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*Collector of Revenue Gregory F.X. Daly and Police Chief
Joseph Mokwa Offer Cost-Effective Auto-Theft Tools*

What: Gregory F.X. Daly, Collector of Revenue for the City of St. Louis has joined forces with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and Chief Joseph Mokwa to offer both the Anti-Auto Theft Steering Club and license plate covers to citizens of St. Louis at cost. The Club retails for about \$40.00 and will be offered at the State Fee Office located in City Hall for \$11.00, and license plate covers will be available for \$5.00 per pair.

A ceremony will be held to announce the details of the program and recognize Progressive Insurance Company, a partner in this initiative, for their continued participation in anti-auto theft efforts.

When: Monday, March 24, 10:00am

Where: City Hall, The Department of Revenue (DOR) Fee Office Room 111

Why: "Chief Mokwa and his dedicated team of officers have done a remarkable job of reducing auto thefts throughout the city," says Daly. "We are proud to join efforts with police and Progressive to provide effective auto-theft reduction tools to citizens at a cost lower than they can get them anywhere else. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this community service."

According to police, the number of automobiles stolen was down 53 percent in 2007 from 2002's high and down 27 percent over 2006. In addition to police initiatives, there are actions that the public can take to protect themselves from becoming a victim. Citizens can minimize their risk by utilizing preventative tools such as the Club and license plate covers, parking in well lit areas, keeping valuables out of sight and in the trunk, keep windows shut and doors locked when the car is parked and never leave a running car unattended.

The DOR issues vehicle license plates, renewal stickers, photo IDs and driver license renewals. The Collector of Revenue has oversight over this office for the State of Missouri Department of Revenue.