

2022 CATPA ANNUAL REPORT



CATPA
Colorado Auto Theft
Prevention Authority

Department of Public Safety

Senate Bill 2008-60 CATPA Grant Program

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 2008-60 to provide CATPA with permanent funding of \$1 per insured vehicle, each year until the sunset review in fiscal Year 2018. In 2022, CATPA received \$5,524,281.36 into the CATPA Cash Fund to support grant programs consistent with §42-5-112 C.R.S., §10-4-617 C.R.S. and 8 CCR 1507-50.

The [2017 CATPA Sunset Review](#) recommendation (Page 4,) 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.”* 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.

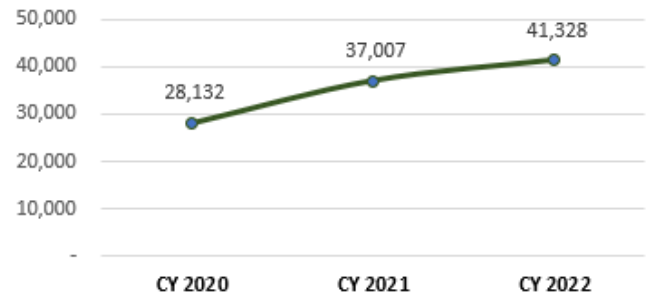
Comparison of auto theft from 2020 to 2022

The auto theft comparison for 2020 through 2022 demonstrated increases in reported motor vehicle theft statewide, with 2022 reductions in Eastern, South West and Western Colorado areas.

Colorado Reported Vehicle Thefts					
Theft by Area	CY 2020	CY 2021	% Change	CY 2022	% Change
Denver Metro Area	20,193	27,469	36%	30,578	11%
Eastern Colorado	307	302	-2%	282	-7%
Northern Colorado	2,500	3,057	22%	3,891	27%
South West Colorado	495	446	-10%	435	-2%
Southern Colorado	3,911	4,907	25%	5,569	13%
Western Colorado	726	826	14%	573	-31%
Statewide	28,132	37,007	32%	41,328	12%

Figure 1. Data from the Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center 2022 Annual Report

Statewide Reported Stolen Vehicles



CATPA FUNDED PROGRAMS AND 2022 SUCCESSES

In the 2022 funding cycle, the CATPA Board awarded funding to six (6) grant projects for a total amount of \$ \$5,599,105. 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 that were funded in FY2022 by the CATPA Board.

Colorado Attorney General’s Office (AG’s)

Awarded \$178,607

The Attorney General’s Auto Theft Initiative (AG Initiative) is a 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).

AG’s Program’s Highlights

- Performed 47 pre-indictment work meetings,
- Attended 71 court appearances,
- Filed five (5) complex criminal cases involving auto theft, and
- Prosecuted 41 complex auto theft cases.

CATPA FUNDED PROGRAMS AND 2019 SUCCESSES

Prevention Education & Training Victim Support Enforcement Prosecution

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Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center (ATICC)

Awarded \$966,497

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. ATICC utilizes a statewide reporting system which provides timely and reliable information on reported stolen motor vehicles in Colorado.

ATICC's Program's Highlights

- Produced 1,827 analytical products; including tactical, intelligence, prosecution, strategic and research,
- Performed 98 training session across the state, and
- Identified trends of Hyundai and Kia vehicle thefts representing six (6) of the top 10 vehicle thefts in Colorado.

Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement (BATTLE)

Awarded \$1,608,892

BATTLE is a statewide law enforcement multi-agency task force enabling agencies to work beyond their department limitations to combat auto theft. BATTLE aims to identify and arrest auto theft suspects, and recover stolen vehicles, by pooling resources utilizing advanced technology and sharing intelligence.

BATTLE Program's Highlights

- Performed 171 task force operations,
- Investigated 245 auto theft cases,
- Utilized 18,586 personnel hours,
- Recovered 371 stolen vehicles valued at over \$3.4 million,
- Arrested 306 auto theft and related crime offenders, and
- Conducted 34 training sessions.

Colorado Auto Theft Investigators (CATI)

Awarded \$305,204

CATI is a statewide training initiative to support law enforcement education and training.

CATI Program's Highlights

- Performed 23 multiagency meetings,
- Conducted 5 basic auto theft training classes,
- Conducted 17 advanced auto theft training classes, and
- Trained 352 personnel.

CATPA Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force (C-MATT)

Awarded \$1,818,289

C-MATT is a full-time multi-agency enforcement task force initiative aimed to investigate vehicle crimes demonstrating a

pattern or trend of vehicle thefts and/or offenders in the Denver-metro area. This Denver-metro area investigative team increases communication and collaboration among auto theft investigators and takes a centralized approach in identifying, apprehending and prosecuting vehicle crime offenders, who normally commit crimes across multi-jurisdictional boundaries. C-MATT is instrumental in arresting multiple offenders including those involved and adjudicated in organized crime.

C-MATT Program's Highlights

- Performed 79 task force operations,
- Investigated 1,043 auto theft cases,
- Recovered 489 stolen vehicles valued at over \$5,364,000,
- Arrested 219 auto theft and related crime offenders, and
- Conducted 131 training sessions.

CATPA Public Outreach Program

Awarded \$250,000

The CATPA Public Outreach Program was initiated in 2022 to provide a statewide education and prevention effort regarding motor vehicle theft. The Program aimed to achieve and surpass previous efforts of public education and outreach programs funded by CATPA. The central theme of the public outreach prevention effort was centered on increasing auto theft prevention and awareness efforts in regards to "puffers", catalytic converter thefts, work jointly with existing CATPA programs for centralized messaging, as well as provide viable and realistic messages on the impact of vehicle theft for all Coloradans.

CATPA Public Outreach Program Highlights

- Completed 18 paid media events,
- Earned 12 media events,
- Conducted 24 catalytic converter marking events,
- Managed the Lockdownyourcar.org website resulting in over 110,000 website visits,
- Distributed over 21,000 catalytic converter marking kits,
- Completed over 4,500,000 impressions in high risk terrain areas of motor vehicle theft,
- Reached over 103,000 persons using local and county partnerships in community events, and
- Distributed over 19,000 public awareness and education materials

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House Bill 2022-1217 Catalytic Converter Grant Program

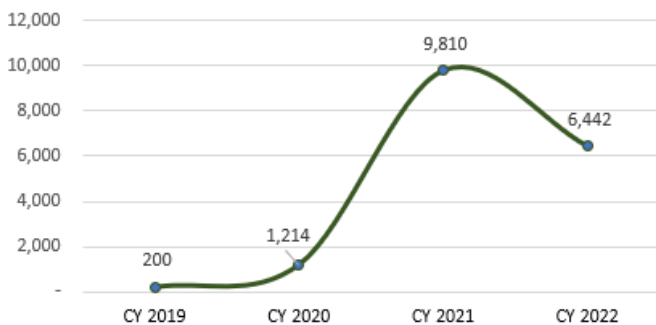
On June 4, 2022, Governor Polis signed HB 2022-1217, establishing a grant program to address statewide catalytic converter theft and appropriating \$300,000 into a newly established Catalytic Converter Identification and Theft Prevention Cash Fund. The fund is intended to award grants for public awareness campaigns regarding catalytic converter theft, catalytic converter theft prevention parts, assistance to victims of catalytic converter theft and catalytic converter identification and tracking efforts. Grant projects also support compliance requirements of the salvage, junk and secondhand property industry transacting catalytic converters under Senate Bill 2022-009. As a business unit of the Colorado State Patrol, the CATPA Office was assigned to administer this grant program. As required by statute, rules were established and published on November 30, 2022 under 8 CCR 1507-59.

Comparison of catalytic converter theft from 2020 to 2022

Utilizing law enforcement reporting data from 88 agencies in Colorado, the Colorado Information Sharing Consortium was used to identify the reported number of catalytic converter thefts in 2019 through 2022.

Area	2019 to 2022 Reported Catalytic Converter Thefts						
	2019	2020	% Change	2021	% Change	2022	% Change
Denver Metro Area	138	963	598%	8,498	782%	5,298	-38%
Northern Colorado	47	210	347%	1,181	462%	1,128	-4%
South West Colorado	-	-	0%	1	100%	2	100%
Southern Colorado	3	4	33%	-	-100%	-	0%
Western Colorado	12	37	208%	130	251%	14	-89%
Total Statewide	200	1,214	507%	9,810	708%	6,442	-34%

Statewide Reported Catalytic Converter Thefts



Grant Project in 2022

A total of six (6) applicants submitted a request for funding under the CCITP Grant Program, where all applicants were recommended for awarding, however, the Town of Kennesberg Board of Trustees declined the award, resulting in five (5) funded applications. The following is a summary of the funded projects including the program initiatives. In summary, the limited number of applicants requesting funding for intended purposes restricted the ideal target for funding apportionment in §24-33.5-230(4)(c) C.R.S.

Project	Enforcement	Business Impacts	Assistance to Victims	Prevention	Total
Arvada PD		\$ 8,401		\$ 12,890	\$ 21,291
Boulder County SO				\$ 19,034	\$ 19,034
Colorado Springs PD	\$ 21,622				\$ 21,622
CO State Patrol	\$ 4,794	\$ 22,317	\$ 137,904	\$ 50,740	\$ 215,755
Wheat Ridge PD				\$ 18,584	\$ 18,584
Total Funding	\$ 26,416	\$ 30,718	\$ 137,904	\$ 101,248	\$ 296,286
% Funding	8.92%	10.37%	46.54%	34.17%	100.00%

THE CATPA BOARD

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

1. Tonia Rumer, Board Chair, Insurance Representative
2. Jess Redman, Board Vice Chair, CDAC Representative
3. Sheriff Lloyd Smith, Law Enforcement Representative
4. Martin Trujillo, Insurance Representative
5. Amy Taylor, Insurance Representative
6. Chief Jeffrey Martinez, Law Enforcement Representative
7. David Cardella, Public Consumer Representative
8. Cory Amend, Department of Revenue Designee
9. LTC Joshua Downing, Department of Public Safety Designee
10. Dale Jackson, Insurance Representative
11. Richard Shirling, 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."

For further information, please visit the CATPA website at <https://www.lockdownyourcar.org>.