

LOCKDOWN LOWDOWN

COLORADANS AGAINST AUTO THEFT

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LOCKDOWN SPOTLIGHT

Let the BATTLE begin!

Q & A with Captain Santos of Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement, better known as BATTLE

Which task forces have joined forces to form BATTLE?

Regional Auto Theft Team of Northern Colorado (NRATT), Southwest Regional Auto Theft Team (SWATT) and Denver Metropolitan Auto Theft Team (DMATT).

What benefits does this new collaboration bring to law enforcement entities around the state?

BATTLE brings myriad benefits to its joining agencies and partners around the state, including improved communication and increased access to resources, equipment and data. BATTLE designates officers across the state to keep an eye and ear on their assigned region and communicate their region's most pressing needs to the entire BATTLE agency. Through this consistent communication and collaboration, BATTLE can maximize resources, stay on top of trends and balance proactive and reactive priorities.

Can you provide an example that illustrates an improvement in your processes since the formation of BATTLE?

Before BATTLE formed, officers in the San Luis Valley were not well equipped to stop their pursuits. Once BATTLE became aware of the problem, it was able to provide and train the officers how to use stop sticks. As a result, the officers in the San Luis Valley can safely stop pursuits and better ensure the safety of their entire community.

What are the biggest auto theft challenges facing BATTLE?

The prosecution process is different in each jurisdiction. Since our agency involves multiple jurisdictions, we may encounter some challenges—but we are up for it!

Is your hope that BATTLE will be a model for other task forces to follow, both here and nationally?

We are really excited about this collaboration and we look forward to sharing our successes and best practices with other states across the nation.

JOIN CAAT ON FACEBOOK

Coloradans Against Auto Theft is now on Facebook. If your department/organization has a Facebook page, ask permission to “Like” CAAT and follow our auto theft prevention activities. Besides, CAAT will “Like” you back!

We need your help to reach our goal of 35 fans by the end of this week.

Even if you do not have a social presence yourself, we need your help promoting this page to individuals in your agency and in your community. It will be beneficial to everyone to cultivate a community where Coloradans can share their auto theft stories, seek tips and become empowered to get involved in our collective mission—to stop auto theft in Colorado.

If you are a Facebook user, or if you have friends that would take interest in our page, we have drafted a few posts to inspire you. We would appreciate it if you could share at least one status update or pass this along to a friend over the next week. Thanks in advance!

Suggested Posts

Be sure to type the “@” symbol and continue with “Coloradans Against Auto Theft” to link your post to our page.

Did you know a car is stolen every 47 seconds? Auto theft is a major problem in Colorado, which is why I stand with Coloradans Against Auto Theft (CAAT) to keep us all from becoming victims. “Like” @Coloradans Against Auto Theft on Facebook to arm yourself with tips that will keep you and your car safe.

Did you leave anything inside your car when you parked it today? Where is your car parked? Are you putting yourself at risk for auto theft? “Like” @Coloradans Against Auto Theft on Facebook for helpful reminders and tips that can prevent you from becoming a victim of auto theft.

In my career, I have encountered auto theft victims that say, “I never thought it could happen to me.” The reality is it can happen to any of us, but that doesn’t mean we are powerless. “Like” @Coloradans Against Auto Theft on Facebook for useful auto theft prevention tips and information.

CAAT IN THE HEADLINES

CAAT was recently featured in a news story in the *Denver Post* that highlights CAAT’s education efforts and the work that goes on behind the scenes at the Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center (ATICC). This article will hopefully give Coloradans a better idea of how complex the issue of auto theft is and show them what is being done to stop it.

SUMMER CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We're excited to unveil a refreshed creative concept in our summer campaign, which will officially launch in July! In the meantime, if you have events for which you need Lockdown materials, please fill out this [event form](#). To request materials please contact [Courtney Housam](#).

We will distribute Lockdown folding business cards to partners in the coming weeks. These cards are intended for distribution to citizens in your community. Be on the lookout for a shipment later this month!

MONTHLY LOCKDOWN TIP

Check CAAT's Facebook page this week for daily updates. Click the "Share" button on a post that you find interesting and relevant to share with your friends.

When you click "Share", you choose how and with whom you want to share. Pick one of the following options from the dropdown menu:

- **On your own Wall (timeline):** Choosing this option creates a post on your profile (timeline). Control who can see your post by choosing an audience from the lock icon dropdown, and write an optional update in the open field.
- **On a friend's Wall (timeline):** This option lets you post the content to a friend's profile (timeline). Type your friend's name, and then an optional message in the open field.

Happy sharing!

CATPA CORNER

Colorado Grant Management System (COGMS)

I am sure that most of you have heard about the Colorado Grant Management System (COGMS) coming to CATPA and our grantees. COGMS is a web-based grants management system that will allow CATPA to provide agencies one collection point for applying and receiving grants. Further, this system will allow grantees to submit all reports on-line and request reimbursement from CATPA.

The Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) went "live" with COGMS on January 12, 2012, utilizing this system to process their Justice Assistance Grants. For the past year I have been involved with DCJ's implementation of COGMS to prepare for CATPA's transition, and we expect our changeover to be continuous as well.

CATPA's schedule for implementation is fast-paced, and Lori, Brittini and I have been working diligently to ensure that the roll out (by July) balances the integrity of CATPA's program/requirements and the simplicity of use for CATPA's grantees. When we get to the User Acceptance Testing portion of this process in June, I will be contacting several members of our grant community to participate. While "change" can be overwhelming, the CATPA staff will be available to provide training and assistance throughout this process.

Below is CATPA's roll out timeline:

May 2012 – Configuration and review of the forms and requirements for CATPA

June 2012 – User Acceptance Testing – Currently scheduled for mid/late June, lasting approximately three weeks long

July 2012 – CATPA goes “Live”

August 2012 – Training for all grantees – specific date not available yet

December 2012 – New Grant Funding Cycle utilizing COGMS

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