

**2007 Annual Report to the Governor  
and Legislature  
of the State of Michigan**

## **AUTO THEFT PREVENTION TIPS**

- Close the vehicle windows completely, lock the doors, and take the keys with you whenever you leave your vehicle.
- Never hide a second set of keys in your vehicle. Keep the spare key in your wallet or purse.
- Don't leave your vehicle running, even if you will be gone for less than a minute.
- If you have a garage, park your vehicle inside and lock both the garage and the vehicle.
- Put all your valuables in the trunk where thieves cannot see them.
- Park in a well-lighted area when it is dark, and park near the entrances of buildings.
- Park with the vehicle's front wheels turned sharply to the right or left, and set the emergency brake. That makes it very difficult to tow the vehicle.
- Have the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etched into the vehicle's glass.
- Park in attended lots.
- Never leave the registration, title, or insurance certificate in the vehicle. Carry the registration and certificate in your wallet or purse, and file the title safely at home.
- Drop your business cards or other identification inside the vehicle's doors, under the back seat, and behind the dash.
- Activate any anti-theft device that you have installed on the vehicle when unoccupied.

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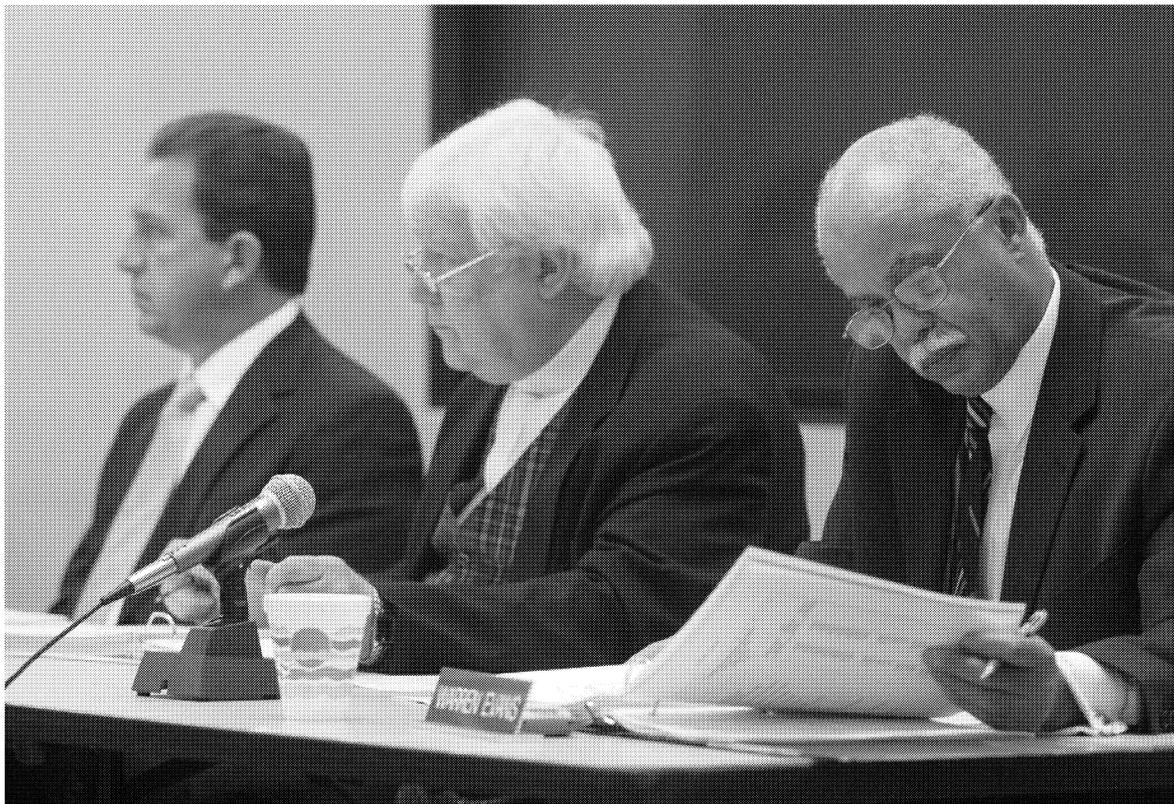
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**ATPA Board of Directors - Grant Hearings, November 1, 2007**



**Joe Dolan, William Heemer, Ella Bully-Cummings, Peter Munoz**



**Steven Wagner, Russell Kohler, Warren Evans**

## **2007 Board of Directors and Staff Automobile Theft Prevention Authority**

The ATPA operates under a Board of Directors appointed by the Governor. By law, the board includes the Director of the Department of State Police and representatives of law enforcement, the automobile insurance industry, and purchasers of automobile insurance.

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## **To the Governor and Honorable Members of the Michigan Legislature:**

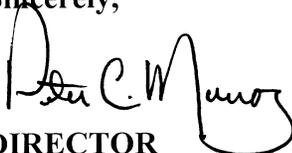
**On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Michigan Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA), it is an honor to present our Annual Report. Although auto theft increased slightly in the past reporting year, it is still down 31% since the inception of the ATPA. Thefts have decreased in 17 of the 21 years during that period. In fact, auto thefts are lower than they were 30 years ago.**

**Even though our accomplishments have served as a model for other states, the board is looking to invigorate our operations in the coming years. This will include problem identification, new funding cycles, program review and evaluation, and future revenues. This will mean creating new initiatives, such as regionalization of task forces, in order to more effectively impact auto theft. We have to analyze not only outputs but also outcomes.**

**This past year, the ATPA collaborated with the National Insurance Crime Bureau to fund a statewide auto insurance fraud effort through the Michigan Attorney General's Office. This kind of strategic cooperative effort can set the tone for future partnerships.**

**We would like to thank the men and women in our law enforcement teams, prosecution grants, their support personnel, and non-profit programs. They are part of the 50 different agencies funded through the ATPA, and without their dedication and hard work we could not achieve our ultimate goal of reducing auto theft in Michigan.**

**Sincerely,**



**DIRECTOR  
Michigan State Police**

# THE ATPA

## History and Description

### History

In the mid-1980's, Michigan had the highest auto theft rate in the nation. Members of the Michigan Anti-Car Theft Campaign Committee (ACT) developed a concept that would combine the efforts of law enforcement, communities, and business against auto theft.

In 1986, Michigan's Governor and Legislature decided to try the ACT Committee's idea. So began one of Michigan's most effective weapons against crime: the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority.

Since then, the ATPA has led the way in reducing auto thefts in the state.

### A Successful Experiment

The ATPA was established with a sunset provision that automatically abolished the program unless it was renewed by the Legislature. The purpose of the sunset was to ensure that the program, created as an experiment in law enforcement, was doing its job as intended.

In 1992, the Legislature and Governor agreed that the ATPA should become a permanent state agency. The legislation was passed overwhelmingly in both the House and Senate.

### How the ATPA Works

The ATPA is funded by an annual \$1 assessment on each insured noncommercial passenger vehicle, plus interest earned by investing those funds.

It is governed by a seven-member board of directors appointed by the Governor which includes representatives of law enforcement, automobile insurers, and consumers of automobile insurance.

Each year the board awards grants to law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, and nonprofit community organizations. These grant programs prevent auto theft, catch auto thieves, and put the thieves in jail.

The ATPA has four staff members at Michigan State Police headquarters in East Lansing. They conduct financial and performance audits on each program throughout the year and prepare reports for the board.

ATPA board members are liaisons sharing crucial information with key state and national officials.

Finally, ATPA board members and staff are involved in long-range planning. Regular meetings, including an annual strategic planning session, provide updated goals and objectives for fighting auto theft.

### Stretching Resources

Since its inception in 1986, funding for the ATPA has remained relatively constant. However, the cost of the ATPA funded programs has increased. For the past 21 years, the activities of the ATPA have drawn from these fixed resources in the most efficient and effective manner.

In order to stretch ATPA funds, the board requires grantees to provide matching funds for their anti-theft efforts. In 1993, grant recipients were required to provide 12.5% of total program costs. That match was increased to 25% beginning in 1994 and became a hard match in 2002.

### Bucking the Trend

From 1986 to 2006, auto thefts in Michigan dropped 31%. During that same time period, national thefts have only fallen 3%. National and state officials have agreed that the ATPA is a major reason for Michigan's decline in auto theft.

As a direct result, major Michigan auto insurers' average rate of comprehensive premium, relative to other states, has been reduced. In 1987, Michigan's comprehensive premiums were 5<sup>th</sup> highest in the nation. Since 1987, Michigan's comprehensive premiums have fallen as far as 20<sup>th</sup>. Michigan motorists paid \$19 into the fund from 1987 to 2005, but have saved almost \$560 by not being in 5<sup>th</sup> place. The \$1 investment by owners of non-commercial passenger vehicles earned a good return of \$48 in 2005.

# 2007 OVERVIEW OF ATPA ACTIVITY

## Website

The ATPA website continues to be updated and has a revised address—[www.michigan.gov/atpa](http://www.michigan.gov/atpa). The site provides historical and current data, as well as being interactive with ATPA grantees and the general public. In 2007, a new section was added. It is called “Hot Topics” and describes current auto theft cases and trends.

## Innovative Grant Program

The board encourages this program in order to stimulate original ideas and creative programs to combat auto theft. These one-time grants, with funding up to 100%, are outside the norm of the regular grant process. There is not a set deadline for submission, and projects can be more or less than the usual one-year grant period. The package and instructions are available through the ATPA office and website.

## ATPA Fund Restored

In April, the legislature approved an Executive Order (E.O.) which reduced the ATPA spending authority by \$4,000,000. The impact of this reduction would have required all grants to be cut by 40% (48 law enforcement positions) midway through the grant year. A grassroots effort by ATPA grantees to inform the legislature what kind of impact this would have produced results. In July, the E.O. was reversed, the pending cuts were rescinded, and all programs were restored.

## Fiscal Year Change

In order to accurately reflect the ATPA fund balance to coincide with the Michigan fiscal year, the board approved a change to the grant funding year. After 9/30/08, all grants will start on October 1 and end September 30 of the following year. This necessitated a special nine-month grant year for 2008.

## Board Establishes Work Groups

- The ATPA selected Bill Heemer to head a work group to review the entire grant evaluation process and make recommendations to the board. The goal is to clearly differentiate between grantees’ performance results in order to make the best funding decisions.
- Steve Wagner will be co-chairing a finance work group, which includes Joe Dolan, for the purpose of looking at the ATPA’s current and future revenues. They will be developing background information for possible enhancement of the present \$1 assessment that funds ATPA projects.

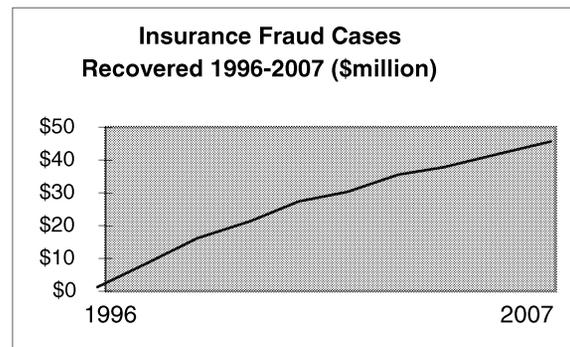
## Grant Hearings

All seven board members participated in the 2008 grant hearings held on November 1, 2007, in Dearborn at the AAA Michigan Headquarters. Total grant requests were \$11 million. Final approved budgets totaled \$9.8 million, with an ATPA share of \$7.3 million. The overflow crowd saw 50 different agencies/entities receive funding, reflecting 129 personnel.

This was the fifth consecutive year the hearings were held at AAA and hosted by Steve Wagner and his staff.

## Insurance Fraud Savings

A review of ATPA funded law enforcement teams in the past 12 years found that those teams were involved in 6,900 fraud cases and \$47 million in claims denied/recoveries. Without the ATPA teams, these fraudulent claims would have been paid.



## VIN Etching Proves Successful

The ATPA’s multi-year study of VIN etched vehicles showed that etched vehicles are **29% less likely to be stolen** when compared to the rest of the vehicles in Michigan.

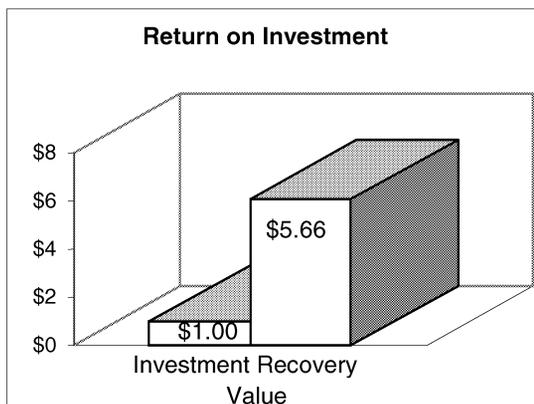
The ATPA again coordinated a statewide glass VIN etching program with AAA Michigan. This program, which was open to the general public, utilized AAA employees, ATPA non-profit groups, and the ATPA staff. Over 1,500 vehicles were etched at 37 AAA branches. Not only does it make a car less appealing to car thieves, but an etched vehicle may also qualify for a discount on the comprehensive portion of auto insurance premiums. There have been nearly 39,000 vehicles etched in this twelve-year program.

# TASK FORCE HIGHLIGHTS

- **“Thieves Should Be Quiet”** The Southwest Michigan SCAR Team assisted a sheriff deputy who responded to a noise complaint because a stolen vehicle was in the driveway. Officers found three other stolen vehicles on the property but could not make contact with anyone in the house. With a quick search warrant, officers entered the house and found six people in the basement who confessed to the thefts and a B & E of a gas station where they had obtained their beer.
- **“Paper Trails”** The Washtenaw Area Auto Theft Team investigated an elaborate scheme that was used to steal at least 24 vehicles. The theft ring would take a Secretary of State form that is used for impounded vehicles and forge valid vehicle identification numbers (VIN’s) for the cars they wanted. Armed with the appropriate paperwork, the ring members easily got duplicate keys made at area dealerships and then simply drove the cars away from apartment complexes. The investigation continues in four counties to identify all the victims: original owner, insurance company, dealership, and the new owners.
- **“Fun Day Ruined”** The Downriver Auto Theft Team led the joint FBI/MSP investigation of the Highwaymen Motorcycle Club’s theft of vehicles. In a display of cooperation that is common to auto theft, the Western Wayne Auto Theft Team, the Monroe Auto Theft Team, and the Attorney General’s Office all contributed to this effort. On one occasion, search warrants were executed in four metro-Detroit locations, and the target was arrested along with the recovery of seven vehicles. On another occasion, a high-ranking member of the Club was arrested in Monroe County for operating a chop shop. A third event involved a federal search warrant on their Detroit clubhouse when 200 members were present for a family fun day. Officers seized 17 stolen motorcycles on that day, and club members complained to the media that their fun day had been ruined.
- **“Key Ring”** The Macomb County Auto Theft Squad (MATS) investigated a major theft ring that was contacting vehicle owners advertised in the Trading Times. The ring got the owner’s name, address, and vehicle identification number. Then they provided false identification for the real owner and false ownership papers for the vehicle to a dealership parts department and obtained the keys to steal the vehicle. The MATS investigators have identified 50 GM vehicles stolen by this group, and three subjects have been arrested. Major portions of the case have been investigated by other ATPA grantees in the Wayne County area. A subject arrested in Inkster was connected to a dealership where he had keys made for 25 cars that were later stolen.
- **“Neighborhood Improvement”** The Detroit Auto Theft Team investigated an eastside gang (Jefferson Boys) who were stealing vehicles and shooting at anyone who confronted them. On midnight surveillance, officers caught two armed gang members stealing two vehicles and arrested them after a short foot race. Officers recovered three other vehicles at the scene.

## Return on Investment

During 2007, ATPA grantees achieved the following: 4,522 recovery incidents; 2,880 arrests; and nearly 2,400 vehicles etched. The law enforcement grantees recovered \$5.66 for every \$1 the ATPA invested.



## TASK FORCE HIGHLIGHTS, Continued

- **“Innovative Family”** The Attorney General/National Insurance Crime Bureau grant investigated a metro-Detroit area dealership and issued arrest warrants for ten individuals who were part of an auto insurance fraud ring linked to organized crime. The subjects used twelve auto repair shops in the Detroit area to enhance collision damages and defraud various insurance companies of millions of dollars. One man was charged with 40 felonies, his brother was charged with 34 felonies, and his mother was charged with 17 felonies.
- **“Blame Santa!”** The Saginaw Auto Theft Team arrested an 11-year-old boy (on probation for previous auto thefts) and asked him why he steals cars. The young man responded: “I wanted the Grand Theft Auto video game for Christmas and didn’t get it. If I had that game, I would play it all day and never leave home or steal real cars”. The boy is spending this Christmas in the county juvenile center.
- **“You Can Run...But You Cannot Hide”** The Oakland Auto Theft Team, coordinating with many other agencies, arrested two subjects who had gone on a countywide crime spree stealing 5 vehicles and breaking into 23. The pair beat up a man, robbed him of \$900 and his car keys at knifepoint, and then returned to steal his vehicle. A gas station clerk called in a tip about two suspicious customers, and the chase was on. The subjects were finally caught on the roof of a two-story house. Officers gave credit to great teamwork between citizens and many agencies for being able to obtain a 15 to 40 years prison sentence for these thieves.
- **“Long Arm of the Law”** The Grand Rapids Team worked a case which involved an EBay purchase of a Volvo with a counterfeit \$21,5000 check. Officers tracked the vehicle to Newark, New Jersey, then to Germany, and then to Finland where it was impounded at the docks. A Russian man showed up to drive it to Russia but found it had been impounded. A woman then contacted Finnish police to complain that she had paid \$18,000 cash for the vehicle. The Auto Theft Team is working with Unitrin in making arrangements to return the vehicle to the United States.
- **“Thief Leaves His Picture”** The Lansing Unit investigated two separate incidents of vehicles being stolen from a neighborhood. Both of the vehicles were later recovered within one block of the thefts. The thief made a third visit to the neighborhood by sneaking into the house to steal the keys and stabbing the homeowner who surprised him. During the assault the thief dropped his cell phone, and officers were able to obtain the thief’s name, address, and picture from the phone!
- **“Ho Hum—Just Another Year”** The Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit had several notable investigations. They used the Automated Fingerprint Identification System to arrest three subjects who had stolen 50 vehicles in a month, they arrested two subjects who had stolen 14 vehicles from Ford’s storage lot in Dearborn, they closed down a chop shop and recovered ten Ford pickups, they arrested a man who failed to pay the rent on his self-storage unit (officers found the truck he had reported stolen in 2005 inside the storage unit), and they assisted the Monroe Auto Theft Squad in solving the key ring case.
- **“Smile!”** The Southwest Detroit Business Association, an ATPA non-profit grantee, reported that their video surveillance camera videotaped two young males stealing two vehicles on consecutive days at the same location. The video was able to pick up a description of the two which was given to an ATPA-funded Detroit Police officer. This video will be used as evidence in the case.

The following table displays the performance of ATPA law enforcement auto theft consortiums.

YEAR	ARRESTS	\$ VALUE RECOVERED
1989-2002	34,165	342,027,230
2003	2,677	32,919,145
2004	2,719	33,819,435
2005	2,778	37,420,835
2006	2,957	49,220,230
2007	2,880	44,895,960
<b>TOTALS</b>	48,176	\$540,302,835

# TASK FORCE HIGHLIGHTS, Continued

- **“Dad is a Thief and a Cross Dresser!”** The Dearborn Auto Theft Unit received information from Ohio State Police about a person who had stolen two trucks and led officers on high speed chases. In his last escape, the subject crashed the truck and fled on foot—leaving his two injured children (ages 2 and 4) behind. Dearborn officers had arrested this subject before on stolen car charges and were able to locate him. The subject was still driving a truck stolen in Ohio, but he was dressed as a woman!
- **“A Family Affair”** The Southfield Auto Theft Team investigated a case where the father, son, and daughter reported being awakened by the sound of barking dogs and observed the father’s 2005 Dodge Ram pickup being stolen out of the driveway. All three made statements to the fact that they had seen the car in the driveway that evening and that the son was the last to drive it. Oops! A quick LEIN check proved that the vehicle had been in a police impound lot for the past two weeks. All three were charged with Filing a False Police Report. The family that reports together, goes to court together!
- **“Membership Services?”** The Genesee County Auto Theft Unit investigated the retag of a 2003 GMC Yukon stolen from Detroit in 2004. The subject had been driving it around for the past three years registered as a Chevrolet Tahoe. AAA Michigan was happy to have the vehicle returned until officers told them the subject was a member. Officers found AAA trip tickets he had used to locate his vacation destinations while driving their vehicle.
- **“Don’t Forget Your Backpack”** The Hamtramck Auto Theft Team investigated a carjacking where a woman was shot three times and thrown out of the vehicle by the subject before he drove away in her truck. Officers found the unoccupied vehicle crashed into a tree in Detroit, and they began smiling when they discovered the suspect had left his backpack full of personal items in the truck. Within hours, officers knew the identity of the suspect. Media coverage and pressure from many surrounding police agencies caused the subject to turn himself in.

## Vehicle Theft Rates

From 1986 to 2006, both Michigan’s population and registered vehicle fleet have grown 10% and 36% respectively. Despite these factors, Michigan’s theft rate per 100,000 population and per 100,000 registered vehicles has fallen dramatically.

THEFT RATE	1986	2006	% CHANGE
Population	787.5	492.4	-37.5
Vehicles	999.5	525.0	-47.5

- **“Call 911!”** The Muskegon Heights Auto Theft Team investigated a vehicle arson and solved the case by asking the emergency dispatch center if they had received any calls from the wooded area where the burned vehicle was found. 911 operators remembered a cell phone call from two girls who needed directions to locate their boyfriends in the wooded area. Officers were able to get the two guys to admit they had burned the vehicle and arranged for a ride home.
- **“Power of the Press”** An Ottawa County Auto Theft investigator was reviewing a rash of auto thefts and auto B & E’s over the last 45 days in the Hudsonville area, so they put out a press release advising vehicle owners to lock their vehicles and not leave their keys in the vehicle. The ten stolen vehicles worth \$120,000 had been recovered, but there were no real leads. Two people responded to the press release with information about two guys they had met at a party who were bragging about stealing so much stuff from unlocked vehicles that they couldn’t carry it, so they began stealing “nice” cars to transport their pile of loot. The auto theft officer quickly found an address for the two suspects. When he interviewed them, they admitted to stealing the ten vehicles. The two informants are sharing a \$10,000 reward from H.E.A.T.

Using the latest data available, this table indicates how Michigan auto thefts compared with other states in 2006.

2006 FBI MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS					
State		Total 2006 MVT	State		Theft Rate per 100,000 pop.
1	California	242,693	1	District of Columbia	1,258.9
2	Texas	95,429	2	Nevada	1,080.4
3	Florida	76,437	3	Arizona	889.5
4	Arizona	54,849	4	Washington	717.6
5	<b>MICHIGAN (UCR)</b>	49,709	5	California	665.7
6	Washington	45,899	6	Hawaii	603.9
7	Georgia	43,163	7	Maryland	543.5
8	Illinois	37,641	8	<b>MICHIGAN (UCR)</b>	492.4
9	Ohio	37,425	9	New Mexico	472.0
10	New York	32,134	10	Georgia	460.9
11	Maryland	30,522	11	Colorado	437.5
12	North Carolina	30,126	12	Missouri	435.3
13	Pennsylvania	29,540	13	Florida	422.5
14	Nevada	26,961	14	Texas	405.9
15	Missouri	25,433	15	Oregon	390.7
16	New Jersey	24,724	16	South Carolina	379.6
17	Tennessee	22,593	17	Alaska	377.4
18	Indiana	21,866	18	Tennessee	374.1
19	Colorado	20,795	19	Oklahoma	373.2
20	Massachusetts	17,961	20	Louisiana	364.8
21	South Carolina	16,402	21	Indiana	346.3
22	Louisiana	15,640	22	North Carolina	340.2
23	Virginia	14,814	23	Rhode Island	335.5
24	Alabama	14,814	24	Delaware	329.9
25	Oregon	14,460	25	Ohio	326.1
26	Wisconsin	14,031	26	Utah	325.4
27	Minnesota	13,379	27	Alabama	322.7
28	Oklahoma	13,358	28	Kansas	314.9
29	Connecticut	10,390	29	Connecticut	296.4
30	Kentucky	9,243	30	Illinois	293.3
31	New Mexico	9,225	31	Mississippi	286.8
32	Kansas	8,703	32	Nebraska	284.9
33	Mississippi	8,347	33	New Jersey	283.4
34	Utah	8,299	34	Massachusetts	279.0
35	Hawaii	7,763	35	Arkansas	265.5
36	Arkansas	7,463	36	Minnesota	258.9
37	District of Columbia	7,321	37	Wisconsin	252.5
38	Nebraska	5,038	38	Pennsylvania	237.4
39	Iowa	5,006	39	Kentucky	219.8
40	West Virginia	3,921	40	West Virginia	215.6
41	Rhode Island	3,582	41	Virginia	193.8
42	Delaware	2,816	42	Montana	185.0
43	Alaska	2,529	43	Iowa	167.9
44	Idaho	2,429	44	New York	166.4
45	Montana	1,748	45	Idaho	165.6
46	New Hampshire	1,422	46	North Dakota	159.2
47	Maine	1,340	47	Wyoming	150.7
48	North Dakota	1,012	48	New Hampshire	108.1
49	Wyoming	776	49	Maine	101.4
50	South Dakota	718	50	Vermont	93.9
51	Vermont	586	51	South Dakota	91.8
<b>NATIONAL TOTAL</b>		<b>1,192,809</b>	<b>NATIONAL AVERAGE</b>		<b>398.4</b>

## STATES WITH HIGHEST MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS (FBI)

	1986	1996	2006	1996-2006 CHANGE	1986-2006 CHANGE
CALIFORNIA	205,597	242,466	242,693	0.1%	18.0%
TEXAS	119,121	104,928	95,429	-9.1%	-19.9%
FLORIDA	69,824	103,769	76,437	-26.3%	9.5%
ARIZONA	13,892	41,034	54,849	33.7%	294.8%
<b>MICHIGAN UCR</b>	<b>72,021</b>	<b>62,930</b>	<b>50,017</b>	<b>-20.5%</b>	<b>-30.6%</b>
WASHINGTON	14,037	28,893	45,899	58.9%	227.0%
GEORGIA	26,264	46,215	43,163	-6.6%	64.3%
ILLINOIS	72,587	58,077	37,641	-35.2%	-48.1%
OHIO	40,396	45,528	37,425	-17.8%	-7.4%
NEW YORK	113,247	89,900	32,134	-64.3%	-71.6%
MARYLAND	24,334	36,083	30,522	-15.4%	25.4%
NORTH CAROLINA	13,186	24,566	30,126	22.6%	128.5%
PENNSYLVANIA	42,130	49,690	29,540	-40.6%	-29.9%
NEVADA	4,600	11,194	26,961	140.9%	486.1%
MISSOURI	22,233	23,992	25,433	6.0%	14.4%
NEW JERSEY	59,096	46,437	24,724	-46.8%	-58.2%
TENNESSEE	26,109	34,428	22,593	-34.4%	-13.5%
INDIANA	18,027	24,817	21,866	-11.9%	21.3%
COLORADO	15,876	15,206	20,795	36.8%	31.0%
MASSACHUSETTS	52,866	32,178	17,961	-44.2%	-66.0%
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>1,224,127</b>	<b>1,395,192</b>	<b>1,192,809</b>	<b>-14.5%</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>

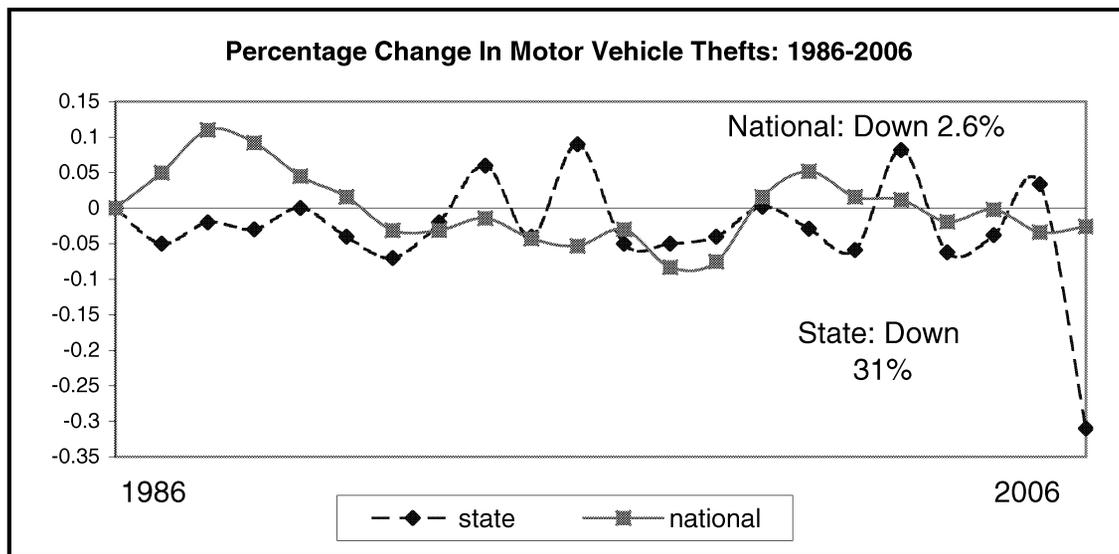
### U.S. TOP 10 MOST STOLEN

2005 Model Year	NICB 2006 Data
Source: NHTSA, Oct. 2007	(All Years and Models)
MAKE/MODEL	MAKE/MODEL
1. Dodge Neon	1. 1995 Honda Civic
2. Nissan Sentra	2. 1991 Honda Accord
3. Chevrolet Malibu	3. 1989 Toyota Camry
4. Chrysler 300	4. 1997 Ford F-150 Pickup
5. Chevrolet Impala	5. 2005 Dodge Ram Pickup
6. Chevrolet Cobalt	6. 1994 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup
7. Nissan Altima	7. 1994 Nissan Sentra
8. Pontiac Grand Prix	8. 1994 Dodge Caravan
9. Ford Taurus	9. 1994 Saturn SL
10. Ford Focus	10. 1990 Acura Integra

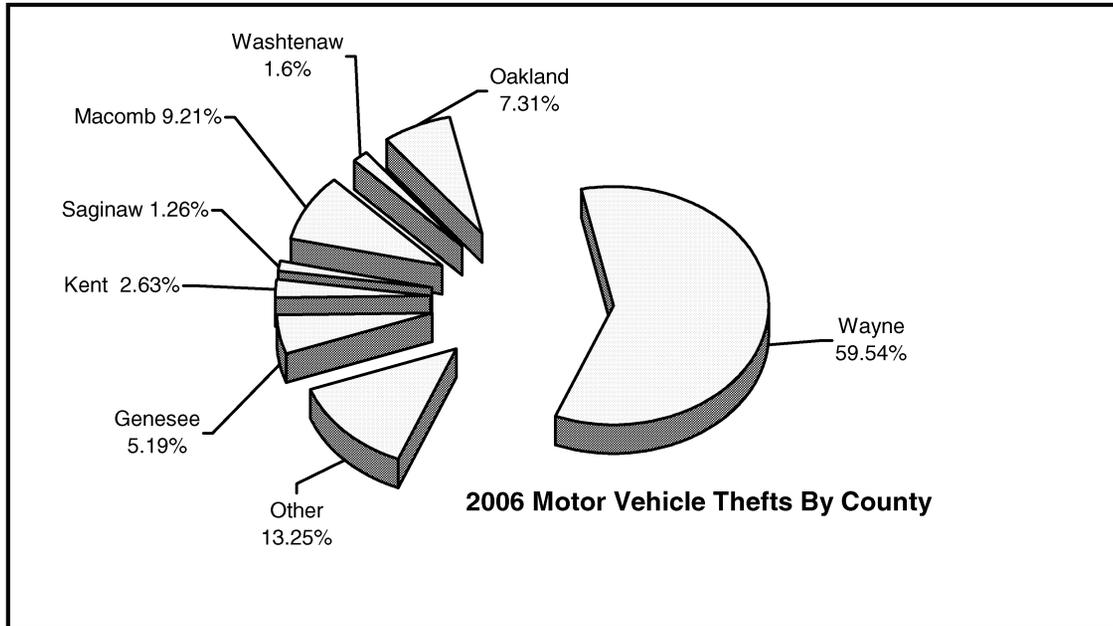
## MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS

The following table provides data indicating that from 1986 to 2006, Michigan thefts have declined 31% and national thefts have decreased almost 3%.

	State		Detroit		National	
Year	Thefts	% Change	Thefts	% Change	Thefts	% Change
1986	72,021		31,913		1,224,127	
1987	68,415	-5.0	29,811	-6.6	1,285,300	5.0
1988	67,211	-1.8	30,123	1.0	1,432,916	11.5
1989	65,297	-2.8	28,123	-6.6	1,564,800	9.2
1990	65,220	-0.1	30,376	8.0	1,635,907	4.5
1991	62,636	-4.0	28,740	-5.4	1,661,738	1.6
1992	58,037	-7.3	27,344	-4.9	1,610,834	-3.1
1993	56,670	-2.4	28,061	2.6	1,561,047	-3.1
1994	60,227	6.3	29,569	5.4	1,539,097	-1.4
1995	57,895	-3.9	29,273	-1.0	1,472,732	-4.3
1996	62,930	8.7	34,265	17.1	1,395,192	-5.3
1997	59,826	-4.9	33,439	-2.4	1,353,707	-3.0
1998	56,536	-5.5	28,651	-14.3	1,240,754	-8.3
1999	54,018	-4.5	26,607	-7.1	1,147,305	-7.5
2000	53,889	-0.2	25,892	-2.7	1,165,559	1.6
2001	52,310	-2.9	24,537	-5.2	1,226,457	5.2
2002	49,248	-5.9	23,857	-2.8	1,246,096	1.6
2003	53,307	8.2	25,356	6.3	1,260,471	1.2
2004	49,982	-6.2	24,573	-3.1	1,237,114	-1.9
2005	48,064	-3.8	21,439	-12.8	1,235,226	-0.2
2006	49,709	3.4	22,918	6.9	1,192,809	-3.4
<b>% Change</b>		<b>-31.0</b>		<b>-28.2</b>		<b>-2.6</b>



## COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS



COUNTY	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS			% CHANGE	% CHANGE	% CHANGE
	1986	1996	2006	1986-1996	1996-2006	1986 -2006
WAYNE	43,300	42,602	29,597	-2	-31	-32
MACOMB	5,832	2,836	4,578	-51	61	-22
OAKLAND	9,310	3,886	3,636	-58	-6	-61
GENESEE	3,290	3,329	2,581	1	-22	-22
KENT	1,778	1,542	1,308	-13	-15	-26
WASHTENAW	1,449	1,122	793	-23	-29	-45
INGHAM	812	857	704	6	-18	-13
KALAMAZOO	591	556	671	-6	21	14
SAGINAW	569	588	628	3	7	10
MUSKEGON	331	408	471	23	15	42
CALHOUN	244	473	330	94	-30	35
ST. CLAIR	261	308	320	18	4	23
JACKSON	308	277	296	-10	7	-4
MONROE	279	438	294	57	-33	5
BERRIEN	408	474	247	16	-48	-39
BAY	175	272	217	55	-20	24
OTTAWA	194	226	203	16	-10	5
LIVINGSTON	204	172	193	-16	12	-5
VAN BUREN	150	116	167	-23	44	11
EATON	122	172	156	41	-9	28
REMAINDER	2,414	2,276	2,319	-6	2	-4
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>72,021</b>	<b>62,930</b>	<b>49,709</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-31</b>

## JURISDICTIONS WITH MORE THAN 100 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

JURISDICTION	2000 THEFTS	2001 THEFTS	2002 THEFTS	2003 THEFTS	2004 THEFTS	2005 THEFTS	2006 THEFTS	% CHANGE 2000-2006
DETROIT	25,892	24,537	23,857	25,356	24,573	21,439	22,918	-11
WARREN	728	1,118	1,148	1,587	1,402	1,633	1,805	148
FLINT	2,128	1,965	1,342	1,298	1,563	1,583	1,521	-29
DEARBORN	986	1,176	937	1,317	1,037	1,082	1,035	5
SOUTHFIELD	1,087	828	795	1,126	813	850	707	-35
GRAND RAPIDS	860	677	673	709	739	678	697	-19
PONTIAC	599	546	457	409	469	488	565	-6
REDFORD TWP (Wayne)	582	371	437	453	508	535	562	-3
EASTPOINTE	279	258	263	378	367	387	554	99
ROSEVILLE	333	346	349	454	351	343	550	65
HAMTRAMCK	700	696	519	632	368	631	534	-24
HARPER WOODS	183	132	164	435	281	347	475	160
LANSING	421	483	407	456	471	412	472	12
WESTLAND	440	549	467	531	435	465	446	1
KALAMAZOO	485	483	596	395	313	319	395	-19
LINCOLN PARK	348	273	312	302	342	403	377	8
TAYLOR	567	525	480	556	482	471	371	-35
DEARBORN HGTS	309	312	266	384	361	417	370	20
STERLING HGTS	250	270	245	292	235	239	343	37
SAGINAW	408	403	380	280	332	376	340	-17
CLINTON TWP (Macomb)	388	328	278	310	264	298	316	-19
LIVONIA	284	277	228	271	289	283	313	10
ST. CLAIR SHORES	205	179	155	277	156	247	290	41
MADISON HEIGHTS	238	241	179	299	246	303	275	16
WYOMING	247	233	233	214	190	211	259	5
OAK PARK	251	144	198	245	230	302	257	2
INKSTER	279	302	271	219	340	266	257	-8
HAZEL PARK	209	161	132	191	172	253	257	23
BATTLE CREEK	318	331	285	230	181	187	218	-31
FERNDALE	150	134	164	162	142	154	196	31
FLINT TWP (Genesee)	372	345	265	223	221	287	193	-48
ROYAL OAK	186	166	143	155	136	189	192	3
BURTON	234	188	146	158	158	169	183	-22
MT MORRIS TWP (Genesee)	333	262	179	194	197	185	179	-46
ANN ARBOR	201	163	182	225	182	238	173	-14
MUSKEGON	428	235	410	216	238	238	170	-60
FARMINGTON HILLS	153	164	108	160	137	153	168	10
ROMULUS	223	249	232	290	253	167	166	-26
SOUTHGATE	163	168	130	225	237	227	162	-1
WATERFORD TWP (Oakland)	186	203	142	163	188	171	156	-16
TROY	145	205	125	159	117	136	147	1
CANTON TWP (Wayne)	163	165	141	155	147	145	141	-13
ALLEN PARK	73	84	89	154	91	126	132	81
WAYNE	185	185	164	178	154	99	127	-31
YPSILANTI	145	170	141	151	187	155	126	-13
BAY CITY	113	114	105	106	93	74	120	6
JACKSON	182	197	186	141	146	153	118	-35
CENTERLINE	42	61	61	86	51	95	118	181
SHELBY TWP (Macomb)	79	97	59	81	98	98	115	19
GENESEE TWP	131	83	75	75	119	92	114	-13
PORT HURON	103	91	97	89	66	93	105	2
PITTSFIELD TWP (Wash)	119	112	91	140	144	111	104	-13
MUSKEGON HEIGHTS	86	169	254	213	196	121	102	19
BROWNSTOWN TWP (Wayne)	93	85	80	89	73	106	100	8

## MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS - TOP 20 COUNTIES

COUNTY	2005 THEFTS	2006 THEFTS	% CHANGE 2005-2006
WAYNE	28,388	29,597	4
MACOMB	3,828	4,578	20
OAKLAND	3,769	3,636	-4
GENESEE	2,702	2,581	-4
KENT	1,255	1,308	4
WASHTENAW	934	793	-15
INGHAM	617	704	14
KALAMAZOO	571	671	18
SAGINAW	679	628	-8
MUSKEGON	568	471	-17
CALHOUN	302	330	9
ST. CLAIR	324	320	-1
JACKSON	346	296	-14
MONROE	351	294	-16
BERRIEN	299	247	-17
BAY	190	217	14
OTTAWA	217	203	-6
LIVINGSTON	199	193	-3
VAN BUREN	138	167	21
EATON	151	156	3
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>48,064</b>	<b>49,709</b>	<b>3</b>



### MICHIGAN'S MOST STOLEN

Make/Model
1. 2005 Dodge Ram
2. 2000 Dodge Intrepid
3. 1996 Dodge Caravan
4. 1999 Dodge Intrepid
5. 1999 Dodge Caravan
6. 1997 Ford Taurus
7. 2000 Dodge Caravan
8. 2007 Cadillac Escalade
9. 2004 Dodge Ram
10. 1999 Ford Taurus
11. 2005 Dodge Durango
12. 1998 Dodge Caravan

### THIEVES FAVORITE CHOICES

Color	Month	Day of Week
1. Black	1. August	1. Monday
2. White	2. October	2. Friday
3. Blue	3. July	3. Wednesday
4. Red	4. September	4. Tuesday
5. Silver	5. January	5. Thursday
6. Gray	6. March	6. Saturday
7. Green	7. June	7. Sunday
8. Maroon	8. April	
9. Gold	9. November	
10. Tan	10. December	
11. Purple	11. May	
12. Brown	12. February	

## 2007 ATPA GRANT PERFORMANCE

As Reported 12-31-07

LAW ENFORCEMENT	ATPA GRANT AWARD	VALUE VEHICLE & EQUIP. RECOVERED	RECOVERIES			ARRESTS	
			PASS. VEHICLE	OTHER VEHICLE	PARTS INCIDENT	MVT	OTHER
Detroit PD-Central	\$ 885,044	\$ 11,285,980	1,179	12	1	291	11
Detroit PD-Precincts	\$ 949,334	\$ 4,851,670	515	11	1	592	25
Dearborn PD	\$ 247,007	\$ 1,273,725	89			68	3
Grand Rapids PD	\$ 338,922	\$ 2,065,555	214	14		165	89
Hamtramck PD	\$ 138,960	\$ 537,500	85			36	12
Lansing PD	\$ 90,127	\$ 456,650	60			48	
Muskegon Hgts. PD	\$ 85,022	\$ 324,400	54	1		28	9
Saginaw PD	\$ 235,865	\$ 1,588,625	198	4		122	26
Southfield	\$ 203,200	\$ 864,050	44	3		58	3
Genesee Sheriff	\$ 498,166	\$ 1,521,200	257			182	3
Macomb Sheriff	\$ 868,932	\$ 3,450,000	246	27	15	250	3
Oakland Sheriff	\$ 867,254	\$ 4,796,450	365	26	10	279	14
Ottawa Sheriff	\$ 68,635	\$ 401,815	27	15	2	53	13
Wayne Sheriff	\$ 37,500	\$ 1,364,340	213			23	
MSP Training	\$ 160,940	\$ 213,500	42			18	
MSP Western Wayne	\$ 893,438	\$ 4,251,780	274	18	20	217	11
MSP Downriver	\$ 603,176	\$ 3,624,420	270	11	5	69	15
MSP Monroe	\$ 110,396	\$ 267,400	14	13	6	21	2
MSP S.W. Michigan	\$ 460,100	\$ 1,279,500	69	38	8	84	3
MSP Washtenaw	\$ 185,468	\$ 477,400	27	12	7	34	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 7,927,486</b>	<b>\$ 44,895,960</b>	<b>4,242</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>PROSECUTORS</b>		<b>WARRANTS ISSUED</b>	<b>EXAMS HELD</b>	<b>EXAMS WAIVED</b>	<b>PRETRIAL GUILTY PLEAS</b>	<b>TRIALS</b>	<b>TRIAL CONV.</b>
Genesee County Pros.	\$ 110,993	227	62	112	171	2	1
Oakland County Pros.	\$ 222,150	298	65	206	208	11	11
Saginaw County Pros.	\$ 78,305	151	24	71	122	2	2
Macomb County Pros.	\$ 102,907	327	30	187	257	5	3
Wayne County Pros.	\$ 582,288	2,160	243	1,414	1,402	19	15
Attorney General/NICB	\$ 221,000	17	1	1	1		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,317,643</b>	<b>3,180</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1,991</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>NON-PROFITS</b>		<b>VEHICLES ETCHED</b>	<b>TRAINING MEETINGS</b>	<b>TITLE HISTORY</b>			
Dept. of State	\$ 95,487			3,399			
W.Grand-Grand Rapids	\$ 42,440	1,101	25				
SW Detroit Bus. Assoc	\$ 31,124	500	56				
Mt. Olive Grand Lodge	\$ 15,756	678	34				
N.S.O.-Detroit	\$ 46,667	92	6				
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 231,474</b>	<b>2,371</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>3,399</b>			
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,476,603</b>						

## 2008 GRANT AWARDS

Organization	Employees Funded	Grantee Share (25%)	ATPA Share (75%)	Total Budget
<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES</b>				
Grosse Pointe Park PD Eastside Team	6.0	\$116,833	\$350,501	\$467,334
Genesee County Sheriff Department	7.0	130,874	392,624	523,498
Detroit Fire Department	1.0	20,198	60,593	80,791
Hamtramck Police Department	2.0	35,212	105,636	140,848
Southfield Police Department	2.0	51,354	154,061	205,415
Michigan Department of State	2.0	23,380	70,142	93,522
Oakland County Sheriff Department	11.0	224,459	673,379	897,838
Ottawa County Sheriff Department	1.0	17,402	52,207	69,609
Macomb County Sheriff Department	10.0	214,424	643,272	857,696
Muskegon Heights Police Department	1.5	22,773	68,318	91,091
Southwest Michigan Team/S.C.A.R.	5.8	122,348	367,044	489,392
Downriver Team	7.0	144,747	434,243	578,990
Dearborn Police Department	2.0	39,756	119,268	159,024
Monroe County Team	1.0	28,033	84,100	112,133
Western Wayne Team	11.0	221,337	664,013	885,350
Washtenaw Area County Team	2.0	47,519	142,558	190,077
Detroit Police Department-Precincts Team	13.0	211,965	635,897	847,862
Saginaw Police Department	3.8	56,399	169,197	225,596
Detroit Police Department-Insurance Fraud/Conspiracy Team	12.0	192,283	576,849	769,132
Grand Rapids Combined Team	5.0	92,500	277,502	370,002
Lansing Police Department	1.0	22,380	67,142	89,522
Total, Law Enforcement Agencies (includes 8.6 FTE support staff)	107.1	\$2,036,176	\$6,108,546	\$8,144,722
<b>PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICES</b>				
Genesee County Prosecuting Attorney	1.5	\$29,707	\$89,121	\$118,828
Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney	2.0	56,580	169,740	226,320
Saginaw County Prosecuting Attorney	1.0	20,406	61,218	81,624
Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney	1.0	26,811	80,435	107,246
Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney	7.0	144,295	432,886	577,181
Attorney General/NICB <sup>1</sup>	4.0	159,750	159,750	319,500
Total, Prosecuting Attorneys (includes 3.5 FTE support staff & 1 investigator)	16.5	\$437,549	\$993,150	\$1,430,699
<b>NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS (No Matching Funds Required)</b>				
Arab American & Chaldean Council (ACC)	.60		\$24,835	\$24,835
West Grand Neighborhood Organization-Grand Rapids	1.09		31,633	31,633
MAVTI-Training Grant	2.00		118,560	118,560
S.W. Detroit Business Association- Policing Project	0.70		28,663	28,663
Mt. Olive Grand Lodge (MOGL)-Detroit	0.54		15,756	15,756
Total, Non-Profit Organizations	4.93		\$219,447	\$219,447
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>128.53</b>	<b>\$2,473,725</b>	<b>\$7,321,143</b>	<b>\$9,794,868</b>

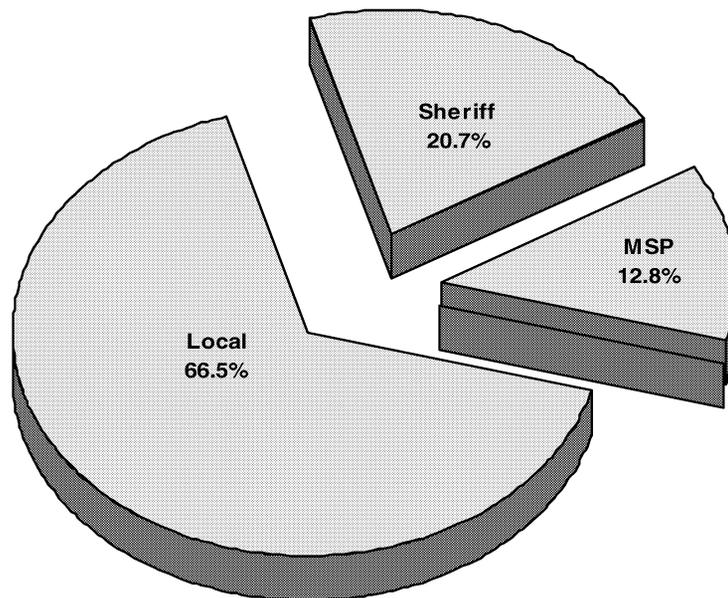
### Funding by Category

For 2008, the ATPA awarded 83.4% of its funds to law enforcement agencies, 13.6% to prosecutor offices, and 3% to non-profit organizations.

1. Matching fund for Attorney General/NICB grant is 50%.

## OFFICERS SUPPORTED BY ATPA - 2008

TEAMS	LOCAL	SHERIFF	MSP/AG	TOTAL
MAVTI Training Grant	2			2
Attorney General/NICB			1	1
Grosse Pointe Park Team	4	2		6
Genesee County Auto Theft Team	5	1		6
Ottawa County Sheriff Dept.		1		1
Detroit Fire Department	1			1
Hamtramck Police Dept.	2			2
Southfield Police Dept.	2			2
Oakland County Auto Theft Team	4	7		11
Macomb County Auto Theft Team	5	3	1	9
Muskegon Heights Auto Theft Team	1.5			1.5
S.W. Michigan-SCAR Team	2	1	2	5
Downriver Team		2	4	6
Dearborn Police Dept.	2			2
Monroe County Auto Theft Team			1	1
Western Wayne Auto Theft Team	5	2	3	10
Washtenaw Area County Team		1	1	2
Detroit Police Dept.-Screen Door	12			12
Saginaw Co. Auto Theft Team	2	1		3
Detroit Police Dept.-CAT Team	12			12
Grand Rapids Combined Team	5			5
Lansing Police Dept.	1			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>101.5</b>
<b>Percentage Of Total</b>	<b>66.5%</b>	<b>20.7%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



**Officers Supported By ATPA**

# AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

## Department of State Police Schedule of Sources and Disposition of Authorizations and Changes in Balances Fiscal Years Ended September 30

	2007	2006
<b>SOURCES</b>		
Insurance Company Assessments	\$6,371,951	\$6,393,464
Interest on Investments	252,552	277,584
Other Income	<u>17,650</u>	<u>23,159</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,642,153</b>	<b>\$6,694,207</b>
<b>DISPOSITION</b>		
Automobile Theft Prevention Grants	\$8,465,462	\$7,790,397
Office Operations	407,670	420,510
Budget and Finance Assessment	25,798	23,800
Human Resource Assessment	4,583	4,600
Civil Service Assessment	3,506	3,998
Internal Audit Assessment	3,725	0
Technology Assessment	0	7,600
Treasury Investment Fee	<u>3,200</u>	<u>3,700</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,913,944</b>	<b>\$8,254,605</b>
Excess of Sources Over (Under) Disposition	(\$2,271,791)	(\$1,560,398)
Beginning Balances	<u>6,216,882</u>	<u>7,777,280</u>
Ending Balances	\$3,945,091	\$6,216,882
Reserve for Grants Previously Awarded	\$2,504,004	\$2,062,735
Unrestricted Balances	<u>1,441,087</u>	<u>4,154,147</u>
Total Unexpended Balances	\$3,945,091	\$6,216,882

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial schedule.

**Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies**

**a. Reporting Entity**

The accompanying financial schedule reports the results of the financial transactions of the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority, Department of State Police, for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2007, and September 30, 2006. The Automobile Theft Prevention Authority's operations are accounted for in the State's General Fund and are reported on in the State of Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The State of Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report provides general disclosures regarding: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies; Budgeting and Budgetary Control; State Treasurer's Common Cash; Pension Benefits; Compensated Absences; General Long Term Obligations; Contingencies and Other Commitments.

**b. Basis of Accounting**

The financial schedule contained in this report is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting as explained in more detail in the State of Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The accompanying financial schedule includes only the sources and disposition of authorizations and the changes in balances for the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority's General Fund accounts. Accordingly, the financial schedule is not intended to constitute a complete financial presentation of either the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority or the General Fund in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The State of Michigan has not officially closed the books for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007.

**Note 2: Common Cash Participation**

The fund balances of the authority are deposited in the State Treasurer's Common Cash Pool, and interest is earned on those balances.

**Note 3: Other Income** AAA reimbursement of \$1,500. Refunds from grant no. G-53-07 of \$15,373.68 and G-48-06 of \$776.17.

The following schedule represents 2007 assessments which are based on the number of earned car years of insured vehicles in 2006 providing no-fault personal injury protection. The assessment was due on April 1, 2007.

**INSURANCE COMPANY ASSESSMENTS RECEIVED IN 2007**

COMPANY NAME		Assessment	COMPANY NAME		Assessment
1	State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co.	1,158,267	33	GEICO Indemnity Company	15,899
2	Auto Club Insurance Association	1,002,670	34	Wolverine Mutual Insurance Company	14,586
3	Auto-Owners Insurance Company	684,213	35	Amica Mutual Insurance Company	13,352
4	Citizens Insurance Co. of America	495,093	36	Westfield Insurance Company	12,909
5	Allstate Insurance	383,924	37	Great Lake Casualty Insurance Co.	12,517
6	Progressive Michigan Ins. Company	370,304	38	Affirmative Insurance Company	10,672
7	Farm Bureau General Ins. of Michigan	321,142	39	Harleysville Lake State Ins. Company	8,641
8	Nationwide/Titan Insurance Companies	243,029	40	Daimler Chrysler Insurance Company	7,249
9	MEEMIC Insurance Company	204,995	41	West American Insurance Company	6,025
10	Farmers Insurance Exchange Corp.	160,550	42	American Bankers Ins. of Florida	5,773
11	MIC General Insurance Corporation	136,847	43	The Travelers Indemnity of America	4,783
12	Liberty Mutual Fire Ins. Company	110,058	44	Northern Mutual Insurance Company	4,562
13	United Services Automobile Association	95,234	45	American Fellowship Mutual Ins. Co.	4,009
14	Pioneer State Mutual Ins. Company	90,947	46	Great American Ins. Co. of New York	3,512
15	Frankenmuth Mutual Ins. Company	88,968	47	Mercury National Insurance Company	3,267
16	Grange Insurance Co. of Michigan	86,339	48	Merastar Insurance Company	3,206
17	Hartford Insurance Co. of Midwest	79,055	49	Partners Mutual Insurance Company	2,878
18	American International Ins. Company	77,522	50	MI Auto Insurance Placement Facility	2,770
19	Bristol West Insurance Company	68,672	51	Employers Mutual Casualty Company	2,002
20	Michigan Insurance Company	42,820	52	Great Northern Insurance Company	1,863
21	Metropolitan Prop. & Cas. Ins. Company	41,314	53	Southern Michigan Insurance Co.	1,810
22	Michigan Millers Mutual Ins. Company	40,976	54	American Modern Home Insurance Co.	819
23	Safeco Insurance Co. of Illinois	40,878	55	The American Insurance Company	669
24	Amex Assurance Company	30,272	56	RLI Insurance Company	339
25	The Cincinnati Insurance Company	25,179	57	Pacific Specialty Insurance Company	330
26	Esurance Insurance Company	25,142	58	Electric Insurance Company	247
27	Hastings Mutual Insurance Company	25,102	59	Vanliner Insurance Company	77
28	Unitrin Direct Insurance Company	22,911	60	Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Co.	50
29	SECURA Insurance, A Mutual Company	21,228	61	Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America	26
30	Dairyland Insurance Company	19,211	62	Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance	26
31	Fremont Mutual Insurance Company	17,994	63	Various small insurance companies <sup>1</sup>	20
32	Teachers/Horace Mann Insurance Co.	16,206		<b>Total</b>	<b>6,371,951</b>

(1) Various : Merchants Mutual Insurance Co.	15
QBE Insurance Corporation	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

# 2008 ATPA PROGRAM CONTACTS

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Fax</u>
<b>Grosse Pointe Park Police Department</b>	Chief David Hiller	313/822-4416	313/822-4543
<b>Genesee County Auto Theft</b>	Lt. Russell Sorensen	810/655-8185	810/655-8058
<b>Detroit Fire Department, Arson Section</b>	Chief Gery Victor	313/596-2950	313/596-2964
<b>Hamtramck City Police Department</b>	Ofcr. Greg Collins	313/876-7824	313/876-7829
<b>Southfield City Police Department</b>	Det. Lawrence Jones	248/796-5547	248/796-5545
<b>Michigan Department of State</b>	Mr. William McGary	517/322-3453	517/322-5458
<b>Michigan Attorney General's Office</b>	Ms. Donna Pendergast	517/241-6565	517/241-6568
<b>Oakland County Auto Theft Squad</b>	Sgt. Kevin Banycky	248/858-5208	248/858-9565
<b>Ottawa County Sheriff's Office</b>	Dep. Dennis Wright	616/738-4004	616/738-4062
<b>Macomb County Auto Theft Squad</b>	Lt. John Michalke	586/469-6491	586/469-6844
<b>Muskegon Heights Police Department</b>	Lt. Chris Dean	231/733-8900	231/733-8896
<b>MSP—SW Commercial Auto Recovery</b>	D/Lt. Dale Hinz	269/657-3187	269/657-7181
<b>MSP—Downriver Auto Theft Team</b>	D/Lt. Ray Collins	734/285-6467	734/285-6243
<b>Dearborn City Police Department</b>	Lt. Mark Tobias	313/943-2274	313/943-3093
<b>MSP—Monroe Auto Theft Team</b>	D/Sgt. Jeff Hart	734/848-3445	734/848-3502
<b>MSP—Western Wayne Auto Theft Team</b>	D/F/Lt. Edward Gerds	734/397-0090	734/397-1378
<b>MSP—Washtenaw Area Auto Theft Team</b>	D/Sgt. George Warchock	734/994-8652	734/994-8657
<b>Detroit City Police Department</b>	Lt. Marlon Wilson	313/596-2555	313/596-2333
<b>Saginaw County Auto Theft Team</b>	Sgt. James Cross	989/759-1729	989/759-1525
<b>Grand Rapids Area Auto Theft Team</b>	Sgt. Stanley Lis	616/456-3338	616/456-3799
<b>Lansing City Police Department</b>	Det. Vicki Dahlke	517/272-7477	517/272-7450

## PROSECUTORS

<b>Genesee County Prosecutor's Office</b>	Mr. Anthony Maxwell	810/237-6138	810/768-7973
<b>Oakland County Prosecutor's Office</b>	Ms. Margaret Scott	248/858-8795	248/858-0660
<b>Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office</b>	Mr. Alan Reimers	989/790-5332	989/792-0803
<b>Macomb County Prosecutor's Office</b>	Mr. Mike Macherzak	586/469-7293	586/469-5609
<b>Wayne County Prosecutor's Office</b>	Mr. Rodney Hassinger	313/224-0307	313/224-5784

## NON-PROFITS

<b>Arab American and Chaldean Council</b>	Mr. Sufian Hannon	248/559-1990	248/559-9117
<b>West Grand Neighborhood Organization</b>	Mr. Jim Brower	616/451-0150	616/451-3856
<b>MAVTI Training Unit</b>	Mr. Doug McCallister Mr. Ken Tassie	989/666-0096 517/404-6767	989/792-0803
<b>Southwest Detroit Business Association</b>	Mr. Mark Machowicz	313/554-9876	313/554-9885
<b>Mt. Olive Grand Lodge</b>	Mr. Eddie Allen	313/838-7440	313/273-3410

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*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, being sections 500.100 to 500.8302 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended by adding chapter 61 to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 61**

**AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY**

Sec. 6101. As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Authority" means the automobile theft prevention authority.
- (b) "Board" means the board of directors of the automobile theft prevention authority.
- (c) "Economic automobile theft" means automobile theft perpetrated for financial gain.

Sec. 6103. (1) There is hereby created a public body corporate and politic to be known as the automobile theft prevention authority.

(2) The purposes, powers, and duties of the authority shall be vested in and exercised by a board of directors.

(3) The board of directors shall consist of 7 members, appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, 2 of whom shall be representative of purchasers of automobile insurance in this state, 2 of whom shall be representative of automobile insurers doing business in this state, 2 of whom shall be representative of law enforcement officials in this state, and 1 of whom shall be the director of the department of state police or his or her designee. The governor shall designate 1 member to serve as the chairperson of the authority.

(4) Members of the board shall serve for a term of 4 years.

(5) Members of the board shall serve without compensation for their membership on the board, except that members of the board shall receive reasonable reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses.

(6) A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting, or the exercise of a power or function of the authority, notwithstanding the existence of 1 or more vacancies. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, action may be taken by the authority at a meeting upon a vote of the majority of its members present in person or through the use of amplified telephonic equipment, if authorized by the bylaws of the board. The authority shall meet at the call of the chair or as may be provided in the bylaws of the authority. Meetings of the authority may be held anywhere within the state of Michigan.

(7) The authority shall be within the department of state police and shall exercise its prescribed statutory powers, duties, and functions independently of the head of that department. The budgeting, procurement, and related functions of the authority, and administrative responsibilities for employees of the authority, shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the director of the department of state police.

Sec. 6105. The authority shall have the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this chapter and the purposes of the authority and the powers delegated by other laws, including, but not limited to, the power to:

(a) Sue and be sued; to have a seal and alter the same at pleasure; to have perpetual succession; to make, execute, and deliver contracts, conveyances, and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers; and to make and amend bylaws.

(b) Solicit and accept gifts, grants, loans, funds collected and placed in the automobile theft prevention fund, and other aids from any person or the federal, state, or a local government or any agency thereof.

(c) Make grants and investments.

(d) Procure insurance against any loss in connection with its property, assets, or activities.

(e) Invest any money held in reserve or sinking funds, or any money not required for immediate use or disbursement, at its discretion and to name and use depositories for its money.

(f) Contract for goods and services and engage personnel as is necessary, including the services of private consultants, managers, counsel, auditors, and others for rendering professional, management, and technical assistance and advice, payable out of any money of the fund legally available for this purpose.

(g) Indemnify and procure insurance indemnifying any member of the board from personal loss or accountability from liability resulting from a member's action or inaction as a member of the board.

(h) Do all other things necessary or convenient to achieve the objectives and purposes of the authority, this chapter, or other laws.

Sec. 6107. (1) Prior to April 1 of each year, each insurer engaged in writing insurance coverages which provide the security required by section 3101(1) within this state, as a condition of its authority to transact insurance in this state, shall pay to the authority an assessment equal to \$1.00 multiplied by the insurer's total earned car years of insurance providing the security required by section 3101(1) written in this state during the immediately preceding calendar year.

(2) Money received pursuant to subsection (1), and all other money received by the authority, shall be segregated and placed in a fund to be known as the automobile theft prevention fund. The automobile theft prevention fund shall be administered by the authority.

(3) Money in the automobile theft prevention fund shall be expended in the following order of priority:

(a) To pay the costs of administration of the authority.

(b) To achieve the purposes and objectives of this chapter, which may include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) Provide financial support to the department of state police and local law enforcement agencies for economic automobile theft enforcement teams.

(ii) Provide financial support to state or local law enforcement agencies for programs designed to reduce the incidence of economic automobile theft.

(iii) Provide financial support to local prosecutors for programs designed to reduce the incidence of economic automobile theft.

(iv) Provide financial support to judicial agencies for programs designed to reduce the incidence of economic automobile theft.

(v) Provide financial support for neighborhood or community organizations or business organizations for programs designed to reduce the incidence of automobile theft.

(vi) Conduct educational programs designed to inform automobile owners of methods of preventing automobile theft and to provide equipment, for experimental purposes, to enable automobile owners to prevent automobile theft.

(4) Money in the automobile theft prevention fund shall only be used for automobile theft prevention efforts and shall be distributed based on need and efficacy as determined by the authority.

(5) Money in the automobile theft prevention fund shall not be considered state money.

Sec. 6110. (1) The authority shall develop and implement a plan of operation.

(2) The plan of operation shall include an assessment of the scope of the problem of automobile theft, including particular areas of the state where the problem is greatest; an analysis of various methods of combating the problem of automobile theft and economic automobile theft; a plan for providing financial support to combat automobile theft and economic automobile theft; and an estimate of the funds required to implement the plan.

(3) The authority shall report annually on or before February 1 to the governor and the legislature on its activities in the preceding year.

Sec. 6111. By July 1 of every odd numbered year, the automobile theft prevention authority shall prepare a report that details the theft of automobiles occurring in this state for the previous 2 years, assesses the impact of the thefts on rates charged for automobile insurance, summarizes prevention programs, and outlines allocations made by the authority. The director of the department of state police, insurers, and the commissioner shall cooperate in the development of the report as requested by the automobile theft prevention authority and shall make available records and statistics concerning automobile thefts, including the number of automobile thefts, number of prosecutions and convictions involving automobile thefts, and automobile theft recidivism. The automobile theft prevention authority shall evaluate the impact automobile theft has on the citizens of this state and the costs incurred by the citizens through insurance, police enforcement, prosecution, and incarceration due to automobile thefts. The report required by this section shall be submitted to the senate and house of representatives standing committees on insurance issues and the commissioner.

Section 2. Chapter 61 of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, as added by this amendatory act, is retroactive and applies effective April 1, 1992.

# What You Should Know When Buying or Selling a Vehicle

## PRIVATE VEHICLE SALES

- Ask for purchaser's driver's license to fully complete the purchaser's section of the title, and copy the information onto a separate receipt form for yourself.
- Be sure to fill in the actual vehicle mileage box and the sales price line before you sign the title.
- If purchaser presents a bank money order or cashier's check, go to that financial institution and cash it before releasing the vehicle title.
- Never agree to meet purchaser at a remote location after normal business hours.
- It is a good idea to conduct the vehicle sale inside a Secretary of State office because they have records on all drivers and can help you identify the purchaser.

## PRIVATE VEHICLE PURCHASES

- Be suspicious of any deal that seems "too good to be true".
- Make sure the title and registration match the name and address of the seller.
- Be cautious of a seller who only gives you their cell phone number.
- Ensure the vehicle identification number (VIN) plate looks original and the rivets that secure the plate have not been tampered with.
- Match the VIN on the dash with the VIN on the registration, the title, and the federal safety sticker on the driver's door.
- Check the issue date on the vehicle's registration and title. If either were issued recently, ask the seller why.
- It is a good idea to complete the vehicle purchase inside a Secretary of State office because they can identify counterfeit registrations and titles.
- For a modest fee, you can find out much about a vehicle's history from an on-line service.

## FLOOD DAMAGED VEHICLES

In the future, there may be close to 500,000 cars which were damaged by floods—and not just in the Gulf region. Their titles may have been "washed" in other far-away states. How to identify a flood damaged vehicle:

- Stain marks, rust, mildew, sand, or silt under the floorboard carpet.
- Dried mud under the dashboard, behind wiring harnesses, and in alternator crevices.
- Rust on screws in the console and other areas where water normally would not reach.
- Rust and water residue in the electrical wiring system.
- Anything unusual in the vehicle's title history.

Go to [www.nicb.org](http://www.nicb.org) for more details.