



CATPA
Colorado Auto Theft
Prevention Authority
 Department of Public Safety

Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority

Why Renew CATPA Funding?

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965 MAJOR CRIME INVESTIGATIONS involving criminal enterprises, multiple thefts and other violent crimes

\$1 ANNUAL FEE supported and collected from companies issuing Colorado auto insurance policies

COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH to assist in combatting auto theft by providing specialized programs for education, training, enforcement and prosecution to prioritize auto theft

NATIONAL LEADER in auto theft prevention programs and best practices

RENEWAL RECOMMENDED by DORA Sunset Review Report:
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**CATPA PUTS CRITICAL STATEWIDE RESOURCES INTO
 MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER**

PLEASE SUPPORT THE RENEWAL OF THE \$1/POLICY FEE TO FUND CATPA.

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What is CATPA

The Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) was created in 2003 under the Colorado Department of Public Safety through enactment of statutory authority (§43-5-112 C.R.S.).

The mission of CATPA is 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 between industry and state government.

CATPA is funded by the insurance industry where \$1 is assessed and paid on each issued motor vehicle insurance policy. Annually, there is about \$5 million collected, where these funds are deposited into a CATPA Cash Fund.

The CATPA Cash Fund is utilized by the CATPA Board of Directors, composed of eleven (11) members appointed/approved by the Governor. The Board of Directors provide financial and programmatic awards to grant projects for specialized auto theft training, education, enforcement and prosecution within the State of Colorado.

The CATPA Office administers grant processes and facilitates stewardship of the CATPA Cash Fund. Currently there are three (3) full-time State Patrol employees operating the CATPA Office. No more than 8% of revenues generated through the CATPA Cash Fund are used for the administrative purposes.

Key Notes

92% RECOVERY RATE of Colorado stolen vehicles—40 percentage points above the national average.

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\$1 ANNUAL FEE supported and collected from companies issuing Colorado auto insurance policies.

INVESTMENT VALUE of more than \$12.00 for every \$1 invested from the CATPA Cash Fund by vehicle loss value of recovered stolen vehicles.

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NATIONAL LEADER in auto theft prevention programs and best practices.

RENEWAL RECOMMENDED by Department of Regulatory Agencies 2017 CATPA Sunset Review Report.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP of the CATPA Cash Fund proofed in the 2017 Office of State Auditor Report (Pages II-162 through II-171).



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Board of Directors

Pursuant to Colorado law (§42-5-112), the Board of Directors are tasked to solicit monies and award grant funds to qualified applicants for the general purpose of improving and supporting motor vehicle theft prevention programs, and for the enforcement and prosecution of motor vehicle theft crimes.

The eleven (11) member Board was established to represent and enable a public and private partnership to address the concerns of auto theft within Colorado. Board members include:

- Two (2) Executive Directors/Designees including:
 - One (1) Department of Public Safety, and
 - One (1) Department of Revenue,
- Nine (9) Governor appointments including:
 - Five (5) insurance industry representatives,
 - Two (2) law enforcement representatives,
 - One (1) statewide district attorney association representative, and
 - One (1) public or consumer group representative.

Responsibilities of the board include:

- Soliciting and reviewing applications for grants,
- Approving grants utilizing a criteria evaluation ensuring programs are awarded to law enforcement agencies or other qualified applicants in a variety of geographic areas of the state, subject to available moneys, and
- Appointing a director for the authority who may employ staff as necessary to operate and administer the authority, subject to available moneys.

CATPA Programs



ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE AUTO THEFT INITIATIVE

Provides -specialized statewide prosecution and support to local prosecutors and investigators for multijurisdictional and complex criminal investigations efforts focused on criminal organizations and enterprises involving auto theft and related crimes.

Total funding: \$285,629



BEAT AUTO THEFT THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Provides statewide coordination and partnerships led by the Colorado State Patrol for the investigation and apprehension of auto theft offenders utilizing intelligence-led policing efforts. Majority of the efforts are based on funding overtime and equipment to aid local, county and state agencies with centralized and coordinated investigatory efforts.

Total funding: \$1,400,000



CATPA METROPOLITAN AUTO THEFT TEAM

Provides metropolitan coordination and partnerships led by an metropolitan multiagency law enforcement Executive Board for the investigation and apprehension of auto theft offenders utilizing intelligence-led policing efforts. This project supports full-time and part-time specialized investigators to identify and apprehend offenders involved in pattern and series of auto theft related crimes.

Total funding: \$2,026,000

CATPA Programs

LOCKDOWN COLORADANS AGAINST AUTO THEFT

COLORADANS AGAINST AUTO THEFT

Provides statewide coordination of public education and information for prevention of auto theft. This project delivers paid and earned media campaigns, social networking and other tools to support local, county and state agencies with educating the public for reduction of auto theft and related crimes

Total funding: \$750,000



CRIME DATA REPOSITORY INITIATIVE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS

Provides enhancing the capabilities of statewide crime reporting abilities reported by state, local and county law enforcement through the National Incident Based Reporting System. This project aims to provide easy access and accurate information on the incidence of auto theft and related crimes occurring in Colorado.

Total funding: \$372,783



AUTO THEFT INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION CENTER

Provides statewide centralization of auto theft crime information, assigned to the Colorado State Patrol, with full-time crime analyst dedicated to auto theft, and coordination of analytical products to support task forces and other agencies with intelligence-led policing products. This project is a national model and delivers a unique ability from other states in centralizing reported incidences of auto theft.

Total funding: \$620,000

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION



AUTO THEFT INVESTIGATORS

December 8, 2017

Sergeant Daniel Haley
Colorado State Patrol Legislative Liaison

As President of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI), I would like to express our support of the Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA).

The International Association of Auto Theft Investigators was formed in 1952. IAATI is a global organization of professional investigators that provides resources, training, and communication to investigators. With a member base in 71 countries and thousands of members, we have seen firsthand the tremendous value in combating automobile theft, training, and the strategic benefits that Automobile Prevention Authorities (ATPA) brings to their jurisdictions.

The national auto theft rate has risen the last two years after several years of decline. The reason for the decline was the aggressive approach to automobile theft, related crimes, prosecution, and public awareness/education programs that have been supported and funded by Automobile Theft Authorities like the CATPA. Many agencies and states refocused their attention from auto theft crimes due to the decline and are now seeing the effect with the increased auto theft rate. When you combat auto theft, you are also preventing other criminal activity from occurring.

Automobile theft has a direct link to many other crimes. Stolen vehicles are used to facilitate other criminal activities that fund criminal enterprises. Many criminal activities are committed in different jurisdictions by the same suspects. CATPA provides the avenues for the interdepartmental teamwork and the sharing of intelligence on auto theft investigations to assist in the apprehension, prosecution and conviction of these criminals.

CATPA provides a State wide coordinated strategic plan for funding Departments the equipment, training, and resources to effectively combat auto theft and related criminal activity.

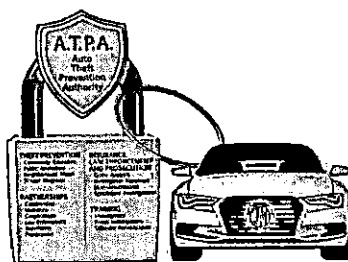
CATPA has proven to be an asset to the residents of Colorado due to the CATPA Executive Board's oversight of the programs and funding. CATPA is an example agency that is used to demonstrate the best practices and value that an Auto Theft Prevention Authority can bring to a state.

As an organization, IAATI supports the benefits that CATPA brings to Colorado. IAATI strongly urges you to support the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority during the Sunset Review.

Sincerely,

James Hough

James (J.D.) Hough
IAATI President



December 20, 2017

Dear Sergeant Daniel Haley,

Recently it has come to the attention of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigator's (IAATI) Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) Committee that your CATPA is scheduled for a Sunset review in January 2018.

In the event you are not aware of whom the ATPA Committee is, we are an international committee who members are the industry leaders and whose efforts are all in the solutions to effect a positive change for automotive theft and crimes. Collectively we are the industry experts and with the mutual purpose promote automotive theft prevention through the development of industry expertise and best practices.

Many are not aware just how complex automotive theft and crimes have become. The automobile is connected up to 90% of the time to violent crimes, the drug trade and even at times to acts of terrorism. Now in today's highly electronic world in a fight to provide solutions needs to include both the ability to understand the inner working of these vehicle electronic platforms as well as cyber/internet criminal elements.

First, please allow me to express our encouragement of good housekeeping and funds accountability. It is a good practice to review every invested dollar to ensure that it provides and demonstrates good value returned for those invested dollars.

Second, when it comes to funding an organization dedicated to the efforts to prevent and investigate auto theft, what we have discovered it is beneficial to help close the information gaps. It is simply too important not to provide a clear picture of the tremendous value your CATPA had brought to Colorado.

1. How important is your CATPA?

Violent Crimes: In 90% of the time violent crimes involves the use of a stolen vehicle. When Law Enforcements then investigate these crimes, the stolen vehicle is really a capsule of evidence that many times leads to the solving of that said "violent crimes". Have you ever opened the hood of your new car and asked the question "Where do I put the screwdriver"? Technology in the automotive arena has really advanced and to answer the question where do you put the screwdriver, the answer is "back in your pocket". Without the specialized training you cannot guess your way through. Vehicles are no longer just simple pieces of steel but instead complex electronic platforms that need specialized training to be able to provide effective investigation.

Education and Training: That is why your CATPA funded 2480 law enforcement personnel specialized training in providing 328 hours of classroom education. Your CATPA funding is making your law enforcement a far more effective tool to complete their responsibility by working smarter and not harder.

Public Engagement: Further to this 90% of stolen vehicles being directly connected to these violent crimes, when we break the link and prevent the theft from occurring through effective theft prevention... we directly impact the ability to enable these other crimes. Your CATPA knows it takes more than just a *law enforcement service* to positively impact these crimes. It takes the public to do their part too and that is why they have provided public education, and vehicle theft prevention solutions to engage the public's support.

Tools and Equipment: Additional CAPTA activities they are bearing positive return include funding for law enforcement tools and equipment. With the intent to keep this short I will focus on just one of these tools being LPRS. For each dollar your CATPA has invested in this tool, they are showing an impressive \$27.71 investment return! These LPRS are not only making your existing Law Enforcement more effective, they are providing an example of why you fund a CATPA in the first place.

Attentive Coordination: In every war the battle is either won or lost on how well the various groups combine their efforts towards the mutual goals of victory. The effectiveness of your CATPA to facilitate

multi-jurisdictional and multi-agency partnership across Colorado is well know and highly respected throughout the ATPA industry. They have shown they can take the very good silos of operation and combine them into a state wide success story!

Intelligence and Policing: When it comes to our industry, your CATPA has led that example on how to provide law enforcement good data and clarity of information. They are so effective that through our ATPA Committee other jurisdiction have travelled to Colorado to review how they have been so successful.

To answer the question how important is your CATPA, the answer is too important and on many levels!



2. What does Investing in your CATPA cost?

So we know having a CATPA is important but who paid for these services? Unlike some States or ATPAs your CATPA is funded not by the owners of vehicles but instead through funding from the insurance companies. The best part is these insurance companies do not just then transfer this cost to your policy holders but instead through the monetary benefits the CATPA brings, they are able to recoup this fee in full.

If for some reason the CATPA was no longer in operation the benefits these insurance companies are receiving would disappear and the cost would be the same. Though I expect would begin to increase as you have removed the ability to effectively address automotive theft and crimes.

Facts are facts, and when balancing the costs and return your CATPA is a good house keeper for your efforts and demonstrated good accountability for the investment made.

As the ATPA Committee Chair I therefore, offers our full support for Colorado's CATPA and their continued funding for operation. Automotive theft and crimes are not something that is a past tense and must have the attentive oversight and effectiveness your CATPA provides.

On a personal note: Colorado's CATPA is a highly respected partner with our global initiatives and have been an important part in our development of industry best practices. The professionalism and industry expertise they bring to our Committee is outstanding. So while this point is not part of your evaluation criteria, it is important for us to express and with much gratitude.

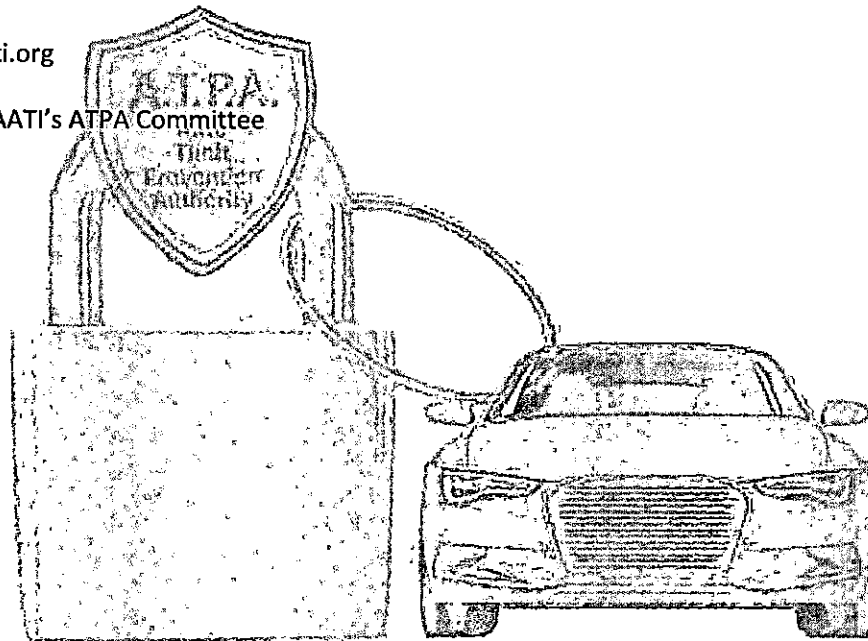
Sincerely,

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Chair of the IAATI's ATPA Committee





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DIRECTOR

December 5, 2017

Sergeant Daniel Haley
Colorado State Patrol Legislative Liaison
700 Kipling Street
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Dear Sgt. Haley;

The Michigan Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) would like to extend its support of the Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA). In Michigan alone, the auto theft program has helped decreased auto theft by 60 percent over the last ten years. Without the continued work and collaboration of programs such as the ATPA and CATPA, auto theft could begin to rise.

Not only is auto theft costly to owners and insurance companies because of insurance fraud and identity theft, auto theft is a contributing factor in more violent crimes such as carjacking, drug trafficking, and murder. The ATPA's overall success in the battle against motor vehicle theft is the direct result of the dedication and efforts by law enforcement teams, prosecutors' offices, and non-profit organizations funded through the ATPA. These highly-motivated individuals often go above and beyond the call of duty to recover stolen vehicles and arrest those responsible.

The collaboration of ATPA's nationwide contributes to the success in every state they exist. This entity continues to be the best avenue for sharing the most valuable information available in regards to auto theft. The Michigan ATPA values the CATPA and wishes to give its full support in their current sunset review assessment process.

Sincerely,

Spl/F/Lt. Scott Woodard, Executive Director
Automobile Theft Prevention Authority

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Dear Sergeant Haley:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Automobile Theft Prevention Authority to express our support for the Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority with regard to its upcoming sunset review under Colorado statutes.

We know that throughout the country the precursor of many crimes, including many violent crimes, is the theft of a vehicle. Often the common component in many criminal enterprises from terrorism to child abductions, drug trafficking, human trafficking, or drive by shootings is the use of a stolen vehicle. The IACP Vehicle Crimes Committee has recently taken a lead nationwide in highlighting the fact that combatting and preventing vehicle theft is an important component of an overall crime control strategy. We also know the economic damage that vehicle theft causes to society as a whole, not to mention the individual impact it has on the victim of these thefts who suddenly finds themselves unable to get to work, fulfill family commitments, or do the myriad of day-to-day tasks which provide the basis for their quality of life after the loss of their vehicle.

Because of this we support efforts to combat, reduce, and prevent vehicle crimes. As funding for programs directed to same is often a consideration, we fully support the efforts of Colorado to provide those necessary funds through legislation enabling the Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority to remain active. I would also point out that the continued existence of the Colorado ATPA allows for it to continue to serve as a major "go to" resource for expertise in the area of vehicle crimes, and a focus point for the delivery of those resources to law enforcement agencies in the state.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can do anything else with regard to this issue.

Sincerely,



Steven R. Wheeler
Executive Director



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TEXAS AUTO BURGLARY & THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

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RE: Importance of Operating Automobile Theft Prevention Authorities

Sgt. Haley;

Please accept this letter in support of the Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority. States can be effective by funding and coordinating a response to motor vehicle theft for three reasons: 1) motor vehicle theft is classified as a major crime in the US by the Federal Bureau of Investigation because it is harmful; 2) motor vehicle theft has a nexus with all other major crimes; and 3) it is the most technically complex and geographically challenging crime. I have met with the Colorado ATPA officials. On a trip in 2016, I personally observed the well-orchestrated response to motor vehicle theft provided through the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority that serves the State of Colorado.

As a major crime, motor vehicle theft is directly harmful to many people. It is most damaging to those who are least able to afford the harm it causes: the working poor, people who are disabled, and those who are on fixed incomes. These individuals often own vehicles that are easier to steal and are usually not covered by motor vehicle theft insurance. Additionally, motor vehicle thieves harm public integrity by using or falsifying the state's own titling systems to convert stolen motor vehicles into economic gain. The federal government set up motor vehicle theft as a major crime early in the last century because of the damage that it causes to individuals and the state.

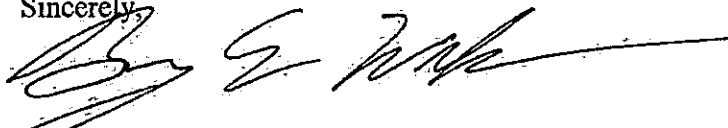
Motor vehicle theft plays a major role in other crimes. Criminal actors rarely use their own cars to conduct illegal activities. Dangerous crimes such as human trafficking, illegal drug transport, and drive-by shootings are often committed using stolen cars. A recent survey of Texas motor vehicle crime taskforce commanders revealed that half of them associated motor vehicle theft to drug trafficking. These commanders also associated violent crime and human trafficking involved with many motor vehicle thefts. Developing state led interagency collaboration is paramount to combating motor vehicle theft and the numerous associated crimes.

Finally, motor vehicle theft is technically complex and geographically challenging. Colorado's CATPA funded technology and analytics would not be possible without a state structure. Also, having trained investigators that meet all of the law enforcement investigator requirements and are able to consistently identify vehicle using confidential and proprietary means is critical to support the state's interest in titling and solving cases. Stolen vehicles move quickly across jurisdictional and state lines. The mobility of stolen vehicles provides a geographic challenge that only a state coordinated communication effort can solve.

Texas is also in the process of conducting a sunset review of its automobile prevention authority. We believe that similar collaborative law enforcement interventions have demonstrated that they are both cost efficient and effective.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan E. Wilson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bryan E Wilson
Director ABTPA



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Aurora Police Department to express our continued support of the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) and the CATPA Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force (CMATT). The Aurora Police Department has been involved with CATPA and the Task Force since 2010. During this time we have been able to see firsthand the benefits and positive results which have come from this grant funded initiative.

We know that auto theft is a major problem in the City of Aurora and many areas around the State of Colorado. The suspects involved in these crimes are using stolen vehicles to commit other dangerous and violent crimes. Aurora is also aware that these suspects do not stay in one area and cross jurisdiction boundaries on a daily basis. CATPA has afforded us the ability to have investigators from many agencies working together on a daily basis to target these offenders. It also allows for better communication between agencies which enhances the quality of investigation and prosecution.

CATPA has also improved our ability to provide tools and information for public awareness and training. We are able to quickly gather statistics, provide prevention tips and crime prevention campaign ideas to our citizens so they are informed. Aurora is a strong believer in community partnership and CATPA is helping us to achieve that when it comes to community awareness and prevention with auto theft. We know that without the grant funding through CATPA it would be impossible to try and carry out such an initiative.

The Aurora Police Department supports the mission of CATPA and the Auto Theft Task Force. We look forward to our continued partnership as we strive to combat auto theft and promote community awareness.

Respectfully,

Nick Metz
Chief of Police

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