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Auto Theft in Winnipeg & Current Initiatives



WPS Stolen Auto Unit

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Winnipeg Stolen Auto Problem

- Average of 24 thefts per day in 2004, escalating to 31 per day during the 4th Quarter of 2004
- Thefts primarily committed for transportation (joyriding) or to commit other crimes
- Huge risks to public safety
- Hundreds of known offenders
- Many other “newbies” entering the picture

WATSS Initiative

Winnipeg Auto Theft Suppression Strategy

- Strategy began in 2005 with the goal of reducing auto theft in Winnipeg
- Partnership between Winnipeg Police, MPI, and Justice (Crown, Corrections)
- Meetings & extensive communication between partners
- Strategies developed to increase effectiveness using a multi-agency approach

Main Points of the Strategy

- Identify the Highest Risk Offenders - Level 4 based on a risk assessment by Corrections & partner input
- Identify Level 3 Offenders & previously unknowns
- Numerous resources to keep youth from re-offending. Police enforcement for the resistant/non-compliant
- Level 1 & 2 efforts – Prevention

WPS & Stolen Auto Unit Role

Enforcement component of WATSS

Primary goals:

- Increasing Public Safety
- Reducing Auto Theft

Significant progress has been achieved

WPS Stolen Auto Unit –

Complement as of June 2007

14 Members

- 1- Sergeant
 - 2- D/Sergeants
 - 2- PCCs (Commercial section)
 - 9- PCCs (General auto theft/Joyriding)
 - Equates to 2 ½ shifts
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- Plainclothes & unmarked vehicles
 - Weekday & weekend shifts allowing for 7 day coverage.

Winnipeg Police Resources

- Stolen Auto Unit
- Uniform Patrol members & support units
- Crime Stat
- Crime Analysis
- Platoon Rep initiative
- PoliceNet – Stolen Auto website

Commercial Auto Theft in Winnipeg

- Commercial auto theft – Chops shops and other activities for profit
- Accounts for only a small percentage of the overall problem in Winnipeg
- Recovery rate of approx. 90%; strong indicator that the vast majority of thefts are not commercial

Commercial Auto Theft in Winnipeg

- Winnipeg recovery rate at 90% vs 70% national
- The 10% not recovered- export / clone / “chop”
- Recovery rates vary by vehicle type for example: heavy equipment very low recovery –serious loss because of high value. Front end loader -100,000+
- Export - \$5000.00 to ship – sold for more than original value - #2 funding for “wars” after drugs

Statistical Overview

- Detective Sergeant Kevin Kavitch

Statistical Overview

- 2004: 24 thefts per day & steadily increasing
- 2008: Average of approx. 10 per day
- 2008: 41% reduction vs. 2007 (CrimeStat) & over 1,000 fewer stolen vehicles on Winnipeg streets.
- Auto theft is down almost 60% since the final Pre-WATSS year (2004)
- Consistent gains - 20 consecutive months with reductions compared to the previous year.

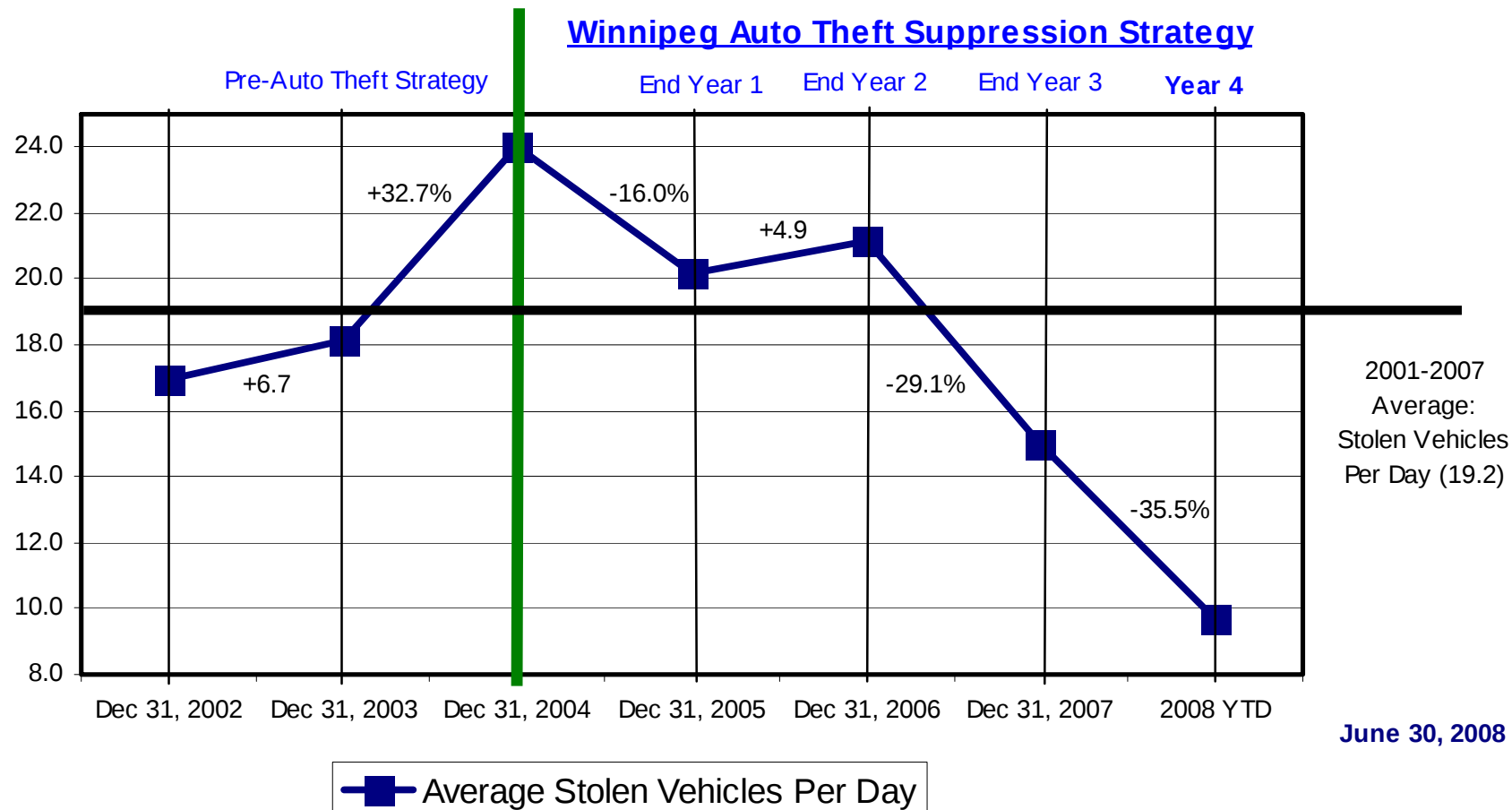
Winnipeg Auto Theft Statistics 2001-2008

Data source: Manitoba Public Insurance (registered vehicles with claims filed)

	Pre-Auto Theft Strategy				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Monthly Average	Daily Average	Daily Average
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2001-2007	2001-2007	2007
January	618	466	430	451	552	626	608	360	514	16.6	19.6
February	471	473	447	516	500	627	450	274	470	16.8	16.1
March	496	420	614	642	603	834	548	237	549	17.7	17.7
April	567	494	563	698	547	630	381	282	520	17.3	12.7
May	584	485	471	728	624	657	474	340	545	17.6	15.3
June	519	461	523	672	542	667	442	267	512	17.1	14.7
July	576	625	593	788	685	661	563		642	20.7	18.2
August	672	605	513	703	708	642	381		603	19.5	12.3
September	494	560	557	733	714	538	409		572	19.1	13.6
October	716	611	759	939	695	710	466		699	22.6	15.0
November	697	481	485	1132	618	590	413		631	21.0	13.8
December	649	512	656	765	572	540	340		576	18.6	11.0
Monthly Avg:	588	516	551	731	613	644	456	293			
Yearly Total:	7059	6193	6611	8767	7360	7722	5475	1760	569	18.7	15.0
Daily Avg:	19.3	17.0	18.1	24.0	20.2	21.2	15.0	9.7			
Yearly % Chg:		-12.3%	6.7%	32.6%	-16.0%	4.9%	-29.1%	-35.5%	Stolen Vehicles per day		
									9.7	First 6 months of 2008	
Color Codes:									27.5	Final 6 months of 2004	
	0 to 450	451 to 599	600 to 749	750+					-64.7%	% Reduction in Comparison	
	(Stolen vehicles per month)										

Data source: Provided by MPI for the Winnipeg Auto Theft Taskforce

Winnipeg Daily Stolen Vehicle Average - 2002 to 2008



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Comparisons

- Winnipeg auto theft compared to other Canadian cities
- Stats Canada data
- Current comparisons

Impact of High Risk Offenders

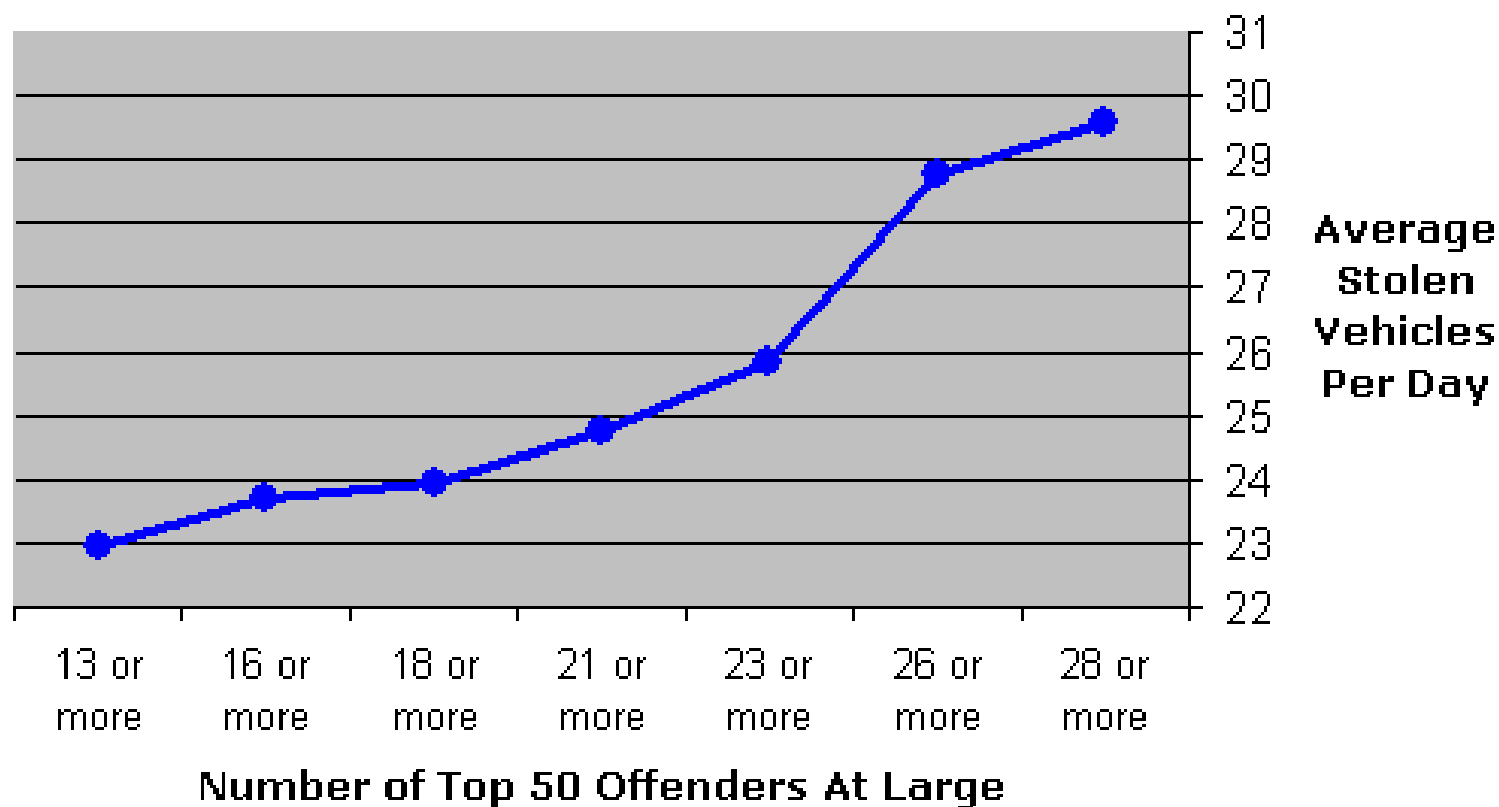
Initial research for WATSS determined that a select group of chronic offenders are responsible for high percentage of auto theft in Winnipeg

2006

Top 50 program – developed to statistically demonstrate the relationship between auto theft rates and High Risk youth offenders in the community.

2006 – Winnipeg Auto Theft & Offender Impact

Comparison: Top 50 Offenders At Large & Stolen Vehicle Rates



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June 1 – July 2, 2006

Targeting High Risk Offenders

- Highest potential to commit thefts
- Encouraging others to participate in auto theft
- Passing on skills

Daily Comparison - November 2004 vs. June 2008

November 2004		
Date	Stolen Vehicles	Attempts
1-Nov	42	22
2-Nov	59	18
3-Nov	53	22
4-Nov	68	36
5-Nov	55	33
6-Nov	40	18
7-Nov	31	17
8-Nov	47	25
9-Nov	33	28
10-Nov	35	23
11-Nov	36	11
12-Nov	36	16
13-Nov	44	20
14-Nov	47	22
15-Nov	52	18

June 2008		
Date	Stolen Vehicles	Atts
1-Jun	6	4
2-Jun	9	4
3-Jun	6	11
4-Jun	6	17
5-Jun	7	8
6-Jun	13	17
7-Jun	9	18
8-Jun	11	16
9-Jun	7	16
10-Jun	16	11
11-Jun	9	22
12-Jun	6	13
13-Jun	11	9
14-Jun	11	11
15-Jun	7	15

Types of Vehicles Stolen

- 2005 to 2007: most popular stolen vehicle in Winnipeg was by far the Dodge Caravan
- May 2008: Dodge Caravan not in the Top 10. Replaced by other models
- Impact of the Immobilizer on vehicle type changes
- Most frequently stolen – older versus newer vehicles

Catch & Release Issues

- Re-arrests and specific examples
- Legislation issues
- Impact on resources
- Strategy requires constant vigilance
- Attempt to change offender attitudes through all of the supports currently in place; immediate enforcement response to non-compliant offenders

Escalation of Violence

- Observations
- Offender attitudes & comments
- Reasons for the increase
- Fatal stolen vehicle incidents

Direction of Auto Theft in Winnipeg

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DAY OF DEATH

A Winnipeg cabbie was killed when a stolen pickup collided with his taxi early yesterday morning near the intersection of Portage Avenue and Maryland Street.



- **Six shot, three fatally, in Weston**
- **Stolen truck slams taxi, killing cabbie**

Is crime out of control?

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