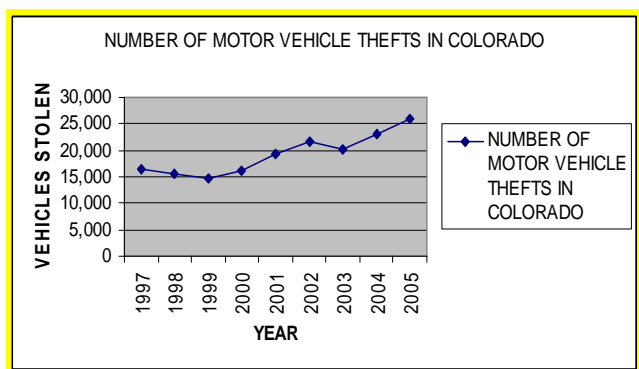




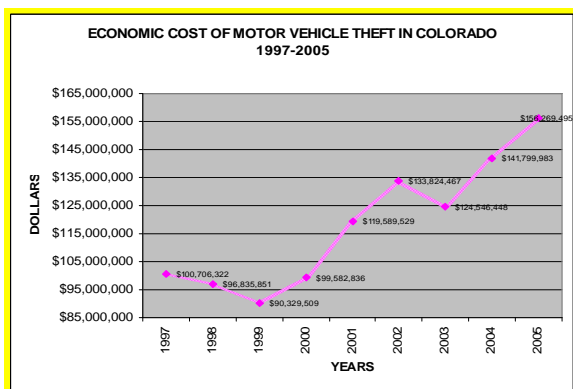
## Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority

Colorado ranks above national auto theft rates and among the top ten states in the country for auto theft, according to 2005 crime data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The crime of auto theft became a significant component in the state's overall serious crime rate increase in 2005, compared to the prior year, while the nation as a whole experienced a decrease in serious crime.



### Colorado's Auto Theft Problem

Colorado's auto theft rate – the number of thefts per 100,000 Coloradans -- in 2005 was 559.5, compared to the national rate of 416.7. During 2005, a total of 26,101 motor vehicles were stolen in Colorado. The number of auto thefts in Colorado increased by 10.2 percent while the national statistics show no change. The estimated value of the vehicles reported stolen in Colorado in 2005 was a total of \$156,269,495.



The top 10 law enforcement agencies who reported the crime of motor vehicle thefts in Colorado are:

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY		2004	2005
<b>RANK</b>			
1	Denver Police Department	7,539	8,024
2	Aurora Police Department	2,505	2,740
3	Colo. Springs Police Dept.	2,036	1,779
4	Lakewood Police Dept.	1,176	1,419
5	Adams County Sheriff's Office	993	1,011
6	Westminster Police Dept.	822	955
7	Thornton Police Department	682	751
8	Arvada Police Department	516	581
9	Pueblo Police Department	436	478
10	Greeley Police Department	408	448

### Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority

The Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority's (CATPA) statutory intent is to reduce motor vehicle theft in Colorado by awarding grants. The grant resources come from a trust fund established by the legislature. The resources of the trust fund are the voluntary contributions from motor vehicle insurers. State Farm Insurance Companies (\$693,344), Progressive Insurance Company (\$100,000), and Country Companies (\$1,000) have contributed a total amount of \$794,344 to the trust fund. No tax dollars are involved in the grants program. The Colorado State Patrol (CSP) of the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) has been responsible for the management of the program and will be reporting the results of the authority's theft prevention programs to the Colorado General Assembly.

**Results\***  
**From**  
**Task Forces Activities Funded by CATPA**  
**For**  
**Calendar Years 2005 and 2006**

Total Amount Awarded: **\$640,131**  
 Number of Recoveries: **563**  
 Estimate Value of the Recovered Vehicles:  
**\$6,043,559**



## Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority

2005 CRIME IN THE US - MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS			
RANKING BY THE RATE PER 100,000 RESIDENTS			
STATE	POPULATION	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS	
		TOTAL NUMBER	RATE PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA <sup>1</sup>	550,521	7,720	1,402.3
NEVADA	2,414,807	26,931	1,115.2
ARIZONA	5,939,292	54,905	924.4
WASHINGTON	6,287,759	49,287	783.9
HAWAII	1,275,194	9,135	716.4
CALIFORNIA	36,132,147	257,543	712.8
MARYLAND	5,600,388	34,070	608.4
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>4,665,177</b>	<b>26,101</b>	<b>559.5</b>
OREGON	3,641,056	19,262	529.0
GEORGIA	9,072,576	44,477	490.2
MICHIGAN	10,120,860	48,223	476.5
MISSOURI	5,800,310	25,699	443.1
FLORIDA	17,789,864	75,303	423.3
TENNESSEE	5,962,959	25,078	420.6
NEW MEXICO	1,928,384	7,993	414.5
TEXAS	22,859,968	93,423	408.7
RHODE ISLAND	1,076,189	4,398	408.7
OKLAHOMA	3,547,884	13,900	391.8
ALASKA	663,661	2,595	391.0
SOUTH CAROLINA	4,255,083	16,358	384.4
OHIO	11,464,042	41,379	360.9
INDIANA	6,271,973	21,744	346.7
UTAH	2,469,585	8,493	343.9
KANSAS	2,744,687	9,322	339.6
NORTH CAROLINA	8,683,242	28,466	327.8
LOUISIANA	4,523,628	14,389	318.1
NEW JERSEY	8,717,925	27,683	317.5
NEBRASKA	1,758,787	5,567	316.5
ILLINOIS <sup>2</sup>	12,763,371	39,385	308.6
CONNECTICUT	3,510,297	10,418	296.8
MASSACHUSETTS	6,398,743	18,880	295.1
ALABAMA	4,557,808	13,140	288.3
DELAWARE	843,524	2,349	278.5
MINNESOTA	5,132,799	14,281	278.2
ARKANSAS	2,779,154	7,284	262.1
MISSISSIPPI	2,921,088	7,492	256.5
PUERTO RICO	3,912,054	9,299	237.7
PENNSYLVANIA	12,429,616	29,394	236.5
WISCONSIN	5,536,201	12,546	226.6
VIRGINIA	7,567,465	15,972	211.1
KENTUCKY	4,173,405	8,796	210.8
MONTANA	935,670	1,971	210.7
WEST VIRGINIA	1,816,856	3,816	210.0
IDAHO	1,429,096	2,884	201.8
NEW YORK	19,254,630	35,736	185.6
IOWA	2,966,334	5,475	184.6
NORTH DAKOTA	636,677	1,057	166.0
WYOMING	509,294	739	145.1
SOUTH DAKOTA	775,933	841	108.4
VERMONT	623,050	641	102.9
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,309,940	1,337	102.1
MAINE	1,321,505	1,348	102.0
<b>TOTAL FOR THE US</b>	<b>296,410,404</b>	<b>1,235,223</b>	<b>416.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes offenses reported by the Zoological Police

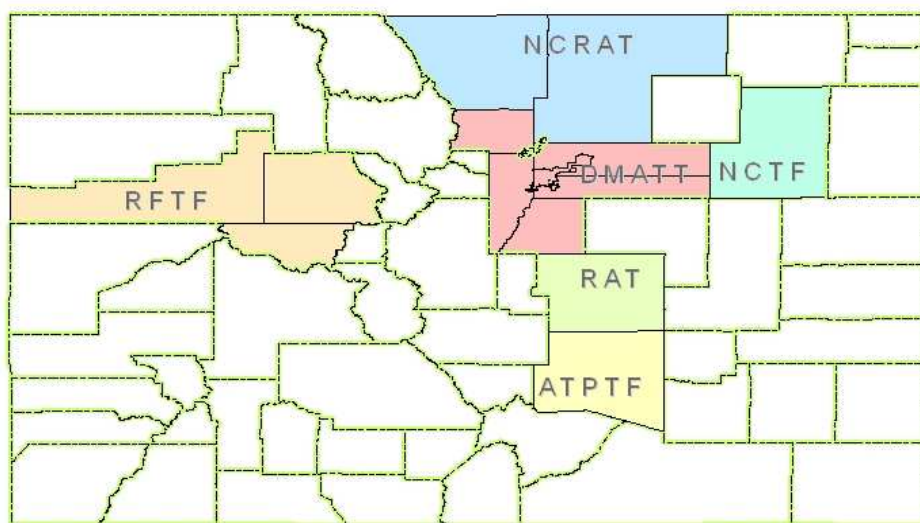
<sup>2</sup> Limited data for 2005



# Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority

<b>DMATT Denver Metropolitan Automobile Theft Team</b>
LEA's Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Arvada Police Department Aurora Police Department Denver Police Department Douglas County Sheriff's Office Englewood Police Department Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Northglenn Police Department Sheridan Police Department Westminster Police Department Colorado State Patrol Colorado Attorney General's Office Colorado State Parks
<b>NCRAT Northern Colorado Reduce Automobile Theft</b>
LEA's Ft. Collins Police Department Ft. Lupton Police Department Greeley Police Department Larimer County Sheriff's Office Longmont Police Department Lochbuie Police Department Loveland Police Department Weld County Sheriff's Office Colorado State Patrol Colorado Department of Revenue
<b>RAT Metropolitan Reduce Automobile Theft</b>
LEA's Colorado Springs Police Department El Paso County Sheriff's Office Colorado State Patrol
<b>RFTF Roaring Fork Task Force</b>
LEA's Aspen Police Department Basalt Police Department Carbondale Police Department Eagle County Sheriff's Office Garfield County Sheriff's Office Glenwood Springs Police Department Pitkin County Sheriff's Office Snowmass Village Police Department
<b>ATPTF Automobile Theft Prevention Task Force</b>
LEA's Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Pueblo Police Department Colorado State Patrol
<b>NCTF Northeast Colorado Task Force</b>
LEA's Akron Police Department Washington County Sheriff's Office

## Motor Vehicle Theft Task Forces and Educational Programs Funded by the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority



### Education Programs

Lock it and Pocket	El Paso County	Colorado Springs Police Department
Smart Park	Eagle/Garfield/Pitkin Counties	Basalt Police Department
Watch Your Car	City and County of Denver	Denver Police Department's COP SHOP
Bait car posters	Arapahoe County	Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Multi-Housing Project	City of Wheatridge/ Jefferson County	Wheatridge Police Department

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## Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority

### Highlights from the Task Force Activity

#### *The Denver Metro Auto Theft Team (DMATT)*

This team is comprised of 14 law enforcement agencies from the Denver Metropolitan Area including the Colorado Attorney General's Office, Department of Revenue, and State Parks. This task force has recovered a total of 297 stolen vehicles, investigated 19 chop shops, inspected 56 businesses, and arrested a total of 159 persons on automobile theft-related charges.

The DMATT and the Commerce City Police Department received regional recognition for their outstanding achievement the area of automobile theft. In 2006, they were awarded the "Gary Gray Memorial" Award from the Western States Auto Theft Investigators (WSATI). The Gary Gray Memorial Award was instituted in 2003 in memory of Gary Gray an automobile theft investigator with the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB). In his honor, this award recognizes an organization or individual who has made a significant contribution in reducing the crime of automobile theft.



#### *The Regional Auto Theft Team of Northern Colorado (NCRAT)*

This is a collaborative effort among 10 law enforcement agencies in Northern Colorado. To date this task force has recovered a total of 130 stolen vehicles and arrested 47 persons on auto-theft related charges. Additionally the team members have provided automobile theft training to 151 officers.

#### *Metropolitan Reduce Automobile Theft (RAT)*

This partnership is comprised of the Colorado Spring Police Department, the El Paso County Sheriffs Office, and the Colorado State Patrol who are working together to reduce automobile theft in the Colorado Springs area. The success of this multi-jurisdictional group has led to a 15.56 percent reduction in automobile theft in El Paso County and the Colorado Springs area between 2004 and 2005.



#### *Roaring Fork Valley Task Force*

Located on Colorado's Western Slope, this task force is comprised of the eight law enforcement agencies in the Glenwood Springs/Aspen area. To date this task force has recovered a total of 54 stolen vehicles.

#### *Project "Gotcha"*

Washington County Sheriff's Office received funding to purchase a Global Positioning System (GPS) device to combat the theft of farm machinery and construction equipment in Colorado's northeast corner.



## Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority

The current members of the CATPA Board of Directors appointed by the Governor are:

Stephen D. Bellinger (Chair) – designee of the Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Safety

David F. Dechant – designee of the Executive Director, Colorado Department of Revenue

Eva E. Wilson - Representative from the Colorado District Attorneys Council

Ricky G. Bennett – Law Enforcement Representative

J. Grayson Robinson – Law Enforcement Representative

Janet B. Cammack – Insurance Company Representative

Tonia K. Rumer - Insurance Company Representative

Linda W. Tacinas - Insurance Company Representative

Gerald E. Cole – (Vice-Chair) - Public Representative

### **BUDGET INFORMATION**

#### **Donations, Expenditures, and Grant Awards**

A total amount of \$794,344 has been received as contributions to the trust fund since January 2004. Gifts, grants, and donations have been provided by the following insurance companies.

<b>Donation Received From</b>	<b>Date of the Donation</b>	<b>Total Amount of the Donation</b>
State Farm Insurance Companies	January 2004	\$693,344
Progressive Insurance	January through December 2004	\$30,000
	January through December 2005	\$35,000
	January through December 2006	\$35,000
Country Companies	January 2005	\$500
	January 2006	\$500
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED</b>		<b>\$794,344</b>

The total amount spent on the program administration, operating costs, and board expenses is \$60,390. The breakdown is as follows. Total amount spent on administrative contract services was \$55,289 and \$5,100 has been spent on operating and board expenses.



## Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority

The CATPA Board of Directors awarded a total of \$640,131 in grants. All of the grant awards were ratified by the Chief of the Colorado State Patrol and Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety. A chart showing the list of the grant recipients and their award amount is below.

*A Listing of the CATPA Grant Awards Approved by the Board of Directors  
For Calendar Years 2005 and 2006*

Contracting Agency	Name of the Project	Year of the Award	Purpose Area	Amount of the Award
Colorado State Patrol	Denver Metro Auto Theft Team (DMATT)	2005	Task Force	\$300,000
Colorado State Patrol	Northern Colorado Auto Theft (NCRAT)	2005	Task Force	\$138,400
Colorado State Patrol	Investigative Fund	2006	Task Force	\$18,000
Colorado Spring Police Department	Metro Reduce Auto Theft (RAT)	2005	Task Force	\$71,502
Basalt Police Department	Park Smart	2006	Task Force	\$39,344
Pueblo Police Department	Pueblo Automobile Theft Prevention	2006	Task Force	\$21,200
Washington County Sheriffs Office	Project Gotcha	2006	Task Force	\$4,100
Wheatridge Police Department	Multi-Family Housing Project	2006	Educational	\$6,000
Arapahoe County Sheriffs Office	Bait Car Advertisement	2006	Educational	\$5,000
Denver Police Department's COPSHOP	Watch Your Car	2006	Educational	\$1,800
Colorado Auto Theft Investigators (CATI)	Training and Community Education	2005	Educational	\$10,000
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Colorado State Patrol	Watch Your Car	2005	Educational	\$6,795
Colorado State Patrol	Watch Your Car	2005	Educational	\$7,990
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$640,131</b>



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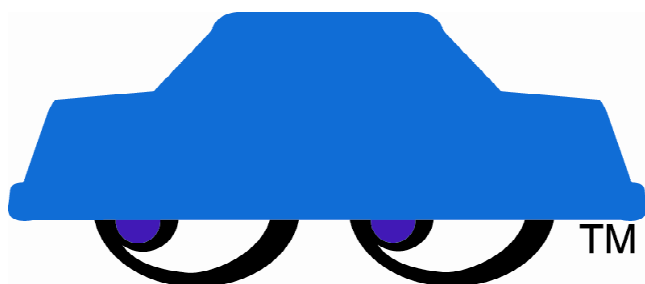
### Highlights from the Public Awareness Activities

#### Watch Your Car Program

The State of Colorado participates in the Watch Your Car Program which is a motor vehicle theft prevention program. The Watch Your Car Program is a cooperative initiative among states and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). Statistics show that significant number of auto thefts occur during the early morning hours when the vehicle's owner is asleep and is unaware that their vehicle was stolen.

The Program provides decals to motor vehicle owners to display on their vehicles. These decals are an indication to the police officer that this vehicle is not normally driven between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. Therefore, they have probable cause to stop the vehicle. Owners register the vehicles in this Program. The Colorado State Patrol maintains a database of all of the vehicles enrolled in Watch Your Car Program.

In order to create public awareness about availability of the Watch Your Car Program in Colorado, the Colorado State Patrol and the Denver Police Department's COPS SHOP held events to increase participation in the program. Media events were held and vehicle anti-theft devices "The Club®" were purchased. These steering wheel devices were given to individuals who registered their vehicle in the Watch Your Car Program at these events.



#### Training and Community Education

A number of advanced training courses in the area of automobile theft were provided to all members of the Colorado Auto Theft Investigators (CATI). CATI is an organization whose members are from 30 law enforcement agencies, the insurance industry, and the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB). This is tri-state organization (Colorado Wyoming, and Nebraska) and its purpose is to educate its members about the latest developments in the field of automobile theft and associated crimes.



#### *Multi-Family Housing Project*

The Wheatridge Police Department partnered with five apartment complexes within the city to combat the crime of automobile theft. The apartment complexes issued stickers to their residents. A significant number of stolen vehicles were being recovered in these complexes. It allowed apartment management to easily identify those unauthorized vehicles.

#### *Bait Car Advertising Campaign*

This project was a public awareness campaign about law enforcement's use of bait vehicles in combating the crime of automobile theft. This campaign was conducted by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office who used both prints and radio media to educate the public about auto theft prevention and the use of a bait vehicle.