



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION February 10, 2012

Albuquerque, New Mexico
Arlington, Texas
Atlanta, Georgia
Austin, Texas
Baltimore City, Maryland
Baltimore Co., Maryland
Boston, Massachusetts
Buffalo, New York
Calgary, Alberta
Charlotte-Mecklenburg, North Carolina
Chicago, Illinois
Cincinnati, Ohio
Cleveland, Ohio
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Dallas, Texas
Denver, Colorado
Detroit, Michigan
Edmonton, Alberta
El Paso, Texas
Fairfax County, Virginia
Fort Worth, Texas
Fresno, California
Honolulu, Hawaii
Houston, Texas
Indianapolis, Indiana
Jacksonville, Florida
Kansas City, Missouri
Las Vegas Metro, Nevada
Long Beach, California
Los Angeles, California
Los Angeles Co., California
Louisville, Kentucky
Memphis, Tennessee
Mesa, Arizona
Miami-Dade, Florida
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Montgomery Co., Maryland
Montreal, Quebec
Nashville, Tennessee
Nassau Co., New York
New Orleans, Louisiana
New York City, New York
Newark, New Jersey
Oakland, California
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Ottawa, Ontario
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Phoenix, Arizona
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Portland, Oregon
Prince George's Co., Maryland
Raleigh, North Carolina
Sacramento, California
Salt Lake City, Utah
San Antonio, Texas
San Diego, California
San Francisco, California
San Jose, California
Seattle, Washington
St. Louis, Missouri
Suffolk Co., New York
Toronto, Ontario
Tucson, Arizona
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Vancouver, British Columbia
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Washington, DC
Winnipeg, Manitoba

WHEREAS, the members of the Major City Chiefs Association are committed to identifying ways to deter crime and protect the public;

WHEREAS, nationwide there has been a sharp increase in the number of thefts and robberies of mobile communication devices, including cell phones, smart phones, and computer tablets, often through violent attacks

WHEREAS, the technology exists, where communication companies with the consent of the owner, can remotely activate tracking devices on stolen electronic devices, to assist in the criminal investigation and recovery of these stolen devices

WHEREAS, the technology exists, and has been implemented in the United Kingdom to disable handsets remotely, which reduces the potential profit through black market sales of these devices.

WHEREAS, the utilization of a tracking database and deactivation network would greatly assist police departments within the United States in reducing thefts of small electronic and mobile communication devices. Furthermore, if the database is made widely available, it would likely reduce the number of stolen electronics resold in pawnshops and on websites aimed at selling used products, thereby deterring the commission of these crimes.

Now, therefore, the members of the Major Cities Chiefs Association do resolve as follows:

1. To call upon the Federal Communications Commission to require communication companies to implement technology to activate tracking devices and disable stolen mobile communication devices to deter the commission of these thefts.
2. To support objective and impartial research to determine the impact of the theft of mobile communication devices and the resulting market for stolen devices.
3. To work through its various member agencies to educate the general public on protective steps to follow to prevent them being



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

a victim while operating mobile communication devices and to provide the public with information about technology resources that will deter criminals from profiting from the theft of small electronics and mobile communication devices.

The Major Cities Chiefs Association strongly endorses the above-listed strategies and pledge to support them whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Commissioner Charles H. Ramsey
President Major Cities Chiefs Association

Albuquerque, New Mexico
Arlington, Texas
Atlanta, Georgia
Austin, Texas
Baltimore City, Maryland
Baltimore Co., Maryland
Boston, Massachusetts
Buffalo, New York
Calgary, Alberta
Charlotte-Mecklenburg, North Carolina
Chicago, Illinois
Cincinnati, Ohio
Cleveland, Ohio
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Dallas, Texas
Denver, Colorado
Detroit, Michigan
Edmonton, Alberta
El Paso, Texas
Fairfax County, Virginia
Fort Worth, Texas
Fresno, California
Honolulu, Hawaii
Houston, Texas
Indianapolis, Indiana
Jacksonville, Florida
Kansas City, Missouri
Las Vegas Metro, Nevada
Long Beach, California
Los Angeles, California
Los Angeles Co., California
Louisville, Kentucky
Memphis, Tennessee
Mesa, Arizona
Miami-Dade, Florida
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Montgomery Co., Maryland
Montreal, Quebec
Nashville, Tennessee
Nassau Co., New York
New Orleans, Louisiana
New York City, New York
Newark, New Jersey
Oakland, California
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Ottawa, Ontario
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Phoenix, Arizona
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Portland, Oregon
Prince George's Co., Maryland
Raleigh, North Carolina
Sacramento, California
Salt Lake City, Utah
San Antonio, Texas
San Diego, California
San Francisco, California
San Jose, California
Seattle, Washington
St. Louis, Missouri
Suffolk Co., New York
Toronto, Ontario
Tucson, Arizona
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Vancouver, British Columbia
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Washington, DC
Winnipeg, Manitoba