

To the Honorable Governor Thomas E. Corbett and Members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly:

It is my pleasure to share with you the continued success of the Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA). Since the organization's inception in 1995, auto theft rates have dropped by more than 68%.

I am honored to work with dedicated professionals who make it their mission to reduce auto theft—a crime which impacts everyone in the Commonwealth. We are able to celebrate another year of declining auto theft rates. In 2010, there were 16,560 vehicles stolen in Pennsylvania.* The Authority's law enforcement partners made and assisted in the arrests of 1,249 individuals leading to 450 convictions. Their efforts also led to the recovery of \$25.6 million worth of stolen vehicles and parts.

We have seen success, but at the same time, thieves are evolving. They continue to find new ways to thwart law enforcement—by outsmarting new technology and often forming highly organized crime rings. A cooperative effort between our partners and funded grantees is key in addressing the increasingly complex and sophisticated crime of auto theft. Having a network of highly skilled, well-trained, comprehensive investigators is paramount.

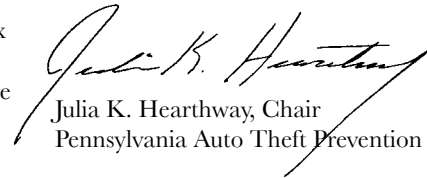
To keep auto theft investigators experts in their field, the Authority provides and supports training throughout the year. We also offer comprehensive training to all law enforcement agencies in the state,

with courses ranging from basic vehicle identification to specialized instruction on tractor-trailer, motorcycle and heavy equipment theft.

Investigating the crime of auto theft is only one side of the solution. Prevention is just as important. Even sophisticated anti-theft technology systems are rendered useless if the key is left in the ignition. The driving public needs to help protect themselves and impact auto theft rates. The Authority continues to educate drivers through public outreach campaigns throughout the year.

Fighting auto theft continues to be a challenge; but, with our coordinated efforts with law enforcement and public education, we are keeping auto thieves at bay. As each year passes, we continue our mission to efficiently and effectively reduce and prevent auto theft in the Commonwealth. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,



Julia K. Hearstway, Chair
Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority

*Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Definition: Motor vehicle theft is the illegal taking of a motor vehicle, or driving the vehicle without the owner's consent. Attempted motor vehicle thefts are included. Includes theft of motor-driven vehicles, such as autos, trucks, buses, motorcycles, motor scooters and snowmobiles. Data finalized for publication on 02/28/11. UCR numbers are subject to continual edit and not complete until the UCR Annual Report is compiled. The 2010 UCR Annual Report is expected October 2011.

\$7.37 FOR EVERY DOLLAR
ASSESSED TO THE
INSURANCE INDUSTRY
SINCE INCEPTION, THERE
IS A \$7.37 RETURN ON
THAT INVESTMENT.*

*i.e., reduced auto theft rates each year and recovered stolen vehicles and parts



MYTH:

Auto theft is a crime
of opportunity committed
only by junkies.