

CATPA

COLORADO AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE COLORADO AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY?

CATPA is a state authority that was established by Colorado Statute in 2003 to help reduce Colorado's serious auto theft problem through the award of grant funding.

Grant awards support auto theft investigation, enforcement, prosecution, public awareness and law enforcement training programs.

Senate Bill 08-060, the Colorado law that went into effect on July 1, 2008 established new mandatory funding for CATPA through 2018. CATPA is a cash-funded program that awards grants through the required annual collection by insurance companies of \$1.00 for every insured vehicle.

WHY IS CATPA NEEDED?

The new Colorado law helps ensure that auto theft prevention efforts are targeted.

These efforts have resulted in an increase in stolen vehicle recoveries and criminal prosecutions of hard-core and major organized criminal groups, as well as related crimes.

Since CATPA efforts have been launched, the number of stolen vehicles in Colorado has decreased by nearly 9,959 vehicles—from 22,699 in 2003 to 12,740 in 2008, an estimated reduction of \$67 million in loss (*source: *FBI Uniform Crime Reports*).

Over the past 11 years, 205,000 cars have been stolen in Colorado. The average estimated cost per stolen vehicle is \$6,755 with a total value of \$1.38 billion in loss.

Since CATPA efforts have been launched, the number of stolen vehicles in Colorado has decreased by nearly 9,959 vehicles — from 22,699 in 2003 to 12,740 in 2008, an estimated reduction of \$67 million in loss.

*(source: *FBI Uniform Crime Reports)*

WHY INSURANCE CONSUMER DOLLARS?

- State legislators intended this to be a direct investment by consumers to combat auto theft and ultimately lower car insurance premiums.
- To really put the brakes on Colorado's auto theft problem, Colorado's legislation provides an estimated \$4 million a year for grants that directly target auto theft across Colorado.
- All Colorado drivers are victims of auto theft because we all pay for it through increased insurance premiums.
- For the individual auto theft victim, in addition to paying the insurance deductible, there are other costs such as insurance premium increases, the time spent dealing with police, vehicle rental fees, and time off from work.

WHAT IS THE CATPA BOARD?

This legislation established authority for the CATPA Board of Directors. The Board is comprised of 11 members that include representatives from the Department of Revenue, Colorado State Patrol, two (2) law enforcement agencies, five (5) insurance representatives, one (1) consumer representative and one (1) representative from the Statewide Association of District Attorney's.



Board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 am and are open to the public. Meetings are held at the CATPA office located at 710 Kipling Street, Suite 404, Lakewood, CO 80215. Changes in meeting dates will be posted on www.csp.state.co.us/Programs/CATPA.

HOW DO YOU APPLY FOR A GRANT?

The CATPA grant announcement, application and grant questions are posted at www.csp.state.co.us under I'd like to... Spring 2010 applications will be available mid-April.

COLORADO'S TOP TEN STOLEN VEHICLES IN 2008

(National Insurance Crime Bureau)

- 1 1995 Honda Accord
- 2 1999 Honda Civic
- 3 1999 Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
- 4 1990 Toyota Camry
- 5 1995 Acura Integra
- 6 1997 Ford F150 Pickup
- 7 1995 Saturn Si
- 8 1997 Dodge Ram Pickup
- 9 2002 Ford Explorer
- 10 1995 Dodge Neon

2008 COLORADO QUICK REFERENCE STATS

- ✓ 12,740 Motor Vehicle Thefts
- ✓ Approx. \$6,755 per Stolen Vehicle
- ✓ Approx. \$86 Million in Losses Annually
- ✓ Over 11 years - 205,000 cars stolen totaling approx. \$1.4 Billion in losses
- ✓ 2003 – 2008 decrease of 9,959 in vehicle thefts totaling approx. \$67 Million
- ✓ 2007-2008 22.1% decline
- ✓ #1 Stolen Car is the 1995 Honda Accord
- ✓ Counties in order of most stolen vehicles – Denver/Aurora, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Grand Junction, Greeley, Fort Collins and Boulder.

2009 GRANT AWARDS

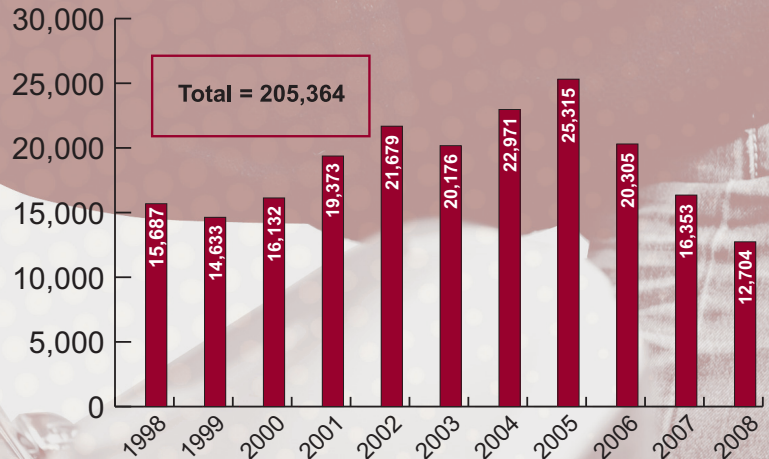
The fees collected in 2009 were awarded statewide in grants to 43 participating agencies.

Attorney General's Auto Theft Prosecution Initiative	\$256,068
Colorado Department of Law	
Commerce City/Thornton/Adams County Auto Theft Prevention Program	\$92,975
Adams County, Commerce City and Thornton Police Departments	
Denver Metropolitan Auto Theft Team	\$420,386
Colorado State Patrol, Lone Tree, Broomfield and Thornton Police Departments, Douglas County and Arapahoe County Sheriff's Offices	
International Association of Auto Theft Investigators Conference 2009	\$49,650
Colorado Automobile Theft Investigators (CATI) and 29 participating agencies	
Jefferson County Regional Auto Theft Task Force	\$2,232,440
Lakewood, Arvada and Wheat Ridge Police Departments, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the First Judicial District, and the City and County of Denver	
Multi-Jurisdiction Project to Reduce Automobile Theft	\$47,604
Arvada, Westminster and Broomfield Police Departments	
Operation Southwestern Auto Theft Prevention	\$45,975
Montezuma County Sheriff's Office, Cortez Police Department and Colorado State Patrol	
Project Einstein – Auto Theft Investigator Training	\$26,175
Colorado Automobile Theft Investigators (CATI) and 29 participating agencies	
Regional Auto Theft Team of Northern Colorado	\$96,400
Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Department of Revenue – Auto Industry, Fort Collins, Greeley, Longmont and Loveland Police Departments, Larimer and Weld County Sheriff's Offices	

South Area Auto Theft Task Force	\$199,220
Littleton, Englewood and Sheridan Police Departments	
Southern Colorado Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force	\$216,042
Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Monument and Fountain Police Departments, El Paso County and Pueblo County Sheriff's Offices and the National Insurance Crime Bureau	
Western Colorado Auto Theft Task Force	\$245,039
Grand Junction and Fruita Police Departments, Colorado State Patrol, Mesa County Sheriff's Office and Mesa County District Attorney's Office	
TOTAL 2009 AWARDS:	\$3,927,974

AUTO THEFT STATISTICS

In 2008, 12,740 motor vehicle thefts were reported according to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, down 22.1% from 2007.



Using the FBI'S average valuation of \$6,755 per stolen vehicle, this amounts to an estimated **\$86 million** in loss during 2008 in Colorado.