



Burglary of Motor Vehicle (BMV) Briefing



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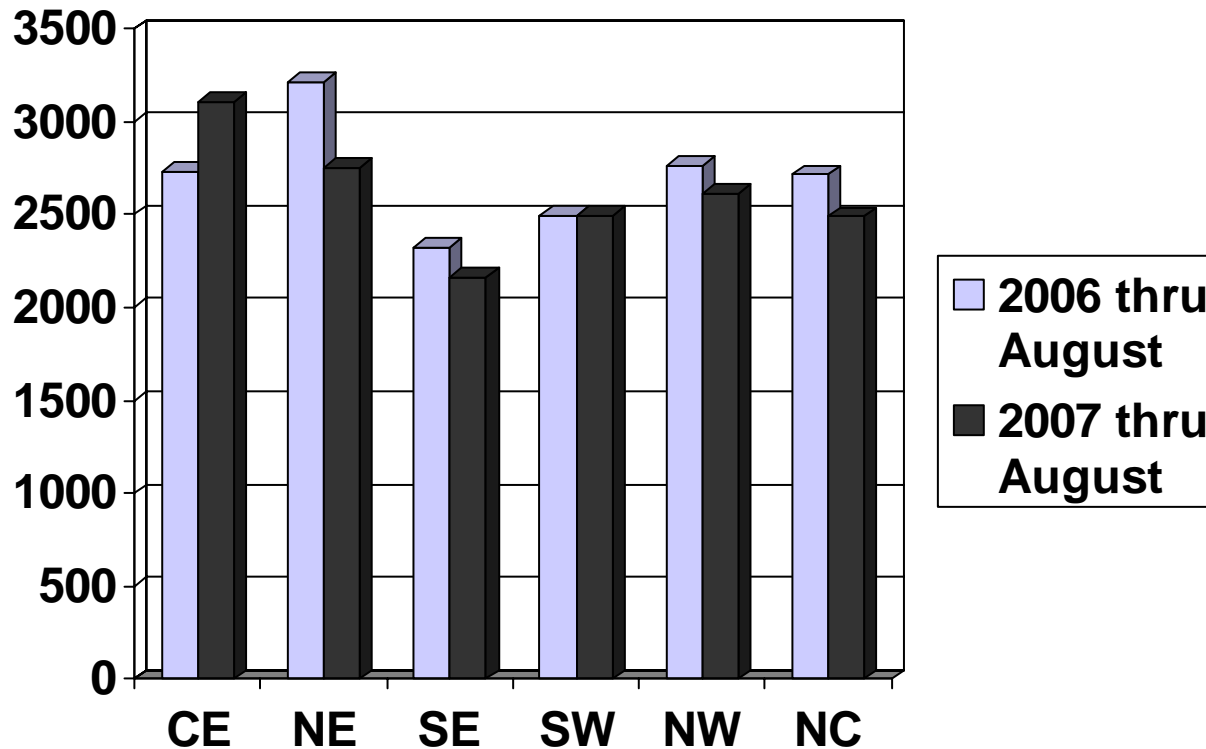
Motor Vehicle Burglaries (BMVs)

(includes auto accessory thefts)

Issues / Strategies

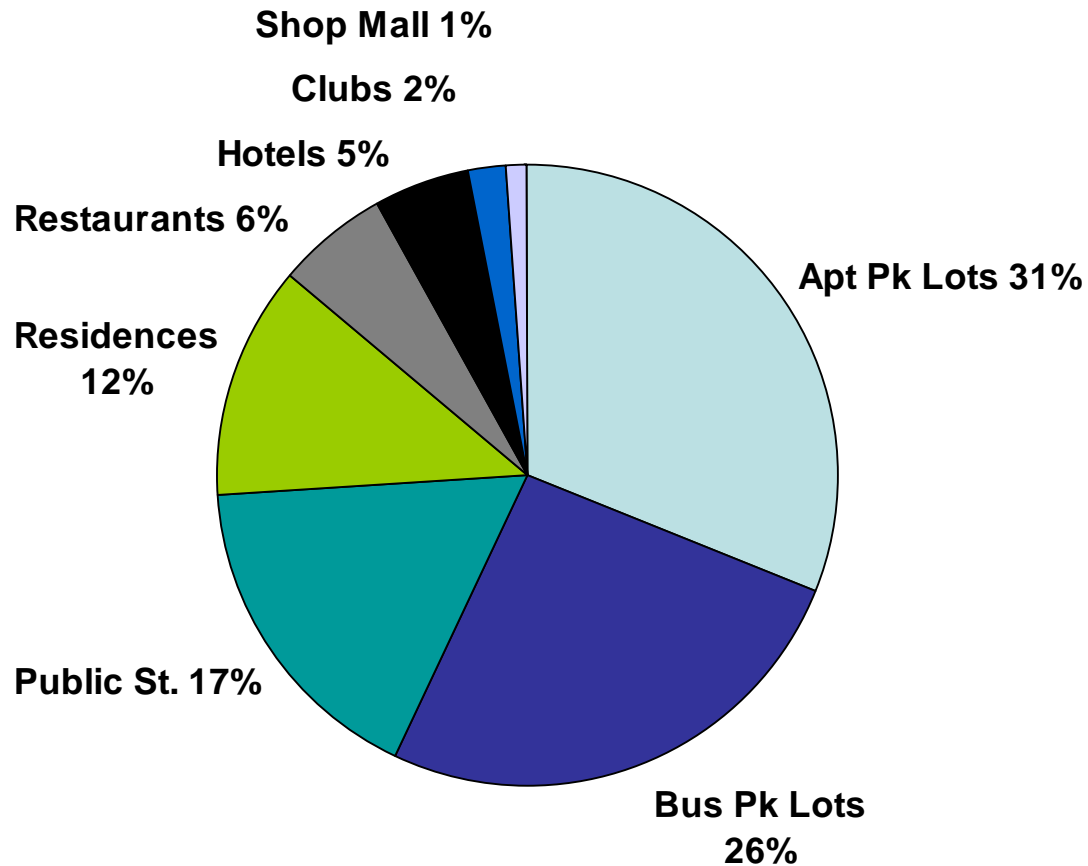
- In 1994, before legislative change reducing BMV to a Class A Misdemeanor, there were 19,941 burglaries of motor vehicles reported to Dallas police. That year BMVs accounted 20% of all Part 1 Index Crime.
- In 2006 there were 24,551 burglaries of motor vehicles reported to Dallas police. This represents a 23% increase since 1994. Last year BMVs accounted for 24% of all index crimes.
- January through August 2007 there have been 15,802 vehicle burglaries reported. This represents a 2.8% decrease from 2006. This year to date, BMVs account for 24% of index crimes. Offenses related to motor vehicles (Auto Theft, BMV and Auto Accessory Thefts) account for 39% of all crimes.

BMV's per Patrol Division '06 vs. '07



BMV Offense Locations:

- Apartment parking lots
- Business parking lots, shopping malls, including office towers and private parking garages
- Public Streets
- Residential driveways, yards
- Restaurants
- Hotels and Motel parking lots
- Clubs
- Shopping areas/malls



BMV

Investigations and Adjudication

January-June 2007

Dallas Police Burglary and Theft Investigative Units

- handled 13,023 BMV offenses thru June of 2007
- received 10,028 BMV offenses suspended, due to no leads
- Investigated 2995 BMV offenses with leads
- Clear (resolve) 4.7% of total BMV offenses
- Charged 338 (filed cases) suspects with BMV thru DA prosecution

The Dallas County District Attorney requires a fact witness, voluntary statements an affirmative link and/or physical evidence to prosecute

Dallas County adjudication information:

- average bond amount is \$500
- average sentence 170 days
- average 55 days served of original sentence often concurrent

Repeat/Target BMV Offenders

Example Bonds, Sentences and Actual Time Served by Habitual Offenders :

Arrestee	Charge	Prev BMV Arrests	Bond	Sentence	Jail Time
B.N.	BMV	17	\$500	245 days	245 days
C.G.	BMV	15	\$500	345 days	345 days
L.C.	BMV	13	\$500	160 days	38 days
J.G.	BMV	11	\$500	270 days	78 days
I. W.	BMV	11	\$500	160 days	54 days
M. B.	BMV	11	\$500	180 days	47 days
L.T.	BMV	8	\$500	30 days	10 days
M.M.	BMV	7	\$1,000	360 days	111 days
C.P.	BMV	7	\$500	180 days	55 days
D.K.	BMV	5	\$500	129 days	91 days

Issue Conclusions

- Dallas has a LARGE number of vehicles (including commuter and visitor populations)
- Vehicles are often parked unattended for long periods
- Most parking areas have unrestricted access and minimum security
- Many vehicles are attractive targets for thieves when valuables are not secured
- Offenders are highly motivated, are usually drug abusers and habitual offenders
- Arrestees spend little time in custody

BMV Prevention/Apprehension Tactics

- **Community Based Tactics** – Crime prevention; security awareness
“Lock, Take and Hide” signs, lighting, surveillance cameras
- **Crime Analysis and Intelligence Based Response** - includes strategy, tactics, results and constant adjustments for all patrol resources (sky towers, special event operations plans, decoy cars, foot and bike patrols, etc.)
- **Deployment Unit Response** – Covert officers analyze trends, track known offenders, and conduct surveillance of locations
- **Detectives** – Thorough follow-up and prosecution. Routinely working with pawn shops and gathering intelligence information leading to fencing operations, gangs or narcotics connections to offenders
- **Legislative Change** - House Bill 1887 (effective September 1, 2007)
 - **Misdemeanor A = six months minimum confinement on second offense**
 - OR
 - **State Jail Felony = Third offense(2 previous convictions) is six months to 2 years and possible \$10K fine**

QUESTIONS?

