Raising the levels of excellence and expectations from within, the ATPA Committee has worked hard over this last quarter and has seen unprecedented efforts to achieve just this accomplishment.

Too long in my opinion have we seen the misperception of value every ATPA brings to their community! The simple truth is what TOPGUN Aviation Training achieved during the Vietnam conflict by equipping those on the front lines with combat excellence, is just what an ATPA brings in investigation training and specialized program funding. It is only with the ATPA's supported vehicle antitheft/anticrime strategies and their specialized focus that any fight can be effectively navigated against the intense free information and inexpensive equipment our "would be thieves" have access to right at their finger tips. Something needed to be done to demonstrate the critical importance an ATPA brings to their community and our step one to do this was to establish a set of ATPA Best Practices.

With the representation and cooperation from all the ATPA's across North America, the ATPA Committee has forged an ATPA Best Practice "standard" to provide administrative, operational and financial benchmarks for current and newly formed ATPA's. These Best Practices were developed to establish a general understanding of ATPA business principles and intended to dynamically encourage applicable and practical professional standards of conduct among the various ATPA organizations.

One point to note; the creation of these Best Practices recognized that each individual ATPA varies from one another. The identity and topography of each ATPA's environment due to their individual complexities in history, organizational structure, statutory regulations, social, political, and economic influences has created diverse operations. Our process reflected this reality and we have incorporated each ATPA's information on a general level only with none specifically. It is therefore important to realize that these Best Practices are not intended to be used as a universal policies or unilateral procedures regarding the administration or operation of a specific ATPA.

ATPA Best Practices

1. "Established auto theft prevention authorities have demonstrated a standing history of efficiency in the administration of program results."
2. "Established auto theft prevention authorities use statistical and informational data to demonstrate the efficiency of the program."
3. "Established auto theft prevention authorities use funding sources to support the projects, programs and/or grants for auto theft reduction."
4. "Established auto theft prevention authorities use budgetary processes for administered funds."
5. "Established auto theft prevention authorities provide reporting on the use revenue, expenditure and balance reports regarding the ATPA administration and projects."
6. "Established ATPAs perform quality assurance of project and financial reviews for grant programs."
7. "ATPAs believe the ATPA revenue and/or programs are secure when there are internal evaluation and risk assessments performed for the ATPA projects and programs."
8. "Auto theft prevention authorities provide assistance and funding to a variety of projects and programs to reduce the incidence of auto theft and/or related vehicle crimes."

9. "Auto theft prevention authorities should provide positive working relationships with funded projects and programs to reduce the incidence of auto theft and/or related vehicle crimes."
10. "Established auto theft prevention authorities provide a grant program to reduce the incidence of auto theft and/or related vehicle crimes."
11. "Established auto theft prevention authorities provide grant programs to law enforcement with expectations of reporting requirements."
12. "Established auto theft prevention authorities provide grant programs to prosecution projects with expectations of reporting requirements."
13. "Established auto theft prevention authorities provide grant programs to public education and prevention projects with expectations of reporting requirements."
14. "Established auto theft prevention authorities provide grant programs to training programs projects with expectations of reporting requirements."

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