

Arizona Automobile Theft Authority

2002 Annual Report



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Mission Statement

To reduce vehicle theft through a statewide cooperative effort by supporting law enforcement investigation, prosecution, and public awareness programs.

Letter to the Governor

The Honorable Jane Dee Hull
Governor of Arizona
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Hull:

It is with great pleasure that we present the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority's (AATA) Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002.

Since 1992, the AATA has continued to strategically and cooperatively combat vehicle theft by focusing on its three vital components — law enforcement activities, vertical prosecution, and public awareness programs.

The continuing vehicle theft problem and growing population in Arizona requires a coordinated statewide effort to develop, implement and sustain successful programs and inter-agency cooperation to combat vehicle theft in the state. Arizona's proximity to Mexico, the declining recovery rate and homeland security concerns mandate employing partnerships on a national and international level to curtail vehicle theft by organized criminal groups and deter exportation of stolen vehicles to finance other criminal activities and international terrorism.

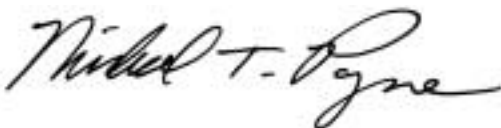
The AATA has focused its efforts on aggressive law enforcement activities through continued funding of the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force (AVTTF). In addition, the AATA has expanded its funding and support of local law enforcement initiatives, professional training, public awareness and vertical prosecution grant programs to further enhance and support our efforts throughout the state.

The AATA's public awareness and education component continues to actively promote several prevention initiatives, build business and community partnerships, and partner with statewide criminal justice agencies to increase awareness of motor vehicle theft in Arizona. Additionally, new programs designed to build international cooperative efforts to target border interdiction along the Arizona-Mexico border are actively under way.

In 2002, the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority successfully implemented eight of the nine recommendations made by the Auditor General's Office in their Sunset Review Audit. The final recommendation was for the Agency to have rule-making authority, which requires legislative action.

The AATA remains committed to reducing the incidence of vehicle theft in the state with support from the insurance industry, criminal justice agencies, community organizations, and business partners, and looks forward to continued service to the citizens of Arizona.

Respectfully,



Michael T. Payne
Chairman of the Board

Board of Directors June 30, 2002



Michael Payne, Chairman of the Board

Claim Section Manager, State Farm Insurance Companies, Auto Claims Central

Mr. Payne was appointed to the AATA Board of Directors in 1999 and was elected Board Chairman on January 5, 2001. Mr. Payne holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in criminal justice. Mr. Payne began his career with State Farm Insurance as an auto claim representative. He was later promoted to Section Manager of the Special Investigation Unit and is currently a Claim Section Manager for Auto Claims Central.



Ralph E. Ogden, Vice Chairman

Sheriff, Yuma County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Ogden began his career in law enforcement more than 30 years ago and currently is in his second term of office as Yuma County Sheriff. Sheriff Ogden joined the Yuma County Sheriff's Office as Chief Deputy in 1980 and was elected County Sheriff in 1993. His experience includes four years in the Marine Corps, Chief Deputy for the Yuma County Sheriff's Office and a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Sheriff Ogden has been a member of the AATA Board since 1997.



Dean C. Butler

Farmers Insurance Group

Governor Hull appointed Mr. Dean Butler of Farmers Insurance to the AATA Board of Directors on January 5, 2001. Mr. Butler represents one of two insurance industry positions on the AATA Board. Mr. Butler is the Marketing Support Manager with the North Phoenix Farmers Insurance Office and has over 24 years experience in the insurance industry.



William J. Ekstrom

Mohave County Attorney

Mr. Ekstrom has held the position of Mohave County Attorney since 1979. A third generation Arizonan, Mr. Ekstrom received his bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University and his jurist doctor degree from Arizona State University. Appointed to the AATA Board in 1997, Mr. Ekstrom brings more than 25 years of extensive government experience to the Authority.



Dennis Garrett

Director, Department of Public Safety

Mr. Garrett was named Director of the Department of Public Safety by Governor Hull in 2000, the same year he was appointed to the AATA Board of Directors. Mr. Garrett has 35 years of experience with the Phoenix Police Department, where he served as Police Chief and has worked in every division and major bureau of the organization. Mr. Garrett has a bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University and a master's degree in public administration from Arizona State University.



Alberto Gutier

Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Mr. Gutier has been a member of the AATA Board of Directors since 1994. He was appointed to Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in 1995 and has been a member of Gov. Jane Dee Hull's cabinet since October 1997. Mr. Gutier brings to the Board 11 years of law enforcement experience with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. In addition, he has over 20 years of service at a variety of state agencies and serves on numerous Boards and Commissions.



Harold L. Hurtt

Chief, Phoenix Police Department

Chief Hurtt has served as Chief of Police for the Phoenix Police Department since 1998. With more than 30 years of law enforcement experience, Chief Hurtt has held various positions including Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Chief. A member of the AATA Board for two years, Chief Hurtt has a bachelor's degree in sociology from Arizona State University and a master's degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix.



Ellen Poole

Executive Vice President, Arizona Bankers Association

Ms. Poole, who joined the Arizona Bankers Association in 1996, had previously served three years as the legislative research analyst for the Arizona State Senate Banking and Insurance Committee. Prior to that, she practiced law with the Arizona law firm of Lewis and Roca. Ms. Poole earned her law degree from George Washington University and holds two bachelor's degrees from Virginia Tech. She joined the AATA Board of Directors in 1999.



Richard M. Romley

Maricopa County Attorney

Mr. Romley, currently in his fourth elected term as Maricopa County Attorney, first assumed office on January 1, 1989. Mr. Romley has been a member of the AATA Board of Directors since August 2000. Mr. Romley is a native Arizonan, born in Tucson. He attended Arizona State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business, and a Juris Doctorate in Law.



Daniel G. Sharp

Chief, Oro Valley Police Department

Chief Daniel Sharp, Oro Valley Police Chief was appointed to the AATA Board of Directors in October 2000. Chief Sharp occupies the second seat on the AATA Board to represent the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP). Chief Sharp currently serves as the Chief of Police for the Town of Oro Valley. He has been in law enforcement for over 23 years, serving with the Tucson Police Department until his appointment as Chief of the Oro Valley Police Department in January 2000.

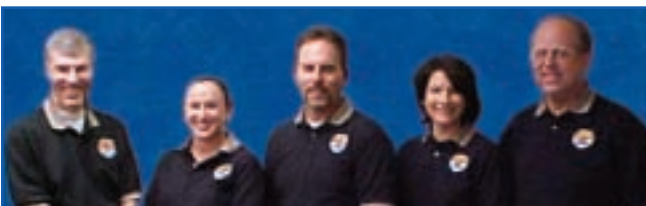


Stacey K. Stanton

Director, Motor Vehicle Division, Arizona Department of Transportation

Ms. Stanton was appointed to lead the Arizona Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Division in December 1999. She has worked with the Motor Vehicle Division for six years, overseeing the division's customer service program in Phoenix and later, heading the division's legislative program and policy unit. Ms. Stanton has a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University. She has been a member of the AATA Board of Directors since 1999.

Arizona Automobile Theft Authority Staff



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Executive Summary

Introduction

The Arizona Automobile Theft Authority (AATA) operates on a fiscal year budgeting cycle from July through June.

All motor vehicle theft statistics included in this report are based on the calendar year ending December 31, 2001 including those statistics cited from the *Crime in the United States, 2001* Report published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the *2001 Crime in Arizona* Report published by the Department of Public Safety.

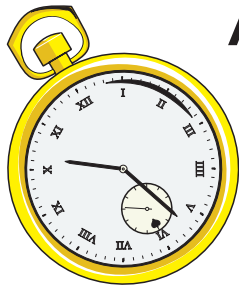
Accordingly, this report contains a combination of data sources reflecting both calendar year 2001 and fiscal year 2002 information. Discrepancies are recognized between the *Crime in the United States* Report and the *Crime in Arizona* Report, due to different reporting requirements. Statistics listed in the *Crime in Arizona* Report do not include crimes reported to Federal or tribal agencies located in Arizona.

The funding mechanism for the AATA is a premiere example of a unique government/business/consumer partnership. The prime beneficiaries, specifically the insurance industry and vehicle owners/insurance

consumers totally support the government services from which they benefit. Additionally, all citizens benefit from the services provided by this Agency, since vehicle theft is associated with many other criminal activities.

Summary

The FBI's 2001 Uniform Crime Report (UCR) indicates there were over 1.2 million motor vehicle thefts in the United States in 2001, with an estimated value of approximately \$8.2 billion dollars. In Arizona, there were 52,203 stolen vehicles reported during 2001, which demonstrates an 18% increase in the theft rate from 2000. The FBI's UCR reports that collectively, the Western States recorded the largest increase at 10.8% for motor vehicle thefts. Additionally, the number of motor vehicle thefts reported in the United States in 2001 increased by 5.7%, which demonstrates an increase for the second straight year. Except for sexual assault and aggravated assault, all Part I crimes demonstrated an increase in 2001. Historically, crime has been cyclical and closely associated with economic conditions. Unfortunately, property crimes, including vehicle theft, are most affected.



ARIZONA CRIME CLOCK 2001

one
MAJOR CRIME
every 1 min. 38 sec.

one
VIOLENT CRIME
every 18 min. 31 sec.

one
PROPERTY CRIME
every 1 min. 48 sec.

one
MURDER
every 22 hrs. 13 min.
one
FORCIBLE RAPE
every 5 hrs. 48 min.
one
ROBBERY
every 58 min. 49 sec.
one
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
every 29 min. 25 sec.

one
BURGLARY
every 9 min. 43 sec.
one
LARCENY — THEFT
every 2 min. 50 sec.
one
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
every 10 min. 6 sec.
one
ARSON
every 5 hrs. 41 min.

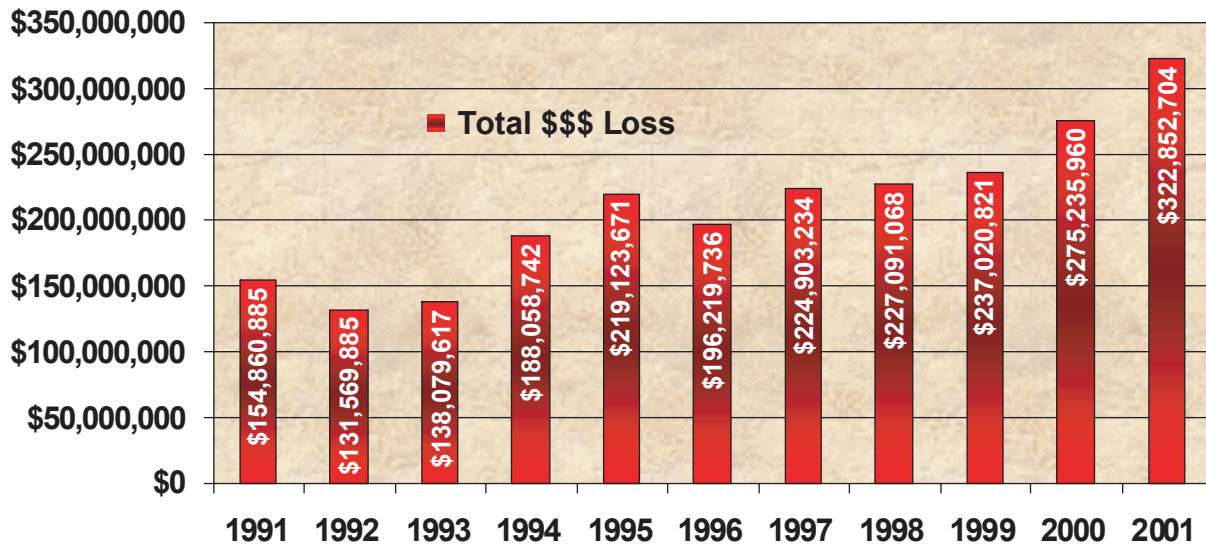
The crime clock should be viewed with care. Being the most aggregate representation of UCR data, it is designed to convey the annual reported crime experience by showing the relative frequency of occurrence of the Offenses. This mode of display should not be taken to imply a regularity in the commission of the Offenses; rather, it represents the annual ration of crime to affixed time intervals.

Source: Arizona Department of Public Safety *Crime in Arizona 2001 Report*

Vehicle theft and related criminal activity is epidemic in Arizona, the Nation and throughout the world. It accounts for significant economic loss and affects the overall quality of life in our communities. Vehicle theft

is more than just a nuisance crime and it is not just about a piece of property. The real impact is the victimization that it causes in our mobile society.

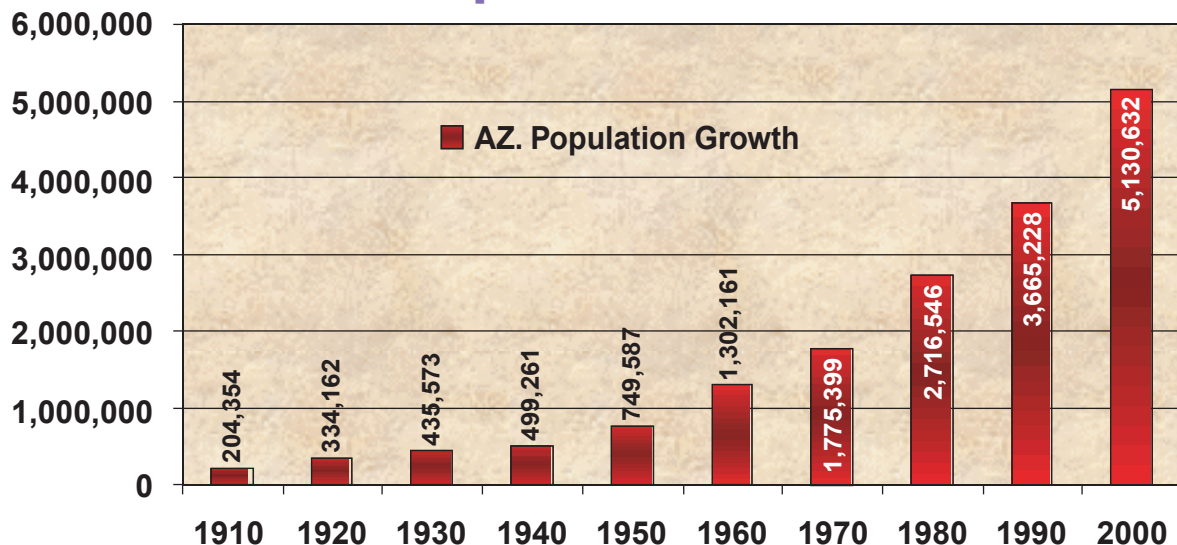
Arizona Economic Loss: 1991-2001



The UCR also reports that the nation’s most heavily populated municipalities and cities with populations over 250,000 experienced the highest rate of motor vehicle theft in 2001. Accordingly, Arizona has become one of the fastest growing states in the nation and has experienced a dramatic population increase over the past

several years. The most current Census data indicates Arizona’s population is 5,307,331, which reflects an increase of over one million people since 1995. Arizona’s growth rate, coupled with a national economic decline, and our proximity to Mexico, remain primary factors in the increased rate of criminal activity.

Arizona Population: 1910-2000



Arizona’s current population = 5,307,331

Note: Source — U.S. Census Bureau


Summary continued

Arizona ranks fifth (5th) in the nation in actual number of vehicles stolen, and remains second in the country for vehicle thefts per capita, behind Washington, DC.

Motor Vehicle Theft by State

Comparison 2000/2001

Ranked by **Total Vehicle Thefts** Per State for Calendar Year 2001

| RANK | STATE | TOTAL # in 2001 | TOTAL # in 2000 | % CHANGE | *RATE/100,000 |
|----------------------|---|------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1 | California | 204,033 | 182,035 | 12.1% | 591.4 |
| 2 | Texas | 102,667 | 93,161 | 10.2% | 481.4 |
| 3 | Florida | 89,917 | 89,181 | 0.8% | 584.0 |
| 4 | Michigan | 53,607 | 55,724 | -3.8% | 536.6 |
| 5 | Arizona  | 52,203 | 43,204 | 20.8% | 983.6 |
| 6 | Illinois | 48,784 | 50,267 | -3.0% | 390.8 |
| 7 | New York | 48,287 | 54,231 | -11.0% | 254.0 |
| 8 | Ohio | 42,229 | 39,026 | 8.2% | 371.3 |
| 9 | Washington | 39,077 | 35,018 | 11.6% | 652.6 |
| 10 | New Jersey | 37,708 | 34,151 | 10.4% | 444.4 |
| 11 | Georgia | 37,589 | 38,702 | -2.9% | 448.3 |
| 12 | Pennsylvania | 35,713 | 36,325 | -1.7% | 290.7 |
| 13 | Maryland | 32,025 | 28,573 | 12.1% | 595.8 |
| 14 | Tennessee | 28,272 | 27,530 | 2.7% | 492.5 |
| 15 | Missouri | 28,014 | 24,695 | 13.4% | 497.6 |
| 16 | Massachusetts | 27,828 | 25,876 | 7.5% | 436.2 |
| 17 | North Carolina | 24,647 | 25,266 | -2.4% | 301.1 |
| 18 | Louisiana | 21,687 | 21,270 | 2.0% | 485.7 |
| 19 | Indiana | 21,499 | 21,090 | 1.9% | 351.6 |
| 20 | Colorado | 20,994 | 16,961 | 23.8% | 475.2 |
| 21 | Virginia | 18,842 | 17,813 | 5.8% | 262.1 |
| 22 | Minnesota | 15,031 | 13,432 | 11.9% | 302.3 |
| 23 | Oregon | 14,842 | 13,932 | 6.5% | 427.4 |
| 24 | South Carolina | 14,760 | 15,586 | -5.3% | 363.3 |
| 25 | Wisconsin | 14,722 | 14,636 | 0.6% | 272.5 |
| 26 | Nevada | 14,702 | 13,172 | 11.6% | 698.1 |
| 27 | Alabama | 12,619 | 12,809 | -1.5% | 282.7 |
| 28 | Oklahoma | 12,569 | 12,348 | 1.8% | 363.3 |
| 29 | Connecticut | 12,387 | 13,099 | -5.4% | 361.4 |
| 30 | Mississippi | 9,473 | 6,968 | 36.0% | 331.5 |
| 31 | Kentucky | 9,344 | 9,274 | 0.8% | 229.8 |
| 32 | Kansas | 7,985 | 6,496 | 22.9% | 296.3 |
| 33 | District of Columt | 7,670 | 6,600 | 16.2% | 1341.3 |
| 34 | Arkansas | 7,320 | 6,932 | 5.6% | 271.9 |
| 35 | New Mexico | 7,137 | 7,341 | -2.8% | 390.2 |
| 36 | Hawaii | 6,743 | 6,114 | 10.3% | 550.7 |
| 37 | Utah | 6,513 | 6,461 | 0.8% | 286.9 |
| 38 | Nebraska | 6,490 | 5,320 | 24.1% | 378.8 |
| 39 | Iowa | 5,505 | 5,374 | 2.4% | 188.3 |
| 40 | Rhode Island | 5,043 | 4,665 | 8.1% | 476.2 |
| 41 | West Virginia | 3,216 | 3,315 | -3.0% | 178.5 |
| 42 | Delaware | 2,779 | 3,151 | -11.8% | 349.0 |
| 43 | Alaska | 2,618 | 2,350 | 11.4% | 412.4 |
| 44 | Idaho | 2,389 | 2,086 | 14.5% | 180.8 |
| 45 | New Hampshire | 2,140 | 2,148 | -0.4% | 170.0 |
| 46 | Montana | 1,821 | 1,896 | -4.0% | 201.3 |
| 47 | Maine | 1,671 | 1,322 | 26.4% | 129.9 |
| 48 | North Dakota | 1,086 | 986 | 10.1% | 171.2 |
| 49 | South Dakota | 815 | 798 | 2.1% | 107.7 |
| 50 | Vermont | 758 | 809 | -6.3% | 123.6 |
| 51 | Wyoming | 696 | 573 | 21.5% | 140.8 |
| United States | | 1,226,466 | 1,160,092 | 5.5% | 430.6 |

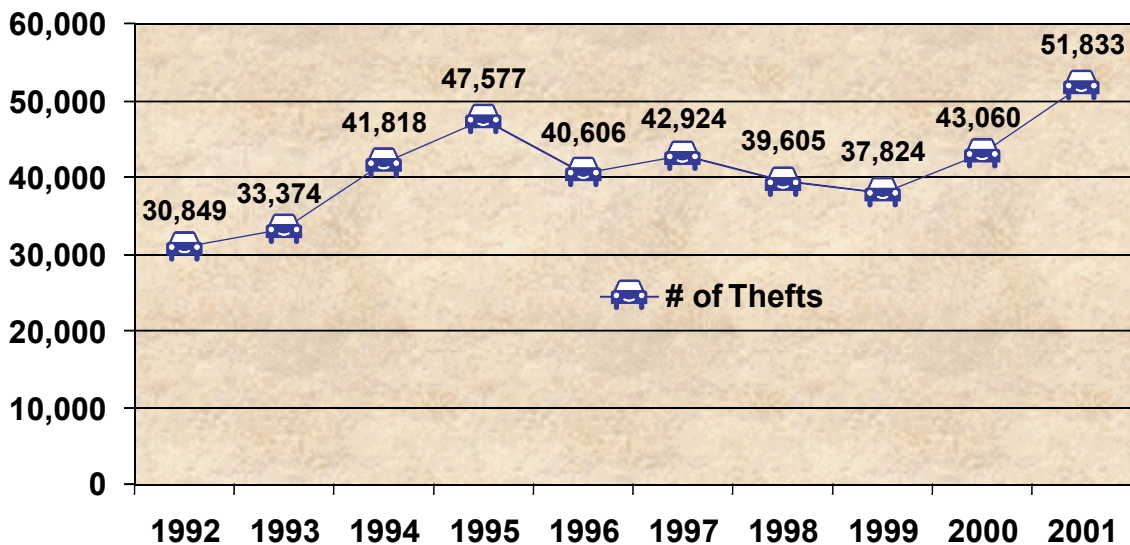
*Motor Vehicle Theft Rate Per 100,000 Inhabitants

Information obtained from the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation "Crime in the United States" 2001 Uniform Crime Report

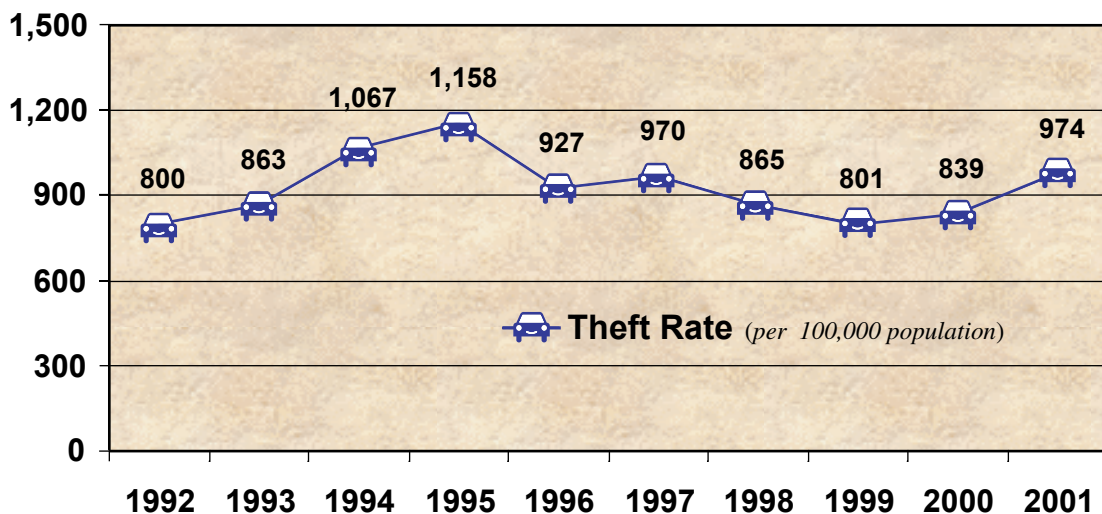
As of December 31, 2001, the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) reported that there were 4,674,972 vehicles registered in Arizona. With 52,303 vehicles reported

stolen in 2001, this equates to 1.1% of the total number of vehicles registered in Arizona.

Arizona Vehicle Theft Trends Total Vehicle Thefts: 1992-2001



Vehicle Theft Rates: 1992-2001



Source: Arizona Department of Public Safety
Crime in Arizona 2001 Report

Vehicle theft continues to be a challenge for Arizona, and the current statistics reinforce the importance of a coordinated effort to effectively deter, investigate, prosecute, and educate the public on vehicle theft.

The AATA is governed by a 12-member Board of Directors appointed by the Governor and other organizations. Members of the AATA Board include two police chiefs;

two sheriffs; two county attorneys, the Directors of the Department of Public Safety, and Motor Vehicle Division; two employees representing the insurance industry; and two members of the general public. The AATA currently has a five-person staff responsible for executing the Agency's strategic plan.

Summary continued

Each year the AATA Board of Directors awards grants to law enforcement agencies and county attorney offices throughout the state. The grant programs work to prevent vehicle theft, apprehend thieves, and convict auto theft criminals.

In fiscal year 2002, the AATA focused the majority of its grant allocation to the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force (AVTTF) because of its continued aggressive enforcement/investigative efforts and impressive stolen vehicle recovery results. During the past year, the AVTTF was involved in a major international criminal investigation dealing with vehicle theft, insurance fraud, money laundering and other illicit activities.

During fiscal year 2002, the AATA also expanded its grant funding allocations towards local law enforcement activities, professional training, prosecution and public awareness programs. The AATA issued more than \$850,000 in grants to local law enforcement agencies and county attorney offices throughout Arizona as part of the Law Enforcement, Professional Training, Vertical Prosecution and Public Awareness Grant Programs.

In September 2002, the AATA sent out 142 Customer Satisfaction surveys to all law enforcement and county attorney offices in the state. By November 8, 2002, the AATA had received 37 completed surveys (26.06% return rate) and the requested responses have been tabulated. In general, the completed surveys have served as an effective tool to measure awareness and effectiveness of the AATA and its programs by criminal justice agencies throughout the state. Additional (optional) comments also provided useful information about additional support/services the responding agencies would find beneficial.

Over 89% of the respondents had prior knowledge of the AATA. Nearly 70% of the respondents had contacted the AATA for information and/or support within the last year. Approximately 22% of the responding agencies had contacted the AATA for information and/or support 6-10 times within the last year. Another 19% contacted the AATA 16-20 times within the last year. For the agencies that were not familiar with the AATA prior to the survey, staff utilized this opportunity to educate them about the Agency, the programs administered and available promotional items.

Approximately 95% of the respondents were familiar with the AATA's Watch Your Car program. Roughly 76% indicated they are actively promoting the Watch Your Car program. Once again, the AATA staff used this opportunity to educate the agencies that indicated no prior knowledge about the Watch Your Car program as well as what promotional items/brochures are available through the Agency.

The survey responses indicated the majority of information requests sought from the AATA were for grant program assistance (62%) and Watch Your Car program/vehicle theft prevention materials (68%).

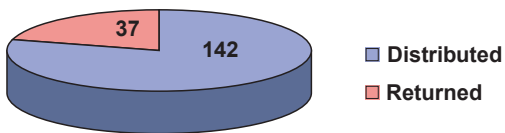
Approximately 84% of respondents were very satisfied with the overall customer service of the AATA. There was one (1) "not satisfied" response regarding overall satisfaction with the services and/or support received from the AATA. After reviewing the comments provided by the respondent, it was determined the dissatisfaction was with the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force not providing timely assistance. The information was forwarded to the Commander of the Task Force, who has contacted the agency to rectify the issue. During 2001/2002, the Task Force was involved in a major international criminal investigation, which decreased their ability to provide support and assistance to other jurisdictions. This case has since been concluded and the Task Force is once again able to readily respond to requests for assistance.

The overall satisfaction with AATA staff was very favorable. Approximately 70% responded they were very satisfied with the staff. Another 27% did not respond to this question and a majority of those were from respondents who were not familiar with the AATA or who had not previously contacted the Agency for information or assistance.

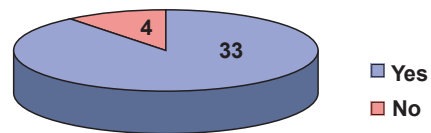
The AATA appreciates the agencies that took the time to complete the surveys. The AATA values the feedback and comments received and looks forward to conducting greater outreach to rural law enforcement agencies as well as improving its overall (internal) customer satisfaction rate.

2002 Criminal Justice Agencies Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

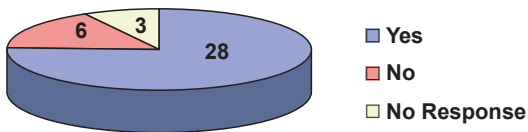
Number of surveys



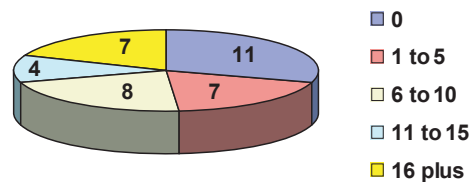
Agency familiar with AATA?



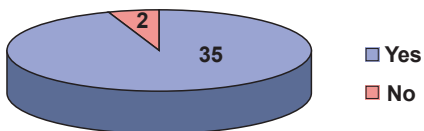
Number of times contacting AATA



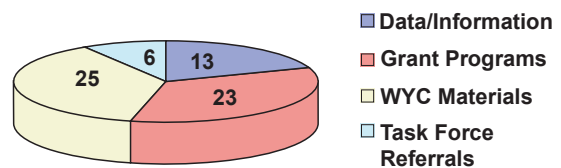
Is agency aware of Watch Your Car Program?



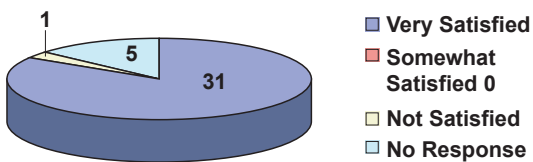
Does agency support WYC Program?



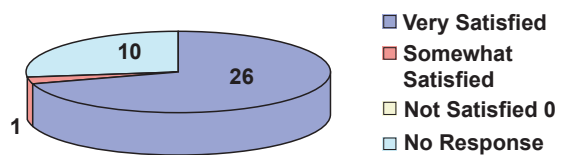
Type of requests



Overall Satisfaction



Satisfaction with AATA staff



Summary continued

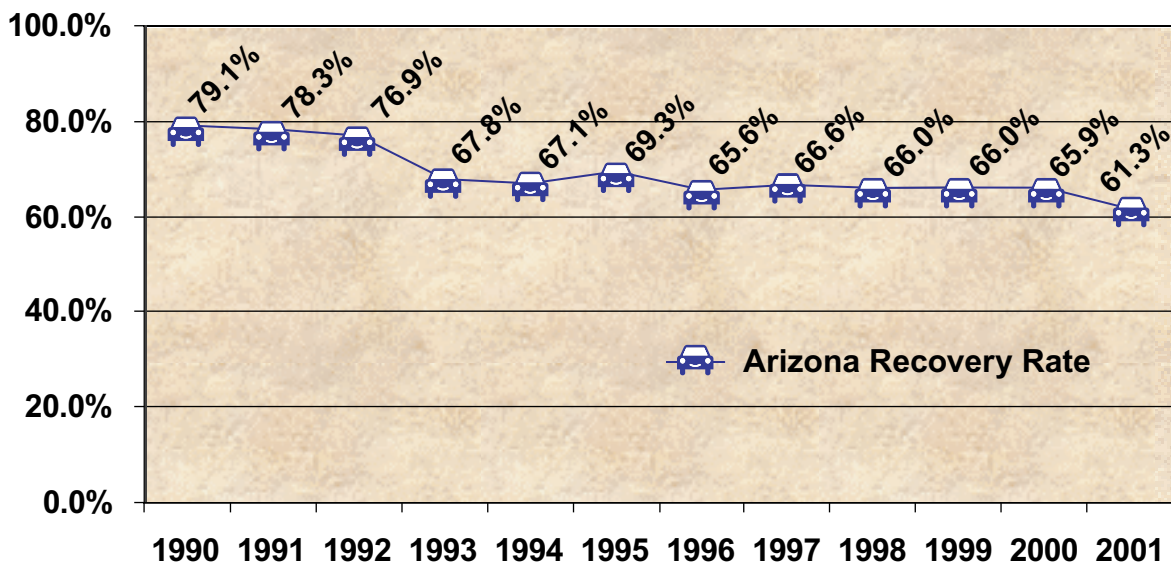
Problem Assessment

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons. They may be stolen simply as a means of transportation. Criminals often steal vehicles in order to facilitate other crimes, such as armed robberies, kidnappings, drive-by shootings, smuggling activities and so forth. Professional auto thieves steal vehicles for economic benefit. They operate "chop shops," where vehicles are stripped and component parts are sold to unsuspecting buyers, or unscrupulous auto repair shops. They also attempt to conceal the identity of stolen vehicles by "VIN-switching" with wrecked, or salvaged vehicles and then sell them to unsuspecting

buyers. The "VIN" is the vehicle identification number and is unique to only one vehicle.

Vehicles are also stolen and smuggled out of the country. Stolen vehicles from the U.S. and other affluent countries end up in developing countries in Asia, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Mexico, Central and South America. The continuing decline in the recovery rate of stolen vehicles indicates greater organized criminal activity. Additionally, the international intelligence community (Interpol) has identified vehicle theft and related criminal activity, including insurance fraud, as a primary illicit fund-raising source supporting international terrorism.

Arizona Vehicle Theft Trends Recovery Rate: 1990-2001



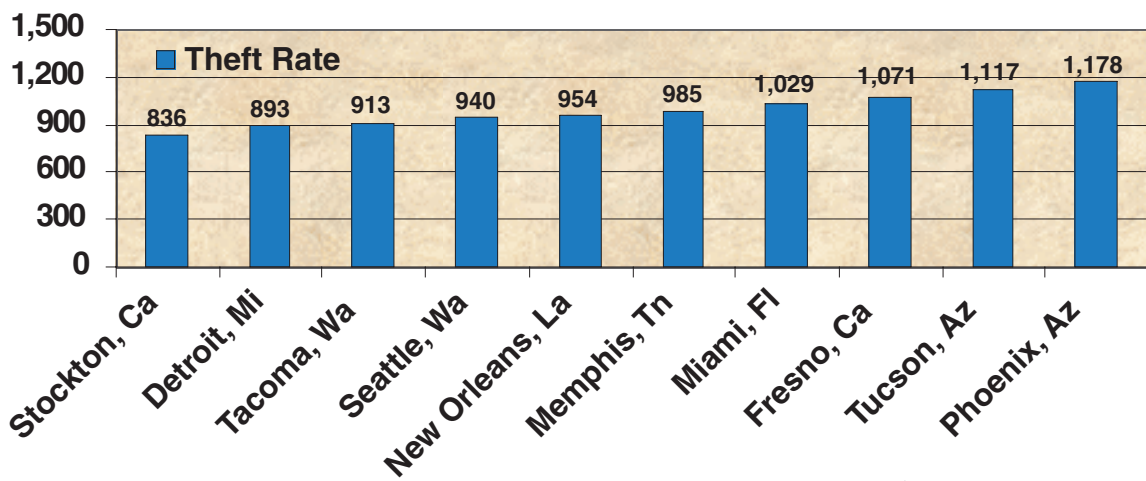
There are a number of reasons that contribute to the vehicle theft problem in Arizona. Arizona has experienced a dramatic population increase over the past 20 to 25 years. There is a rather transient nature of our population, with many people living in multi-family housing units,

such as apartments, condominiums and so forth. In these types of residential areas vehicles are at greater risk to be stolen. Due to the dry, moderate climate in Arizona our vehicles tend to maintain higher value, than in other areas of the Nation.

Probably the greatest influence on Arizona’s vehicle theft problem is due to the proximity with Mexico. Research indicates that the highest motor vehicle theft vicinities are major metropolitan areas, near seaports or international borders. There are seven official ports-of-entry along the 354-mile Arizona-Mexico border and major California seaports are less than eight hours away. One of the

biggest problems is that most vehicle thefts occur at night and it is typically hours later that the victim discovers that their vehicle is gone. A stolen vehicle can be stripped for parts, used to facilitate other crimes, or smuggled into Mexico before the owner realizes that it is missing.

National Vehicle Theft Trends Vehicle Theft Rates 2001: Leading MSA’s*



(Per 100,000 population)

Note: Numbers/values used in the above graph reflects information contained in the 2001 Uniform Crime Report, published by the U.S. Department of Justice (FBI).
*MSA’s – Metropolitan Statistical Areas (encompasses multiple jurisdictions).

Initiatives

Each of the three vital components of the AATA – public awareness and community education, law enforcement activities, and vertical prosecution all work together to combat vehicle theft throughout the State of Arizona.

Public Awareness and Education

The AATA's public awareness initiatives during 2002 focused on strengthening our partnerships and collaborative efforts with community organizations, businesses, as well as criminal justice agencies throughout the state.

During fiscal year 2002, the AATA awarded over \$243,000 in grant funds to twelve (12) law enforcement agencies to conduct public awareness activities on vehicle theft prevention while also promoting the Watch Your Car Program, one of several elements of the "layered approach" to protection the AATA advocates. Grant agencies are required to submit quarterly performance reports to the AATA on their public awareness and community education efforts. During fiscal year 2001/2002, these agencies participated in 285 public awareness events and meetings, distributed nearly 8,200 steering wheel locks, and conducted on-going law enforcement personnel training within their agencies.

In addition, media releases were distributed regularly to encourage consistent coverage of the AATA's efforts, current crime trends and statistics, and consumer protection topics. As a result of these on-going press releases and media relations, the AATA participated in several newspaper, television, and radio interviews that generated over 4 million media impressions throughout the state.

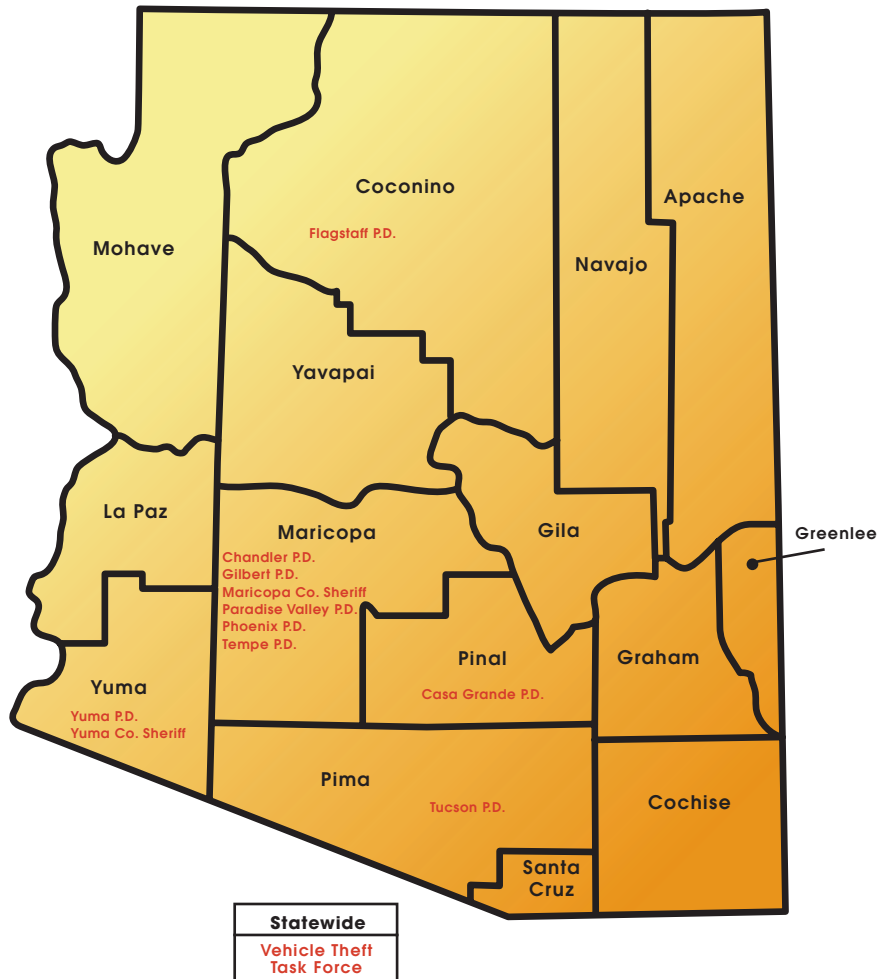
In 2002, the AATA continued its partnerships with the Motor Vehicle Division Service Centers and AAA Arizona Travel Offices for distribution of Watch Your Car program brochures. In addition, the AATA continued its work on a 6-month pilot project with the Motor Vehicle Division. This partnership mailing entails sending vehicle theft prevention and Watch Your Car

program information in the registration renewal tag mailing to vehicle owners in Arizona. It is estimated this project will be fully implemented during fiscal year 2003.

The AATA has also participated in greater outreach to the Hispanic community with the creation and printing of Spanish Watch Your Car brochures and literature and increased media relations with local Spanish newspapers, other publications, radio and television.

The AATA's web site at www.azwatchyourcar.com continues to be updated and enhanced for greater public accessibility. The site provides information on the AATA, current auto theft statistics, theft prevention tips, upcoming community events, posting of all grant program application procedures and requirements, as well as information for the insurance industry on the semi-annual insurance assessment and numerous relevant links. For the public's convenience, an on-line Watch Your Car

AATA 2002 Public Awareness Grant Recipients



application form is available for easy enrollment in the program. The AATA's web site is continually updated to contain the most current motor vehicle theft related information and upcoming special events.

This year, the AATA purchased a Watch Your Car van through a grant received from the United States Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance, which will enable the Agency to take the theft prevention message on the road. The van is complete with exterior



advertising graphics and theft prevention messages to be used to promote vehicle theft prevention and the AATA's free Watch Your Car program. The van is equipped with several theft deterrent devices, and will be displayed at community events, safety fairs, and other promotional opportunities throughout Arizona. The van will also be available for Arizona criminal justice agencies to borrow for events planned in their areas.



Event participants attend AATA/DPS Auto Theft Prevention event on March 6, 2002.

The AATA continues to participate and promote grass roots public awareness campaigns targeting communities throughout the state. The AATA participated in numerous auto theft prevention and Watch Your Car community events. The following are examples of these types of events the AATA participated in during fiscal year 2002:

[Neighborhood Safety Fairs and Blockwatch Meetings](#)

[Law Enforcement Sponsored Safety Fairs](#)

[Arizona State Fair – Public Safety Days](#)

[State Farm Employee Health and Safety Fair](#)

[Blue Cross Blue Shield Employee Health and Safety Fair](#)

[Shopping Mall Crime Prevention Events](#)

[Allstate Insurance Auto Theft Fairs with Free VIN Etching](#)

[Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods \(GAIN\) Events](#)

[State University and Community College Events](#)

[Senior Center Presentations](#)

[OASIS Classes](#)

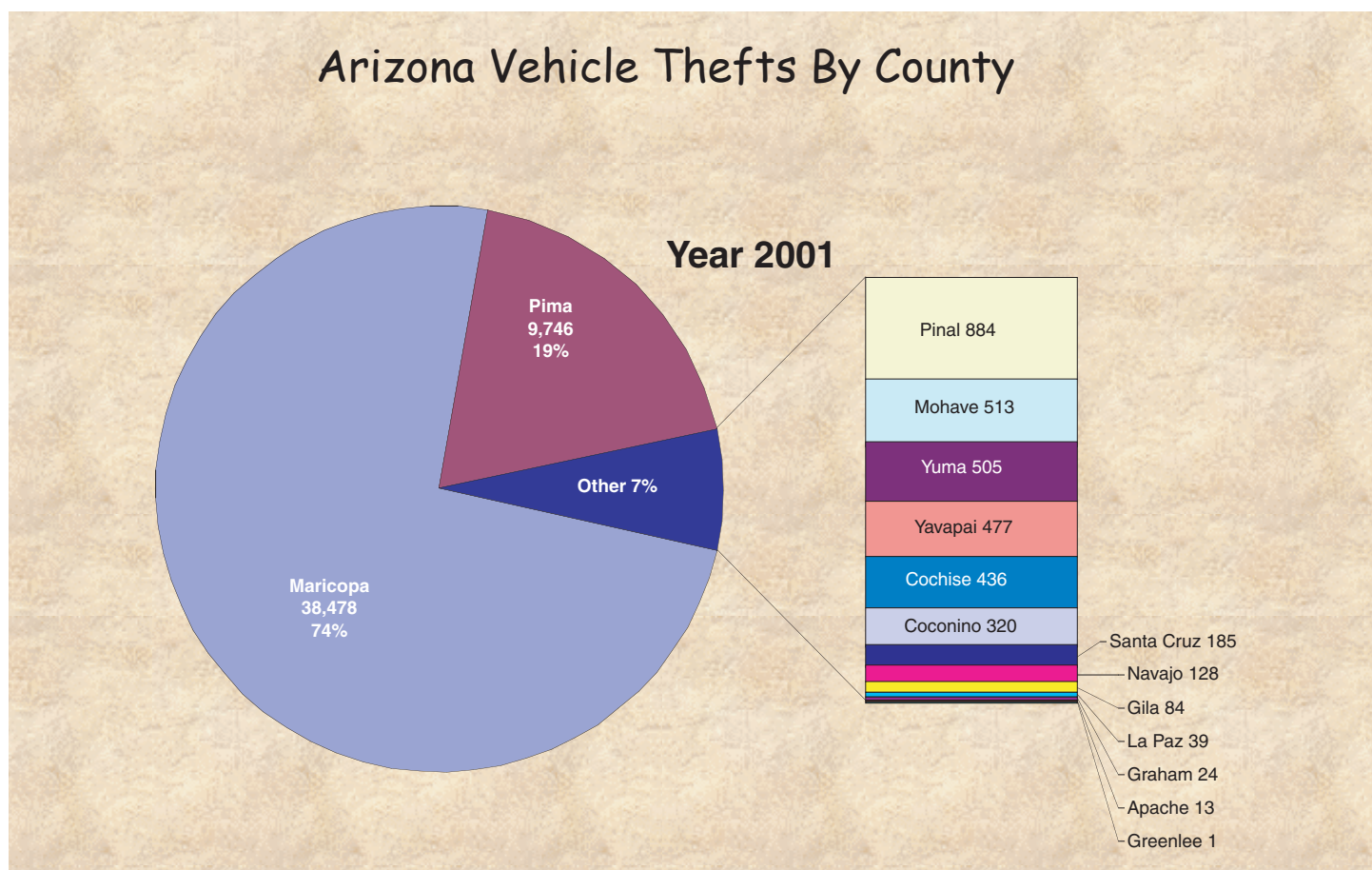
[AARP's 55 Alive Driver's Education Classes and Town Hall Meetings](#)

Initiatives continued

Vertical Prosecution

The Automobile Theft Authority has identified vertical prosecution as a vital component of a comprehensive vehicle theft reduction strategy for the State of Arizona. Vertical prosecution refers to the concept of utilizing dedicated, specially trained deputy county attorneys to address all phases of the criminal justice process regarding vehicle theft, and associated crimes. Vertical prosecution has been highly successful in dealing with other criminal activities such as, homicide, narcotics, organized crime, sexual assault and crimes against children.

A review of performance evaluations, and information obtained from law enforcement personnel indicates a significant improvement in the prosecution of vehicle theft suspects, particularly those identified as career criminals. The AATA has received favorable support from the county attorneys, and law enforcement executives to continue and expand this program. The AATA provides funding to the county attorneys in those counties with the highest vehicle theft rates, and/or border counties, which encounter a significant number of suspects in stolen vehicles from other areas.



The effectiveness of the Vertical Prosecution program is evaluated utilizing the following performance measures and actual results:

| | 2001* | 2002 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Number of counties in Vertical Prosecution Program | 3 | 3 |
| 2. Number of Prosecutors funded (FTEs) | 3 | 3 |
| 3. Number of vehicle theft cases filed | 165 | 304 |
| 4. Number of convictions | 47 | 221 |
| 5. Percent of convictions to cases closed | 98% | 98% |
| 6. Number of adult offenders | 92 | 236 |
| 7. Number of juvenile theft offenders transferred to adult court | 1 | 5 |
| 8. Number of repeat offenders (vehicle theft) | 18 | 58 |
| 9. Number of repeat offenders (other felony convictions) | 9 | 33 |
| 10. Amount of restitution ordered | \$202,597 | \$747,206 |
| 11. Training sessions conducted | 9 | 10 |
| 12. Number of public awareness/ community education events | 0 | 220 |

*Program statistics reflect the fact the program was not fully implemented until late 2001

Law Enforcement

The Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force (AVTTF) was established to coordinate a statewide law enforcement effort to combat vehicle theft. The mission of the Task Force is to reduce vehicle theft in the State of Arizona by deterring criminal activity through proactive enforcement and investigation.

The Task Force serves as a statewide resource for the investigation of property crimes involving vehicles, related components, and insurance fraud. The Task Force also provides technical expertise and training as well as investigative support to law enforcement agencies targeting vehicle theft. The Task Force is comprised of local and state law enforcement agencies, along with other entities participating in concerted efforts to identify, apprehend and prosecute individuals and criminal organizations that profit from the theft of motor vehicles, related criminal activity and insurance fraud.

The AVTTF is administered by the Department of Public Safety through a grant from the AATA. The Task Force commenced limited operation in 1997, with two enforcement squads in Maricopa County and one in Pima County. Currently, the AVTTF is represented by 21

agencies, with personnel in Cochise, Maricopa, Mohave, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, and Yuma Counties. Task Force personnel routinely respond to requests for assistance in other Arizona counties as well.

The Task Force, operational for only five years, is already recognized as one of the premier units of its kind in the nation. The AVTTF was awarded the 1999 Vehicle Theft Award of Merit, co-sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Insurance Crime Bureau. Most importantly, the AATA, Department of Public Safety, and participating agencies have developed a strong partnership, which has been integral to the success of the Task Force. Members of the Task Force, representing 21 different agencies, have worked diligently to combat vehicle theft and related crimes throughout the State of Arizona.

The results of the Task Force's initiatives have been substantial. For every dollar that the AATA funded in fiscal year 2002, the Task Force has recovered \$8.18 in stolen property for the citizens of Arizona. In fiscal year 2002, the task force recovered 2,372 stolen vehicles, with an estimated value of nearly 21 million dollars. They also arrested 258 felony suspects, shut down 32 "chop shops," conducted 40 insurance fraud investigations and responded to 875 calls for assistance from other law enforcement agencies. These numbers are remarkable considering that during most of this time the Task Force was deeply involved in conducting a major criminal investigation.

Since its inception (January 1997-June 2002) the Task Force has recovered 10,379 stolen vehicles, with an estimated value of nearly 93 million dollars. Additionally, the Task Force has made 1,298 felony arrests, shut down 156 "chop shops," investigated 208 insurance fraud cases and responded to 3,513 calls for assistance. The Task Force has also provided training to more than 2,000 law enforcement personnel throughout the state and is actively involved in public awareness and community education programs.

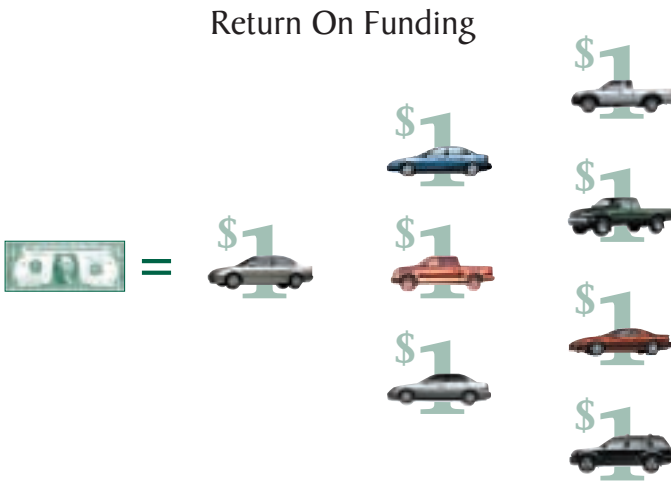
Initiatives continued

In fiscal year 2002, the AATA awarded over \$156,000 in Law Enforcement Grants to local law enforcement agencies to promote efficient and effective law enforcement activities of vehicle theft investigation, enforcement and prevention within their jurisdiction. Law enforcement agencies in the State of Arizona are notified

of the availability and purpose of grant funds and are eligible to submit applications for grants, provided they comply with the terms and conditions of the grant. Awards are based on the evaluation of the grant proposal by the AATA staff and subcommittee of the AATA Board, with final approval given by the full Board of Directors.

ARIZONA VEHICLE THEFT TASK FORCE

Return On Funding



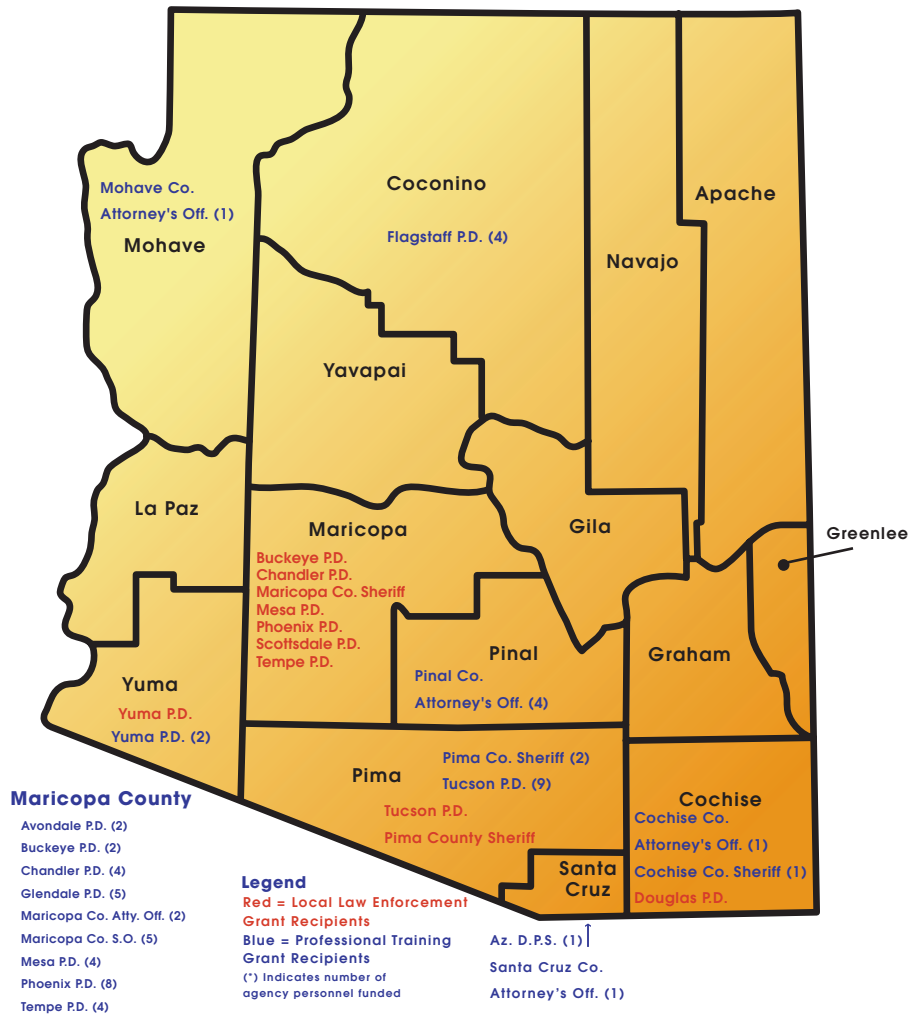
For every dollar that the AATA has funded, The Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force has recovered more than **\$8** in stolen property for the citizens of Arizona.

**Based on Kelly Blue Book Values.*

The AATA also funded Professional Training Grants in fiscal year 2002. These grants are awarded to law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies to promote professional training and development of its law enforcement officers

or prosecutors. In fiscal year 2002, the AATA Board of Directors awarded 60 training grants totaling \$29,538 to Arizona criminal justice agencies.

AATA 2002 Law Enforcement & Professional Training Grant Recipients



Task Force Officer of the Year

Detective Larry Ybarra was named Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force Officer of the Year for 2001. Detective Ybarra of the Marana Police Department has been assigned to the Task Force for the past two years, working in the Pima County Squad. He is considered a valuable member of his squad and the Task Force.



During the past two years, Detective Ybarra has recovered 180 stolen vehicles, at an estimated value in excess of \$1.5 million dollars. He has made more than 40 felony arrests and conducted numerous in-depth criminal investigations. Detective Ybarra is a dedicated and enthusiastic veteran police officer, who is recognized as an expert in the field of vehicle theft and related criminal activity. He readily shares his expertise with others and is relied upon when the job has to be done.

The AATA and Task Force sincerely appreciate Detective Ybarra's dedication and commitment to auto theft investigation and enforcement in the State of Arizona.

Participating Agencies in the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:

Cochise County:

Arizona Department of Public Safety 1 detective
Cochise County Sheriff's Department 1 deputy

Maricopa County

Arizona Department of Public Safety 1 lieutenant,
3 sergeants,
12 detectives
Arizona Department of Insurance 1 special agent
Arizona State University 1 detective
Chandler Police Department 1 detective
El Mirage Police Department 1 detective
Glendale Police Department 1 detective
Mesa Police Department 1 detective
National Insurance Crime Bureau 1 special agent
Phoenix Police Department 1 sergeant
2 detectives
Scottsdale Police Department 1 detective
Tempe Police Department 1 detective

Mohave County:

Arizona Department of Public Safety 1 detective
Bullhead City Police Department 1 detective

Pima County:

Arizona Department of Public Safety 1 sergeant,
1 detective
Marana Police Department 1 detective
National Insurance Crime Bureau 1 special agent
Pima County Sheriff's Department 1 detective
Tucson Police Department 1 sergeant,
2 detectives

Pinal County:

Arizona Department of Public Safety 1 detective
Pinal County Sheriff's Office 1 deputy

Santa Cruz County:

Arizona Department of Public Safety 1 detective
Motor Vehicle Division 1 special
investigator
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office 1 deputy

Yavapai County:

Arizona Department of Public Safety 1 detective
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office 1 detective

Yuma County:

Arizona Department of Public Safety 1 sergeant,
1 detective
Yuma County Sheriff's Office 1 deputy

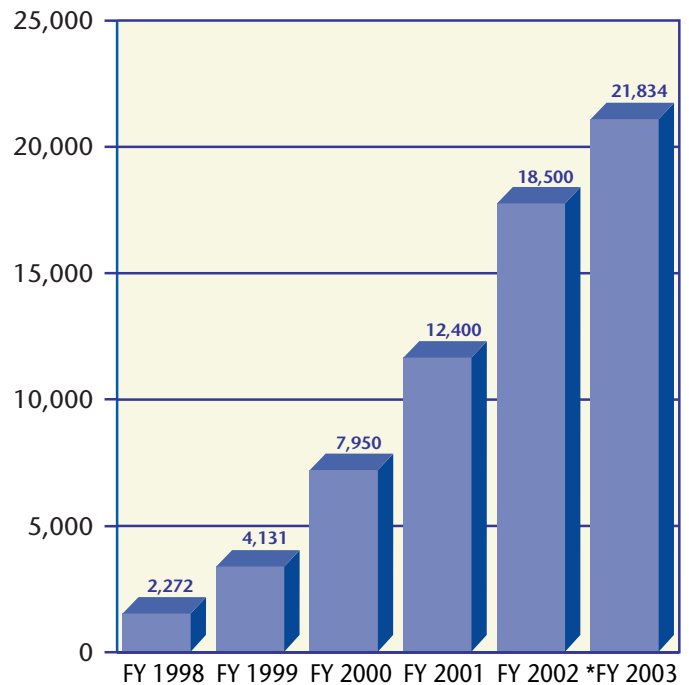


Watch Your Car



Watch Your Car Program Enrollments

1998 - 2003



Total Enrollments

*July-October 2002

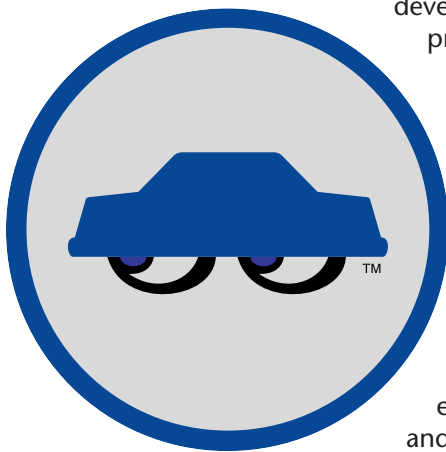
The Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act of 1994 authorized the U.S. Attorney General to develop, in cooperation with the states, a national voluntary motor vehicle theft prevention program. The National Watch Your Car program is designed as a cooperative initiative between the states and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The AATA has administered this national program in Arizona since 1998, with 75% of the program's funding provided by federal grants. The Watch Your Car program serves as the centerpiece of the AATA's vehicle theft prevention and deterrence programs, and is just one element of a "layered approach" to protection recommended by the AATA to effectively protect vehicles from being stolen.

The Watch Your Car program is a voluntary enrollment program designed to deter vehicle theft, assist in the recovery of stolen vehicles, and apprehend auto thieves. After enrolling and signing an application form, participants in the program affix Watch Your Car decals to their vehicle, which authorizes law enforcement officials to stop the vehicle between the program hours of 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM when most vehicle thefts occur, or within one mile of the international border. Enrollment forms are obtained by contacting the AATA by phone or accessing the information at events and/or via the Internet at the Agency's web site at

www.azwatchyourcar.com. The Watch Your Car program is free and open to all citizens with cars registered in the State of Arizona.

To promote the Watch Your Car program and other comprehensive vehicle theft prevention tips, the AATA partners with law enforcement agencies throughout the state, participates in auto theft prevention events and safety fairs as well as homeowners association meetings. Information displays are also located at every Motor Vehicle Division and AAA Arizona Travel Office statewide as well as at insurance company claims offices.

For fiscal year 2002, the AATA has over 18,500 enrollments in the Watch Your Car Program, which is a 33% increase in enrollments from fiscal year 2001. The AATA anticipates a substantial increase in Watch Your Car enrollments in fiscal year 2003.



Financial Report

Arizona Automobile Theft Authority Fund

**Financial Report For the Year Ended
June 30, 2002**

The Arizona Automobile Theft Authority Fund is a special revenue fund, which was established by the Arizona Legislature and is the only operating fund of the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority. The Arizona Automobile Theft Authority does not receive any tax dollars or appropriations from the General Fund of the State of Arizona.

All revenues received by the Authority, including investment income and monetary gifts, are deposited in the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority Fund. With the exception of grants, all expenditures of the Authority are appropriated by the Legislature and paid from collected monies in the Fund.

The financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002 of the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority have been audited by the accounting firm of Christensen, Gale & McLaren, LLP, Certified Public Accountants in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and government auditing standards. Their report gave an unqualified opinion of the Authority's financial statements and their report on compliance and internal controls stated, "we noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses."

A copy of the full audit report prepared by Christensen, Gale & McLaren may be obtained by contacting the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority.

Revenue

The revenue of the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority is derived from a statutory semi-annual assessment of 50 cents per vehicle paid by each insurance company writing automobile liability in Arizona on motor vehicles weighing less than 26,000 pounds.

Revenue collections from insurance assessments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002 were \$3,431,780, which includes prior period collections of \$20,153. Until December 2000, most insurers had been calculating the assessment based on a pro rata method known as earned car years. However, effective July 1, 1997 the Arizona

Legislature changed the assessment calculation method to the actual number of vehicles insured. During the last three fiscal years the Authority worked with insurers to correct this error and collect past due assessments. As the graph indicates, the revenue correction has been completed, however, current revenue has increased significantly. This increase is due to the assessments now being calculated on the correct basis by the insurance industry and by population growth.

All excess cash was invested with the State Treasurer and the Authority earned \$85,296 investment income in the current year. The decrease from \$136,869 resulted from lower rates of return in the current year due to market trend.

Expenditures

Total expenditures for the current year were \$3,873,851, an increase of \$613,531 from the expenditures from the previous year of \$3,260,320. The higher expenditure resulted from increased revenues being used to fund additional programs to combat vehicle theft. Administrative cost and salary savings of \$83,000 was realized during the year and these funds were reallocated to public awareness and community education programs to enhance the awareness of vehicle theft prevention. Administrative cost savings of \$26,000 are realized through greater administrative efficiencies and are considered permanent cost reductions with future savings to be utilized for programs.

The Arizona Automobile Theft Authority tightly controls its administrative costs. In 2001, the AATA's administrative costs for the current fiscal year ended June 30, 2002 were 5.70% of total expenditures. Administrative expenses of the Authority are limited by statute and may not exceed 10% of the revenue collected by the Authority. The administrative expenses for the year were \$220,962 or 6.26% of the cash collected in the fund during the year.

The Arizona Automobile Theft Authority ended the 2002 fiscal year with a fund balance of \$1.7 million. The Authority has submitted a request to utilize \$1.1 million of the fund balance during the 2004/2005-budget cycle as a one-time commitment of available resources to fund curtailment efforts of vehicle theft in Arizona. In 2005, the AATA will evaluate its programs and revenue to match future program costs to available resources.

Financial Report continued

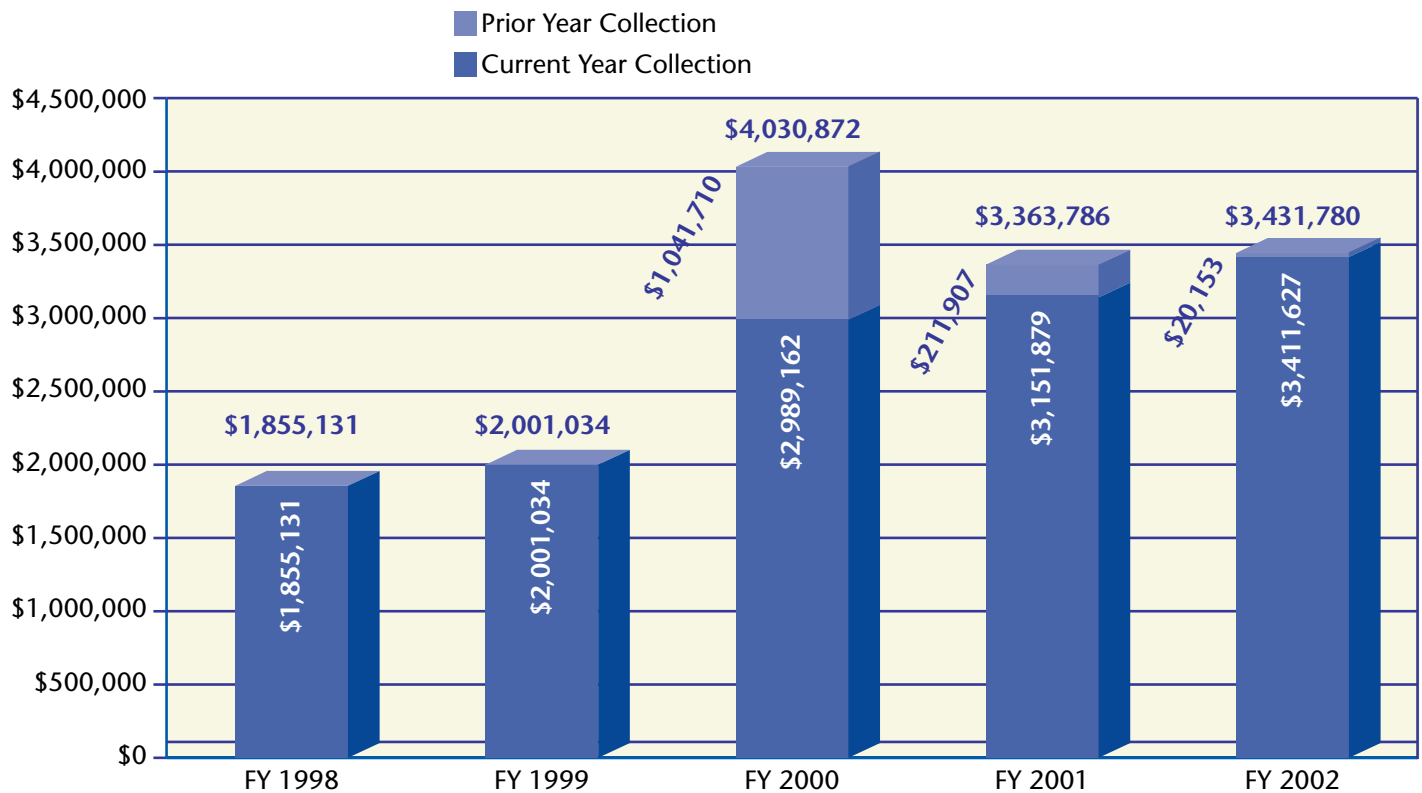
Program Expansion

The Arizona Automobile Theft Authority will continue to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of its programs and will devote the maximum available resources to a continued statewide effort in combating vehicle theft. The Authority will continue, possibly expand, modify, and re-direct its current programs, as it deems appropriate:

1. Funding of the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force
2. Grants to local criminal justice agencies for public awareness, investigation and training
3. Border interdiction initiatives
 - a. The Arizona BATIC Center
 - b. License plate reader partnership with United States Customs
4. Presentations to middle school and high school students
5. Assistance and training to law enforcement agencies statewide by the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force
6. Expansion of public awareness programs through public events, advertising and mailing projects
7. Expansion of the Vertical Prosecution Program

Insurance Assessment Revenue

1998 - 2002



Arizona Auto Theft Authority Fund

Statement of Operations by Program for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

| | June 30, 2001 | June 30, 2002 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Revenues | | |
| Current Year Collections | \$ 3,151,879 | \$ 3,411,627 |
| Prior Year Collections | 211,907 | 20,153 |
| Grants and Transfers | 150,000 | 6,233 |
| Investment Income | 136,869 | 85,296 |
| Gifts | 500 | 0 |
| Other | 1,050 | 4,664 |
| | <u>3,652,205</u> | <u>3,527,973</u> |
| Revenue Accrued as of June 30th | 503,632 | 60,995 |
| Total Revenue | <u>\$ 4,155,837</u> | <u>\$ 3,588,968</u> |
| Expenditures by Program: | | |
| Administrative Costs ^(1,2) | 304,324 | 220,962 |
| Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force | 2,458,400 | 2,546,000 |
| Vertical Prosecution | 182,120 | 224,443 |
| Public Awareness Programs | 120,236 | 199,889 |
| Public Awareness Grants | 136,371 | 246,676 |
| License Plate Reader System | 50,000 | 200,000 |
| Arizona BATIC Center | 0 | 50,000 |
| Law Enforcement Grants | 0 | 156,343 |
| Professional Training Grants | 8,869 | 29,538 |
| Total Expenditures ⁽³⁾ | <u>\$ 3,260,320</u> | <u>\$ 3,873,851</u> |
| Excess of revenues over expenditures | 895,517 | -284,883 |
| Beginning Fund Balance ^(4,5,6) | 2,475,116 | 3,370,633 |
| Ending Fund Balance ^(4,5,6) | <u>\$ 3,370,633</u> | <u>\$ 3,085,750</u> |

Footnotes:

| | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Administrative Costs as a percentage of cash collections | 8.3% | 6.3% |
| 2 Administrative Costs as a percentage of total expenditures | 9.3% | 5.7% |
| 3 Actual expenditures by category per audited financial report: | | |
| Personal Services | \$ 182,102 | \$ 152,487 |
| Employee related expenses | 32,365 | 29,729 |
| Professional services | 113,883 | 60,397 |
| Travel - in state | 3,927 | 2,257 |
| Travel - out state | 6,401 | 2,614 |
| Other Operating | 2,785,761 | 3,453,000 |
| Aid to organizations | 122,516 | 147,869 |
| Non-capital equipment | 13,365 | 23,723 |
| Administrative Adjustments | 0 | 1,775 |
| Total expenditures | <u>\$ 3,260,320</u> | <u>\$ 3,873,851</u> |

4 Fund balance includes accrued income as per the audited financial statements

5 Cash invested with the Treasurer of the State of Arizona on June 30th

6 Report based on audited financial statements

\$ 1,909,615

\$ 1,580,333

Impact of Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Programs on Vehicle Insurance Costs.

Theft, vandalism and glass coverage are included in the comprehensive portion of automobile insurance policies. According to the Arizona Insurance Information Association (AIIA), comprehensive coverage represents about 15 to 20 percent of the protection costs for those motorists who choose "full" coverage in Arizona. The average annual comprehensive premium is \$43 more in Arizona than it is nationally.

Payments for injuries and vehicle repairs are the costliest coverage's. Arizona's vehicle crash rate in 2001 was 10.23% higher than the national average, involving 248,107 vehicles in police reported collisions.

Future of the AATA

The AATA has embarked upon a bold mission to address the epidemic problem of vehicle theft and the Agency is realizing remarkable support from the criminal justice community, insurance industry and the general public. The AATA's Board of Directors has committed the maximum available resources to support an aggressive anti-vehicle theft campaign during the next two fiscal years.

The AATA is currently involved in a joint-partnership with the United States Customs Service (USCS), the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), and the Department of Public Safety (DPS), to utilize technology to enhance border interdiction efforts. The USCS is installing license plate reading digital cameras at the ports-of-entry along the southwest border. The AATA has assumed a leadership role in supporting this program, which has the capability to provide valuable information and contribute to the interdiction of stolen vehicles destined to leave the United States.

Arizona is the only state that has readily embraced this project, and the AATA is receiving enormous support from law enforcement, the insurance industry, and the United States Customs Service. Once fully operational, the license plate readers (LPR's) will capture the license plate of all vehicles entering and leaving the United States via the ports-of-entry. The LPR's will record the license plate, and the data will be instantaneously forwarded to the DPS in order to check ACIC and NCIC to determine if the vehicle is reported stolen. This will enable the USCS or Task Force officers to stop the vehicle before leaving the U.S.

If the vehicle cannot be stopped, the information will be forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The AATA, with the assistance of the Task Force, has been actively fostering a high level of cooperation with law enforcement officials in Mexico. The intent is to develop a means to immediately communicate law enforcement and intelligence related information between officials in Sonora and Arizona, via LPR "alerts."

The prosecution and public awareness efforts will continue to be vital components in the AATA's efforts to combat vehicle theft in Arizona. The AATA intends to continue and expand its annual grant assistance program to local law enforcement agencies and county attorney offices statewide. The efforts of the criminal justice agencies involved with the AATA's grant programs thus far have been impressively effective at addressing the law

The Arizona Department of Insurance reported that private passenger automobile insurance rates increased 1.6 percent from 2000 to 2001. Since insurance rates are based on numerous factors, it is difficult to establish a cause-and-effect relationship between fluctuations in automobile insurance rates and the activities of the AATA.

However, the insurance industry feels strongly that AATA's dedication to statewide vehicle theft investigations, prosecutions and implementation of theft prevention programs has benefited, and will continue to benefit, Arizona consumers

enforcement, prosecution and public awareness and community education components of the AATA's mission.

The AATA, in partnership with the Phoenix Police Department has developed a Public Service Announcement (PSA) called "It's Your Car." The 30-second PSA offers several vehicle theft prevention tips and was distributed to all major television and cable stations in Arizona in August 2002.

The AATA recently purchased VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) etching equipment to be utilized by the AATA, the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force, and law enforcement agencies throughout the state to actively promote free VIN etching on window glass as an effective visual vehicle theft deterrent and recovery aid.

During 2002/2003, the AATA will launch a 6-month pilot partnership-mailing project with the Motor Vehicle Division. This partnership mailing entails sending vehicle theft prevention and Watch Your Car program information in the registration renewal tag mailer to vehicle owners in Arizona.

The AATA is currently in the process of developing youth prevention and deterrent curricula for middle school and high school students in Arizona. The middle school program will be geared toward educating students about the consequences of auto theft and the high school program will focus on educating new drivers about vehicle theft prevention. The AATA will partner with school districts, law enforcement agencies and drivers education programs to distribute the youth prevention curricula.

During 2003, the AATA will participate in a multi-agency relocation to the main Capitol complex area, which will result in an annual cost savings of approximately \$5,000. The state-owned facility is located at 1400 West Washington.

In February 2003, the AATA will host the first Arizona Summit on Vehicle Theft. The Summit will explore current vehicle theft trends in Arizona, the Nation and throughout the world, deliver "best practices" presentations in the area of successful enforcement/investigation; vertical prosecution and public awareness/community education initiatives and AATA grant program workshops. The Summit will also include an awards ceremony to recognize exceptional performance of criminal justice personnel and agencies involved in the fight against vehicle theft.

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The Arizona Automobile Theft Authority Board of Directors and Staff would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their continued support and assistance.

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Arizona Department of Insurance
Arizona Department of Public Safety
Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice
Florida Anti-Car Theft Committee (F.A.C.T.)
Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority
Motor Vehicle Division, Arizona Department of Transportation
National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB)
Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority
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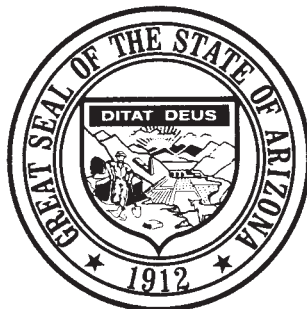
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