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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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.

**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).