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Louisiana Local Governments Are Implementing A National Program to Help Reduce Uninsured Vehicles On Our Roads

Louisiana Parishes are implementing ANNIE, (Automated National, Non-Invasive, Insurance Enforcement), a program under Law Enforcement control, administered in Louisiana by the Louisiana Public Safety Company.

ANNIE is the national program for automatic identification of uninsured vehicles. It handles all elements of the process including full support for adjudication and reporting without cost to any government. ANNIE is entirely non-invasive and respectful. It is unique and can reliably identify not only in-state but also, out-of-state uninsured vehicles. Incapable of identifying any driver, privacy violation is impossible. Once an uninsured vehicle is identified, the offense is first verified by a sworn officer, then with all vehicle insurers. Even so, innocence, not guilt is assumed. ALPR cameras of any brand can be linked or others provided by Louisiana Public Safety Company, (LPSC), without charge.

Once notified, the vehicle owner can show proof that both government and insurer records are wrong or instead and if guilty, promise to not drive uninsured in future, attend an online diversion program and answer a few questions to confirm attendance. That program lasts about 60 minutes, involves a small fee, provides a certificate of completion and clears the offense with the courts and OMV.

ANNIE is completely violator funded; there is no cost to any agency. Once in place, the program generates substantial and previously untapped revenues to fund needed court and law enforcement requirements.

Currently, only a traffic stop or accident provides an opportunity to check insurance status. During the year, less than 5% of all private vehicles are ever stopped. On average, at least 1 million Louisiana and out-of-state uninsured vehicles are in use on our roads annually.

A survey conducted by the National Insurance Crime Bureau and the New York State Police found that a person driving without insurance is 68% more likely to be involved in an accident than an insured driver. Uninsured drivers are also more likely involved in a wide range of other criminal activities. Every year there are thousands of incidents where an uninsured driver is found without a license and/or current registration, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or found to be wanted for other, more serious offenses.

The focus of ANNIE is respect. It solves the problem and reduces the burden on the law-abiding. It is not about incarceration and penalties. It provides complete citation infrastructure and support along with an interactive court diversion program and an easy, inexpensive path to success for violators through compliance, and behavioral change. The system is incapable of privacy violations or profiling because it identifies only the vehicle, never the driver. Even sworn law enforcement officers determining probable cause for citation purposes, have no access to personal information.



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About Louisiana Public Safety Company

The Louisiana Public Safety Company is a Louisiana company established to bring Law Enforcement agencies technology, services and programs that increase their reach and help them operate more efficiently without funding requirements. It greatly improves community safety and well-being and helps change dangerous behavior, benefiting not only law enforcement and the courts but, all of Society.

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