by reducing the number of vehicles stolen each year.

To accomplish this, the HEAT Program supports initiatives to increase auto theft arrests, stolen vehicle recoveries, intelligence gathering, and crime prevention activities. I am pleased to announce a HEAT initiative that I believe will help increase arrests and recoveries.

To enhance Virginia's auto theft enforcement capabilities, the HEAT Program has allocated funds to provide auto theft investigation training grants. The HEAT Program authorized grant funding to send auto theft investigators (up to \$1900.00 for one and up to \$3012.00 for two) to the following International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) training seminar:

Southeast Region I.A.A.T.I. Training Seminar (<u>www.seiaati.org</u>) June 11-15, 2017 Delray Beach, Florida

An agency must have at least one full-time auto theft investigator to be eligible for this funding. Authorized expenditures include seminar tuition/registration, lodging, meals, and/or transportation. Awards for any agency desiring to send two investigators are based upon double occupancy.

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To apply for this HEAT funding, please submit a <u>written request</u> indicating: the officer(s) that will attend the training; a <u>detailed list of projected costs</u>; your agency's Federal Identification Number (FIN), and your agency's contact person (name and telephone number) for this request. Your request should be mailed to First Sergeant Steve Hall, Virginia State Police, P.O. Box 27472, Richmond, Virginia 23261-7472.

Applications for funding for authorized expenditures will be approved on a first come basis. Approved funding will be provided via electronic transfer to your agency or jurisdiction utilizing the FIN provided.

If you desire additional information regarding this funding opportunity or the HEAT Program, please contact First Sergeant Steve Hall by telephone (804) 674-2586 or by Email at <u>Steven.Hall@vsp.virginia.gov</u>.

This ability to provide specialized auto theft investigation training for investigators provides Virginia's law enforcement agencies with an excellent opportunity to turn up the HEAT on auto thieves by renewing our focus on Virginia's costly auto theft problem. I invite you to participate in this cooperative effort.

Your continued support and participation in HEAT initiatives are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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