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In 2009 the **Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority, CATPA**, will award grants for multi-agency auto theft prevention, enforcement, investigative and prosecution programs. Authorization for CATPA is through CRS 42-5-112. **CATPA will have approximately \$3.5 million to award for the calendar year 2009. Grant applications are expected to be ready during the first quarter of 2009.**

CATPA came into existence in 2004 through the efforts by the Colorado Auto Theft Investigators, [www.coloradoautotheft.org](http://www.coloradoautotheft.org) a not-for-profit organization of auto theft investigators in Colorado, over the concern with the increase in motor vehicle thefts in the state and the diminishing attention and commitment toward strategic investigation, enforcement and prosecution of these crimes.

Legislation in 2003 permitted "voluntary" funding for the purpose of creating the CATPA. Over the next four years that one-time funding influx of approx \$700,000, from State Farm and Progressive and other insurance companies was used for investigative, enforcement, public awareness and law enforcement training programs. The results included several part-time multi-agency task forces that accelerated investigative and enforcement efforts on repeat and professional criminal offenders. These efforts resulted in an increase in stolen vehicle recoveries and criminal prosecutions of hard core and major organized criminal groups. Also achieved through these efforts were significant reductions in state-wide auto thefts in 2006 and 2007.

In 2008 SB-60, authored by Senator Betty Boyd, was passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Bill Ritter. This bill provides CATPA with permanent funding, \$1 per insured vehicle each year until the Sunset review in 2018. As a result CATPA has 10 years of steady funding of approximately \$3.5 million each year for motor vehicle theft investigation, prevention, enforcement, prosecution and training.

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The CATPA board of Directors will be hiring three full-time personnel in early 2009, a Director (salary equivalent to a CSP Captain), a Grants Manager and an Administrative Assistant.

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