

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.

Key Notes

92% RECOVERY RATE of Colorado stolen vehicles—40 percentage points above the national average.

97% ADULT AUTO THIEVES involve charges of additional crimes, including drugs, other property crimes, and violent crimes.

121 MULTIAGENCY TASK FORCE PARTNERSHIPS from law enforcement agencies in the metro area, southern, southwest, western, and northern Colorado.

965 MAJOR CRIME INVESTIGATIONS involving criminal enterprises, multiple thefts and other violent crimes.

\$1 ANNUAL FEE supported and collected from companies issuing Colorado auto insurance policies.

INVESTMENT VALUE of more than \$12.00 for every \$1 invested from the CATPA Cash Fund by vehicle loss value of recovered stolen vehicles.

COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH to assist in combatting auto theft by providing specialized programs for education, training, enforcement and prosecution to prioritize auto theft

NATIONAL LEADER in auto theft prevention programs and best practices.

RENEWAL RECOMMENDED by Department of Regulatory Agencies 2017 CATPA Sunset Review Report.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP of the CATPA Cash Fund proofed in the 2017 Office of State Auditor Report (Pages II-162 through II-171).



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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.

Total funding: \$285,629



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.

Total funding: \$1,400,000



CATPA METROPOLITAN AUTO THEFT TEAM

Provides metropolitan coordination and partnerships led by an metropolitan multiagency 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.

Total funding: \$2,026,000

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

Total funding: \$750,000



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.

Total funding: \$372,783



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.

Total funding: \$620,000