

# What is CATPA

The Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) was created in 2003 under the Colorado Department of Public Safety through enactment of statutory authority (§43-5-112 C.R.S.).

The mission of CATPA is to assist in deterring and reducing vehicle theft and insurance fraud through a statewide cooperative effort of generating funds to support law enforcement, prosecution and public awareness through a partnership between industry and state government.

CATPA is funded by the insurance industry where \$1 is assessed and paid on each issued motor vehicle insurance policy. Annually, there is about \$5 million collected, where these funds are deposited into a CATPA Cash Fund.

The CATPA Cash Fund is utilized by the CATPA Board of Directors, composed of eleven (11) members appointed/approved by the Governor. The Board of Directors provide financial and programmatic awards to grant projects for specialized auto theft training, education, enforcement and prosecution within the State of Colorado.

The CATPA Office administers grant processes and facilitates stewardship of the CATPA Cash Fund. Currently there are three (3) full-time State Patrol employees operating the CATPA Office. No more than 8% of revenues generated through the CATPA Cash Fund are used for the administrative purposes.



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## Board of Directors

Pursuant to Colorado law (§42-5-112), the Board of Directors are tasked to solicit monies and award grant funds to qualified applicants for the general purpose of improving and supporting motor vehicle theft prevention programs, and for the enforcement and prosecution of motor vehicle theft crimes.

The eleven (11) member Board was established to represent and enable a public and private partnership to address the concerns of auto theft within Colorado. Board members include:

- Two (2) Executive Directors/Designees including:
  - One (1) Department of Public Safety, and
  - One (1) Department of Revenue,
- Nine (9) Governor appointments including:
  - Five (5) insurance industry representatives,
  - Two (2) law enforcement representatives,
  - One (1) statewide district attorney association representative, and
  - One (1) public or consumer group representative.

Responsibilities of the board include:

- Soliciting and reviewing applications for grants,
- Approving grants utilizing a criteria evaluation ensuring programs are awarded to law enforcement agencies or other qualified applicants in a variety of geographic areas of the state, subject to available moneys, and
- Appointing a director for the authority who may employ staff as necessary to operate and administer the authority, subject to available moneys.

## CATPA Programs



### ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE AUTO THEFT INITIATIVE

Provides specialized statewide prosecution and support to local prosecutors and investigators for multijurisdictional and complex criminal investigations efforts focused on criminal organizations and enterprises involving auto theft and related crimes.



### BEAT AUTO THEFT THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Provides statewide coordination and partnerships led by the Colorado State Patrol for the investigation and apprehension of auto theft offenders utilizing intelligence-led policing efforts. Majority of the efforts are based on funding overtime and equipment to aid local, county and state agencies with centralized and coordinated investigatory efforts.



### CATPA METROPOLITAN AUTO THEFT TEAM

Provides metropolitan coordination and partnerships led by an metropolitan multi-agency law enforcement Executive Board for the investigation and apprehension of auto theft offenders utilizing intelligence-led policing efforts. This project supports full-time and part-time specialized investigators to identify and apprehend offenders involved in pattern and series of auto theft related crimes.

## CATPA Programs



### COLORADANS AGAINST AUTO THEFT

Provides statewide coordination of public education and information for prevention of auto theft. This project delivers paid and earned media campaigns, social networking and other tools to support local, county and state agencies with educating the public for reduction of auto theft and related crimes



### CRIME DATA REPOSITORY INITIATIVE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS

Provides enhancing the capabilities of statewide crime reporting abilities reported by state, local and county law enforcement through the National Incident Based Reporting System. This project aims to provide easy access and accurate information on the incidence of auto theft and related crimes occurring in Colorado.



### AUTO THEFT INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION CENTER

Provides statewide centralization of auto theft crime information, assigned to the Colorado State Patrol, with full-time crime analyst dedicated to auto theft, and coordination of analytical products to support task forces and other agencies with intelligence-led policing products. This project is a national model and delivers a unique ability from other states in centralizing reported incidences of auto theft.