

TRAINING

It is no secret that one of the most important tools used in reducing vehicle theft is training.

PATROL OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAM:

In 2009, the Authority educated 728 Pennsylvania law enforcement officers through its auto theft identification and investigation courses. The Authority's curriculum includes a series of six training courses, which are offered free to Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies. Each program lasts two to four hours and is targeted to the professional police officer. Since the inception of the program in 2005, the Authority has provided vehicle theft training to over 2,800 police officers in the Commonwealth.

Auto Theft 101 is designed to teach patrol officers what to look for during traffic stops and update them on laws concerning auto-theft-related crime. The course also includes information about VIN numbers, titles and license plates, as well as methods of theft.

Auto Theft 102 was developed for officers who will be participating in stolen vehicle investigations. The course addresses vehicle identification and methods used to alter VINs.

Auto Theft 103 focuses on identifying all-terrain vehicles.

Auto Theft 104 addresses motorcycle identification.

Auto Theft 105 discusses heavy equipment identification.

Auto Theft 106 teaches officers how to identify trucks, tractors and semi-trailers.

ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE:

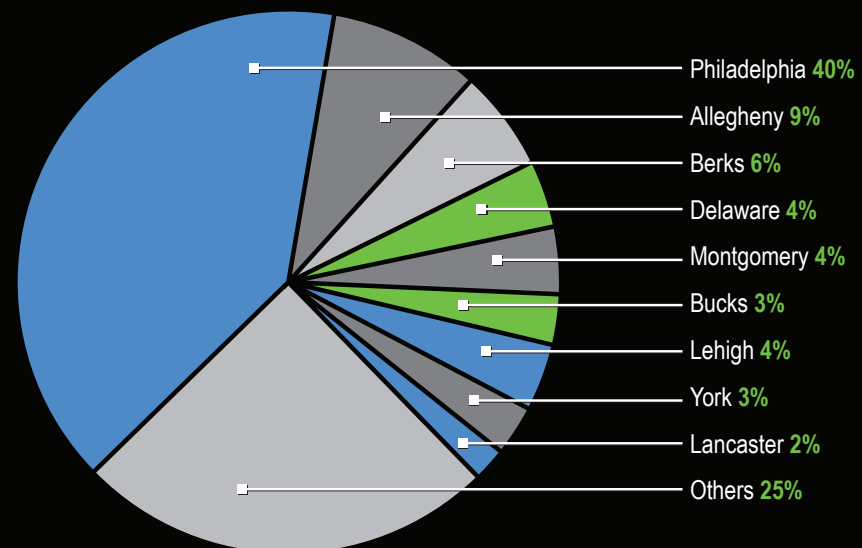
The Authority hosts an annual training conference. The conference is open to all grantees and features special seminars designed to provide law enforcement with training beyond what is offered through the Authority's standard curriculum. This year, the conference attendees learned motorcycle and ATV identification in response to an increase in motorcycle/ATV thefts in recent years.

OWNER GIVE-UP TRAINING:

As economic conditions continue to deteriorate, law enforcement agencies across the state and insurance companies should be on the look out for owner give-ups. The Authority offers DVDs, free-of-charge, designed to educate law enforcement professionals and insurance company special investigative units on how to detect this type of auto-related crime.

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THEFTS BY COUNTY 2009



540
In addition to the arrests made by grant funded positions, the units were credited with assisting other detectives/departments with 540 arrests.