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FOREWORD

The purpose of this manual is to provide policy and written description of the organizational and operational functions within the Department's Vehicle Ownership Security Program (Program 30). Additionally, the manual provides the organizational structure for the primary subprogram established to impact the vehicle theft problem in California (Vehicle Theft Control - Element 30.10) and for the related subprogram aimed at ensuring proper assignment or reassignment of identification numbers to vehicles and their major component parts (Vehicle Identification Number System - Element 30.20).

The objective of this manual is to provide procedures which will protect the public against economic loss from theft and arson of vehicles and their component parts. The manual is designed to provide the guidance and direction necessary to accomplish departmental goals of reducing the per capita incidence of vehicle theft and increasing the recovery rate of vehicles stolen statewide.

The Department's authority to legally investigate vehicle theft is contained in Division 2, Chapter 4, Section 2805 and Division 4, Chapter 1 and 1.5, Section 10500-10554 of the California Vehicle Code. As outlined by the Governor's Executive Order D-52-86, the Commissioner is designated as the Statewide Vehicle Theft and Apprehension Coordinator. This Executive Order directed all state agencies, and requested all other public entities, to assist the Department in discharging the responsibility of coordinating vehicle theft suppression activities statewide.

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