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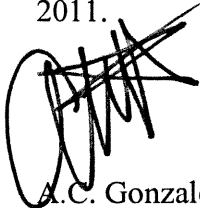


DATE: December 9, 2011

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **Auto Theft Tracking Program Bait Car (ATTP)**

Attached is briefing material on the "Auto Theft Tracking Program Bait Car (ATTP)" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, December 12, 2011.



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Attachment

CC: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
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Auto Theft Tracking Program Bait Car (ATTP)

Public Safety Committee
December 12, 2011



Purpose

To familiarize Council members
with the ATTP/Bait Car Program

Goal

This program is part of a comprehensive strategy to reduce the theft of vehicles and overall crime in Dallas.

Background

- Program formed through a long standing partnership with the National Insurance Crime Bureau (N.I.C.B) and Regional Auto Theft Tracking Group;
- Partnership resulted in Dallas being asked to initiate a regional Auto Theft Tracking Program (ATTP).
 - Dallas PD was the first agency to begin operations in May, 2004.
 - First arrest was made on July 13, 2004.

Background

- Program uses both technology and personnel resources to reduce crime and apprehend offenders
- ATTP is a departmental, business and community partnership
 - DPD has purchased system hardware (approximately \$3,500/vehicle); software (approximately \$6,000/year) and some vehicles.

Background

- Several insurance companies have donated the use of vehicles for the program.
 - Farmers Insurance
 - Nationwide Insurance
 - Liberty Mutual Insurance
 - USAA Insurance
 - State Farm Insurance
- Several area businesses , business associations, and private citizens have donated tracking equipment for the vehicles.
 - Stemmons Corridor Business Association
 - Yellow Cab Company

Strategy

- Strategy is to reduce Auto Thefts through
 - Prevention, and
 - Apprehension of active offenders
- Prevention relies on public education and warning the criminal element of the existence of bait cars.
 - Both media coverage and signage has been used to communicate message.
- Apprehension relies on strategic deployment in targeted areas to apprehend active offenders.
 - Secrecy of deployment is key to maintain effectiveness of the program
 - deployment areas,
 - types and numbers of bait cars, and
 - technical information on system operation

Prevention Efforts





BAIT CARS

MAY BE IN USE IN THIS AREA

**STEAL ONE
GO TO JAIL**



DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

con Camaras

en uso en esta area

**Roba Uno
a la Carcel**



DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

1610 S. ERVAY

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



DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT **BAIT CAR PROGRAM**

SPONSORED BY YELLOW CAB AND THE STEMMONS CORRIDOR BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Apprehension Operations

- Vehicle deployed in strategic locations and is monitored electronically.
- On-board computer system notifies Dispatch Center when vehicle is entered. System can:
 - Track vehicle, and
 - Control and disable vehicle electronically
- Available officers in the areas are dispatched when the system is first activated.

Apprehension Operations

- First arriving officer is directed to vehicle through GPS monitoring.
- Officer notifies dispatch center whether the vehicle is occupied or abandoned.
- If occupied, the officer orders vehicle to be disabled when it can be done in a safe manner.
- Once vehicle is stopped, the officer(s) approach vehicle and arrest occupants

ATTP Arrest Statistics

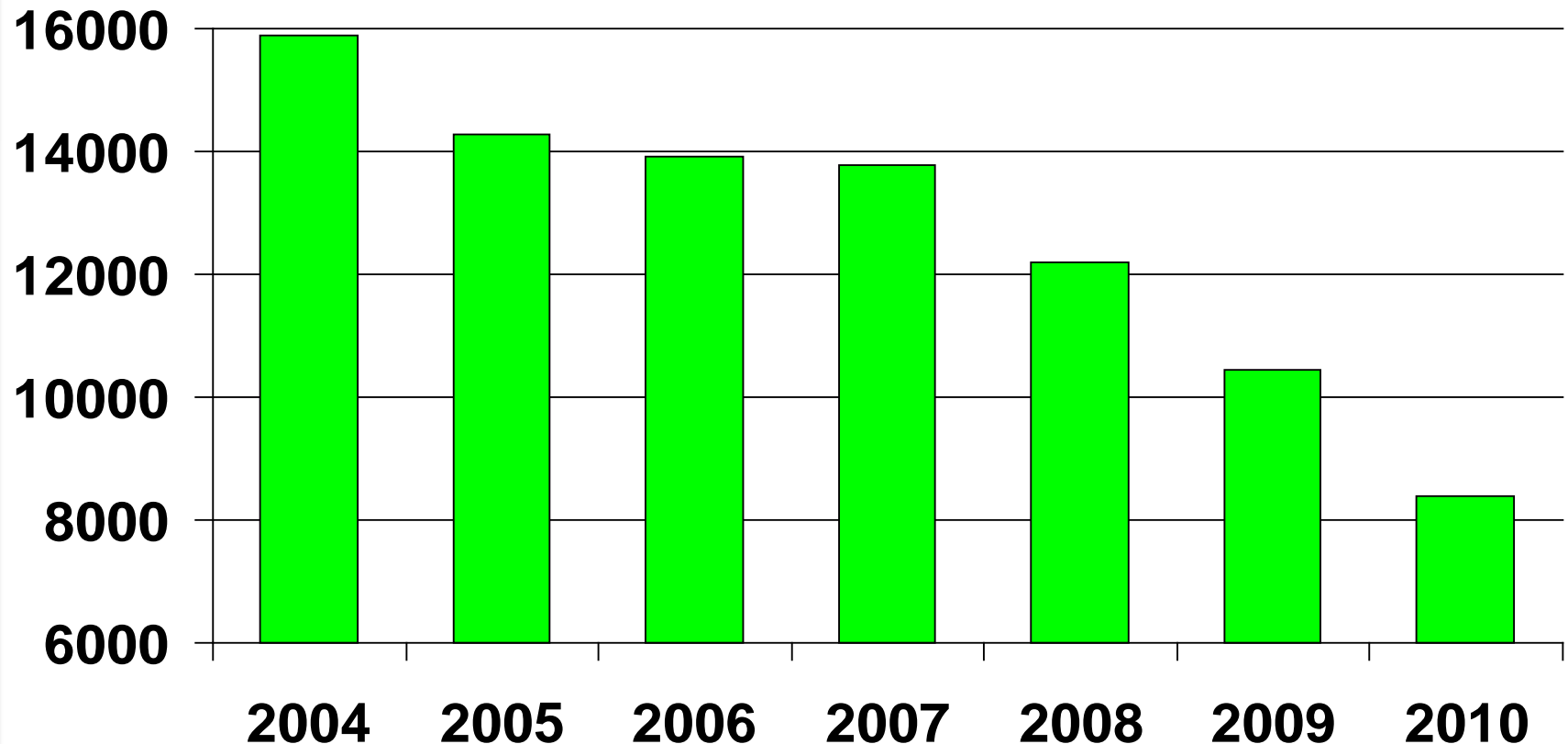
- 344 arrests made by the Dallas Police Department, since program inception
- Arrestees include approximately 20% juveniles and 80% Adults
- Age ranges from 11 to 63, average is 24
- Average 4 prior convictions with a high of 31(priors include burglary, theft, drugs and auto thefts)

ATTP Arrest Statistics

- Range of Punishment
 - 45 days to 35 years in Prison
 - 2-10 years Probation
- Between 4-7 bait vehicles deployed at all times (59,209 hours to date)
- Few incidents of bait vehicles damage
 - Suspects jumped out of a vehicle and vehicle rolled into objects
- One bait car fatality
 - On 6-2-08, Arrestee Eddie Ramirez (released from TDC on 5-29-08 for previous bait car theft) stole bait car and collided with Ms. Annie Reyes at approximately 75 mph

Development/Improvement to City

of Reported Auto Thefts since Implementation of ATTP



Recommendations

- Continue bait cars intelligence and analysis
 - Research offense locations and types of vehicles being taken
 - Determine changing needs for deployment
 - follow crime trends
 - evaluate Divisional needs
- Continue evaluation of the program

Summary

- The Auto Theft Tracking Program (ATTP/Bait Car) has been operational since 2004.
- This program:
 - Is part of a comprehensive strategy to reduce auto theft and overall crime involving both prevention and apprehension
 - Uses public signage and education, as well as active deployment of vehicles based on intelligence and crime analysis.
 - Has been significantly successful since inception
 - 344 bait car arrests
 - auto theft is down approximately 50%
- Recommend continuation of the ATTP program



Questions