



LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK Plate Confiscation Flash

This correspondence is being distributed to authorized Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) user agencies regarding the addition of a new vehicle registration flash message from the Michigan Secretary of State (SOS).

The SOS, Insurance Fraud Prevention (IFP) Unit, has been working with vehicle owners and insurance carriers in the state to ensure compliance with Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 257.258. When IFP Unit staff determines the insurance on a vehicle was not valid at the time of registration or renewal of a vehicle registration, a notification letter is sent to the vehicle owner(s) specifying the statutory requirement to maintain insurance. If the vehicle owner does not respond within 20 days of the notification letter, or if his or her insurance carrier still cannot verify the vehicle was insured at the time of registration or renewal, the following SOS flash message is placed on the vehicle record:

ABC123

PC-CANCELLED

NOT A VALID PLATE

ENFORCEMENT: CONFISCATE PLATE - FRAUDULENT APPLICATION OR INSURANCE

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Agencies are not to run the LEIN Enter Paper Plate transaction following plate confiscation as a result of the above flash. The SOS does not require notification of the confiscation/destruction of the plate. Agencies should refer to their local policies and procedures to determine appropriate enforcement action.

Owners subject to license plate confiscation due to the above flash may contact the IFP Unit at 517-485-1370 with insurance validation questions.

Agencies with questions regarding the above information should contact the IFP Unit supervisor at 517-485-1370 or ifp@michigan.gov.