



# CATPA

## Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority

Department of Public Safety

### Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA)

CATPA is a state authority under the Department of Public Safety, established by Colorado Statute in 2003 to help reduce auto theft. In 2008, the legislature passed Senate Bill-60 to provide CATPA with permanent funding of \$1 per insured vehicle, each year until the sunset review in fiscal year 2018.

The 2017 sunset review recommendation concluded, “The CATPA program provides valuable funding to address auto theft prevention programs in Colorado, and it has yielded many successes. In order to continue to proactively address auto theft, the General Assembly voted to continue the CATPA program and the Board. Doing so will ensure that longitudinal funding is available to CATPA program grantees for auto theft prevention initiatives throughout the state of Colorado for the foreseeable future.” (Colo. Dept. of Regulator Agencies, Colo. Office of Police, Research & Regulatory Reform, 2017 Sunset Review: The Colo. Auto Theft Prevention Authority and the Colo. Auto Theft Prevention Authority Board, page 4) These funds are used for law enforcement agencies, specialized vehicle theft task forces, public awareness campaigns, specialized training, and vertical prosecution. The statute gives priority to multi-agency applicants that target auto theft in all regions of the state. Less than 8% of collected revenues are used for administrative support, including a four-member staff.

### Snap shot of Auto Theft for the last 5 years.

Total vehicle thefts numbered 27,941 statewide in 2020, 38 percent higher than 2019 and 50 percent higher than 2016 thefts.

	Active (Thefts)	Inactive (Recoveries)	Thefts Grand Total	Statewide Population Estimate	Thefts per capita
CY 2020	4,494	23,447	27,941	5,842,084	478
CY 2019	2,534	17,670	20,204	5,769,985	350
CY 2018	2,659	18,254	20,913	5,696,897	367
CY 2017	2,037	17,572	19,609	5,615,732	349
CY 2016	1,953	16,205	18,158	5,542,211	328

Figure 1. (U) Statewide thefts, volume, recovery, status, and per capita (Graph located in the Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center, CATPA Annual Report 2020, Population counts from CO DOLA, State Demography Office - 2020 is estimated)

### CATPA FUNDED PROGRAMS

During the Funding Cycle for 2020, the CATPA Board awarded funding to seven (7) grant projects for a total amount of \$5,756,034. These grant projects engaged over 40 partner

organizations and agencies across Colorado in the realms of prevention, education, enforcement, investigation, prosecution and training. The following is a summary of each program and their successes funded in FY2020 by the CATPA Board.

### Colorado Attorney General’s Office (AGs) - \$284,195

The Attorney General’s Auto Theft Initiative (AG Initiative) is well positioned program that works in conjunction with the CATPA taskforces and other law enforcement personnel, to: (1) identify significant auto theft criminal activity; (2) direct, organize and participate in targeted investigations involving multiple agencies; (3) and ultimately file appropriate charges or obtain indictments in cooperation with other state prosecutors, so that defendants who commit these crimes are prosecuted efficiently and aggressively. The AG Initiative emphasizes prosecuting individuals or groups of individuals working in a coordinated fashion such that the patterns of their conduct rise to the level of violation of the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA).

### AGs Program’s Highlights

- Filed 10 complex criminal cases involving auto theft, and prosecuted 39 cases.
- the AG Initiative consulted on and completed intakes for multiple other investigations such as the CATPA funded task forces.
- Provided specialized training to law enforcement regarding the use of pole cameras and video surveillance.

### Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center (ATICC) - \$844,462

ATICC is a Colorado State Patrol initiative providing timely and reliable information and analysis of statewide auto theft reports completed in the Colorado Crime Information Center (CCIC). Throughout the year, ATTIC provided intelligence, analysis and reporting to agencies across Colorado.

### ATICC Program’s Highlights

- Total products produced; including tactical, intelligence, prosecution, strategic and research – 1354
- Training provided to analysts across the state – 14
- Trends – motorcycle thefts continued to rise in 2020
- Hot Spots – Denver Metro area, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo
- The Colorado Stolen Vehicle Database Repository will be moving from a server-based system to the Cloud

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insurance fraud investigators, crime analysts, prosecutors and Colorado Department of Revenue investigators across the state.

### Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement (BATTLE) \$1,208,223

BATTLE is a statewide multi-agency task force of law enforcement agencies. As a statewide task force, BATTLE is able to provide agencies with the ability to work beyond their jurisdictional and resource limitations to combat auto theft. BATTLE members apply intelligence-led policing to develop strategic and tactical operations based on evidence-based approaches using informants, surveillance, crime analysis, and information collected and shared on an ongoing basis.

#### BATTLE Program's Highlights

- Total number of task force operations – 149
- Total number of task force investigations – 344
- Total number of arrests – 172
- Total number of stolen vehicles identified – 244
- Total number of stolen vehicles recovered - 218
- Total number of deployed bait car operations – 22
- Total number of deployed bait car arrests – 2
- Total number of trainings performed – 13
- Total number of training attendees - 124
- Total number of puffer week contacts - 138

### Coloradoans Against Auto Theft (CAAT) - \$750,000

CAAT is a public awareness, prevention and education initiative. The 2020 Lockdown your car campaign continued public education to combat the increase in auto theft by reducing public risk behaviors. CAAT and law enforcement partnered together to increased public visibility at the Denver Car Show and the Colorado State Fair to inform citizens about vehicle crimes and the danger to their community.

#### CAAT Program's Highlights

- Participated in the Colorado Statewide OmniPoll
- Social media presence grew in Facebook, Instagram and Twitter totaling over 8.9 million impressions combined
- Public relations efforts resulted in 141 earned media stories
- Redesigned the Lockdownyourcar.org website
- Puffer week campaign in January amassed over 17.9 million earned media impressions and 77 media stories across the state

### Colorado Auto Theft Investigators (CATI) - \$310,172

CATI is a training initiative that provides basic, advanced and specialized auto theft training to law enforcement,

#### CATI Program's Highlights

- Due to COVID 19, the annual training seminar was not offered. Normally this seminar is attended by over 250 attendees both in-state and out of state. However, CATI was still able to offer 13 virtual trainings and 106 people participated. During this time, CATI started to plan for the 69<sup>th</sup> International Vehicle Crimes Training Seminar in August of 2021.

### CATPA Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force (CMATT) - \$2,349,032

C-MATT is a full-time multi-agency enforcement task force initiative. This Denver-metro area investigative team increases communication and collaboration among auto theft investigators and takes a centralized approach in identifying, apprehending and prosecution of vehicle crime offenders, who normally commit crimes across multi-jurisdictional boundaries.

#### CMATT Program's Highlights

- Total number of task force operations – 48
- Total number of task force investigations – 1350
- Total number of investigations cleared - 1087
- Total number of arrests – 164
- Total number of stolen vehicles identified – 170
- Total number of stolen vehicles recovered - 155
- Total number of deployed bait car operations – 12
- Total number of deployed bait car arrests – 18
- Total number of trainings performed – 169
- Total number of training attendees - 287

### Thornton Police Department Auto Theft Initiative (TPDATI) - \$90,890

The Thornton Police Department's goal is to reduce and deter the crime of auto theft and pool city's resources while utilizing advanced technology. Resources will be deployed to utilizing intelligence-led policing strategies and continue to build partnerships and increase communications with neighboring law enforcement agencies.

#### TPDATI Program's Highlights

- Total number of funded ALPRs - 4
- Total number of arrests – 12
- Total number of stolen vehicles identified – 292

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- Total number of stolen vehicles recovered - 53
- Total number of trainings performed – 10
- Total number of attendees instructed - 240

### THE CATPA BOARD

The legislation established authority for the CATPA Board of Directors. The board is comprised of 11 members that include:

- Cory Amend, Department of Revenue Designee
- Lovre Brajkovic, Insurance Representative
- LTC Barry Bratt, Department of Public Safety Designee
- Toren Evers-Mushovic, Consumer Representative
- Jason Juarez, Insurance Representative
- Chief Clinton Nichols, Law Enforcement Representative
- Sheriff Steve Nowlin, Law Enforcement Representative
- Robert Pace, Insurance Representative
- Jess Redman, District Attorney Representative
- Amy Taylor, Insurance Representative
- Deborah Vela, Insurance Representative

### CATPA Mission

*“To assist in deterring and reducing vehicle theft and insurance fraud through a statewide cooperative effort of generating funds to support law enforcement, prosecution and public awareness through a partnership and state government.”*

### CATPA Office

The CATPA Office may be contacted for any assistance regarding the CATPA programs or information related to auto theft in Colorado.

Please visit the CATPA website :

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/csp/catpa-office>

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