

**JOIN THE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT'S  
AUTO THEFT  
PREVENTION STICKER  
PROGRAMS**

The **C.A.T., COMMUTER C.A.T., H.E.A.T.** and **VIN ETCHING** programs are voluntary decal programs which entails a more aggressive police response to auto thefts by authorizing investigative stops of participating vehicles. These sticker programs have proven to be an effective deterrent against auto theft. But they only work if they are actually utilized. As a vehicle owner it is up to you to sign up for these programs. The best thing about them is that they are absolutely **FREE**. By enrolling in the **VIN ETCHING** program, your insurance company may give you a discount on your automobile insurance premium. Contact your local precinct crime prevention officer for more information or to join any of these programs.

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**NEW YORK CITY POLICE  
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**Auto Theft  
Reduction  
Programs**



The Crime Prevention Section coordinates a variety of Auto Theft Prevention Sticker Programs with the aim towards preventing and reducing crimes committed against the person and property. Precinct level Crime Prevention Officers (CPO) administer these programs on a precinct level. The following is a listing of the programs and an explanation of how each of them operates:



**COMBAT AUTO THEFT (CAT PROGRAM)**

- Car is generally not operated between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- Decals are affixed to rear side windows or the registered vehicle
- Police can stop a registered vehicle if it is being operated between the above hours



**COMMUTER COMBAT AUTO THEFT (C-CAT)**

- Goal is to reduce theft of automobiles parked during the day by commuters

- Local vehicle will generally be parked during business hours **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
- Decals are similar to the CAT sticker with the addition of black stripes



**HELP END AUTO THEFT (HEAT)**

- Majority of persons arrested for auto theft are typically under 25 years of age
- Owner must be over 40 years old
- Signs waiver that persons under 25 years old do not drive vehicle
- Police have right to stop the auto anytime a person apparently under the age of 25 is operating it



**VIN ETCHING**

- The auto's Vehicle Identification Number is etched onto all the auto's glass
- Serves to deter theft and trace the stolen part



**TAXI/LIVERY ROBBERY INSPECTION PROGRAM (TRIP)**

- Goal is to promote taxi & livery driver safety
- Police are permitted to briefly stop an enrolled vehicle at any time of the day
- Three decals are issued (two for rear side windows, one for the passenger compartment)