



**2014  
Annual  
Report**



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## Use Common Sense When Parking and Exiting Your Vehicle

- Always take your key, don't leave it in or on your vehicle.
- Always close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Always keep your vehicle in your garage, if possible.
- Never leave valuables in your vehicle, especially where they can be seen.
- Never leave the area while your vehicle is running.
- Don't program your home address in your GPS system under "Home" as it could lead thieves right to your house. Instead, program your home address under another name.



## Statistics

- Nearly **HALF** of auto theft is due to driver negligence such as leaving keys in the ignition or leaving doors unlocked.
- In the United States, a motor vehicle is stolen every 44 seconds.
- The national recovery rate of stolen vehicles is 54 percent.



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## 2014 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 Michigan State Police and representatives of law enforcement, the automobile insurance industry, and purchasers of automobile insurance.

### **Director, Michigan State Police**

Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, Chair

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**Board of Directors – Grant Hearing  
August 7, 2014**



From Left to Right:  
Monsignor Russell Kohler, Chief Curtis Caid, Mr. Fausto Martin, Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue,  
Mr. William Jamnik, Undersheriff Michael McCabe, and Mr. Patrick Joseph Dolan



STATE OF MICHIGAN

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GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE  
LANSING

COL. KRISTE KIBBEY ETUE  
DIRECTOR

**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 a pleasure to present our 2014 Annual Report, which shows auto thefts declined by 2.4 percent in 2013. Furthermore, since the inception of the ATPA in 1986, Michigan's auto thefts have fallen from 72,021 to 24,369 per year, a decline of 66.2 percent.

ATPA's success in the battle against auto theft is the direct result of the dedication and efforts of the 106 men and women who are part of our law enforcement teams, prosecutors' teams, and community programs funded through the ATPA. These highly-motivated individuals often go above and beyond the call of duty to recover a stolen vehicle or arrest those responsible. As you read the case stories contained in this report, you will find many instances where our grantees worked collaboratively to solve these crimes.

The highlights of the report are as follows:

- Michigan motorists are saving \$57 per insured vehicle as a result of lower thefts.
- In FY 2014, ATPA teams made 1,976 arrests, and were involved in the recovery of 4,198 vehicles or parts with an estimated value of \$36 million.
- Since its inception in 1986, the program has resulted in a total of 64,473 arrests and recovered 91,712 vehicles or parts worth an estimated \$784 million.
- In FY 2014, the return on investment of ATPA funds was \$6.46 for every \$1 spent.

I also want to thank the 40 agencies receiving ATPA grant funding. These agencies continue to make auto theft prevention a high priority. Without the steadfast commitment of local, county, and state participants in this program, we would not be successful in reducing auto thefts in Michigan.

Sincerely,  
  
DIRECTOR

# The Automobile Theft Prevention Authority

## History and Overview of the ATPA

### HISTORY

In the mid-1980s, Michigan had the highest auto theft rate in the nation. Members of the Michigan Anti-Car Theft (ACT) Campaign Committee developed a concept that would combine the efforts of law enforcement, communities, and businesses 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 the crime of auto theft: the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA).

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

### 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 the ATPA should become a permanent state authority, housed under the auspices of the Michigan State Police (MSP). 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 non-commercial 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 state fiscal year, the board awards grants to law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, and neighborhood organizations. These grant programs provide four main functions: apprehension, investigation, prevention, and prosecution.

The ATPA has three staff members who conduct financial and performance reviews on each program, prepare reports for the board, and assist with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching program.

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

Finally, the ATPA board members and staff are involved in long-range planning. Regular meetings, including strategic planning sessions, 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 28 years activities of the ATPA have drawn from these fixed resources in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

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 percent of total program costs. That match was increased to 25 percent beginning in 1994; became 40 percent in 2008; and, has been 50 percent since the 2010 fiscal year.

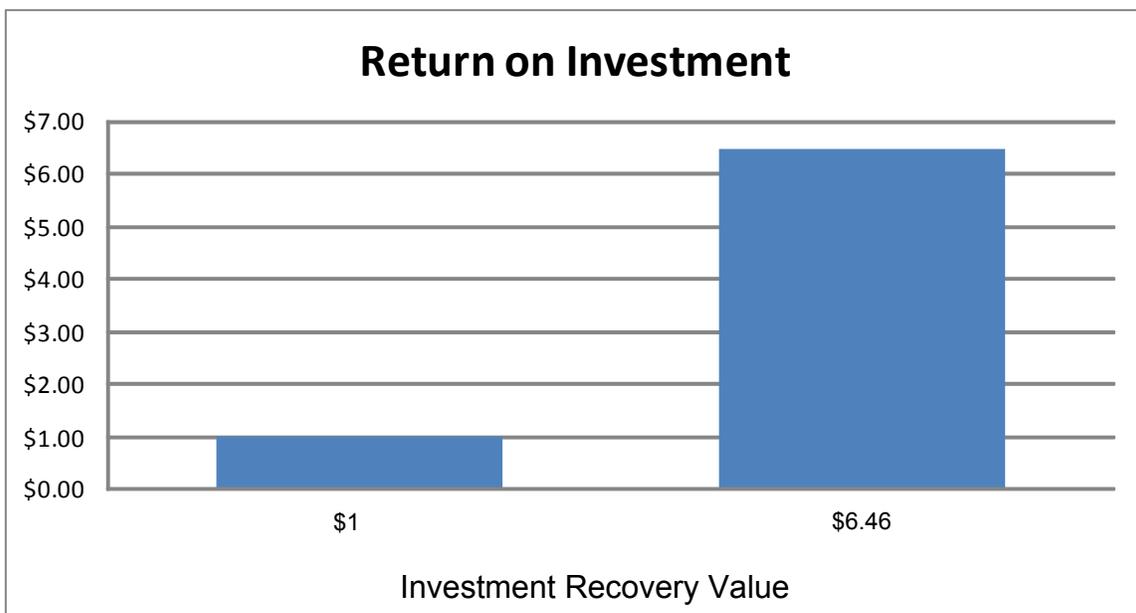
## BUCKING THE TREND

From 1986 to 2013, auto thefts in Michigan dropped 66 percent. During that same time period, auto thefts nationally decreased by only 42 percent. National and state officials have agreed that the ATPA is a major reason for Michigan's decline in auto thefts.

As a direct result, major Michigan auto insurers' average rate of comprehensive premiums, relative to other states, has been reduced. In 1987, Michigan's comprehensive premiums were fifth highest in the nation, but fell to 21st in 2011. Michigan motorists each paid \$25 per vehicle into the fund from 1987 to 2011, but have saved over \$870. Michigan motorists are saving \$57 per insured vehicle as a result of lower thefts, and the return on investment of ATPA funds was \$6.46 for every \$1 spent.

## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

During 2014, the ATPA grantees accomplished the following:  
4,178 recovery incidents; 1,976 arrests; and, 1,068 vehicles etched.



# Overview of ATPA Activity in 2014

## WEBSITE

The ATPA website continues to be updated and can be accessed at [www.michigan.gov/atpa](http://www.michigan.gov/atpa). The site provides a wealth of historical information, current data, and is interactive with ATPA grantees and the general public.

## INCENTIVE FUNDING

In April 2014, the ATPA Board of Directors announced an opportunity for its grantees to apply for incentive funding for FY 2015 grants. Incentive funding was awarded for proposals that focused on one or more strategic priorities: utilizing data-driven methodologies; collaboration; innovation; and efficiency. The average incentive that was allocated to grantees for FY 2015 equaled five percent of the grantee's approved budget.

## GRANT HEARINGS

Board members participated in the annual grant hearings held on August 7, 2014, at the American Automobile Association (AAA) Michigan Headquarters in Dearborn. Total grant requests were almost \$13.3 million. Final approved budgets totaled \$12.7 million, with an ATPA share of \$7 million. The Board of Directors approved grants representing 40 agencies and supporting 106 personnel.

## HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE OF ATPA GRANTEES

The following table displays the historical performance of ATPA multijurisdictional task forces.

Year	Arrests	\$ Value Recovered
1989-2003	36,842	\$374,946,375
2004	2,719	\$33,819,435
2005	2,778	\$37,420,835
2006	2,957	\$49,220,230
2007	3,073	\$50,391,560
2008	2,256	\$39,541,465
2009	2,583	\$39,316,557
2010	2,311	\$28,370,280
2011	2,281	\$27,508,471
2012	2,701	\$34,246,620
2013	1,996	\$33,278,814
2014	1,976	\$36,444,712
<b>Totals</b>	<b>64,473</b>	<b>\$784,505,354</b>

# Overview of ATPA Activity in 2014

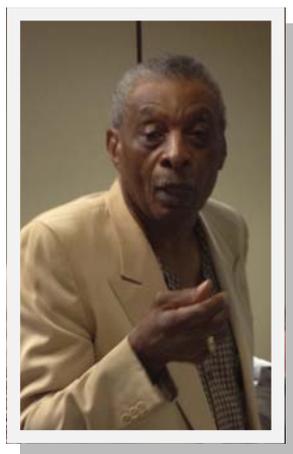
## VIN ETCHING

The ATPA's studies of VIN-etched vehicles indicate that "etched" vehicles are 29 percent less likely to be stolen, when compared to the rest of the vehicles in Michigan.

ATPA staff and neighborhood organizations etched over 1,068 vehicles in FY 2014. Not only does etching make a car look less appealing to thieves, but an etched vehicle may also qualify for a discount on the comprehensive portion of auto insurance premiums. To date, there have been over 47,868 vehicles etched in this program.

## MT. OLIVE GRAND LODGE

The ATPA and its grant recipient, Mt. Olive Grand Lodge, would like to thank Mr. Eddie Allen for over 15 years of service to the ATPA. Mr. Allen was instrumental in organizing auto VIN-etching programs throughout the City of Detroit and Wayne County, working diligently with local law enforcement agencies to sponsor free auto etching services provided by Mt. Olive Grand Lodge. Mr. Allen plans to retire and the ATPA wishes Mr. Allen the very best in this new chapter of his life.



Above: Mr. Eddie Allen, Mt. Olive Grand Lodge



Mt. Olive Grand Lodge

# Technology Symposium

The ATPA sponsored its first Technology Symposium on November 7, 2013. The event took place at the historic General Motors Heritage Center in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Many vehicles were on display for viewing during the event, including vintage cars, concept cars, and special interest styling and performance one-offs.

Over 150 law enforcement officers and insurance investigators from around the state of Michigan attended the symposium to hear from national experts on subjects ranging from investigating online classified ads, vehicle security, automated license plate readers, and the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System.

The ATPA believes, as a result of the information the multijurisdictional task forces received during the course of the symposium, those who attended will have an impact on reducing the number of stolen vehicles in the state of Michigan.

The majority of the funding for the symposium (79 percent) was offset with corporate donations from the AAA, General Motors, Safelite Solutions, OnStar, Insurance Auto Auctions, and Enterprise. The ATPA thanks these sponsors for their generous donations!



Above: ATPA Chair, Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, Director, Michigan State Police, provided welcoming remarks at the symposium.



Above: Mr. Allen Atamer spoke regarding investigating online classifieds, e-commerce, and social networks.



Left: Mr. Fausto Martin, ATPA Board Member, was the Master of Ceremonies.

# Technology Symposium



Above: Det. Jeff Davis (Retired), Peel Regional Police, Ontario, Canada, Instructor for the National White Collar Crime Center, presented on the National Motor Vehicle Title Information Systems.



Above: Welcome to the GM Heritage Center.

## ATPA STAFF PARTICIPATE IN SYMPOSIUM

Mr. Dan Vartanian, Executive Director of the ATPA, acknowledges the excellent work the ATPA staff has performed over the last year. Ms. Tracy Lambert, Accountant, provides accounting and auditing support to the ATPA. Mr. Tim Bailor, Program Coordinator, provides program support to ATPA grantees. Ms. Roxanne LeDuke, Executive Secretary, MSP Grants and Community Services Division, assists the ATPA with administrative support.

Pictured from left to right: Mr. Tim Bailor, Ms. Tracy Lambert, Ms. Roxanne LeDuke, and Mr. Dan Vartanian.



## FY 2014 ATPA GRANT AWARDS

	Employees Funded	50% ATPA Share	ATPA Approved Incentive Funding %	ATPA Approved Incentive Funding	ATPA Share Including Incentive	Grantee Share
<b>Law Enforcement Agencies</b>						
Detroit Police Department– Preventing Auto Theft	17.00	\$811,864	3.00%	\$48,712	\$860,575	\$763,152
Detroit Police Department-Screen Door	12.00	\$601,606	3.00%	\$36,096	\$637,702	\$565,510
Detroit Fire Department	1.00	\$61,231	6.00%	\$7,348	\$68,579	\$53,883
Dearborn Police Department	2.00	\$121,214	7.00%	\$16,970	\$138,184	\$104,244
Grand Rapids Police Department	5.00	\$298,368	7.00%	\$41,771	\$340,139	\$256,596
Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety	6.50	\$327,163	0.00%	\$0	\$327,163	\$315,813
Hamtramck Department of Police	2.00	\$81,028	0.00%	\$0	\$81,028	\$81,028
Lansing Police Department	1.00	\$68,828	7.00%	\$9,636	\$78,464	\$59,191
Saginaw Police Department	2.50	\$106,345	0.00%	\$0	\$106,345	\$106,345
Southfield Police Department	2.00	\$151,092	0.00%	\$0	\$151,092	\$151,092
Genesee County Sheriff's Department	6.00	\$330,720	8.00%	\$52,915	\$383,635	\$277,805
Macomb County Sheriff's Department	9.00	\$535,339	7.00%	\$74,947	\$610,286	\$460,392
Oakland County Sheriff's Department	11.00	\$665,433	9.00%	\$119,778	\$785,211	\$545,654
MSP South East Auto Theft Team	6.00	\$446,574	10.00%	\$89,315	\$535,889	\$357,259
MSP Southwest Commercial Auto Recovery	4.50	\$302,890	9.00%	\$54,520	\$357,410	\$248,370
MSP Washtenaw Area Auto Theft Team	2.00	\$165,443	5.00%	\$16,544	\$181,987	\$148,899
<b>Total Law Enforcement</b>	<b>89.50</b>	<b>\$5,075,138</b>		<b>\$568,552</b>	<b>\$5,643,688</b>	<b>\$4,495,230</b>
<b>Prosecuting Attorney's Offices</b>						
Genesee County Prosecutor's Office	1.50	\$86,672	5.00%	\$8,667	\$95,339	\$78,005
Macomb County Prosecutor's Office	1.00	\$74,157	5.00%	\$7,416	\$81,573	\$66,740
Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office	1.00	\$60,676	5.00%	\$6,068	\$66,744	\$54,608
Wayne County Prosecutor's Office	9.00	\$529,847	5.00%	\$52,985	\$582,832	\$476,862
<b>Total Prosecuting Attorney's Offices</b>	<b>12.50</b>	<b>\$751,352</b>		<b>\$75,136</b>	<b>\$826,488</b>	<b>\$676,215</b>
<b>Neighborhood and Other Organizations</b>						
Michigan Department of State	2.00	\$85,747	NA	NA	\$85,747	\$85,747
Michigan Auto Vehicle Theft Investigators	0.50	\$50,000	NA	NA	\$50,000	\$0
Mt. Olive Grand Lodge	0.50	\$18,218	NA	NA	\$18,218	\$0
West Grand - Grand Rapids	1.00	\$38,945	NA	NA	\$38,945	\$0
<b>Total Neighborhood and Other Organizations</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>\$192,910</b>			<b>\$192,910</b>	<b>\$85,747</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>106.00</b>	<b>\$6,019,400</b>		<b>\$643,688</b>	<b>\$6,663,086</b>	<b>\$5,257,193</b>

**ATPA GRANT PERFORMANCE**  
**As Reported for the Period of October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014**  
**(FY 2014)**

LAW ENFORCEMENT	ATPA Grant Award	VALUE	RECOVERIES			ARRESTS	
		Vehicles & Equipment Recovered	Passenger Vehicle	Other Vehicle	Parts Incidents	Motor Vehicle Thefts	Fraud
Detroit Police Department-Preventing Auto Theft Team	\$860,575	\$8,783,830	1042	31	8	572	0
Detroit Police Department-Screen Door Auto Theft Team	\$637,702	\$57,250	6	0	0	10	0
Detroit Fire Department Auto Theft Team	\$68,579	\$2,712,000	807	0	0	41	0
Dearborn Police Department Auto Theft Team	\$138,183	\$818,000	61	2	0	44	0
Grand Rapids Police Department Auto Theft Team	\$340,139	\$1,507,500	114	30	18	316	18
Grosse Pointe Park Police Department Auto Theft Team	\$327,163	\$5,857,022	625	2	1	153	21
Hamtramck Department of Police Auto Theft Team	\$81,028	\$1,524,400	157	0	0	22	7
Lansing Police Department Auto Theft Team	\$78,464	\$865,484	162	9	0	33	0
Saginaw Police Department Auto Theft Team	\$106,345	\$794,743	65	3	0	60	0
Southfield Police Department Auto Theft Team	\$151,092	\$564,560	37	2	3	35	0
Genesee County Sheriff's Department Auto Theft Team	\$383,635	\$2,436,650	262	32	2	58	2
Macomb County Sheriff's Department Auto Theft Team	\$610,286	\$2,493,699	162	23	7	178	47
Oakland County Sheriff's Department Auto Theft Team	\$785,211	\$2,150,109	169	26	2	160	14
MSP South East Auto Theft Team	\$535,889	\$3,339,643	169	13	3	78	30
MSP Southwest Commercial Auto Recovery	\$357,410	\$2,011,622	34	36	14	46	2
MSP Washtenaw Area Auto Theft Team	\$181,987	\$528,200	35	2	2	28	1
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,643,688</b>	<b>\$36,444,712</b>	<b>3,907</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>142</b>
PROSECUTORS	Grant Award	Warrants Issued	Exams Held	Exams Waived	Pre-Trial Guilty Pleas	Trials	Trial Convictions
Genesee County Prosecutor's Office	\$95,339	65	5	25	39	0	0
Macomb County Prosecutor's Office	\$81,573	169	13	86	122	0	0
Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office	\$66,744	113	16	58	54	0	0
Wayne County Prosecutor's Office	\$582,832	1,980	337	1,251	1,157	62	36
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$826,488</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>36</b>
NEIGHBORHOOD AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	Grant Award	Vehicles Etched	Training Meetings	Title History	Technical Assistance	Officers Trained	
Michigan Department of State	\$85,747	NA	NA	2,174	NA	NA	
Michigan Auto Vehicle Theft Investigators	\$50,000	NA	NA	NA	29	739	
Mt. Olive Grand Lodge	\$18,218	432	56	NA	NA	NA	
West Grand-Grand Rapids	\$38,945	636	36	NA	NA	NA	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$192,910</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>739</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,663,086</b>						

# Multijurisdictional Task Force Success Stories

## DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT- PREVENTING AUTO THEFT TEAM (PAT)

PAT responded to a Tuesday night Detroit carjacking spree. The criminals were believed to have committed three carjackings and one robbery within three hours. The group of five (four boys and one girl, ages 14-23) harassed and assaulted drivers at multiple locations near Joy Road and Southfield Freeway. One suspect was seen on video “pistol whipping” one of his victims. All five suspects were caught within just a few hours.

The young age is not shocking to Sgt. Vernal Newson of the Detroit Police Department, PAT Division. Sadly, he says, the new trend is two distinctive sets of criminals; an older group and a younger group, which is less organized but more violent.

*PAT investigates carjacking and auto theft crimes in the City of Detroit. Detroit Police Department works with the Wayne State University Police Department and the Oakland County Sheriff’s Department to decrease auto thefts in Wayne County. PAT continues to combine techniques of investigation, surveillance, intelligence gathering, inspections, and patrol to apprehend individuals and groups involved with auto theft.*



# Multijurisdictional Task Force Success Stories

## MSP SOUTH EAST AUTO THEFT TEAM (SEATT)

SEATT responded to a warehouse in southwest Detroit that was a suspected chop shop after a vehicle matching the description of a stolen one was seen entering the building. The owner was contacted, but was uncooperative, and denied consent to search the property. A search warrant was then obtained, resulting in the recovery of three stolen vehicles and various stolen parts.

A total of eight vehicles were seized, including two heavy-duty equipment loaders. Also seized were computers, tools, surveillance equipment, and a shotgun. The property owner was lodged on multiple charges including: chop shop operation, concealing vehicle identity, and receiving and concealing stolen property.

*SEATT provides investigative and support services to police agencies and assists outside law enforcement agencies that request additional assistance. SEATT also works with various insurance companies to investigate fraudulent insurance claims, utilizes new technology to fight vehicle title fraud, and utilizes improved methods of surveillance, cell phone tracking, and internet monitoring.*



# Multijurisdictional Task Force Success Stories

## HAMTRAMCK DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AUTO THEFT TEAM- SURVEILLANCE CATCHES AUTO THIEVES (SCAT)

SCAT conducted raids in Wayne and Oakland Counties on suspicion of a theft/fraud ring involving automobiles. The investigation stemmed from a stolen automobile that led investigators to raid the Somerset Collision Shop in Hamtramck, Michigan.

More than 100 cars were impounded, and search warrants resulted in the seizure of \$300,000 in cash and \$200,000 in property. The investigation is on-going. It is worthy to note that Somerset Collision had also been raided in 2007, along with multiple other locations owned by the same family members.

*SCAT works to reduce motor vehicle thefts, the receiving and concealing of stolen property, larceny from motor vehicles, and insurance fraud. They work to increase recovery of stolen motor vehicles targeting prominent offenders. SCAT also works to increase arrests and prosecution of all offenders.*



# Multijurisdictional Task Force Success Stories

## MSP SOUTHWEST COMMERCIAL AUTO RECOVERY (SCAR)

The SCAR unit was contacted by the Secretary of State regarding two 1979 Corvettes attempting to be registered under the same Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). SCAR identified the initial Corvette in the Holland area in October and the second Corvette under the same VIN in the state of Mississippi. SCAR worked closely with the Mississippi State Police and National Insurance Crime Bureau to get the second vehicle identified.

Once the second vehicle was identified, it was found to have been reported stolen from Detroit in July 1981. The investigation revealed that the victim's claim was never paid by his insurance company and he remains the owner of the car. The victim is making arrangements to have the Corvette returned to his possession, 33 years later.

*The SCAR unit consists of four investigators covering all of Southwest Michigan with the primary focus in Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph Counties. SCAR's investigative priority is the identification of organized auto theft rings in their area, along with suspect arrests and the recovery of stolen motor vehicles. SCAR investigators initiate investigations, conduct undercover operations, identify stolen motor vehicles, provide training, and act as a resource for all police agencies in the area. SCAR's expertise also includes chop shop investigation, the identification of re-tagged motor vehicles, construction equipment theft identification, and motorcycle identification.*



# Multijurisdictional Task Force Success Stories

## MSP WASHTENAW AREA AUTO THEFT TEAM (WAATT)

WAATT is now working with a criminal analyst from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, whose job is solely to compile crime maps, develop criminal patterns, and attempt to predict "hot spots" using the latest computer crime programs. As a result, the analyst has supplied WAATT with a list of dealerships that appear to be targeted for thefts. Armed with this information, WAATT met with representatives from dealerships and explained the techniques that criminals were using to steal brand new, high dollar vehicles from their car lots. This was a two-fold approach--educating the dealerships and developing rapport with law enforcement.

On one such occasion, a subject had stolen three vehicles from three separate dealers over a six-month period. By utilizing the latest facial recognition programs from the Michigan State Police Statewide Network of Agency Photos, a positive identification was made on a subject out of Detroit who was using a fraudulent driver's license to steal cars. Once the positive identification was made, WAATT was able to contact the Michigan Auto Dealers Association and alert them regarding this suspect and his method of operation. It was later learned that the subject stole vehicles for an auto theft ring from Detroit, Michigan. His job was to steal the vehicle and turn it over to them. The suspect is currently in prison.

*WAATT is a multi-agency task force formed for the detection, investigation, apprehension, and prosecution of organized auto theft networks operating in or impacting Washtenaw, Livingston, Jackson, and (a small portion of) Lenawee Counties. The task force provides investigative support to the law enforcement community and investigations of auto theft-related crimes conducted on behalf of all communities in the team's area of responsibility.*



# FY 2014 ATPA GRANTEES

(not highlighted in success stories)

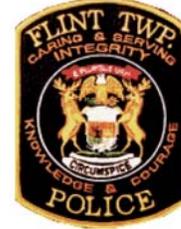
## Arresting Car Thieves In Our Neighborhood (Eastside ACTION)



## Combined Auto Theft Team (CATT)



## Genesee Auto Investigation Network (GAIN)



## Macomb Auto Theft Squad (MATS)



## Oakland County Auto Theft (OCAT)



# FY 2014 ATPA

(not highlighted in success stories)

## Operation Auto Recovery Team Ingham County (Operation ARTIC)



## Saginaw County Auto Theft Team (SCATT)



## Prosecuting Attorneys' Offices



## Autonomous Grantees



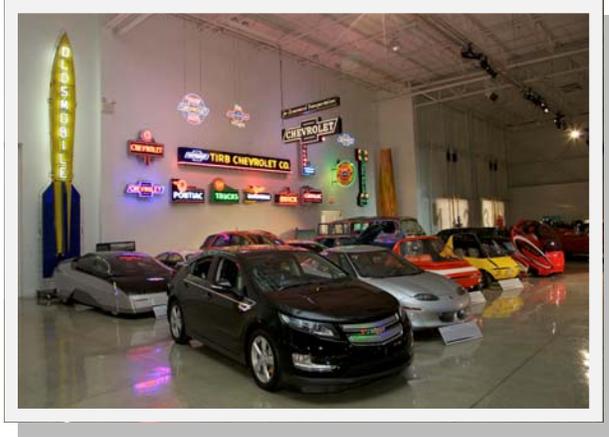
Mt. Olive  
Grand Lodge



## 2013\* THIEVES FAVORITE CHOICES

	Month	Day of Week
1.	August	Tuesday
2.	July	Monday
3.	September	Thursday
4.	June	Wednesday
5.	October	Friday
6.	May	Saturday
7.	March	Sunday
8.	December	
9.	November	
10.	January	

\*Most recent data available at time of publication.



From 1986 to 2013, Michigan's theft rate per 100,000 population and per 100,000 registered vehicles has fallen dramatically.

Theft Rate	1986	2013*	% Change
Population	787.5	293	-62.8
Vehicles	999.5	236.6	-76.3

\*Most recent data available at time of publication.

## TOP 10 MOST STOLEN

National Insurance Crime Bureau 2013* Data (United States Top 10)		National Insurance Crime Bureau 2013* Data (Michigan Top 10)	
Make/Model		Make/Model	
1.	1996 Honda Accord	1.	2004 Chevrolet Impala
2.	1998 Honda Civic	2.	2000 Dodge Caravan
3.	1999 Chevrolet Pick-Up (Full Size)	3.	2013 Ford Fusion
4.	2006 Ford Pick-Up (Full Size)	4.	2013 Ford Taurus
5.	1991 Toyota Camry	5.	2013 Chevrolet Malibu
6.	2004 Dodge Pick-Up (Full Size)	6.	1999 Chevrolet Pick-Up (Full Size)
7.	2000 Dodge Caravan	7.	2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee
8.	2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee	8.	1999 Ford Pick-Up (Full Size)
9.	2004 Toyota Corolla	9.	2004 Pontiac Grand Prix
10.	1997 Nissan Altima	10.	2013 Ford Explorer

\*Most recent data available at time of publication.

## STATES WITH HIGHEST MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI)

	1986	1996	2013*	1986-2013 CHANGE	1996-2013 CHANGE
CALIFORNIA	205,597	242,466	165,292	-19.6%	-31.8%
TEXAS	119,121	104,928	65,745	-44.8%	-37.3%
FLORIDA	69,824	103,769	34,912	-50.0%	-66.4%
WASHINGTON	14,037	28,893	28,399	102.3%	-1.7%
GEORGIA	26,264	46,215	26,826	2.1%	-42.0%
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	<b>72,021</b>	<b>62,930</b>	<b>24,369</b>	<b>-66.2%</b>	<b>-61.3%</b>
ILLINOIS	72,587	58,077	20,933	-71.2%	-64.0%
OHIO	40,396	45,528	19,532	-51.6%	-57.1%
ARIZONA	13,892	41,034	17,438	25.5%	-57.5%
MISSOURI	22,233	23,992	16,325	-26.6%	-32.0%
NEW YORK	113,247	89,900	15,482	-86.3%	-82.8%
NORTH CAROLINA	13,186	24,566	14,606	10.8%	-40.5%
INDIANA	18,027	24,817	14,204	-21.2%	-42.8%
PENNSYLVANIA	42,130	49,690	13,770	-67.3%	-72.3%
NEW JERSEY	59,096	46,437	13,747	-76.7%	-70.4%
MARYLAND	24,334	36,083	13,418	-44.9%	-62.8%
SOUTH CAROLINA	9,344	15,849	12,580	34.6%	-20.6%
COLORADO	15,876	15,206	12,533	-21.1%	-17.6%
TENNESSEE	26,109	34,428	11,828	-54.7%	-65.6%
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>1,224,127</b>	<b>1,395,192</b>	<b>715,373</b>	<b>-41.6%</b>	<b>-48.7%</b>

\*Most recent data available at time of publication.

## DECLINING THEFTS IN MICHIGAN, DETROIT, AND THE NATION

The following table provides data indicating that from 1986 to 2013\*, Michigan thefts have declined 66.2% and national thefts have declined by 42.8%.

Year	State	% Change	Detroit	% Change	National	% 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
2007	41,510	-16.5	19,655	-14.2	1,095,769	-8.1
2008	35,467	-14.6	16,117	-18.0	956,846	-12.7
2009	29,647	-16.4	13,252	-17.8	794,616	-17.0
2010	26,875	-9.4	12,563	-5.2	737,142	-7.2
2011	25,048	-6.8	11,238	-10.5	715,373	-3.0
2012	24,973	-0.3	11,504	2.4	721,053	0.8
2013	24,369	-2.4	11,990	4.2	699,594	-3.0
<b>% Change</b>		<b>-66.2</b>		<b>-62.4</b>		<b>-42.8</b>

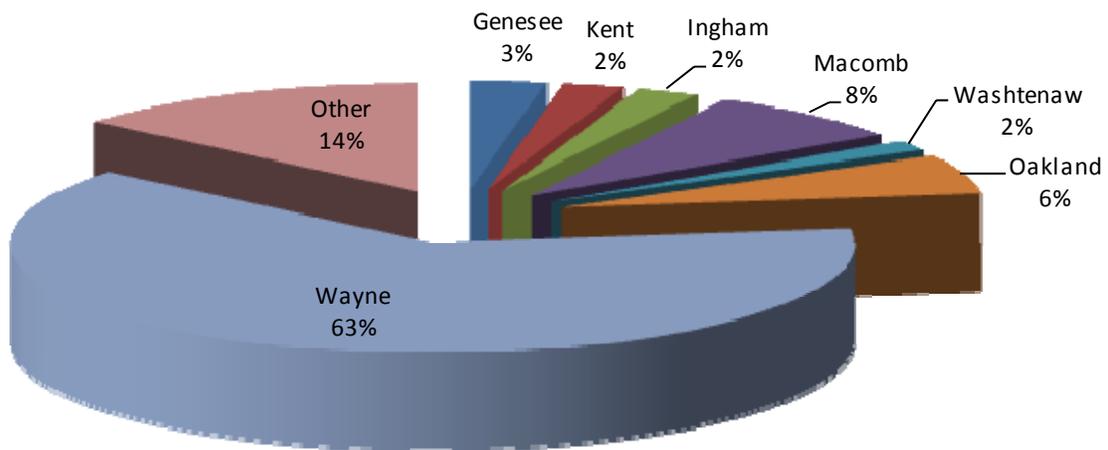
\*Most recent data available at time of publication.

## MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

COUNTY	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS			CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE
	1986	1996	2013*	1986-1996	1996-2013	1986 -2013
WAYNE	43,300	42,602	15,559	-1.6%	-63.5%	-64.1%
MACOMB	5,832	2,836	1,941	-51.4%	-31.6%	-66.7%
OAKLAND	9,310	3,886	1,445	-58.3%	-62.8%	-84.5%
GENESEE	3,290	3,329	705	1.2%	-78.8%	-78.6%
INGHAM	812	857	585	5.5%	-31.7%	-28.0%
KENT	1,778	1,542	578	-13.3%	-62.5%	-67.5%
WASHTENAW	1,449	1,122	383	-22.6%	-65.9%	-73.6%
KALAMAZOO	591	556	354	-5.9%	-36.3%	-40.1%
SAGINAW	569	588	215	3.3%	-63.4%	-62.2%
MUSKEGON	331	408	230	23.3%	-43.6%	-30.5%
MONROE	279	438	213	57.0%	-51.4%	-23.7%
CALHOUN	244	473	170	93.9%	-64.1%	-30.3%
ST. CLAIR	261	308	164	18.0%	-46.8%	-37.2%
BERRIEN	408	474	157	16.2%	-66.9%	-61.5%
JACKSON	308	277	156	-10.1%	-43.7%	-49.4%
BAY	175	272	118	55.4%	-56.6%	-32.6%
OTTAWA	194	226	96	16.5%	-57.5%	-50.5%
ALLEGAN	74	120	74	62.2%	-38.3%	0.0%
VAN BUREN	150	116	61	-22.7%	-47.4%	-59.3%
ST. JOSEPH	74	82	39	10.8%	-52.4%	-47.3%
REMAINDER	2,592	2,418	1,126	-6.7%	-53.4%	-56.6%
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>72,021</b>	<b>62,930</b>	<b>24,369</b>	<b>-12.6%</b>	<b>-61.3%</b>	<b>-66.2%</b>

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## 2013\* COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS



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**AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Michigan State Police  
Schedule of Sources and Disposition of Authorizations and Changes in Balances  
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2014

<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Insurance Company Assessments	\$6,252,926	6,274,076
Interest on Investments	\$4,488	3,764
Other Offsets of Revenue-Civil Service Assessment and Cost allocation	(\$7,863)	(\$4,766)
	<b>\$6,249,551</b>	<b>\$6,273,074</b>
 <b>DISPOSITION</b>		
Automobile Theft Prevention Grants	\$5,417,481	5,671,885
Office Operations	\$523,019	523,118
	<b>\$5,940,500</b>	<b>\$6,195,003</b>
Excess of Sources Over (Under) Disposition	\$300,110	78,071
Beginning Balances	\$1,814,201	2,114,311
	<b>\$2,114,311</b>	<b>\$2,192,382</b>
 <b>TOTAL UNEXPENDED &amp; UNRESTRICTED BALANCES</b>	<b>\$2,114,311</b>	<b>\$2,192,382</b>

**Note 1 a. Reporting Entity**

The accompanying financial schedule reports the results of the financial transactions of the Michigan State Police, ATPA, for fiscal years ended September 30, 2013, and September 30, 2014. ATPA's operations are accounted for in the state's general fund and are reported 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 ATPA's general fund accounts. Accordingly, the financial schedule is not intended to constitute a complete financial presentation of either the ATPA or the general fund in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. At the time this report was prepared, the state of Michigan had not officially closed the books for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

**Note 2 Matching Percent**

The ATPA Board of Directors increased the matching fund requirement from 40 percent to 50 percent on October 1, 2009, where it remains. However, there was an incentive opportunity for the grantees to increase their matching percent up to an additional ten percent.

## INSURANCE COMPANY ASSESSMENTS RECEIVED IN 2014

(The following schedule represents 2013 assessments, which are based on the number of earned car years of insured vehicles in 2013, providing no-fault personal injury protection. The assessments were due April 1, 2014.)

Company Name		Assessment	Company Name		Assessment
1	State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.	\$1,112,308.00	62	Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Co.	\$6,047.82
2	Home-Owners Insurance Co.	\$599,908.00	63	Harleysville Lake States Insurance Co.	\$5,397.00
3	Member Select Insurance Co.	\$478,136.93	64	American Bankers Insurance Co. of Florida	\$5,309.00
4	Allstate Property & Casualty Co.	\$339,801.00	65	21st Century Advantage Insurance Co.	\$4,877.00
5	Citizens Insurance Co. of the Midwest	\$334,881.37	66	Allied Property & Casualty Insurance Co.	\$4,813.00
6	Auto Club Group Insurance Co.	\$322,603.00	67	Metropolitan Direct Property & Casualty Insurance Co.	\$4,123.00
7	Farm Bureau General Insurance Co. of Michigan	\$241,215.30	68	Encompass Property & Casualty Co.	\$3,915.00
8	Progressive Marathon Insurance Co.	\$236,501.00	69	21st Century North America Insurance Co.	\$3,312.00
9	MEEMIC Insurance Co.	\$205,749.37	70	The Travelers Indemnity Co. of America	\$2,995.00
10	Progressive Michigan Insurance Co.	\$180,567.00	71	21st Century Centennial Insurance Co.	\$2,868.00
11	Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Co.	\$150,485.02	72	LM Insurance Corporation	\$2,809.00
12	GEICO Indemnity Co.	\$134,010.00	73	Bristol West Insurance Co.	\$2,568.00
13	Farmers Insurance Exchange	\$112,993.00	74	Integon National Insurance Co.	\$2,006.00
14	Pioneer State Mutual Insurance Co.	\$112,802.00	75	Chartis Property Casualty Co.	\$1,943.00
15	Auto-Owners Insurance Co.	\$111,909.00	76	American Modern Home Insurance Co.	\$1,830.00
16	Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Co.	\$98,525.00	77	Foremost Property & Casualty Insurance Co.	\$1,744.00
17	USAA Casualty Insurance Co.	\$82,604.00	78	West American Insurance Co.	\$1,221.00
18	Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. of Michigan	\$69,467.60	79	Great Northern Insurance Co.	\$1,134.87
19	Citizens Insurance Co. of America	\$66,399.97	80	NGM Insurance Co.	\$1,071.00
20	MIC General Insurance Corporation	\$61,351.00	81	Bankers Standard Insurance Co.	\$901.00
21	Essentia Insurance Co.	\$60,144.00	82	State Farm Fire and Casualty Co.	\$769.00
22	Safeco Insurance Co. of Illinois	\$57,966.00	83	Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.	\$746.00
23	United Services Automobile Assoc.	\$57,891.00	84	Merastar Insurance Co.	\$690.00
24	Allstate Insurance Co.	\$57,174.00	85	Ironshore Indemnity Incorporated	\$618.00
25	Fremont Insurance Co.	\$56,298.19	86	The American Insurance Co.	\$617.00
26	LM General Insurance Co.	\$55,304.00	87	Plaza Insurance Co.	\$615.00
27	Michigan Millers Mutual Insurance Co.	\$49,298.00	88	Horace Mann Insurance Co.	\$611.00
28	Grange Insurance Co. of Michigan	\$47,551.00	89	SECURA Insurance, A Mutual Co.	\$608.00
29	Encompass Indemnity Co.	\$41,930.00	90	The Standard Fire Insurance Co.	\$573.00
30	Esurance Property and Casualty Insurance Co.	\$41,444.00	91	National Interstate Insurance Co. of Hawaii Incorporated	\$514.00
31	Auto Club Insurance Association	\$41,418.67	92	Star Insurance Co.	\$473.00
32	The Cincinnati Insurance Co.	\$41,404.00	93	Metropolitan Property & Casualty Insurance Co.	\$458.00
33	AMCO Insurance Co.	\$33,318.00	94	RLI Insurance Co.	\$436.00
34	Michigan Insurance Co.	\$32,346.64	95	Electric Insurance Co.	\$394.00
35	Property & Casualty Insurance Co. of Hartford	\$32,212.00	96	Pennsylvania Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Co.	\$228.00
36	Hastings Mutual Insurance Co.	\$31,592.00	97	United States Liability Insurance Co.	\$205.00
37	Bristol West Preferred Insurance Co.	\$31,133.00	98	Nationwide Property & Casualty Insurance Co.	\$181.00
38	IDS Property Casualty Insurance Co.	\$31,108.00	99	Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association Insurance Co.	\$146.00
39	Trumbull Insurance Co.	\$29,997.00	100	Federal Insurance Co.	\$144.19
40	Metropolitan Group Property & Casualty Insurance Co.	\$27,856.00	101	Mapfre Insurance Co.	\$101.68
41	Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Co.	\$25,164.00	102	American Commerce Insurance Co.	\$101.68
42	Westfield Insurance Co.	\$24,733.00	103	Companion Property & Casualty Insurance Co.	\$100.00
43	Esurance Insurance Co.	\$24,057.00	104	Pacific Specialty Insurance Co.	\$100.00
44	Wolverine Mutual Insurance Co.	\$23,063.00	105	Safeco Insurance Co. of America	\$88.00
45	21st Century Premier Insurance Co.	\$20,952.00	106	Warner Insurance Co.	\$68.00
46	State Automobile Mutual Insurance Co.	\$18,762.00	107	Privilege Underwriters Reciprocal Exchange	\$63.00
47	Titan Indemnity Co.	\$16,755.00	108	Depositors Insurance Co.	\$59.00
48	Foremost Insurance Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan	\$15,507.00	109	Allstate Indemnity Co.	\$58.00
49	Secura Supreme Insurance Co.	\$14,689.00	110	Pacific Indemnity Co.	\$51.08
50	Titan Insurance Co.	\$12,162.00	111	Hartford Underwriters Insurance Co.	\$48.00
51	Teachers Insurance Co.	\$11,944.70	112	Metropolitan General Insurance Co.	\$26.00
52	Great Lakes Casualty Insurance Co.	\$11,795.00	113	Patriot General Insurance Co.	\$15.00
53	Northern Mutual Insurance Co.	\$10,518.00	114	Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Co.	\$14.00
54	National General Insurance Co.	\$9,892.00	115	Vigilant Insurance Co.	\$9.46
55	Hartford Insurance Co. of the Midwest	\$9,710.00	116	The First Liberty Insurance Corporation	\$7.00
56	Amica Mutual Insurance Co.	\$9,477.00	117	USA Underwriters	\$5.00
57	Everest National Insurance Co.	\$7,612.13	118	Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Indemnity Insurance	\$3.00
58	QBE Insurance Corporation	\$7,222.00	119	Hartford Casualty Insurance Co.	\$2.00
59	Central Mutual Insurance Co.	\$6,730.00	120	Dairyland Insurance Co.	\$1.00
60	Michigan Automobile Insurance Placement Facility	\$6,687.00	121	Security National Insurance Co.	\$1.00
61	Mercury National Insurance Co.	\$6,207.00	122	Darwin National Assurance Co.	\$1.00

Total \$6,274,075.67

## 1992 PA 174

### MCL 500.6101 et seq.

*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.

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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.

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(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.

# Buying and Selling a Vehicle

## PRIVATE VEHICLE SALES

- Ask for the 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 you.
- Be sure to fill in the actual vehicle mileage box and the sales price line before you sign the title. If the 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 the 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. They have records on all drivers, and can help you identify the purchaser.

## PRIVATE VEHICLE

- 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. Ask the seller for their cell phone and land line numbers.
- Ask the seller for their driver's license and write down their license number.
- Ensure the 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, title, and 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. They can identify counterfeit registrations and titles.
- For a modest fee, you can find information about a vehicle's history from an on-line service.

## FLOOD DAMAGED VEHICLES

Over the last several years, there may have been close to 500,000 cars which were damaged by floods--and not just in the Gulf region and Colorado. 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) on the internet for more details.

