

# 2015 REPORT



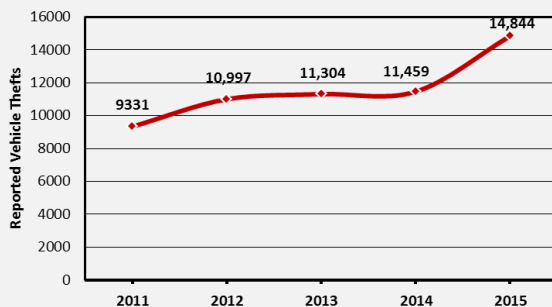
**CATPA**  
Colorado Auto Theft  
Prevention Authority  
Department of Public Safety

## THE COLORADO AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

The Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (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 2018.\* As a result, CATPA is enabled with approximately \$4 million per year to combat the serious and pervasive crime problems involving motor vehicle theft in Colorado. These funds are used for prevention, investigation, enforcement, police training, prosecution, and rehabilitation programs. Less than 8% of collected revenues are used for administrative support, including a three member staff, administered by the Colorado Department of Public Safety. The statute gives priority to multi-agency applicants that target auto theft in all regions of the state.

\*The assessment applies to certain automobile and truck policies but does not include motorcycles or trailers that are significant theft targets.

## Colorado Motor Vehicle Theft Trend<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Sources: Colorado Bureau of Investigations Uniform Crime Reports for 2005-2013 according to the national UCR Summary Hierarchy rules; 2014 projection based on Colorado Auto Theft Intelligence Center Reporting 2014-2015 showing a 29% increase.

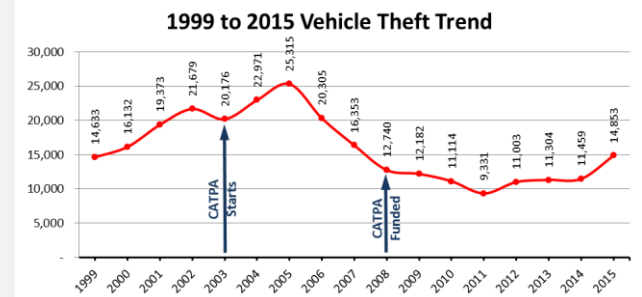
## CATPA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CATPA's Mission is: "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 state government."

These efforts have resulted in an increase in recovering stolen vehicles and criminal prosecutions of hard-core and major organized criminal groups. Since CATPA efforts have been launched, the number of stolen vehicles in Colorado has decreased 26.3% from 20,176 in 2003 to 14,853 in 2015.

Since 2008, when CATPA was authorized with funding, 93,986<sup>1</sup> vehicles have been reported stolen in Colorado, with a property value impact of \$582 million dollars. Through the efforts and

assistance of the CATPA initiatives, statewide auto theft has taken a dramatic reduction. This reduction has had a significant impact<sup>2</sup> to the citizens of Colorado. For example, in 2005 the property value impact was \$156 million dollars compared to \$92 million dollars in 2015.



<sup>2</sup>Note: FBI Crime the US value of a stolen vehicle. This loss only attributes the value of vehicles stolen and not the additional losses of personal property, wages and time, insurance deductibles as well as peace of mind and safety. Auto theft in Colorado is linked to a wide spectrum of criminal behavior: illegal-drug trafficking, criminal street-gangs, robberies, identity theft, use in other crimes, professional chop shops/exporters, and repeat offenders of many types.

## THE CATPA BOARD

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

1. Ron Kammerzell, Colorado Department of Revenue Executive Director Designee, Senior Director of Enforcement Division
2. Sheriff Steve Nowlin, Law Enforcement Representative, Montezuma County
3. Chief Kevin Paletta, Law Enforcement Representative, Lakewood Police Department
4. Tonia Rumer, Insurance Representative, Colorado Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company
5. Jerry Cole, Public Representative, Sr. Director Law Enforcement LoJack Corporation
6. Bob Pace, Insurance Representative, American Family Insurance
7. Carole Walker, Insurance Representative, Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association
8. Jess Redman, Statewide Association of District Attorneys Representative, Deputy District Attorney, 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District
9. Judi Burk, Insurance Representative, State Farm
10. Lt. Colonel Brenda Leffler, Colorado Department of Public Safety Executive Director Designee, Colorado State Patrol, and
11. Bob Pace, Insurance Representative, American Family Insurance.

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

# IN 2015, THERE WAS AN AVERAGE OF 40 VEHICLES STOLEN EVERY DAY IN COLORADO COMPARED TO 69 STOLEN EVERY DAY IN 2005.

## CATPA FUNDED PROGRAMS

In 2015, the CATPA Board awarded funding to nine (9) grant projects with multiagency initiatives. These grant projects engaged 44 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 that was funded in FY15 by CATPA.

- 1. Attorney General's Auto Theft Prosecution.....\$ 286,491**  
This is a criminal prosecution initiative led by the Colorado Department of Law. This initiative has adjudicated offenders pursuant to the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act.
- 2. ATICC.....\$ 244,589**  
The Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center (ATICC) is a Colorado State Patrol initiative that provides timely and reliable information and analysis of statewide auto theft reports completed in the Colorado Crime Information Center. The ATICC provides services to federal, tribal, national and state law enforcement agencies.
- 3. BATTLE.....\$ 879,041**  
BATTLE is a statewide multi-agency task force of law enforcement agencies. As a statewide task force they are able to provide agencies with the ability to work beyond the limitations of their available resources to combat auto theft. BATTLE's goal is to reduce and deter the crime of auto theft. BATTLE aims to identify and arrest auto theft suspects and recover stolen vehicles, through pooling of law enforcement resources utilizing advanced technology and sharing intelligence, while deploying intelligence led policing strategies. BATTLE has proven effective at building state, county and local partnerships to increase communication among Colorado law enforcement agencies. BATTLE has identified chronic repeat offenders of auto theft and has also developed investigative processes for prosecution of offenders using the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act.
- 4. CAAT.....\$ 587,800**  
Coloradans Against Auto Theft (CAAT) is a public awareness, prevention and education initiative. Partners include: Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association, AAA Colorado, Colorado State Patrol, LoJack, NICB, Attorney General's Auto Theft Prosecution Initiative, Boulder County Auto Theft Prevention Program, Colorado Auto Theft Investigators, Denver Metropolitan Auto Theft Team, East Metro Auto Theft Team, Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force, Regional Auto Theft Team of Northern Colorado, South Area Auto Theft Task Force, Southern Colorado Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force, and Western Colorado Auto Theft Task Force.
- 4. CATI.....\$ 155,170**  
Colorado Auto Theft Investigators (CATI) was awarded a statewide training initiative to support law enforcement education pertaining to auto theft.
- 5. C-MATT.....\$1,867,293**  
The CATPA Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force (C-MATT) is a full-time multi-agency enforcement task force initiative. In 2015, CATPA provided funding to consolidate all law enforcement partnerships within the counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Jefferson and Denver. This consolidation has provided an increase of communication and collaboration among auto theft investigators and has led to a centralized approach in identifying, apprehending

and prosecuting auto theft offenders, who normally commit crimes across multi-jurisdictional boundaries. This fulltime task force interfaces cooperatively with the statewide BATTLE task force to work towards a more coordinated synergetic effort to further attack and lower our auto theft problem and provide equal service to our partners as auto thieves know no jurisdictional boundaries.

## 2014 COLORADO AUTO THEFT FACTS<sup>3</sup>

- On average, 285 vehicles were stolen every week in Colorado, accounting for a vehicle value loss of \$1.7 million.<sup>3</sup>
- CATPA funds were distributed to multi-agency task forces covering 86% of the Colorado population and 95% where auto thefts occurred.
- On average, 8 out of 10 vehicles stolen were recovered. Of those recovered, 85% were found within one month from the date of theft.
- Vehicles not possessing a license plate, registration or identification number had the lowest chance of recovery (35% recovery rate).
- Citizens' carelessly leaving vehicles running and unattended (so-called "puffers") is the highest risk of having a vehicle stolen.
- Auto thefts have led to death, injuries and damage to fellow citizens from traffic collisions and other violent criminal conduct due to the reckless, irresponsible and repeat offending nature of those who steal cars for whatever reason.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please visit the CATPA website at: [Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority](#) or contact the CATPA Office at **303-239-4560**.

<sup>3</sup>Source: Colorado Stolen Vehicle Database Repository managed by the Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center; 2013-2014 reported stolen vehicles entered into the Colorado Crime Information Center.