



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

Fairfax, Virginia

March 18, 2009

TO : First Sergeant Bobbie D. Morris  
FROM : First Sergeant <sup>ADB</sup> Alvin D. Blankenship  
SUBJECT: Division Seven Heat Operations

To serve as an update to the usages we have developed here in Division Seven for the HEAT vehicles, the following special events have required the assignment of a HEAT vehicle:

**Obama Rally – Leesburg, Va. –** The United States Secret Service requested we use a HEAT equipped vehicle at the entrance to a planned rally in Leesburg. The added security offered by having vehicles scanned upon arrival to the event provided the security detail an additional level of security. The vehicle would detect any stolen vehicles attempting to enter the outer perimeter of the event and possibility allow for some record of attendees in the event a serious event occurred during the event. The information available through the HEAT vehicle would provide law enforcement with a starting point in any criminal investigation.

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**Middleburg Race Track Raid –** To conclude a two year narcotics investigation which included the Virginia State Police as the lead agency and the DEA, FBI, ICE, Loudoun Sheriff's Department, and local drug tasks forces, a search warrant was executed at 2:00 a.m. on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Listed in the search warrant were 300 vehicles subject to being searched during the raid. To assist with locating the vehicles listed in the search warrant, the 300 target vehicles license plates were entered into the HEAT vehicle computer. The assigned Trooper then patrolled the vast training track facility and identified the vehicles currently on the property that were listed on the search warrant. Search teams then responded and completed the required search. This served as a very valuable tool in quickly locating the target vehicles of the search warrant. The HEAT vehicle was then placed at the entrance of the facility to scan employees entering as employees reported to work later in the morning for possible hits on the search warrant list of target vehicles. The HEAT vehicle served as a valuable tool in the timely execution of the search warrant.

**Obama Inauguration** – Arlington, Va. – The United States Secret Service requested we use a HEAT equipped vehicle at the entrance the Pentagon during the security screening for the Inauguration event. The added security offered by having vehicles scanned upon arrival to the event provided the security detail an additional level of security. The vehicle would detect any stolen vehicles attempting to enter the outer perimeter of the event and possibly allow for some record of attendees in the event a serious event occurred during the event. The information available through the HEAT vehicle would provide law enforcement with a starting point in any criminal investigation.

**Fairfax County Joint Project** - As you are aware during a two-week period in February, the Virginia State Police teamed up with Fairfax Police Department, to assist with a Stolen Vehicle Operation. The Virginia State Police was asked to provide four H.E.A.T. Scanner Cars (Mobile Tag Hunter 900), on five separate nights. The cars were available and assigned to the project.

The nights assigned to Troopers were February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, then 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The times ran from 1830 hours to 0500 hours each day.

Total number of cars scanned: 69,281 TAGS.  
Car# 04-045 scanned: 30,343  
Car# 02-211 scanned: 14,596  
Car# 04-108 scanned: 12,766  
Car# 04-122 scanned: 11,586

The teams received 12 false hits during this operation.

During the operation four stolen vehicles were recovered, the results are as follows:

- Two of the stolen vehicles were abandon
- One of the stolen vehicles was stopped on the I-95 corridor, with two arrests.
- One of the stolen vehicles was stopped on route 1, with one arrest.

One motor vehicle pursuit was assisted with during the operation.

One heat team initiated One foot pursuit.

One Felony arrest occurred, One DUI arrest occurred and One Revoked driver was arrested.

One Marijuana arrest was made.

Also various UTS were issued during patrol of the areas.

The Virginia State Police and Fairfax County Police Department work as a cohesive unit and accomplished their mission.

**AREA 10** - Troopers are continuing to coordinate HEAT patrols with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department in troubled areas of Loudoun County. This cooperation has resulted in one stolen vehicle recovery. This will be an on-going effort with the Sheriff's Office in Loudoun.

Your assistance with the HEAT vehicles is appreciated.

ADB/adb



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March 25, 2010

TO: Lieutenant Colonel Herman C. Davis  
FROM: Captain Steven W. Lambert  
SUBJECT: License Plate Reader (LPR) Server

*3/29/10  
LTC Nathan  
Personal approval  
for purchase of  
Server using  
AFF funds  
HCD*

As you know our department now has ten (10) LPR-equipped cars functioning daily and that the by-product data of this operation is not being centrally stored at this time. This data is legally obtained and can be legally stored for the purposes of criminal investigations and intelligence.

Therefore, it is requested that we purchase a server large enough to store this data to be housed in the Virginia Fusion Center (VFC). It is requested that we use Asset Forfeiture Funds to purchase the necessary equipment and processes to upload and download the LPR data.

Lastly, it is requested that a determination be made as to how long we will keep the data in that this decision greatly affects the server size. Perhaps a small committee could be formed to determine our projected policy.

Thank you.

SWL/lg

Cc: Major Robert Tavenner

LPR data retention:

I believe the plan as set forth by Captain Lambert complies with Virginia law and Department policy. The process of giving the data to the HITA task force will ensure its proper use and should alleviate the burden on VSP to retain this data.

A review of the attached information and relevant case law raises the following issues:

- 1) The retention of LPR data may result in a negative impact on public / legislators perception of this program.
- 2) A MOU should accompany any data retention agreement. This MOU should address:
  - a. How will the data be safeguarded;
  - b. How and to whom will the data be disseminated;
  - c. Who will have access to the data;
  - d. How long will the data be retained;
  - e. Will there be audits ensuring compliance.

Robert L. Tavenner

11/3/09

RLT

③ Let's proceed AS Major Tavenner records 11/6/09

④ 11-7-09  
MAJOR TAVENNER  
PLEASE MOVE  
AHEAD WITH YOUR  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
RLT

② Col.

I recommend we pursue an MOU w/ HITA as long as they retain the data and we merely have access. Items A thru E should be included in such document.

Ran 11/6/09

① 11-3-09  
LTC Northern  
I RECOMMEND WE  
ENTER IN A MOU WITH  
HITA FOR THEM TO RETAIN  
THE DATA WITH THE SUGGESTED  
ITEM A-E.  
RLT