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# CATPA



**COLORADO AUTOMOBILE THEFT  
PREVENTION AUTHORITY**



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## Mission

To deter and reduce vehicle theft and insurance fraud through a statewide cooperative effort of generating funds to support law enforcement, prosecution, and public awareness through a partnership between industry and the state government.

## Vision

Through partnerships, education, intelligence-led policing and technology, CATPA will become a national leader in the determent and reduction of auto theft and insurance fraud.

## Operating Philosophy

The CATPA staff and the Board of Directors are committed to reducing auto theft by coordinating and developing goals with our stakeholders and partners. Communication, coordination and interdisciplinary expertise are the foundation of CATPA.

# Highlights

- ▶ 68 PARTNERS THAT SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTION, PREVENTION, AND PUBLIC AWARENESS ACROSS COLORADO
- ▶ AUTO THEFT REDUCED BY 56% SINCE THE PEAK IN 2005, A SAVINGS OF \$88 MILLION TO COLORADO CITIZENS
- ▶ 338 AUTO THEFT ARRESTS IN 2011

# Executive Summary

During 2011, the Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority awarded grants totaling \$4,369,779 in support of 14 auto theft prevention, enforcement, prosecution, and training projects and for program administration. Of the total number of funded multi-jurisdictional projects, 10 are task forces and teams in which local agencies have joined forces to combat auto theft. The four other projects provide related services statewide to all Colorado law enforcement agencies, including those involved in task forces and teams. The services supported through CATPA cover additional prosecution, analytical investigation, prevention campaigns and training needs for increasingly complex cases. Costs for administering the grant program and related operating expenses represent only 8 percent of the budget. Of the total revenue involved in the CATPA program, 92 percent is awarded directly to agencies for efforts in preventing auto theft.

Multi-jurisdictional task forces described in this report sometimes are identified as “teams.” The terminology used in this report is based on what local task forces have chosen to call themselves; in other words, “teams” and “task forces” describe the same kind of multi-jurisdictional strategy.

Through the end of year 2011, preliminary statistics reflect a continued reduction in auto theft in Colorado. Colorado’s progress toward preventing auto theft exceeds the national trend of reduced auto theft. Colorado’s exceptional record of combating auto theft can be attributed largely to the work of these projects.

These statistics are supported through the 10 Task Forces and Team projects, but are enhanced with specialized projects. The Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center (ATICC), Coloradans Against Auto Theft (CAAT), the Attorney General’s Prosecution Initiative and the Colorado Auto Theft Training Initiative provide a statewide resource. The year was noteworthy for the progress made by all existing task forces and teams in becoming fully operational and having documentable effects on Colorado auto thefts.

CATPA grants for project funding are made possible through a \$1 per insured vehicle annual insurance assessment. The CATPA Board of Directors oversees the entire program and selects grant recipients. All grant funds distributed under CATPA are awarded on a competitive basis and have been made based on documented local needs, with consideration to all geographic regions of the state.





In 2011, the CATPA Board of Directors recognized Jefferson County Sheriff's Detective Art Peterson, assigned to the Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force, with an award for his valor and dedication. The award is named for Detective Peterson and will be presented to future honorees. Also recognized this year with the CATPA Team Achievement Award was the Western Colorado Auto Theft Team.



“Detective Art Peterson Achievement Award” presented to Art Peterson by CATPA Director Lori Collins Malcolm.



“CATPA Team Achievement Award” presented to Detective Jeremiah Boies, Sergeant Stan Ancell, Grand Junction PD; and Trooper Tyler Tobias, Colorado State Patrol; by CATPA Director Lori Collins Malcolm.

# Timeline

**2011** The Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center was founded to provide criminal analysis to strengthen law enforcement operations.

**2010** Lockdownyourcar.org and the Coloradans Against Auto Theft “Thief” were released for the statewide prevention campaign.

**2009** Twelve multi-jurisdictional Task Force and Team projects were funded to fight auto theft crime.

**2008** The Colorado Legislature amended the CATPA statute to include \$1 per insured vehicle annual insurance assessment collecting \$4 million annually in grant funds.

**2007** Grants resulted in 368 felony arrests with \$11,313,933 value in recovered vehicles.

**2006** Grants from donated funds took effect and a 20% decrease was recorded in automobile thefts.

**2005** Automobile theft offenses climbed to an all-time high.

**2004** Vehicle theft increased another 12% in Colorado.

**2003** Colorado ranked ninth as the most likely state to have a vehicle stolen. CATPA statute was enacted to award grants from insurance donations to fight auto theft.

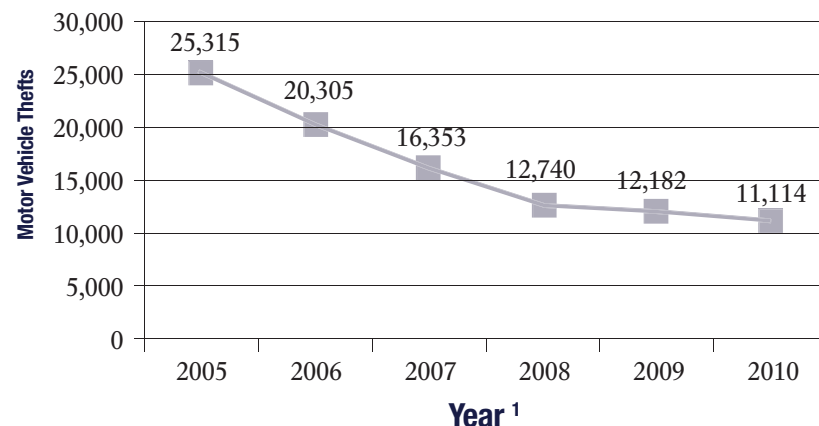
# Program Overview

CATPA was created in 2003 through the efforts of leading Colorado insurers. At that time, the program was supported through voluntary contributions by participating insurance companies. Resources available for local task forces and teams were significantly smaller during the early years than now, and Colorado's auto theft statistics continued to climb. Auto thefts reached a peak in 2005.

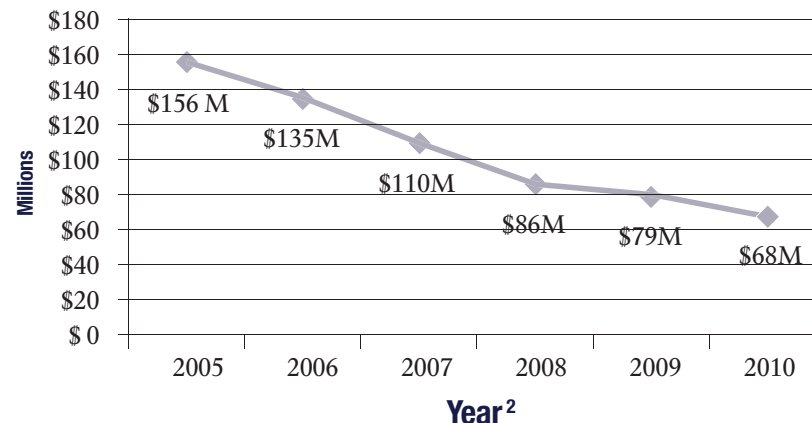
In 2008, the Colorado General Assembly amended the CATPA statute. The most significant change made that year was that all insurance companies providing motor vehicle coverage within Colorado were required to contribute a \$1 per insured vehicle assessment into a state-administered fund. Even with minimal funding, the earliest task force and team grants began producing meaningful reductions in auto theft within their respective jurisdictions. As resources grew, task forces and teams devoted expanded efforts toward combating auto theft. The number of task forces and teams more than doubled under the mandatory-assessment program compared to the number made possible through voluntary contributions by insurance companies. By 2010, the fund's \$4 million annual balance supplied significantly greater resources, enhanced new enforcement, prevention and prosecution activities compared to the voluntary-contribution program that was created in 2003.

Initial 2009 grants supported ten auto theft task forces and teams. The operational concept behind the task forces and teams is the same: CATPA grants helped knit together law enforcement agencies who could work across jurisdictional boundaries to prevent, investigate and prosecute criminals responsible for Colorado's disproportionate auto theft experience. Also in 2010, three statewide initiatives were

## Colorado's Motor Vehicle Theft



## Cost of Motor Vehicle Theft



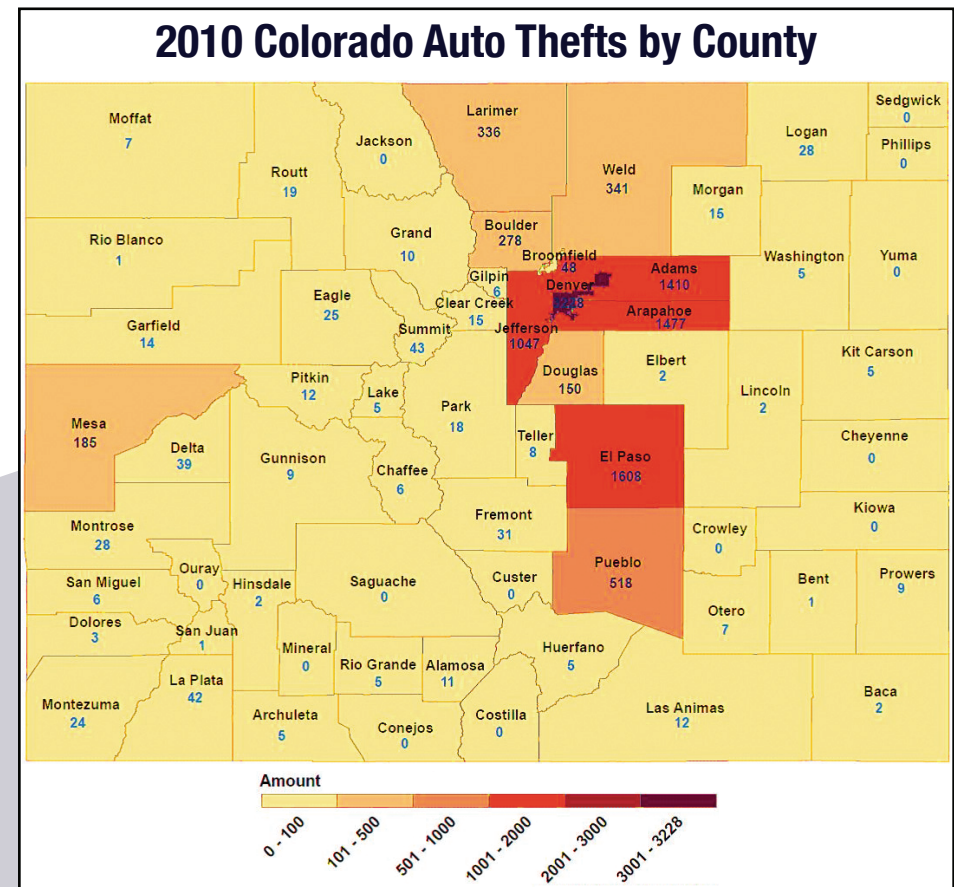


established to prosecute auto thefts, to prevent future thefts and provide highly specialized investigator training. Projects funded in 2010 required time to establish working relationships with partner members, prosecutors and other agencies. This period represents a largely organizational period for the development of the full strategy envisioned by the CATPA Board of Directors.

By 2011, in addition to 13 task forces and teams, one new statewide program supplemented local efforts to coordinate data and analysis between jurisdictions creating a central repository of intelligence. The new statewide project added resources to study theft trends, to research more complex theft rings and to ensure a focus on more sophisticated criminals.

Altogether, the CATPA program provides approximately \$4 million annually to fight auto theft. The result, as of 2011, is a reduction of 56 percent in auto thefts since 2005, saving Colorado property owners and insurance companies \$88 million in cumulative theft costs. Colorado's theft reductions are 16 percent greater than national auto theft statistics during comparable years<sup>3</sup>.

CATPA is administered by the Colorado State Patrol working in partnership with an 11-member multi-disciplinary advisory board. A number of members of the CATPA Board of Directors have served since the inception of the CATPA program. The CATPA Board of Directors has been responsible for all aspects of the program, including work with the Colorado legislature to provide long-term funding for auto theft prevention programs. As of 2011, 68 state and local agencies participate in CATPA-funded initiatives.



<sup>1</sup>Colorado Auto Theft Investigators Report July 2011

<sup>2</sup>FBI average valuation of a stolen automobile

<sup>3</sup>National Insurance Crime Bureau Area 2 Forecast Report 12/13/2010

## CATPA Board of Directors

CATPA's 11-member advisory Board of Directors are appointed by the Governor, many of whom have served in this capacity since 2003 when CATPA was created and when funding for the support of task forces and teams was made possible only through voluntary corporate contributions from insurance companies. The CATPA Board of Directors is comprised of a representative from the Colorado Department of Revenue, one from the Colorado Department of Public Safety, two law enforcement agency representatives, five insurance representatives, one consumer representative and one representative for the Colorado District Attorneys' Council.

In addition to general program oversight, the CATPA Board of Directors supervises the entire process for soliciting and evaluating grant applications. The CATPA Board of Directors considers documented theft statistics and attempts to select projects in geographically diverse regions of Colorado, as resources allow and as thefts justify available resources.

Board of Director meetings are held in the Denver area on the third Thursday of each month and are open to the public. For more information on board meetings, contact the CATPA office in the Colorado State Patrol headquarters complex on Kipling Street in Lakewood.



Front row: Tonia Rumer, Colorado Farm Bureau; Linda Tacinas, American Family Insurance; Chief Kevin Paletta, Lakewood Police Department; Janet Cammack, State Farm Insurance. Back row: Carole Walker, Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association; Sheriff David Weaver, Douglas County Sheriff's Office; Jerry Cole, LoJack Corporation and Colorado Auto Theft Investigators; George Baker Thomson, Jr., Colorado Department of Revenue; Lieutenant Colonel Scott Hernandez, Colorado State Patrol; and Eva Wilson, First Judicial District Attorney's Office. Not Pictured: John Levi, GEICO.

## CATPA Staff

The CATPA program is administered by the Colorado State Patrol in the Colorado Department of Public Safety. Administration responsibilities involve distribution of the grant application, development of the contract terms and agreement for the award dollars, invoice and payment processing to grantees, performance monitoring to validate expenditures and evaluation of grantee success to meet goals and objectives. The program staff also provides support to the CATPA Board of Directors by facilitating meetings for grant selection, award and monitoring, grantee reporting, grant amendments, strategic planning, and program oversight.

Operation and administration costs for the program are not more than eight percent of total revenue.



Brittni Wilts, Program Assistant; Lori Collins Malcolm, Director; and Diana Pratt Wilson, Grant Manager

### CATPA Program Administration

Salary and Benefits	\$250,579
Contracts and Temporary Staff	\$24,800
Equipment Leases, Training and Travel	\$19,316
Office Space Lease	\$19,110
Office Supplies and Equipment Expenses	\$10,200
Miscellaneous	\$4,560

**“The Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) is an impressive success. The multi-agency Task Forces and Teams, the strategic emphasis on auto theft prevention through public awareness and the creation of the first statewide auto theft intelligence analytical unit – all funded by CATPA – have demonstrated that the program not only works but have cut this crime in half. The work of the CATPA will be continued as long as the resolve to keep this highly successful and efficiently managed authority in place.”**

*Lieutenant Colonel Scott Hernandez, Colorado State Patrol*





# Grant Awards

The Grant program is an open competitive process starting with a completed application submitted to CATPA. Grant awards are based on the merits of the application as well as the presentation of the proposal by each applicant. The application must describe the type of theft prevention, enforcement, and prosecution or offender rehabilitation program to be implemented.

The CATPA Board of Directors awards annual funding based on the ability of the applicant to define goals and objectives to meet the auto theft problem as well as providing evidence of past grant success. Grants are awarded for one year and are distributed geographically with priority to applications representing multi-jurisdictional programs. The grant criteria are defined in the CATPA grant announcement and application.

2011 grants were awarded to 14 task forces and teams, prosecution initiatives, specialized training and prevention programs.

## Two Full Time Projects –

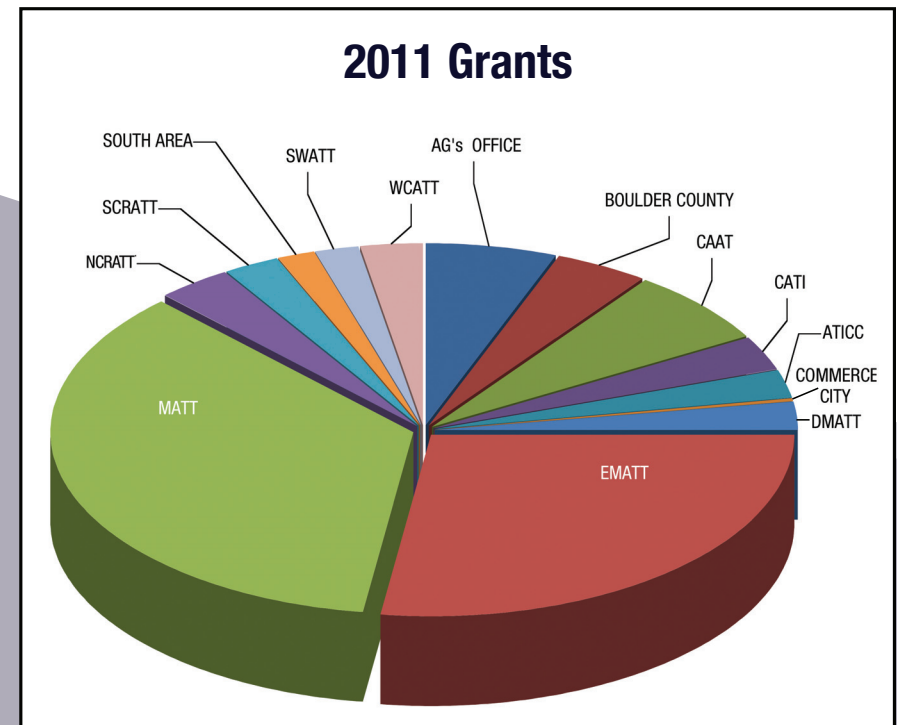
- East Metro Auto Theft Team (EMATT)
- Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force (MATT)

## Eight Overtime Projects –

- Boulder County Auto Theft Prevention Program
- Commerce City/Thornton/Adams County Auto Theft Prevention Program
- Denver Metropolitan Auto Theft Team (DMATT)
- Regional Auto Theft Team of Northern Colorado (NCRATT)
- Southern Colorado Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force (SCRATT)
- South Area Auto Theft Task Force
- Southwest Regional Auto Theft Team (SWATT)
- Western Colorado Auto Theft Task Force (WCATT)

## Four Statewide Projects –

- Attorney General's Auto Theft Prosecution Initiative
- Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center (ATICC)
- Coloradans Against Auto Theft (CAAT)
- Colorado Auto Theft Investigators Training Initiative (CATI)



# CATPA Task Forces and Teams

Full Time Projects
<b>EMATT – East Metro Auto Theft Team - \$1,098,596</b> Aurora Police Department, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Colorado State Patrol, Commerce City Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, and Englewood Police Department
<b>MATT - Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force - \$1,445,618</b> Lakewood Police Department, Allstate Insurance Company, Arvada Police Department, Denver Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson and Denver County District Attorney's Office, National Insurance Crime Bureau, Westminster Police Department and Wheat Ridge Police Department

Statewide Projects
<b>AG - Attorney General's Auto Theft Prosecution Initiative - \$236,348</b> Colorado Attorney General's Office and all Task Forces and Teams
<b>ATICC - Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center - \$93,975</b> Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Colorado Information Analysis Center, Colorado Bureau of Investigations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Federal Bureau of Investigations, and all Task Forces and Teams
<b>CAAT - Coloradans Against Auto Theft - \$276,011</b> Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association, the Colorado State Patrol, AAA Colorado, LoJack Corporation, and all Task Forces and Teams
<b>CATI – Colorado Auto Theft Investigators Training Initiative - \$127,400</b> Colorado Auto Theft Investigators, LoJack Corporation, and 29 Agencies throughout Colorado

Overtime Projects
<b>Boulder County Auto Theft Prevention Program - \$162,780</b> Boulder Police Department, Boulder County Sheriff's Office, Erie Police Department, Lafayette Police Department, Longmont Police Department, Louisville Police Department, and the University of Colorado at Boulder
<b>Commerce City/Thornton/Adams County Auto Theft Prevention Program - \$17,357</b> Commerce City Police Department, Adams County Sheriff's Office, and Thornton Police Department
<b>DMATT - Denver Metropolitan Auto Theft Team - \$92,972</b> Colorado State Patrol, Alamosa County Sheriff's Office, Alamosa Police Department, Broomfield Police Department, Castle Rock Police Department, Costilla County Sheriff's Office, Englewood Police Department, Glendale Police Department, Monte Vista Police Department, National Insurance Crime Bureau, and Thornton Police Department
<b>NCRATT - Regional Auto Theft Team of Northern Colorado - \$132,087</b> Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Department of Revenue/Auto Industry, Fort Collins Police Department, Greeley Police Department, Johnstown Police Department, Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Longmont Police Department, Loveland Police Department, and Weld County Sheriff's Office
<b>SCRATT - Southern Colorado Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force - \$102,136</b> Fountain Police Department, Colorado Springs Police Department, Colorado State Patrol, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Fort Carson, Pueblo County Sheriff's Office, Pueblo Police Department, Manitou Police Department, Monument Police Department, National Insurance Crime Bureau, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, and Woodland Park Police Department
<b>South Area Auto Theft Task Force - \$64,152</b> Sheridan Police Department and Littleton Police Department
<b>SWATT - Southwest Regional Auto Theft Team - \$83,782</b> Montezuma County Sheriff's Office, Colorado State Patrol, Cortez Police Department, and Durango Police Department
<b>WCATT - Western Colorado Auto Theft Task Force - \$108,000</b> Grand Junction Police Department, Colorado State Patrol, Fruita Police Department, Mesa County Sheriff's Office, and Mesa County District Attorney's Office



# CATPA Goals

The CATPA Board of Directors outlined goals in the CATPA Strategic Plan to strengthen selections and award grant funding to reduce auto theft. The goals support the CATPA statute and include action items and performance measures to provide direction and criteria to meet the goals. As a result, the work of the CATPA Board of Directors, grantee partners and stakeholders of CATPA had an impact on reducing auto theft in Colorado.

## CATPA Goals

- **Partnerships:** Build and Nurture Local, State, Federal and International Partnerships
- **Education:** Support Vehicle Theft Prevention through Public Awareness and Community Education
- **Intelligence-Led Policing:** Incorporate Intelligence-Led Policing, Strategies, and Technology to Analyze Data and Develop Target Strategies to Enhance Auto Theft Enforcement and Prevention
- **Process Refinement:** Review, Refine, Implement and Manage Program Processes

## Partnerships: Build and Nurture Local, State, Federal and International Partnerships

The development and support of multi-jurisdictional partnerships throughout Colorado is important in providing a unified approach to auto theft prevention in Colorado. Crime is not limited by jurisdictional boundaries. Task force and team partnerships offer opportunities to share intelligence, tactics, operations, equipment, prosecution, resources, and prevention messages for a consistent statewide approach.

CATPA is similar to other auto theft prevention authorities in many other states and internationally that have successfully reduced auto theft. The Colorado program is a participant with the international committee of Auto Theft Prevention Authorities (ATPA) established by the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI.) ATPA members meet regularly to identify issues and develop resolutions to reduce auto theft nationally and internationally.

Since CATPA efforts were launched during the peak of auto theft activity in Colorado, the number of stolen vehicles has decreased by 14,201 vehicles. Among CATPA funded task force and team operations, thefts decreased and recoveries increased. During 2011, there were 100 bait car operations, with 31 being successful. Out of the 829,375 vehicles scanned by Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR), 104 were identified as stolen with 102 being recovered.

**“The East Metro Auto Theft Team (EMATT) attributes success in auto theft reduction to strong partnerships, effective leadership and innovative public education. By conducting targeted enforcement and building relationships with other task forces, prosecutors, businesses and the community, EMATT has had a significant impact on auto theft criminals and the serious crimes linked with auto theft.”**

*Lieutenant Paul O’Keefe, East Metro Auto Theft Team, Aurora Police Department*

## CATPA Partnering Agencies

AAA Colorado	Colorado Springs Police Department	Greeley Police Department	Pueblo Police Department
Adams County Sheriff's Office	Colorado State Patrol	Jefferson County District Attorney's Office	Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association
Alamosa County Sheriff's Office	Commerce City Police Department	Jefferson County Sheriff's Office	Sheridan Police Department
Alamosa Police Department	Costilla County Sheriff's Office	Johnstown Police Department	Thornton Police Department
Allstate Insurance Company	Cortez Police Department	Lafayette Police Department	Weld County Sheriff's Office
Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office	Denver County District Attorney's Office	Lakewood Police Department	Westminster Police Department
Arvada Police Department	Denver Police Department	Larimer County Sheriff's Office	Wheat Ridge Police Department
Aurora Police Department	Douglas County Sheriff's Office	Littleton Police Department	Woodland Park Police Department
Boulder County Sheriff's Office	Durango Police Department	LoJack Corporation	University of Colorado at Boulder
Boulder Police Department	El Paso County Sheriff's Office	Longmont Police Department	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Broomfield Police Department	Englewood Police Department	Louisville Police Department	
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives	Erie Police Department	Loveland Police Department	
Castle Rock Police Department	Federal Bureau of Investigations	Manitou Police Department	
Colorado Attorney General's Office	Fort Carson	Mesa County District Attorney's Office	
Colorado Auto Theft Investigators	Fort Collins Police Department	Mesa County Sheriff's Office	
Colorado Bureau of Investigations	Fountain Police Department	Monte Vista Police Department	
Colorado Department of Public Safety	Fruita Police Department	Montezuma County Sheriff's Office	
Colorado Department of Revenue/Auto Industry	Glendale Police Department	Monument Police Department	
Colorado Information Analysis Center	Grand Junction Police Department	National Insurance Crime Bureau	
		Pueblo County Sheriff's Office	

## Prosecution

Supplementing local prosecution efforts, the Colorado Attorney General added an auto theft prosecution initiative using CAPTA funding. The AG's prosecution initiative provides auto theft task forces and teams with access to the statewide grand jury, a dedicated investigator and a prosecutor not bound by jurisdictional limits. This initiative independently investigates and prosecutes organized crime cases that require a dedication of resources that most agencies are unable to commit.

Local district attorneys, even prior to CATPA's creation in 2003, have recognized the direct association of auto theft with many additional types of serious crime. Many local prosecutors have supported supplemental efforts to prosecute aggressively criminals who steal vehicles because of the relationship to additional serious offenses. Through a collaborative partnership with the Aurora Municipal Court; Adams, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson County District Attorneys' Offices; as well as the 6th and 22nd Judicial Districts, these cities and counties continue to support prosecution of auto theft cases.

- ◆ “Four Indicted After Vehicle Theft Ring Busted in Denver,” *The Denver Post*
- ◆ “First Of Bait-Car Cases Prosecuted Quickly- The first in a series of auto theft cases stemming from police use of bait cars ended with a guilty plea in 38 days.” Paul Shockley, *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel*, reprinted in *The Denver Post*
- ◆ “Attorney General Announces Indictment In Insurance-Fraud Ring That Staged Accidents, Auto Thefts and Faked Property Damage,” *Attorney General News Release*
- ◆ “Attorney General Announces Indictment Of Duo Suspected Of Stealing Cars And Reselling Them To Unsuspecting Buyers,” *Attorney General News Release*

**“The overwhelming success of the Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force (MATT) is directly connected to positive results of community auto theft reduction education efforts, media outreach, aggressive investigative enforcement of career criminals and the collaborative partnerships between law enforcement, prosecution and judicial offices working towards a unified auto theft reduction campaign within the Denver Metropolitan area.”**

*Commander Mike L. Becker, Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force, Lakewood Police Department*

# Education: Support Vehicle Theft Prevention through Public Awareness and Community Education

One in five Coloradans engage in risky behaviors such as not locking cars, keeping additional keys in the car, leaving cars running, or parking in dimly lit, low-traffic areas – all of which provide an open invitation to would-be thieves.<sup>4</sup> These practices serve to increase the state’s historically disproportionate rates of auto theft.

Colorado driver behavior dictated a clear need for increased educational programs. The result is a new partnership between the Coloradans Against Auto Theft (CAAT) and the auto theft task forces and teams. CAAT’s launch of a statewide auto theft prevention message, “Lockdown”, encouraged citizens to assist in combating auto theft. Task forces and teams increased community education efforts. Collaboration with CAAT increased the visibility for “Lockdown” and provided a central coordination of materials for planning events.



[www.Lockdownyourcar.org](http://www.Lockdownyourcar.org)

- ◆ “Coalition Launches Bid To Deter Vehicle Thefts,” *The Denver Post*
- ◆ “Don’t Be A Car Theft Victim,” *Denver Daily News*
- ◆ “This Is Auto Theft Prevention Week,” *KOAA*
- ◆ “Auto Theft Prevention Campaign,” *Dailymotion*
- ◆ “Lockdown Colorado,” *9 News*
- ◆ “Auto Theft Prevention Campaign,” *Fox News*
- ◆ “Safe Roads: 47 Seconds,” *EnCompass Magazine*
- ◆ “Protect Your Ride,” *Fox News*
- ◆ “Colorado Rockies Go To Bat Against Auto Theft,” *AG Journal, Dental Insurance News, LaJunta Tribune*
- ◆ “Stop Outdoor Summer Event Crime,” *Fox News*
- ◆ “Car Theft In Spotlight With New Campaign,” *Journal Advocate*
- ◆ “Stolen Car Victims Could Lose A Lot More Than Their Car,” *KWGN News*
- ◆ “Car Thefts On The Rise During Summer,” *KWGN News and Fox News*
- ◆ “Preventing Car Thefts,” *KREX*
- ◆ “Campaign Aims To Raise Awareness Of Car Thefts,” *KREX*
- ◆ “6 Ways To Make Sure Your Car Gets Stolen,” *Nasdaq*
- ◆ “Groups Aims To Prevent Vehicle Thefts, Break-Ins,” *9 News*





The “Thief” was created for education materials and “Thief” mannequins have had great success bringing awareness to prevent auto theft. CAAT’s umbrella campaign and guerilla marketing provided outreach through gas toppers, posters, bench and billboards, window clings, flyers, radio spots, athletic events, website spots, and media releases.

CAAT’s winter campaign focused on “Puffers”. In Colorado, cold days prompt starting a vehicle and leaving it running with the keys inside. Thieves target these days for an easy steal. Education has been important in preventing this type of theft.

- ◆ “Thieves Target “Puffers”,” *Cortez Journal*
- ◆ “Auto Thieves Target Empty Idling Cars,” *The Durango Herald*
- ◆ “It’s Against The Law To “Puff” In Colorado,” *Barn On Air*
- ◆ “Don’t Leave Running Cars Unattended, “Puffing” Is Illegal In Colorado,” *LaJunta Tribune*
- ◆ “Puffer” Week Aims To Take Bite Out Of Auto Theft,” *Montrose Daily Press*
- ◆ “It’s Against The Law To “Puff” In Colorado And State Patrol Is Cracking Down,” *NBC 11*
- ◆ “Police Warn Drivers About Warming Up Cars,” *CBS News*
- ◆ “Puffer” Campaign Underway,” *KREX*
- ◆ “Tips To Keep Your Car Running Smoothly In The Cold,” *9 News*
- ◆ “Puffing Is Illegal In Colorado,” *KTRR FM and TRI-102.5*
- ◆ “In The Cold Of December,” *The Boulder Daily Camera*
- ◆ “Puffing Can Get You A Ticket,” *The Gazette*
- ◆ “State Law Enforcement Cracking Down On “Puffing”,” *KKTV*
- ◆ “Colorado State Patrol’s “Puffer Week” Starts Sunday,” *Journal Advocate*
- ◆ “Broomfield Joins Auto Theft Prevention Week,” *Broomfield Enterprise*
- ◆ “Colorado, Denver Police Warn Car Owners Of Dangers Of “Puffers”,” *Examiner.com*
- ◆ “Fort Collins Police To Fine “Puffers”,” *KWGN2-TV-Northern Colorado Courier*
- ◆ “No “Puffing”: Don’t Leave Your Car Unattended,” *KKTV*
- ◆ “SW Colorado Police Warn Drivers About Leaving Cars Unattended,” *KQB*

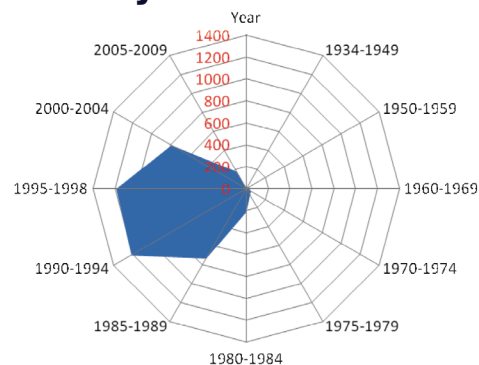
# Intelligence-Led Policing: Incorporate Intelligence-Led Policing, Strategies, and Technology to Analyze Data and Develop Target Strategies to Enhance Auto Theft Enforcement and Prevention

Unlike other crimes, auto theft rarely is an isolated offense. Thieves usually steal cars for purposes associated with other criminal acts, such as robbery and drug trafficking. Auto theft rings are both common and complex, and investigating and prosecuting auto theft rings frequently requires far greater efforts than most citizens could imagine. To provide auto theft task forces and teams with advanced new tools to help detect the sophisticated car thief, CATPA selected the Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center (ATICC) to study the causes and patterns of complex auto theft. ATICC has identified gaps in information management systems within law enforcement agencies and recommended changes. In addition to helping task forces and teams with advanced investigative services, ATICC examines the patterns of auto theft in Colorado, making it possible to predict what cars might be stolen in a specific area. Imagine trying to catch auto thieves with only minimal amounts of information about auto theft. ATICC identified ways in which the state's criminal history database could improve the amount and quality of information available to all officers, giving them new tools in fighting vehicle theft. ATICC worked to add new data to officers on the street whenever they submitted a query to the state criminal history database. ATICC managers foresee additional improvements to the ways in which data is added to, managed and analyzed by Colorado's criminal history record system. The anticipated results of future efforts include enhanced officer safety; strengthen cases and more effective prosecution of auto thieves.

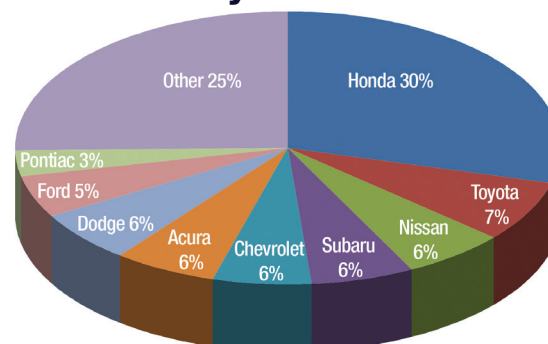
**"In Colorado, 140 cars are stolen every week. At a new lab in Lakewood, analysts crunch numbers and study reams of data to identify for law enforcement which cars are being taken — and where and when the thefts happen. The lab's mission: To stop your car from being the next target."**

*Jennifer Brown and David Olinger, The Denver Post*

## Thefts by Vehicle Model Year



## Thefts by Vehicle Make



### Analytical Comment

Owners of Honda vehicles manufactured between 1999 and 2005 should consider locking their car, engaging steering wheel locks, VIN etching and installing tracking devices.

## ATICC's Mission

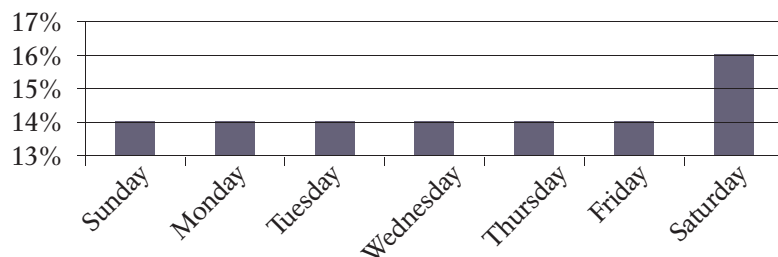
“To reduce the criminal event of vehicle theft in the State of Colorado by enhancing law enforcement capabilities in providing timely, viable and reliable intelligence through partnership, collaboration and cooperation,” has guided intelligence-led policing in Colorado.



Using an online request process, ATICC produces and disseminates reports to law enforcement throughout Colorado, in surrounding area states, along the United States and Mexico border and to Interpol. Reports include:

- **Statewide Hot Sheets** - A list and description of vehicles stolen every day.
- **Information Bulletins** - Targeted information on auto theft.
- **Intelligence Bulletins** – Intelligence on auto theft trends.
- **Specialized Bulletins** – A “work-up” to special requests researching state and national databases on similar cases or a suspect that links to a Colorado crime or development of a case report that is support for an auto theft jury trial.
- **Analytic Reports** – Analysis of the Colorado Crime Information Center (CCIC) and local agency records.
- **Parole Work-Up** – A custom report of inmates’ auto theft history in coordination with the Colorado Department of Corrections.

### Percent of Theft Per Day

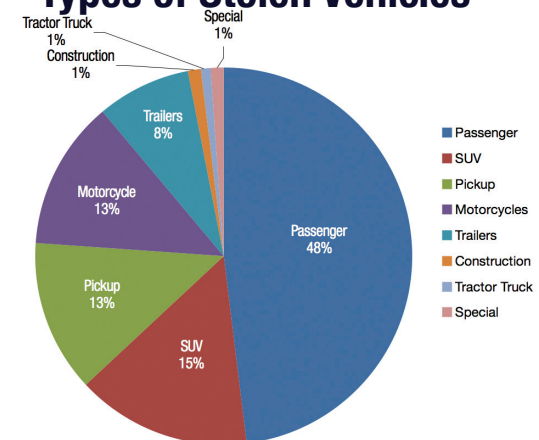


#### Analytical Comment

Research shows that a criminal can strike at any time Monday through Sunday. Citizens are encouraged to secure their vehicles and utilize a multi-layered anti-theft approach. This approach includes locking their vehicle, activating electronic alarms, engaging steering wheel lock, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching and theft tracking devices.

Source: Colorado Auto Theft Summary, 2011 Annual Report

### Types of Stolen Vehicles



#### Analytical Comment

Vehicles possessing vehicle identification numbers (VIN), in public view, appear to have a higher rate of recovery. It is important for citizens to affix both license plates to the outside of their vehicles and not obstruct the plates with coverings for law enforcement to identify a stolen vehicle. For vehicles not possessing license plates (ATV's, farm equipment, construction equipment, etc.,) citizens should use VIN etching on multiple locations of the vehicle.

Source: Colorado Auto Theft Summary, 2011 Annual Report

# Process Refinement: Review, Refine, Implement and Manage Program Process

The CATPA Board of Directors and Staff evaluated the CATPA grant cycle to improve timely expenditures and tracking of grant funds. New processes were implemented that include:

- One grant cycle per year from two grant cycles reducing grant overlap and the time between fee collections and grant awards.
- The grant cycle dates now coincide with the state fiscal year to ensure checks and balances with the state accounting system.
- Implementation of a supplemental grant request process allowing a grantee to add funds to their existing grant to meet critical priorities.
- More frequent grantee financial reviews of “unexpended” funds through quarterly evaluations for the purpose of reallocating funds by awarding supplemental grants.
- A streamlined process to track collections to awards within the state financial system to manage precise oversight of the grant funds.

The CATPA Staff is engaged in the implementation of the electronic Colorado Grants Management System (COGMS). COGMS is a new system for managing all aspects of grant awards and ensuring timely and effective grant management. Applicants will be able to submit proposals electronically, and CATPA Board of Directors will be able to assess proposals electronically, among other innovations. The system has a robust reporting tool that will allow queries and reports to be generated by staff. The system will be completed and implemented for processing of the 2012 CATPA grants.

## Top 10 Vehicles Stolen in Colorado

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|---|--------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 1996 Honda Accord  | 6  | 1995 Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee |
| 2 | 1995 Honda Civic   | 7  | 1998 Ford F150 Pickup             |
| 3 | 1995 Acura Integra | 8  | 1994 Saturn SL                    |
| 4 | 2001 Dodge Ram     | 9  | 2001 Jeep Cherokee                |
| 5 | 1991 Toyota Camry  | 10 | 2000 Ford F250 Pickup             |







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