



# CATPA Board Minutes

**Date:** June 18, 2015  
**Location:** CATPA Office  
 710 Kipling Street; Ste. 106  
 Lakewood, CO 80215

**Scheduled Time:** 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
**Conference Call Passcode:** 948348#  
**Long Distance:** 1-877-820-7831  
**Denver/Metro:** 720-279-0026

### Attending Board Members

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Cole, Chair Person       | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Pace, Insurance Rep.                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tonia Rumer, Vice Chair Person | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Kevin Paletta, Law Enforcement             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Juarez, Insurance Rep.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jess Redman, District Attorney Rep.   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judi Burk, Insurance Rep.      | <input type="checkbox"/> Carole Walker, Insurance Rep.                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Kammerzell, DOR            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheriff Steve Nowlin, Law Enforcement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LTC Brenda Leffler, CDPS       |   |

### Attending CATPA Office Staff

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Force, Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charla Phagan, Office Manager |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gina Salazar, Grant Manager   |

### Members of the Public

Greg Malsam, Colorado Auto Theft Investigators (CATI)  
 Chris Tyus, Colorado Auto Theft Investigators (CATI)  
 Molly Sausaman, Coloradoans Against Auto Theft (CAAT)  
 Scott Mehle, CATI

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

### Agenda Amendments

There were no amendments made to the agenda.

- *A motion was made to approve the June 16 2015 meeting agenda by Tonia Rumer.*
- *The motion was seconded by Jess Redman.*
- *The motion passed unanimously.*

### Public Comment-

Molly Sausaman of CAAT provided an update of CAAT’s media campaign which will launch in July. Samples from the new campaign will be available for the Board to review at the July meeting. Materials have been delivered to the other grantees in preparation for the new campaign that will begin in July. The campaign will continue to have traditional media play with a focus on social media as well. This will be messaging to lock your car that is not tied to a season and can be used throughout the entire year.

Chris Tyus of CATI gave an update about the group’s website which is being updated for more security and will provide direct links to CAAT, IAATI & CATPA. The group is also working to secure a hotel for the conference which will be held in April this year instead of September. They will be ready to sign contracts upon the start of the new fiscal year in July.



## **Standing Business**

### **Minutes/Budget Reports**

- *A motion was made to approve the May 21 2015 meeting minutes by Judi Burk.*
- *The motion was seconded by LTC Leffler.*
- *The motion passed unanimously.*
  
- *Charla Phagan provided a briefing of the June Operating Budget Report to the Board.*
- *Ron Kammerzel made a motion to approve the June Operating Budget Report, as presented by staff.*
- *The motion was seconded by Jess Redman.*
- *The motion passed unanimously.*
  
- *Robert Force provided a briefing of the proposed FY16 Operating Budget to the Board.*
- *Sheriff Nowlin made a motion to approve the FY16 Operating Budget, as presented by staff.*
- *The motion was seconded by Judi Burk.*
- *The motion passed unanimously.*
  
- *Gina Salazar provided a briefing of the June Grant Budget Report to the Board.*
- *Jess Redman made a motion to approve the June Grant Budget report, as presented by staff.*
- *The motion was seconded by Ron Kammerzell.*
- *The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Grantee Update**

Gina reported that all the grantees are working towards submission of their final reimbursements for FY15. The Attorney General's office is working with the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) controller for submission of reimbursement requests since they have not made any reimbursement requests to date and are requiring assistance due to the CORE financial system. Contracts for FY16 grants are in the process of getting signed by approving authorities for each grantee as well as the CDPS Executive Director.

### **CATI**

Trainings have been successful; hosting the last outside training for this grant cycle will be next week (full registration with waiting list). Members on the western slope are requesting training to take place in their region; the local departments do not have funding for lodging in order to send participants to the metro area for training. Grand Junction needs a patrol targeted program. Garfield County has requested training on ATVs and trailers.

The SME Curriculum Development Group met on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and tentatively set a syllabus for the Basic Auto Theft course. It will be a three day course that breaks down as follows: DAY 1-Pre-Test administered with a remote data collector in order to gauge the knowledge level the attendees. This will allow the instructor to adjust the agenda based on needs of the attendees. The curriculum will be a combination of curriculum from the Lakewood PD and Colorado State Patrol Academy. DAY 2- will cover the following topics: Applicable CO State Statutes Revised, Prosecution Processes, Case Management, Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center Resources, Prevention Techniques, National Insurance Crime Bureau Resources, Auto Theft Analysis, Anatomy of a "Bad Guy", Business Inspections, Automated License Plate Reader



Systems, Investigative Equipment and Counterfeit Documents. DAY 3- Topics include: Handling Suspects of Auto Theft, Interview/Interrogations of Auto Theft Witnesses, Suspects and Victims, Vehicle Recovery Processing, Tow Yard Practicum and Final Testing.

Not a lot of detail has been established for the advanced Auto Theft curriculum; however it was decided that the target audience would be investigative. Insurance fraud will be addressed in the advanced class.

POST is also using a similar remote data collector as part of their training. POST accreditation is the goal for the CATI training program as is being able to offer the courses online.

The 2016 CATI seminar will be held at the Doubletree in Grand Junction during the month of April. Contracts are being drawn up and will be signed when the new fiscal year begins in July. At this time the plan is for a three day seminar; however based on response CATI may adjust the schedule.

### **Denver Post Article**

The article states the success the Denver Police Department is having since beginning the use of license plate scanners. The new tool is showing how data-driven policing can be effective. However some organizations are raising questions about privacy issues and additional scrutiny for some neighborhoods.

### **EMATT**

Several cases were shared with the Board to show the success the task force is having.

### **Los Angeles Times Article**

This article reported that the state of California realigned its prison system by sending low-level felons to county jails instead of state prisons. According to a study published, the violent crime rate was unaffected by the policy following the regional trend in decline. Property crimes also declined; however the overall numbers showed an increase in motor vehicle thefts which differs from the regional trend.

## **New Business**

### **Updated CATPA Assessment Forms**

Staff has updated the assessment reporting form and the assessment payment forms for 2015 reporting and the forms are ready to post on the CATPA website. A second page was added to the assessment form showing what vehicles are/are not exempted from the fee as there have been many insurance companies confused as to what should be reported. Staff is concerned that some insurance companies may be reporting motorcycles when they are exempt while others are not reporting what they should. The payment form now has fillable fields which calculate the payment due.

### **RMASIU Presentation**

Director Force was invited to present to the Rocky Mountain Association of Special Investigations Units (RMASIU) about the CATPA Board and its mission and purpose. Many of these insurance personnel are not really aware of what CATPA is doing to prevent auto theft. It is helpful to get



information about CATPA to the insurance companies in order to get more cooperation from the insurance industry during the Sunset process. The presentation was well received.

### **ATPA Committee Meeting (IL, ATPA)**

The Illinois ATPA was shut down by an executive order of the Governor. The State of Illinois is in dire straits financially allowing the governor to enter into an emergency clause which allowed the transfer of cash funds to the general fund. This is the third time it has happened in IL. The IL statute is almost identical to ours; however CO also has the TABOR law that is protective. It has always been CATPA's intention to have funds encumbered and spent to the exact amount. At this time IL has reinitiated the ATPA. Thirty-two officers who were 100% grant funded were laid off.

A request was made of the other ATPAs to submit data to ATICC. With this data, ATICC will produce a national study report about auto theft.

### **Parking Lot/Apartment Thefts**

A review of CO auto thefts in the Stolen Vehicle Database Repository from June 1, 2014 to June 1, 2015 showed that 35% were stolen from parking areas, 36% from residential homes and 24% from streets/Highways.

### **Vehicle Hardening Project ('94-'02 Civics, Accords & Integras)**

Director Force shared a project synopsis of a Hardening of 1994-2004 Honda Civic, Honda Accords and Acura Integra vehicles in Canada. The program used an electronically hardwired method of deactivating engines for the most stolen vehicles. Canada was able to mandate the hardening with relief for those who could not afford it. It needs to be mandatory vs. volunteer in order to work. One would not be unable to register a car without the device. The financial relief came from- ATPA who paid for the installation while the owner had to pay for the device. This program has been very successful and would be a program to emulate.

## **CATPA Briefings/Reports**

### **Metro Task Force Consolidation Update-**

*The Colorado Metro Auto Theft Task Force (CMATT) has formed a consolidated Board of Directors with representation from both EMATT and MATT. The Board has developed a new mission statement using an investigative method, risk management neutral approach; Lakewood PD is still the lead agency. The Board has come together for consistency in supervision, etc. Much of the administrative policies have been worked out. The next major step is the co-location process. The Co-location site has to be central as not to favor any agency. Staff and available task force members will accompany the real estate agent to a few sites next week. The teambuilding exercise will give the leadership some time to work together on an action plan*

**STATEWIDE TASK FORCE UPDATE-** *All parties have been working really well together resulting in plans and financing for operations all in writing. They have also been able to streamline uniform procedures as well. The Southern part of the state needs some rebuilding and Sheriff Nowlin has offered to help in any way possible. The southwest corner of the state is seeing an increase in auto theft.*



**CATI SME Meeting Update**

*This agenda item was covered in the CATI presentation.*

**Unfinished Business**

**Watch Your Car Dismantling Update**

The dismantling process with CCIC and CATPA is complete. CBI has closed and archived all the WYC registrant files as of June 7, 2015. Three hundred fifty-nine letters were sent to registrant owners with 31 letters being returned to the CATPA office. As of 6/10/15 the CATPA office has not received any calls questioning the dismantling of the program.

**CATPA FY16 Inventory Plan Update**

The new Inventory Sheets have been sent out to grantees in possession of equipment which should be tallied. A June 30 deadline was given to return the information to staff. To date staff has not received any forms.

**Next Meeting**

The next CATPA Board meeting will be on 7/16/2015 at the CATPA offices, 710 Kipling Street, Suite 106, Lakewood, CO from 1:30pm – 3:30pm.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04pm.

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