



AUTO THEFT TRACKING PROGRAM (Bait Car)

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Background

- In October 2003, the Dallas Police Department began looking at the benefits of a bait car program to reduce Auto Thefts.
- After researching programs in other cities, we adopted a system similar to one used in the Minneapolis Police Department

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- A partnership was formed with the National Insurance Crime Bureau (N.I.C.B);
- Through this partnership, Dallas became a member of the Regional Auto Theft Tracking and Law Enforcement Response initiative (R.A.T.T.L.E.R);
- We started the program in May 2004, and made the first arrest on July 13, 2004.

There are several member cities in R.A.T.T.L.E.R including:

– Dallas

– Richardson

– Addison

– Carrollton

– McKinney

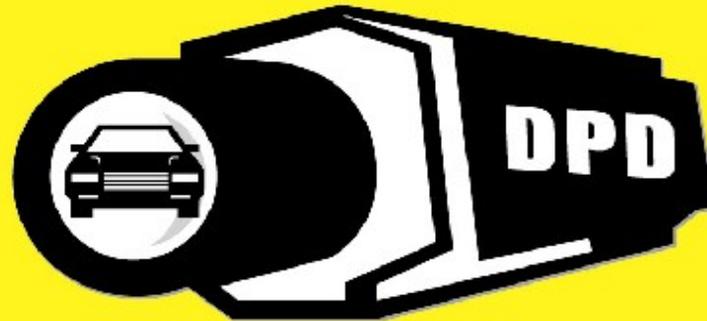
Program Partners

- Insurance Companies (Liberty Mutual, State Farm, Progressive, USAA, Metropolitan, Unitrin, and Sentry insurance companies)
- Businesses and Business Associations (Nextel, Stemmons Corridor Business Association, International Association of Special Investigations, Central Business District, Target Corp., Omega Contracting Inc., Azteca Enterprises Inc., Micro Trac GPS, Santa Claus Discount Tire, Yellow Cab Co.)
- Numerous Private Citizen Donors

Program Overview

- There are two approaches used with the bait car system. One is operated covertly in an attempt to catch as many suspects as possible. The other is conducted in an open, or overt, manner in an attempt to prevent as many crimes as possible.
- We have adopted the open method and use all available methods to advise the public and warn the criminal element of the existence of the program. This includes the media, portable signs, and various flyers. In our program the only protected information relates to the specific cars and equipment that is used.





BAIT CARS

MAY BE IN USE IN THIS AREA

**STEAL ONE
GO TO JAIL**



DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT



Coches con Camaras
pueden estar en uso en esta area

si se Roba Uno
Usted ira a la Carcel



DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

1610 S. ERVAY

**WHICH ONE IS BAIT? CAN YOU TELL?
WE CAN!**



DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT **BAIT CAR PROGRAM**

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How the System Works

- Cars equipped with system technology are strategically deployed around the city.
- When someone enters the car the system activates. An automatic notification is made to the police dispatcher who immediately directs officers to the area.
- GPS technology is used to track the car until responding officers obtain visual contact. Through remote control mechanisms, the vehicle is disabled when the officers identify a safe area for the stop and subsequent arrest.
- Video tapes of apprehended suspects are used in media releases to reinforce existence of the program.

Arrest Statistics

- 133 Bait Car arrests inception to July 2006
 - 34 Juveniles
 - 99 Adults
- Youngest arrestee age 13. Oldest age 63. Avg. age of those arrested is 24.5.
 - Individuals arrested in the bait cars had an average of 4 prior arrests for various felonies and drug charges. One individual had 31 prior arrests.

Auto Theft Crime Summary

- 2003 - 17,505
- 2004 – 16,054 (- 8.3%)
- 2005 – 14,365 (-10.52%)
- 2006 – 7386 (- 7.41% from same period last year)

Questions?