



ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE THEFT AUTHORITY

March 2003 Newsletter

The Arizona Automobile Theft Authority's Annual Summit on Vehicle Theft – February 7, 2003

On February 7th, the AATA hosted its Summit on Vehicle Theft at the Holiday Inn in Phoenix. The one-day Summit was attended by approximately 150 representatives from 35 different law enforcement, criminal justice, insurance and state agencies throughout Arizona. Also in attendance were out of state guests from Colorado and Sonora, Mexico.



AATA Board Members Sheriff Ogden, Chief Hurtt, Dean Butler and Deputy Chief Scott Freeman for Sheriff Arpaio.



Mexican law enforcement officials receive special recognition award. Pictured left to right: Sgt. Terry Starner, Chief Alfonso Novoa, Director General Carlos Vega, Mikel Longman and Director General Manuel Hoyos.

The Summit included an AATA Board of Directors meeting, presentations by several grant agencies on best practice approaches to vehicle theft prevention and enforcement, an awards luncheon, and an AATA 2003/2004 grant program workshop. Several exhibitors attended to display their products and distribute product information to Summit attendees.

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AATA Relocates to Capitol Mall Area

On March 7, 2003, the AATA moved into a new office location at 1400 W. Washington Street, Suite 270 Phoenix, AZ 85007. The new AATA office location provides a significant cost savings and brings the Agency into the Capitol Mall area, which is closer to essential state agencies and services.

New main office number is 602 364-2886 (AUTO)

New fax number is 602 364-2897

New Agency e-mail address is aata@aata.state.az.us

AATA web site address will remain the same – www.azwatchyourcar.com.

Statewide toll-free number to remain the same – 1-888-668-4433

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Maricopa County Sheriff Joseph Arpaio appointed to AATA Board of Directors



Sheriff Joseph Arpaio
Maricopa County Sheriff

The Arizona Automobile Theft Authority is pleased to announce that the Arizona Sheriffs Association appointed Sheriff Joseph Arpaio to the AATA Board of Directors in February 2003. Sheriff Arpaio occupies the second Sheriff position on the AATA Board, representing a county with a population of five hundred thousand or more persons.

Welcome, Sheriff Arpaio – we are glad to have you on board.

Task Force Awarded 2002 IACP Award

The Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force was awarded the 2002 Vehicle Theft Award of Merit by the IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police) and the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) for their outstanding efforts to reduce vehicle theft.

The Task Force received this prestigious award during the 109th Annual Conference in Minneapolis in October 2002. Arizona Department of Public Safety

Director, Dennis Garrett accepted the award on behalf of then-Lieutenant, Mikel Longman and the entire Task Force.



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Mr. Ralph Lumpkin, NICB, Area 3 Director, makes presentation during Summit.

The AATA was honored to have several special guest speakers in attendance including Arizona State Senator, Marilyn Jarrett, Mr. Ralph Lumpkin, Area 3 Director with the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), and Ms. Lynette Evans, Policy Advisor to Governor Janet Napolitano. These presenters provided opening remarks and valuable information to Summit attendees on current auto theft trends in Arizona, the Nation and the World.



AATA Volunteers Linda Longman and Mary Louise Boelhauf assist at Summit registration table.

The Summit was made possible by support from Allstate Insurance Company, Associated Highway Patrolmen of Arizona, Farmers Insurance Company, Manheim Auctions, Mark N Gard, Inc., and State Farm Insurance Company.



The AATA also wishes to thank Linda Longman, Lori Martin, Mary Louise Boelhauf, and Greg Tolliver for their assistance with Summit preparation and attendee registration.



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Detective Grant Eaton, Glendale Police Department, 2002 Auto Theft Detective of the Year.



Sergeant Richard Maiocco, Officer Eric Breindl, and Officer Bob Cummins, Phoenix Police Department, Co-Recipients of 2002 Patrol Officer of the Year.



Detective Jeff Himmelstein, ADOT - Motor Vehicle Division, 2002 Special Investigator of the Year.



Detectives, Robert Butler and Travis Feyen, Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force, Co-Recipients of 2002 Task Force Officer of the Year.



Ms. Kathy Groenewold, Tempe Police Department, 2002 Crime Prevention Specialist of the Year.



Arizona Department of Transportation - Motor Vehicle Division, 2002 Outstanding Government Partnership of the Year.

AATA Recognizes 2002 Award Recipients

The AATA's outstanding law enforcement, government and private sector partners were honored at an awards ceremony luncheon as part of the Summit on Vehicle Theft. The award recipients have all demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and innovative approaches to combating auto theft in the State of Arizona.



Detective Matthew Deal, Phoenix Police Department, 2002 Outstanding Community Service.



Phoenix Police Department's Valley H.E.A.T. Project, 2002 Special Law Enforcement Project of the Year.



Allstate Insurance Company, 2002 Outstanding Private Sector Partner of the Year.



Mesa Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit, 2002 Public Awareness and Community Education Unit of the Year.



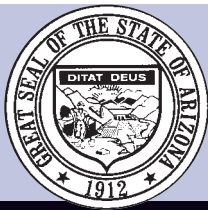
Tucson Police Department/Pima County Task Force, 2002 Law Enforcement Unit of the Year.



Mr. Brian Salata, Pinal County Attorney's Office, 2002 Prosecutor of the Year.

The Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force also recognized Mary Leroy, Bruce Gentillon, and Mark McGuffin of Farmers Insurance Company, along with Christi Billquist and Matt Reed of State Farm Insurance Company for their outstanding support of the Task Force's criminal investigation, "Operation Wounded Jaguar."





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Meet the AATA Board of Directors – Ms. Ellen Poole, Public Member



Ms. Poole has been a member of the AATA Board of Directors since 1999. She occupies one of two public

member positions on the AATA Board. Ms. Poole also serves as Chairperson for the AATA Public Awareness Subcommittee. In October 2002, Ms. Poole accepted a position with USAA Insurance as Executive Director, Southwest Region Government Liaison. Prior

to joining USAA Insurance, Ms. Poole was Executive Vice President for the Arizona Banker's Association. She previously served three years as a legislative research analyst for the Arizona State Senate Banking and Insurance Committee. Ms. Poole also practiced law with the law firm of Lewis and Roca. Ms. Poole earned her law degree from George Washington University and holds two Bachelor degrees from Virginia Tech.

Thank you, Ms. Poole for your continued support and dedication to the AATA as we continue our efforts in combating vehicle theft in the State of Arizona.

2003 AATA Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

February 7, 2003

AATA Summit on Auto Theft

April 11, 2003

AATA Grant Programs

June 20, 2003

Review of Agency Operational Plan

August 15, 2003

October 10, 2003

Audit Report

December 12, 2003

1. Election of Board Members
2. Appointment of Board Subcommittee Assignments
3. Legislative Issues

All Meetings Begin at 10:00 AM at the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority. Above dates and agenda items are subject to change up to 24 hours in advance of the meeting. All meetings are posted in compliance with A.R.S. §38-431.02.

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