

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JULY 16, 2008**

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**DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**  
**DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN**

**SUBJECT:**

RECOGNITION OF THE LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENTS BAIT CAR PROGRAM

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Submitted after meeting - Copy of Proclamation for VIPER Day

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON recognized the formation of the Las Vegas Metropolitan (Metro) Police Departments Bait Car Program. He noted that in 2005, there were over 20,000 vehicles reported stolen. In 2006, Las Vegas was rated No. 1 in the nation for auto thefts.

A videotape of a recent vehicle theft was played for the viewing audience. It showed a truck, used as a bait car, being stolen. Subsequently the vehicle was disengaged enabling the police officers to take the suspects into custody.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON called upon CAPTAIN STAYTON ANTHONY. He acknowledged that the Vehicle Insurance Protect for Enforcement and Recovery (VIPER) Team was formed to reduce the number of citizens victimized by this crime, reduce the number of vehicles stolen and increase the number of cars recovered. In partnership with the City of Henderson, North Las Vegas, Nevada Highway Patrol and the City of Las Vegas, the VIPER Team has significantly decreased the number of auto thefts. The Team also goes after people who use mechanic shops to make fraudulent insurance claims, target the chop shop operations and individuals who burn their vehicles for insurance purposes.

CAPTAIN ANTHONY proudly introduced VIPER Leadership Team Members LIEUTENANT BOB DUVAL, SERGEANT RICK GIVEN, SERGEANT E.P. BROWN, SERGEANT WALT DENNISON and DEPUTY CHIEF JIM OWENS. CAPTAIN ANTHONY acknowledged several men and women who were present and asked them to stand and be recognized.