

Michigan Automobile Theft Prevention Authority



2011 Annual Report

To the Governor
and Legislature of
the State of
Michigan



PLEASE DON'T HELP THE THIEVES

- Stolen vehicles are often one of the "keys" to police officer injuries and deaths.
- Vehicle theft is often one of the "keys" leading to a life of crime.
- Stolen vehicles are often one of the "key" tools used in organized crime, drive-by shootings, and drug trafficking.

**THE "KEY" TO
PREVENTING AUTO THEFT
IS IN YOUR HANDS**



- Lock your car and take the key.
- Use an anti-theft device.
- Put your valuables in the trunk.

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**Board of Directors – Grant Hearings
August 3, 2011**



From left to right: Father Russell Kohler, Mr. Joe Dolan, Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, Mr. Fausto Martin, Ms. Laura Pierman, and Undersheriff Michael McCabe.

2011 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 a pleasure to present our 2011 Annual Report, which shows auto thefts declined by 9.35% in 2010. Since the inception of the ATPA in 1986, Michigan's auto thefts have fallen by 62.0%, and we have achieved lower theft rates in 21 of 25 years.

Our success in the battle against auto theft is the direct result of the dedication and effort of the 110 men and women who are part of our law enforcement units, prosecutor units, and community programs. 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 together to solve these crimes.

The highlights of the report are as follows:

- Michigan motorists are saving \$51 per insured vehicle as a result of lower thefts.
- ATPA units have saved the insurance industry \$60 million in fraudulent theft claims since 1996.
- In 2011, ATPA units made 2,409 arrests, and were involved in the recovery of 4,659 stolen vehicles or parts with an estimated worth of \$27 million.
- Since 1986, the program has made 57,928 arrests and recovered 78,814 vehicles or parts worth an estimated \$679.5 million.
- In 2011, the return on investment of ATPA funds was \$5.25 for every \$1 spent.

I also want to thank the 46 agencies that participate in the ATPA program. In the face of reduced grant amounts, these agencies continue to make auto theft a high priority. Without the steadfast commitment of local, county, and state agencies to this program, we could not have achieved success in reducing Michigan's auto thefts.

Sincerely,



Kriste Ethel
DIRECTOR
Michigan State Police

THE AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

History and Description

History

In the mid-1980s, 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 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 crime: the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA).

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 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 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 year, the board awards grants to law enforcement agencies, prosecutor's offices, and non-profit community organizations. These grant programs prevent auto theft, catch auto thieves, and put the thieves in jail.

The ATPA has four staff members located in the Michigan State Police headquarters in downtown Lansing. They conduct financial and performance reviews on each program, prepare reports for the board, and assist with the VIN etching program.

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 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 25 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; became 40% in 2008, and has been 50% since 2009.

Bucking the Trend

From 1986 to 2010, auto thefts in Michigan dropped 62%. During that same time period, national thefts only fell 39%. National and state officials have agreed 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 premiums, relative to other states, has been reduced. In 1987, Michigan's comprehensive premiums were 5th highest in the nation, but fell to 21st highest in 2008. Michigan motorists paid \$22 into the fund from 1987 to 2008, but have saved over \$712 by not being in 5th place. The \$1 investment by owners of non-commercial passenger vehicles earned a return of \$51 in 2010.

2011 OVERVIEW OF ATPA ACTIVITY

Website

The ATPA website continues to be updated and can be accessed at www.michigan.gov/atpa. The site provides a wealth of historical information and current data, as well as being interactive with ATPA grantees and the general public.

Local Match

Based upon a thorough review of ATPA projected revenues, fund balance, and anticipated future grant requests, the board implemented a 50% local match and that match will continue for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Grant Hearings

Six board members participated in the 2012 grant hearings held on August 3, 2011, in Dearborn at the American Automobile Association (AAA) Michigan Headquarters. Total grant requests were almost \$13 million. Final approved budgets totaled \$12.6 million, with an ATPA share of \$6.3 million. The overflow crowd witnessed 46 different agencies/entities receive funding, supporting 110 personnel.

New Staff at the ATPA

The ATPA welcomes the two newest members of its staff. Ms. Tracy Lambert has provided accounting support to the ATPA team since December 2010. Mr. Tim Bailor joined the ATPA team in February 2011 as its Program Coordinator. Tracy and Tim have both had long and dedicated service with the Michigan State Police.

ATPA Board Welcomes its Newest Members

In March of 2011, Governor Rick Snyder announced the appointments of Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, Chief of Police Michael Lauretti, and Undersheriff Michael McCabe to the board of the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA).

Colonel Etue has worked for the Michigan State Police for 25 years and currently serves as the Director of the department. In 2000, Colonel Etue received the Michigan State Police "Distinguished Service Award" for playing a key role in the development of the teaching, educating, and mentoring school liaison program. Governor Snyder also appointed Colonel Etue to the position of Chair of the ATPA for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

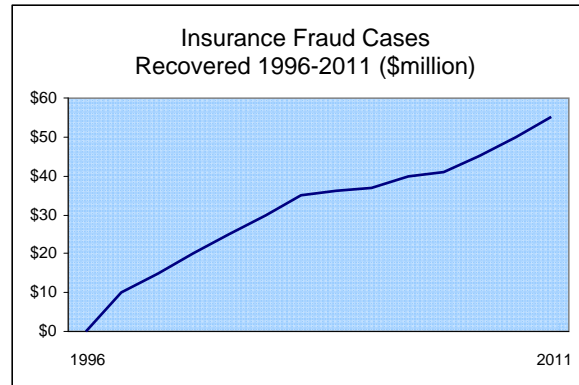
Michael Lauretti, of Clinton Township, is Chief of Police for the City of Eastpointe and has been an officer for 31 years. He is past president of the Michigan Chiefs of Police.

Michael McCabe is Undersheriff and Chief Deputy of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. He has worked in every division of the sheriff's department during his 33 year career. He is a member of the National Sheriffs' Association and the Oakland County Association of Chiefs of Police.

In April 2011, Governor Snyder appointed Ms. Laura J. Pierman to the board of the ATPA, representing auto insurers doing business in Michigan. Ms. Pierman is the Claims Facility Manager for Amerisure Mutual Insurance Company of Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Insurance Fraud Savings

A review of ATPA funded law enforcement teams in the past 16 years found that those teams were involved in over 8,328 fraud cases and \$60 million in claims denied/recovered.



VIN Etching Proves Successful

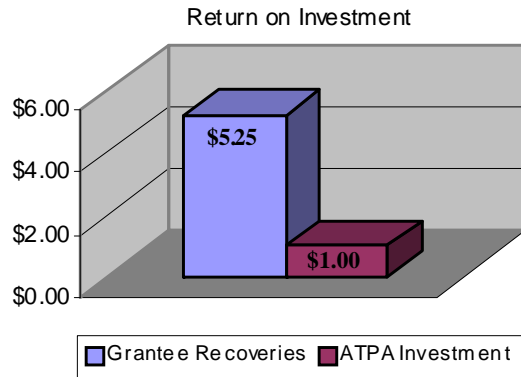
The ATPA's multi-year study of VIN etched vehicles showed that etched vehicles are **29% less likely to be stolen** when compared to the rest of the vehicles in Michigan.

ATPA non-profit groups and the ATPA staff etched over 1,000 vehicles. 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 44,400 vehicles etched in this program.

TASK FORCE HIGHLIGHTS

Return on Investment

During 2011, ATPA grantees achieved the following: 4,659 recovery incidents; 2,281 arrests; and 1,005 vehicles etched. The law enforcement grantees recovered \$5.25 for every \$1.00 the ATPA invested.



- ***Don't steal from a cop!*** The Western Wayne Auto Theft Team received a call from a law enforcement officer who was also a race car enthusiast from New Jersey. The officer reported that his customized 1984 Buick Grand National, F250 Ford pickup and trailer (\$200,000 value) was stolen from a hotel in Kentucky where he was staying during a recent racing event. He placed a reward notice on his Facebook page and received information the Buick was in Taylor, Michigan. The Wayne Auto Theft Team located the vehicle covered in a unique tarp belonging to the victim that resulted in a search warrant being issued. The car and trailer were recovered, but the truck was still missing. When the suspect would not talk, he was told of the consequences of being caught with a police officer's property. Within a few hours of being questioned, the suspect finally advised the Team where the truck could be located. Truck, car, and trailer are on their way back to New Jersey.
- ***Solving crime before victims know they are victims!*** Oakland County Auto Theft Team was notified of a possible retag on a 2011 Porsche that was in a collision shop for minor repairs. After a careful inspection, it was realized that this vehicle was not retagged at all, but purchased illegally through a sophisticated identity theft ring. The suspect would send a mass e-mail all over the country to dealerships called Swap-A-Lease. As with all mass mailings, some deals were successfully transacted with false IDs. A high-end vehicle would be delivered to an unknown address in Detroit; the vehicle would then be leased to people who usually put large amounts of money down. The suspect on some occasions would even make a couple of lease payments to the finance company just to keep the scam going undetected for a longer period of time. At approximately the same time, it was found that the Michigan State Police were building a case on a nine-count retail theft ring involving the same suspects. In total, Oakland County Theft Team recovered half a million dollars in vehicles that were returned to the owners, and note that this was done prior to the finance company and the victim of the ID theft knowing they were the victims!
- ***Retired Flint Police Department Sergeant has ideas to supplement his pension.*** Flint Police arrested a retired sergeant who was charged with master minding a scheme to steal rims from Cadillacs, running a chop shop, and filing a false police report. The suspect had a woman go to an Owosso Dealership and test drive a Cadillac equipped with special rims. The woman left the vehicle at a gas station, where it was taken to a Flint home. The Genesee Auto Theft Investigation Network (GAIN) tracked the vehicle to the home using the GPS system in the vehicle. When police arrived at the home, they found that the GPS was removed from the vehicle, but still in the home. The rims were also removed from the vehicle. The retired sergeant was believed to be the mastermind because the wheels were intended for his personal vehicle.
- ***Carjackers steal victims' other car when the first one breaks down!*** The suspects stole a 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from a home in Detroit. Then, the occupants of the home decide to chase the subjects in their Dodge Stratus. During the chase, the Suburban breaks down and the suspects shoot at the victims who are chasing them, then carjack the Dodge Stratus from the victims. Luckily, no one was hurt during this adventure. Lesson learned, don't take the law into your own hands, you may lose your second car.

TASK FORCE HIGHLIGHTS, Continued

- **Recover your own vehicle!** How often do we get the chance to recover a vehicle the same morning it was stolen? While at the hospital on an urgent matter, in a hurry, the victim accidentally left his keys in the ignition of his Ford Expedition bearing the name of his company on the rear window. He walked out a couple hours later to find his vehicle gone. His first call was to the police, and then his wife. His wife arrived first and while they waited for the officer, the victim received a call from a man who stated he was the manager of a local auto garage and asked if the victim was missing a black Ford Expedition. The manager said he called the number on the window advertisement and proceeded to tell the victim of the location of his truck. The victim contacted the police and proceeded to the destination he was given and located his vehicle. Since it was unlocked, he climbed in and began examining the interior for theft or damage. While doing this, the locks started clicking and lights started flashing. When looking out the window, he saw two males approaching with keys and key fob. Obviously, this situation could have gone south in a hurry, but the victim jumped out of the vehicle and demanded his key. The teenagers hesitated a moment before dropping the keys and running from the scene.
- **Doesn't Matter Who You Are!** Detroit police arrested eight members of a carjacking ring responsible for stealing 21 high end vehicles that included Jesse Jackson's Cadillac Escalade and a \$94,000 BMW used to transport auto executives to the North American Auto Show. Investigators dubbed the group the "S550 Boys" because of their alleged theft of Mercedes S550s, and their penchant for expensive vehicles. The car theft ring started out stripping vehicles for parts and escalated to stealing cars at gunpoint from valet parking attendants. Businesses with valet parking were targeted by the S550 Boys because a valet is the point of least resistance, and to make good money, the keys need to be left in the car. This investigation took the better part of a year and included an investigation by the FBI.
- **Going International!** The suspect rented luxury sedans and SUVs from the Detroit Metro Airport, drove the cars to Canada, then reported the vehicle stolen or carjacked in Detroit while in Canada. The cars were subsequently loaded on to a container ship headed for Iraq. An investigation that has taken several years finally led to the arrest of 13 people wanted in an international car theft operation. The scheme was dubbed Operation Hot Wheels by authorities. Michigan Secretary of State personnel, Livonia and Southfield Police Departments, Michigan State Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the National Insurance Crime Bureau all contributed to this successful investigation and favorable conclusion. The effort to eliminate this type of theft continues as officers conduct surveillance, business inspections, and undercover "sales" to retail stores.
- **Successful Cooperation** A tipster observed a 2010 Dodge Challenger being pushed away by an older model Ford Taurus. The tipster suspected that the Dodge was being stolen and followed behind long enough to get a good description of the vehicle and plate. The tipster notified the Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) tip line. Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit (WWATU) located the Dodge the following day, minus the wheels and tires, valued at \$5,800.00. WWATU established surveillance on the vehicle at the registered address. Additional information was obtained on the suspect's house. When search warrants were issued, WWATU recovered four complete sets of custom, high-profile wheels worth an estimated \$20,000.00, including the set from the aforementioned Dodge Challenger. In all, seven vehicles were seized; six have been positively identified as stolen and worth an estimated \$42,000.00, including the suspect's Ford Taurus. Also recovered were three .40 caliber semi-automatic weapons and several ounces of marijuana packaged for delivery.

TASK FORCE HIGHLIGHTS, Continued

- Direct from the factory!** A retired police officer and former security chief at a General Motors (GM) plant, along with a former businessman who was also a former chief of security at GM, were caught with a tractor trailer full of engines and transmissions from the GM plant they supposedly secured.
- Dukes of Hazzard!** A Michigan resident called for a taxi and was so high that he robbed the driver with a pellet gun and took his cab. When the police caught up with the driver, he stated that he had stolen the taxi to re-enact a scene from the television show, *The Dukes of Hazzard*. The man was subsequently sentenced to up to 20 years in prison for auto theft and armed robbery.
- Future in Auto Theft!** With a modest amount of expertise, computer hackers could gain remote access to someone's car. Although no such takeovers have been reported, scientists were able to conduct this experiment just to see if it was possible. Many cars today contain cellular connections and Bluetooth wireless technology. It is possible to work from a remote location and hack into a vehicle's computer and control various features like car locks, brakes, track location, and even eavesdrop on the cabin to steal vehicle data. Researchers were also able to hack into the cellular phone in the vehicle and insert malicious software. This allowed access to the electronic control unit of the vehicle. With this access they were able to control the function of the car. This type of research has shown how the next generation car thief might operate. For example, instead of smash and grab tactics that are used now, they will just hack into the car, unlock the doors, start the car, show up, and drive away. This type of research leads us to believe that the automotive industry will be responsible and proactive when working to improve the security of the modern automobile.

Vehicle Theft Rates

From 1986 to 2010, despite growth in both population and number of registered vehicles during this time, Michigan's theft rate per 100,000 population and per 100,000 registered vehicles has fallen dramatically.

THEFT RATE	1986	2010	% CHANGE
Population	787.5	271.9	-65.4
Vehicles	999.5	276.1	-72.4



Historical Performance of the ATPA

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

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
TOTALS	57,800	\$680,535,208

2010 FBI MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

State		Total 2010 MVT	State		Theft Rate per 100,000 pop.
1	California	152,524	1	District of Columbia	836.9
2	Texas	68,023	2	California	409.4
3	Florida	41,462	3	Washington	382.6
4	Georgia	30,305	4	Nevada	377.1
5	Illinois	28,796	5	Hawaii	374.9
6	MICHIGAN Uniform Crime Report	26,875	6	Arizona	336.5
7	Washington	25,729	7	Georgia	312.8
8	New York	21,870	8	Maryland	312.6
9	Arizona	21,508	9	South Carolina	285.3
10	Ohio	21,118	10	MICHIGAN	271.9
11	North Carolina	18,310	11	Oklahoma	271.6
12	Maryland	18,051	12	Texas	270.5
13	Pennsylvania	16,669	13	Missouri	268.0
14	Missouri	16,051	14	New Mexico	254.8
15	New Jersey	15,556	15	Tennessee	233.8
16	Tennessee	14,835	16	Oregon	232.6
17	South Carolina	13,197	17	Alaska	228.0
18	Indiana	13,118	18	Rhode Island	227.9
19	Massachusetts	11,453	19	Illinois	224.4
20	Colorado	11,247	20	Colorado	223.6
21	Alabama	10,600	21	Alabama	221.8
22	Virginia	10,548	22	Florida	220.5
23	Oklahoma	10,190	23	Louisiana	218.2
24	Nevada	10,185	23	Utah	215.2
25	Louisiana	9,893	25	Delaware	214.8
26	Oregon	8,912	26	Kansas	210.6
27	Minnesota	8,587	27	Indiana	202.3
28	Wisconsin	8,138	28	Nebraska	197.9
29	Connecticut	6,707	29	North Carolina	192.0
30	Kentucky	6,209	30	Arkansas	190.1
31	Kansas	6,009	31	Connecticut	187.7
32	Utah	5,949	32	Ohio	183.1
33	Arkansas	5,544	33	Mississippi	180.6
34	Mississippi	5,360	34	New Jersey	176.9
35	New Mexico	5,247	35	Massachusetts	174.9
36	Hawaii	5,100	36	Minnesota	161.9
37	District of Columbia	5,036	37	Montana	154.2
38	Iowa	3,776	38	Wisconsin	143.1
39	Nebraska	3,614	39	Kentucky	143.1
40	Rhode Island	2,399	40	Virginia	131.8
41	West Virginia	2,361	41	North Dakota	127.7
42	Delaware	1,929	42	West Virginia	127.4
43	Alaska	1,619	43	Iowa	124.0
44	Montana	1,526	44	New York	111.9
45	Idaho	1,322	45	Wyoming	104.9
46	Maine	990	46	South Dakota	97.6
47	New Hampshire	968	47	Idaho	84.3
48	North Dakota	859	48	Pennsylvania	80.0
49	South Dakota	795	49	Maine	74.5
50	Wyoming	591	50	New Hampshire	73.5
51	Vermont	441	51	Vermont	70.5
NATIONAL TOTAL		738,579	NATIONAL AVERAGE		218.4

STATES WITH HIGHEST MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS (FBI)

	1986	1996	2010	1996-2010 CHANGE	1986-2010 CHANGE
CALIFORNIA	205,597	242,466	152,524	-37.1%	-25.8%
TEXAS	119,121	104,928	68,023	-35.2%	-42.9%
FLORIDA	69,824	103,769	41,462	-60.0%	-40.6%
GEORGIA	26,264	46,215	30,305	-34.4%	15.4%
ILLINOIS	72,587	58,077	28,796	-50.4%	-60.3%
MICHIGAN Uniform Crime Report	72,021	62,930	26,875	-57.3%	-62.7%
WASHINGTON	14,037	28,893	25,729	-11.0%	83.3%
ARIZONA	13,892	41,034	21,508	-47.6%	54.8%
OHIO	40,396	45,528	21,118	-53.6%	-47.7%
NEW YORK	113,247	89,900	20,433	-77.3%	-82.0%
NORTH CAROLINA	13,186	24,566	18,310	-25.5%	38.9%
MARYLAND	24,334	36,083	18,051	-50.0%	-25.8%
PENNSYLVANIA	42,130	49,690	16,669	-66.5%	-60.4%
MISSOURI	22,233	23,992	16,051	-33.1%	-27.8%
NEW JERSEY	59,096	46,437	15,556	-66.5%	-73.7%
TENNESSEE	26,109	34,428	14,835	-56.9%	-43.2%
SOUTH CAROLINA	9,344	15,849	13,197	-16.7%	41.2%
INDIANA	18,027	24,817	13,118	-47.1%	-27.2%
COLORADO	15,876	15,206	11,247	-26.0%	-29.2%
NATIONAL	1,224,127	1,395,192	737,142	-47.2%	-39.8%

U.S. TOP 10 MOST STOLEN



2009 Model Year

Source: NHTSA, Oct 2011

NICB 2010 Data

(All Years and Models)

MAKE/MODEL

1. Chevrolet Impala
2. Chevrolet Malibu
3. Chevrolet Cobalt
4. Nissan Altima
5. Toyota Camry/Solara
6. Toyota Corolla
7. Hyundai Sonata
8. Ford Focus
9. Nissan Versa
10. Honda Accord

MAKE/MODEL

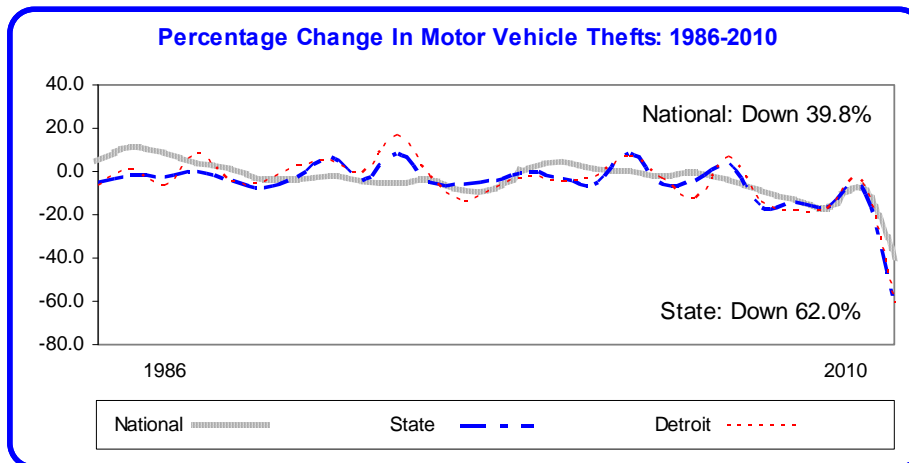
1. 1994 Honda Accord
2. 1995 Honda Civic
3. 1991 Toyota Camry
4. 1999 Chevrolet Pickup
5. 1997 Ford F-150 Pickup
6. 2004 Dodge Ram Pickup
7. 2000 Dodge Caravan
8. 1994 Acura Integra
9. 2002 Ford Explorer
10. 1999 Ford Taurus



DECLINING THEFTS IN MICHIGAN AND THE NATION

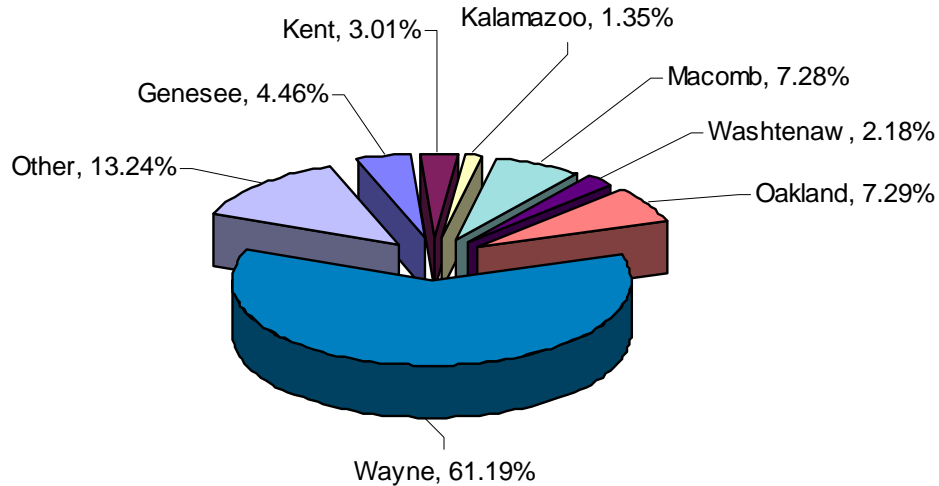
The following table provides data indicating that from 1986 to 2010, Michigan thefts have declined 62.0% and national thefts have declined by 39.8%.

Year	State of Michigan		City of Detroit		National	
	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
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
% Change	-62.0		-60.6		-39.8	



As seen in the chart above, Detroit continues to have the highest theft rate in the state.

COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS



MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS						
COUNTY	1986	1996	2010	1986-1996	1996-2010	CHANGE 1986 -2010
WAYNE	43,300	42,602	16,444	-1.6%	-61.4%	-62.0%
OAKLAND	9,310	3,886	1,959	-58.3%	-49.6%	-79.0%
MACOMB	5,832	2,836	1,956	-51.4%	-31.0%	-66.5%
GENESEE	3,290	3,329	1,198	1.2%	-64.0%	-63.6%
KENT	1,778	1,542	810	-13.3%	-47.5%	-54.4%
WASHTENAW	1,449	1,122	586	-22.6%	-47.8%	-59.6%
INGHAM	812	857	383	5.5%	-55.3%	-52.8%
KALAMAZOO	591	556	364	-5.9%	-34.5%	-38.4%
SAGINAW	569	588	252	3.3%	-57.1%	-55.7%
MUSKEGON	331	408	251	23.3%	-38.5%	-24.2%
MONROE	279	438	223	57.0%	-49.1%	-20.1%
CALHOUN	244	473	205	93.9%	-56.7%	-16.0%
ST. CLAIR	261	308	174	18.0%	-43.5%	-33.3%
JACKSON	308	277	152	-10.1%	-45.1%	-50.6%
OTTAWA	194	226	100	16.5%	-55.8%	-48.5%
VAN BUREN	150	116	95	-22.7%	-18.1%	-36.7%
BERRIEN	408	474	91	16.2%	-80.8%	-77.7%
BAY	175	272	87	55.4%	-68.0%	-50.3%
ST. JOSEPH	74	82	71	10.8%	-13.4%	-4.1%
ALLEGAN	74	120	70	62.2%	-41.7%	-5.4%
REMAINDER	2,592	2,418	1,404	-6.7%	-41.9%	-45.8%
STATE TOTAL	72,021	62,930	26,875	-12.6%	-57.3%	-62.7%

**MICHIGAN
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS - TOP 20 COUNTIES**

COUNTY	2009 THEFTS	2010 THEFTS	% CHANGE 2009-2010
WAYNE	17,567	16,444	-6.39
MACOMB	2,541	1,956	-23.02
OAKLAND	1,832	1,549	-15.45
GENESEE	1,209	1,198	-0.91
KENT	804	810	0.75
WASHTENAW	584	586	0.34
INGHAM	334	383	14.67
KALAMAZOO	489	364	-25.56
SAGINAW	310	252	-18.71
MUSKEGON	371	251	-32.35
MONROE	205	223	8.78
CALHOUN	211	205	-2.84
ST. CLAIR	233	174	-25.32
JACKSON	199	152	-23.62
OTTAWA	134	100	-25.37
VAN BUREN	94	95	1.06
BERRIEN	172	91	-47.09
BAY	108	87	-19.44
ST. JOSEPH	89	71	-20.22
ALLEGAN	91	70	-23.08
STATE TOTAL	29,647	26,875	-9.35



2011 MICHIGAN'S MOST STOLEN		2011 THIEVES FAVORITE CHOICES		
Make/Model		Color	Month	Day of Week
1. 2000 Dodge Ram Pickup		1. Black	November	Tuesday
2. 1999 Dodge Ram Pickup		2. White	December	Monday
3. 2002 Dodge Ram Pickup		3. Red	October	Thursday
4. 1998 Ford Pickup		4. Blue	September	Wednesday
5. 1997 Dodge Ram Pickup		5. Silver	August	Friday
6. 1998 Dodge Ram Pickup		6. Green	July	Saturday
7. 2003 Dodge Ram Pickup		7. Gray	June	Sunday
8. 1996 Chevrolet Pickup		8. Maroon	May	
9. 1999 Ford Pickup		9. Gold	April	
10. 1997 Chevrolet Pickup		10. Tan	March	

AGENCIES WITH MORE THAN 100 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

JURISDICTION	2004 THEFTS	2005 THEFTS	2006 THEFTS	2007 THEFTS	2008 THEFTS	2009 THEFTS	2010 THEFTS	% CHG 2004-2010
Detroit	24,573	21,439	22,918	19,655	16,117	13,252	12,563	-49
Warren	1,402	1,633	1,805	1,163	1,274	1,056	730	-48
Flint	1,563	1,583	1,521	1,034	904	670	664	-58
Dearborn	1,037	1,082	1,035	801	835	595	478	-54
Southfield	813	850	707	631	540	480	410	-50
Grand Rapids	739	678	697	589	453	371	380	-49
Westland	435	465	446	332	423	324	322	-26
Hamtramck	368	631	534	454	449	354	298	-19
Redford Twp. (Wayne)	508	535	562	436	196	299	292	-43
Lansing	471	412	472	357	333	209	252	-46
Taylor	482	471	371	422	324	261	229	-52
Eastpointe	367	387	554	356	390	294	222	-40
Washtenaw Co. Sheriff	381	338	305	292	224	244	222	-42
Roseville	351	343	550	427	325	225	222	-37
Pontiac	469	488	565	615	479	312	216	-54
Livonia	289	283	313	267	250	214	212	-27
Clinton Twp. (Macomb)	264	298	316	311	304	236	206	-22
Lincoln Park	342	403	377	315	233	203	206	-40
Kalamazoo	313	319	395	351	282	277	188	-40
Dearborn Heights	361	417	370	342	291	233	182	-50
Harper Woods	281	347	475	322	287	348	174	-38
Wyoming	190	211	259	209	180	153	164	-14
Battle Creek	181	187	218	206	151	139	157	-13
Oakland Co. Sheriff	310	261	245	197	200	188	155	-50
Monroe Co. Sheriff	200	241	233	175	142	155	153	-24
Kent Co. Sheriff	199	194	186	188	174	126	146	-27
Oak Park	230	302	257	196	190	174	140	-39
Macomb Co. Sheriff	157	256	302	232	203	157	134	-15
Hazel Park	172	253	257	170	205	140	134	-22
Farmington Hills	137	153	168	166	168	133	127	-7
Saginaw	332	376	340	327	214	153	125	-62
Ann Arbor	182	238	173	160	145	126	124	-32
Sterling Heights	235	239	343	244	203	190	120	-49
Romulus	253	167	166	184	107	159	120	-53
Flint Twp. (Genesee)	221	287	193	216	201	121	119	-46
Madison Heights	246	303	275	175	188	129	109	-56
Inkster	340	266	257	170	186	136	105	-69



PERFORMANCE
As Reported for the Period of Oct. 1, 2010 - Sept. 30, 2011

LAW ENFORCEMENT	GRANT AWARD	VALUE OF VEHICLE & EQUIP RECOVERED	RECOVERIES			ARRESTS	
			PASS VEHICLE	OTHER VEHICLE	PARTS INCIDENT	MVT	OTHER
Detroit PD-PAT	\$766,825.00	\$2,149,592.00	273	9	7	352	
Detroit PD-Precincts	\$563,047.00	\$3,681,345.00	338	6	6	256	
Detroit Fire Dept	\$48,400.00	\$897,360.00	1,456			12	
Dearborn PD	\$116,304.00	\$781,500.00	50			55	
Grand Rapids PD	\$249,526.00	\$1,477,500.00	160	12	26	432	16
Grosse Pointe Park PD	\$251,836.00	\$4,404,150.00	576	9	6	134	
Hamtramck PD	\$93,732.00	\$484,300.00	72	1		33	3
Lansing PD	\$63,740.00	\$1,351,793.00	189	12		50	
Saginaw PD	\$122,341.00	\$508,240.00	73	6		68	
Southfield PD	\$136,868.00	\$533,275.00	32	2	7	55	
Genesee Sheriff	\$322,437.00	\$3,045,155.00	394		26	131	
Macomb Sheriff	\$568,311.00	\$1,771,560.00	119	14	169	234	47
Oakland Sheriff	\$604,820.00	\$1,721,350.00	129	11	1	219	19
MSP Western Wayne	\$805,780.00	\$3,439,813.00	282	16	10	128	18
MSP Monroe	\$79,807.00	\$201,700.00	5	3		16	
MSP S.W. Michigan	\$277,270.00	\$797,665.00	64	25	5	94	24
MSP Washtenaw	\$136,395.00	\$262,173.00	8	14	5	12	1
SUBTOTAL	\$5,207,439.00	\$27,508,471.00	4,220	140	268	2,281	128
PROSECUTORS	GRANT AWARD	WARRANTS ISSUED	EXAMS HELD	EXAMS WAIVED	PRETRIAL GUILTY PLEAS	TRIALS	TRIAL CONV
Genesee County Pros	\$90,080.00	76	32	37	49	2	2
Macomb County Pros	\$65,016.00	183	11	104	214	0	0
Saginaw County Pros	\$57,127.00	89	38	53	108	6	5
Wayne County Pros	\$434,553.00	2,096	222	1,355	1,394	20	14
SUBTOTAL	\$646,776.00	2,444	303	1,549	1,765	28	21
NON-PROFITS	GRANT AWARD	VEHICLES ETCHED	TRAINING MEETINGS	TITLE HISTORY	TECH ASSIST		
Dept of State	\$73,024.00			3,112			
MAVTI	\$30,000.00		68		327		
Mt. Olive Grand Lodge	\$14,180.00	388	51				
W. Grand-Grand Rapids	\$37,157.00	617	26				
SUBTOTAL	\$154,361.00	1,005	145	3,112	327		
GRAND TOTAL	\$6,008,576.00						

2012 GRANT AWARDS

Organization	Employees Funded	Grantee Share (50%)	ATPA Share (50%)	Total Budget
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES				
Dearborn Police Department	2.00	122,847	122,847	245,694
Detroit Fire Department	1.00	49,378	49,378	98,755
Detroit Police Department -Insurance Fraud/Conspiracy Team	16.00	849,247	849,247	1,698,494
Detroit Police Department-Precincts Team - Screen Door	11.00	631,423	631,423	1,262,846
Genesee Co. Sheriff Department - GAIN Team	6.00	335,703	335,703	671,406
Grand Rapids Combined Team	5.00	265,928	265,928	531,855
Gross Pointe Park Police Department - Eastside ACTION Team	5.50	289,105	289,105	578,209.00
Hamtramck Department of Police	2.00	102,078	102,078	204,156
Lansing Police Department - Ingham Co. Team	1.00	61,777	61,777	123,553
Macomb County Sheriff Department	10.00	575,666	575,666	1,151,331
Michigan Department of State	2.00	68,589	68,589	137,178
Monroe County Team	1.00	84,600	84,600	169,200
Oakland County Sheriff Department - OCAT Team	11.00	627,974	627,974	1,255,947
Saginaw Police Department - SCATT	2.75	126,071	126,071	252,142
Southfield Police Department	2.00	148,893	148,893	297,786
Southwest Michigan Team - SCAR	4.50	288,681	288,681	577,362
Washtenaw Area County Team- WAATT	2.00	140,073	140,073	280,145
Western Wayne Team- WWATEE	12.00	738,190	738,190	1,476,380
Total Law Enforcement Agencies (includes 11.75 FTE Support Staff)	96.75	5,506,220	5,506,220	11,012,439
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICES				
Genesee County Prosecutor's Office	1.50	82,460	82,460	164,920
Macomb County Prosecutor's Office	1.00	65,548	65,548	131,095
Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office	1.00	55,783	55,783	111,565
Wayne County Prosecutor's Office	8.00	548,175	548,175	1,096,350
Total, Prosecuting Attorneys (includes 2.5 FTE support Staff)	11.50	751,965	751,965	1,503,930
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS (No Matching Funds Required)				
Focus: HOPE	0		873	873
Michigan Automobile Theft Investigation (MAVTI) Training Grant	0.50		30,000	30,000
Mt. Olive Grand Lodge (MOGL)	0.52		18,218	18,218
West Grand Neighborhood Organization -Grand Rapids	1.02		37,081	37,081
Total, Non-Profit Organizations	2.04		86,172	86,172
Grand Totals	110.29	6,258,185	6,344,357	12,602,541

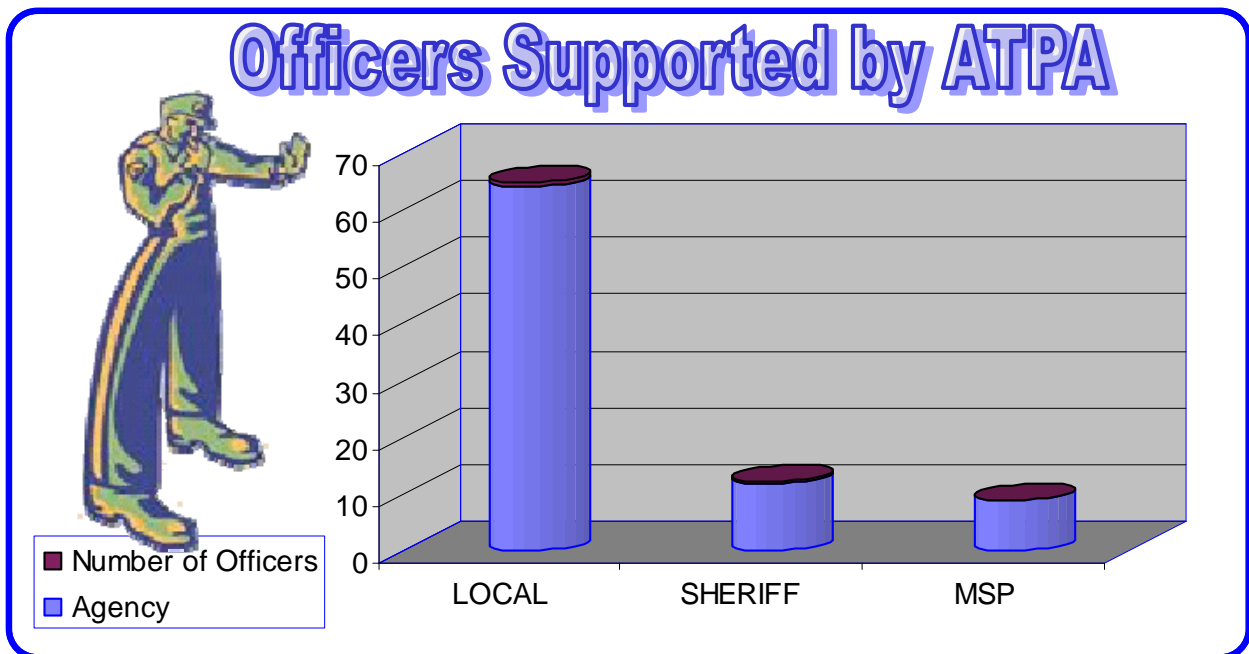
Funding by Category

For 2012, The ATPA awarded 86.80% of its funds to law enforcement agencies, 11.85% to prosecutor's offices and 1.35% to non-profit organizations.

The matching fund remains at 50% for law enforcement and prosecutors. Non-profit organizations retained 100% funding by the ATPA.

OFFICERS SUPPORTED BY ATPA - 2012

TEAMS	LOCAL	SHERIFF	MSP	TOTAL
Dearborn Police Dept.	2			2
Detroit Fire Department	1			1
Detroit Police Dept.- Ins. Fraud Team	12			12
Detroit Police Dept.-Screen Door	10			10
Genesee County Auto Theft Team	4	1		5
Grand Rapids Combined Team	5			5
Grosse Pointe Park PD	5			5
Hamtramck Police Dept.	2			2
Lansing Police Dept.	1			1
Macomb County Auto Theft Team	4	4	1	9
Monroe County Auto Theft Team	0		1	1
Oakland County Auto Theft Team	5	6		11
S.W. Michigan-SCAR Team	2		2	4
Saginaw Co. Auto Theft Team	2			2
Southfield Police Dept.	2			2
Washtenaw County Team	0	1	1	2
Wayne State University	1			1
Western Wayne Auto Theft Team	6		4	10
Total Officers	64	12	9	85
Percentage Of Total	75.3%	14.1%	10.6%	100.0%



AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Department of State Police
Schedule of Sources and Disposition of Authorizations and Changes in Balances
Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2011

	2011	2010
SOURCES		
Insurance Company Assessments	\$6,314,745	\$6,243,973
Interest on Investments	5,929	7,814
Other Income-Reimbursement from grantees	509	13
TOTAL	\$6,321,183	\$6,251,800
DISPOSITION		
Automobile Theft Prevention Grants	\$5,472,654	\$5,357,600
Office Operations	432,305	385,475
Budget and Finance, Management Services	0	0
Office space rental	10,309	0
Civil Service Assessment	6,011	4,773
Technology/Telecom Assessments Office Automation	3,428	3,800
Treasury Investment Fee	700	1,300
TOTAL	\$5,925,407	\$5,752,948
Excess of Sources Over (Under) Disposition	395,776	\$498,852
Beginning Balances	1,273,738	774,886
Total Unexpended and Unrestricted Balances	\$1,669,514	\$1,273,738

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, 2011, and September 30, 2010. The Automobile Theft Prevention Authority'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 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, 2011.

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

Resulted from a reimbursement from Downriver Mutual Aid's overpayment.

Note 4: Matching %

ATPA Board of Directors increased matching fund requirement from 40% to 50% since 2009.

Note 5: Change in Grant Year

Beginning in 2008, the ATPA Board of Directors changed the grant program from calendar year to fiscal year ending September 30 to coincide with the State of Michigan fiscal year.

The following schedule represents 2010 assessments which are based on the number of earned car years of insured vehicles in 2010 providing no-fault personal injury protection. The Assessments were due April 1, 2011.

INSURANCE COMPANY ASSESSMENTS RECEIVED IN 2011			
COMPANY NAME	Assessment	COMPANY NAME	Assessment
1 State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins Co.	\$1,093,648.00	60 21st Century North America Ins Co.	\$8,668.00
2 Home-Owners Ins Co.	581,138.00	61 Bristol West Ins Co.	8,280.00
3 Auto Club Group Ins Co.	485,157.14	62 Encompass Property & Casualty Co.	7,924.00
4 Member Select Ins Co.	413,417.37	63 Partners Mutual Ins Co.	7,017.00
5 Citizens Ins Co. of the Midwest	286,873.00	64 Great Lakes Casualty Ins Co.	6,609.00
6 Farm Bureau General Ins Co. of MI	256,102.20	65 American Fellowship Mutual Ins Co.	6,465.00
7 Allstate Property & Casualty Co.	251,493.00	66 Mercury National Ins Co.	6,104.00
8 Progressive MI Ins Co.	244,230.00	67 American Bankers Ins Co. of Florida	5,435.59
9 Citizens Ins Co. of America	178,942.00	68 Philadelphia Indemnity Ins Co.	3,830.00
10 Liberty Mutual Fire Ins Co.	171,687.00	69 21st Century Centennial Ins Co.	3,825.00
11 Frankenmuth Mutual Ins Co.	170,451.52	70 Harleysville Lake Ins Co.	3,523.00
12 MEEMIC Ins Co.	164,487.25	71 West American Ins Co.	3,403.00
13 Progressive Marathon Ins Co.	159,683.00	72 The Travelers Indemnity Co. of America	2,648.00
14 Auto-Owners Ins Co.	152,721.00	73 Metropolitan Direct Property & Casualty Ins. Co.	2,526.00
15 Pioneer State Mutual Ins Co.	113,393.00	74 American Modern Ins Co.	2,010.00
16 Farmers Ins Exchange	106,005.00	75 Chartis Casualty Co.	1,657.00
17 Allstate Ins Co.	90,413.00	76 Foremost Property & Casualty Ins Co.	1,629.00
18 Farm Bureau Mutual Ins Co. of MI	88,682.80	77 Metropolitan Property & Casualty Ins Co.	1,448.00
19 Auto Club Ins Association	84,099.38	78 Horace Mann Ins Co.	1,359.70
20 Grange Ins Co. of MI	76,994.00	79 Merastar Ins Co.	1,342.00
21 GEICO Indemnity Co.	59,289.00	80 State Farm Fire and Casualty Co.	1,162.00
22 MIC General Ins Corporation	58,615.00	81 Central Mutual Ins Co.	1,133.00
23 Essentia Ins Co.	56,979.00	82 Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.	1,126.00
24 United Services Automobile Assoc.	53,933.00	83 Great Northern Ins Co.	995.09
25 Property & Casualty Ins Co. of Hartford	47,273.00	84 SECURA Ins, A Mutual Co.	911.00
26 Hastings Mutual Ins Co.	46,070.00	85 MI Automobile Ins. Placement Facility	732.00
27 USAA Casualty Ins Co.	45,687.00	86 National Interstate Ins Co. of Hawaii	699.00
28 MI Ins Co.	44,996.66	87 The American Ins Co.	624.00
29 AMCO Ins Co.	41,687.00	88 Plaza Ins Co.	569.00
30 Fremont Ins Co.	41,407.00	89 The Standard Fire Ins Co.	567.00
31 Nationwide Mutual Fire Ins Co.	41,319.00	90 Warner Ins Co.	408.00
32 MI Millers Mutual Ins Co.	37,777.00	91 Star Ins Co.	359.00
33 Bristol West Preferred Ins Co.	32,777.00	92 21st Century Security Ins Co.	256.00
34 IDS Property Casualty Ins Co.	32,222.00	93 Electric Ins Co.	249.00
35 Allied Property & Casualty Ins Co.	30,902.00	94 Pennsylvania Lumbermen's Mutual Ins Co.	233.00
36 Affirmative Ins Co. of MI	28,849.00	95 Pacific Specialty Ins Co.	208.00
37 The Cincinnati Ins Co.	26,534.00	96 Bankers Standard Ins Co.	191.00
38 Metropolitan Grp Prop & Cas Ins. Co.	24,430.00	97 Safeco Ins Co. of America	188.00
39 Safeco Ins Co. of Illinois	23,030.00	98 Allstate Indemnity Co.	129.00
40 Esurance Ins Co.	22,240.00	99 Nationwide Property & Casualty Ins Co.	124.00
41 QBE Ins Corporation	21,579.00	100 RLI Ins Co.	110.00
42 Westfield Ins Co.	18,696.00	101 American Reliable Ins Co.	106.00
43 Secura Supreme Ins Co.	17,826.00	102 American Family Home Ins Co.	104.00
44 Hartford Ins Co. of the Midwest	16,811.00	103 Federal Ins Co.	100.67
45 Foremost Ins Co.	16,150.00	104 Manufacturers' Alliance Ins Co.	88.00
46 Wolverine Mutual Ins Co.	16,131.00	105 Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Assoc Ins	73.00
47 Titan Ins Co.	13,850.00	106 Companion Property & Casualty Ins Co.	65.00
48 Titan Indemnity Co.	13,507.00	107 Metropolitan General Ins Co.	40.00
49 Teachers Ins Co.	13,071.70	108 Imperium Ins Co.	37.00
50 Dairyland Ins Co.	12,785.00	109 Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Indemnity Ins.	31.00
51 State Automobile Mutual Ins Co.	11,899.00	110 Pacific Indemnity Co.	29.83
52 Amica Mutual Ins Co.	11,607.00	111 Pharmacists Mutual Ins Co.	18.00
53 Starr Indemnity & Liability Co.	10,840.00	112 Balboa Ins Co.	8.29
54 National General Ins Co.	10,036.00	113 Vigilant Ins Co.	8.13
55 21st Century Advantage Ins Co.	9,825.00	114 The First Liberty Ins Corporation	7.00
56 Patriot General Ins Co.	9,820.00	115 Hartford Casualty Ins Co.	6.00
57 21st Century Premier Ins Co.	9,292.00	116 Western General Ins Co.	5.00
58 Northern Mutual Ins Co.	9,080.46	117 Nationwide Mutual Ins Co.	3.00
59 Unitrin Direct Property & Casualty Co.	8,897.00	118 Merchants Mutual Ins Co.	1.00
		TOTAL	\$6,314,745

2012 ATPA PROJECT CONTACTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT			
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Fax</u>
Canton Township Police Dept.	D/Lt. Ray Collins (MSP)	(734) 397-0090 Ex: 13	(734) 397-1378
City Of Grand Rapids Police Dept.	Sgt. Stanley Lis	(616) 456-3338	(616) 456-3799
City of Hamtramck Department of Police	Officer Greg Collins	(313) 876-7824	(313) 876-7829
Dearborn Police Dept.	Det. Mike Maurier	(313) 943-2273	(313) 943-3093
Detroit Fire Department, Arson Section	Chief El Don Parham	(313) 596-2950	(313) 596-2964
Detroit Police Dept. Commercial Auto Theft	Sgt. Robert Wellman	(313) 596-2517	(313) 596-2727
Genesee County Auto Theft	Lt. Robert Nuckolls	(810) 655-8185	(810) 655-8058
Grosse Pointe Park PD	Sgt. James Vogler	(313) 822-4435	(313) 822-4543
Lansing Police Dept.	Det. Teresa Eisfelder	(517) 483-6858	(517) 483-6875
Macomb County Sheriff's Office	Lt. Dave Daniels	(586) 469-6491	(586) 469-6844
Michigan Department of State	Ms. Ruth Baker	(517) 636-0806	(517) 322-3434
MSP - SW Commercial Auto Recovery	D/Lt. Russ Ammon	(269) 337-4051	(269) 337-3163
MSP - Washtenaw Area Auto Theft Team	D/Sgt. George Warchock	(734) 994-8881	(734) 994-8657
MSP -Monroe Auto Theft Enforcement	D/Sgt. Jeff Hart	(734) 240-2605	(734) 240-2865
Oakland County Sheriff's Office	Sgt. Kevin Banycky	(248) 858-5208	(248) 858-9565
Saginaw County Auto Theft Team	Det. Scott Jackson	(989) 759-1214	(989) 759-1525
Southfield City Police Department	Det. Lawrence Jones	(248) 796-5547	(248) 796-5545
PROSECUTORS			
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Fax</u>
Genesee County Prosecutor's Office	Mr. John Potbury	(810) 257-3215	(810) 257-3219
Macomb County Prosecutor's Office	Mr. Mike Macherzak	(586) 469-5350	(586) 783-8194
Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office	Mr. Alan Reimers	(989) 790-5332	(989) 792-0803
Wayne County Prosecutor's Office	Mr. Dennis Doherty	(313) 967-6851	(313) 224-0974
NON-PROFIT NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS			
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Fax</u>
Focus Hope	Mr. Galen Hardy	(313) 494-4234	(313) 494-4574
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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 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 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

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. 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 for more details.