



Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

Activity and Funds Report
for the
Automobile Burglary & Theft
Prevention Authority

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This Activity and Funds report was prepared on behalf of the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) Board. The report demonstrates that ABTPA funding of highly trained and specialized Motor Vehicle Burglary and Theft Investigators is effective in meeting the legislative mandates. Arrests, vehicle recoveries and cleared cases have increased. Local jurisdictions contribute more than \$11.2 million in cash and \$6.5 million in other local resources above Texas ABTPA's \$14.9 million spent toward the statewide effort of reducing motor vehicle burglary and theft. In FY17, ABTPA was appropriated \$8.3 million less than the amount required in statute (TRCS Art. 4413(37), Sec. 10 €) or about thirty-two (32) cents of every dollar that it collected. ABTPA worked to increase collections of the \$2 fee assessed on all motor vehicle insurance policies by closely reviewing reports with the Texas Comptroller and sending out notices to non-filing and non-paying licensed insurers. Finally, ABTPA along with all major stakeholders developed a clear strategy to significantly reduce motor vehicle burglary and theft over the next two years reported in the [FY18-19 Plan of Operation](#). The ABTPA Board and the local law enforcement teams that comprise the ABTPA network present this **FY2017 Activity and Funds Report**.

ABTPA at a glance

Created in 1991 to provide state funding allowing local law enforcement agencies to organize to combat motor vehicle burglary and theft crimes through investigative enforcement and prevention initiatives.

By law, the ABTPA is comprised of a Board of six (6) Governor Appointees and the DPS Executive Director. ABTPA is administratively attached to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV).

Statutorily ABTPA shall:

- 1) Collect \$2 assessment on all motor vehicle insurance policies used to combat auto theft;
- 2) Develop a statewide plan to combat and reduce motor vehicle burglary and theft;
- 3) Provide grants to local law enforcement to implement the plan;
- 4) Educate the public on their role to prevent motor vehicle burglary and theft; and
- 5) Report the performance and impact to the Legislature.

Total TxDMV Full Time Employees (FTEs) for ABTPA Grant and Education Program	5
Total Administrative Costs Percent	4.2%
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FY17 Appropriation	\$14.9 million
FY17 Funds Collected by ABTPA from \$2 auto theft assessments on motor vehicle insurance policies sold in Texas	\$46.4 million
2017 Registered Vehicles in Texas - TxDMV	24.5 million
2016 Motor Vehicle Thefts in Texas	68,523
2016 Burglary from a Motor Vehicle and Theft of Parts in Texas	208,201
2016 losses from Motor Vehicle Burglary and Theft in Texas	\$995,600,930
FY17 Total People Arrested for Motor Vehicle Theft by grant funded officers	2,931
FY17 Total People Arrested for Burglary of Motor Vehicle by grant funded officers	1,496
FY17 Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Verification Inspections for Texas, TACs, DMV and Motorists by grant funded officers	48,455

ABTPA Collection Versus Appropriations 2012 to 2016

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Assessment Collected	Amount Appropriated	Difference to GR
<i>2012</i>	\$39,434,530	\$14,911,870	\$24,522,660
<i>2013</i>	\$40,249,786	\$14,911,870	\$25,337,916
<i>2014</i>	\$42,796,154	\$14,904,341	\$27,891,813
<i>2015</i>	\$44,563,043	\$14,904,340	\$29,658,703
<i>2016</i>	\$46,068,858	\$14,920,849	\$31,148,009
<i>2017</i>	\$46,436,967	\$14,920,849	\$31,516,118
Total	\$259,549,338	\$89,474,119	\$170,075,219

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Losses to Texans from Motor Vehicle Burglary & Theft in CY 2016

Type of Crime	Number Reported	Value of Loss	Average Loss per Report
Burglary from a Motor Vehicle and Theft of Parts	208,201	\$215,554,604	\$1,035
Motor Vehicle Theft	68,523	\$780,046,326	\$11,383
CY 2016 Reported Total Loss		\$995,600,930	

Source: The Crime in Texas Report for 2016, Texas Department of Public Safety (the most recent data available), CY= calendar year

Statutory Grant Performance Measures

Statewide Grant Program Coordination

The ABTPA has performance measures established in law at Texas Revised Civil Statutes (TRCS) Article 4413 (37) § 6(j). ABTPA funded programs are required to track whether programs have increased in the recovery of stolen vehicles, cleared cases, and persons arrested. The table below demonstrates improvements achieved by ABTPA funded taskforces related to statutory performance measures in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 from FY 2016:

FY16-17 Comparison		
Statutory Required Performance Measures Reported by Grant Funded Agencies		
Activity	FY 2016	FY 2017
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	10,185	10,732
Cleared Motor Vehicle Theft Cases	16,070	15,951
Persons Arrested - Motor Vehicle Theft	2,879	2,931
Activity	FY 2016	FY 2017
Cleared Burglary of a Motor Vehicle Cases	4,709	5,801
Persons Arrested - Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1,400	1,496

Grant Performance Measures

Statewide Grant Program Coordination

Grants issued by ABTPA are used primarily to hire, train and retain specialized motor vehicle crimes investigators. The grants focus by statute on motor vehicle burglary and theft, as well as combatting economic auto theft, which includes many methods used by criminals to convert stolen property into economic for their organized criminal networks. It also includes fraudulently using motor vehicles and components to cheat the State of Texas (taxes and fees), insurers (claims) and individuals (fraudulent sales and illegal representations).

The following examples illustrate the combination of tactics and skills that ABTPA funded taskforces use to combat motor vehicle burglary and theft:

- 1) Collaborate** – 27,707 collaborations were conducted across local, state and federal jurisdictions. The ABTPA taskforces work in conjunction with law enforcement from local, state, and federal agencies, District Attorneys’ offices, Tax Assessor and Collector Offices, regulatory agencies, insurers and business organizations. These regulatory agencies—including TxDMV—depend on the highly trained and expertise that ABTPA motor vehicle crimes investigators possess. ABTPA taskforce investigators collaborate on criminal aspects of transportation law such as title / registration fraud and unlicensed automotive dealers. Criminals use fraudulent methods to convert stolen vehicles into cash. The repeated, unlicensed “flipping” of used cars for profit or dealers using unlicensed locations is referred to as “curbstoning.” TxDMV cannot pursue criminal charges or have “illegal curbstoned” vehicles removed without local law enforcement. Insurance special investigators rely on ABTPA taskforces to arrest insurance fraud perpetrators. The ABTPA taskforces reported increases in highly organized criminal networks using more sophisticated methods to convert the vehicles into economic value through title fraud, insurance fraud, or illegal exportation.

Skillful Collaboration – Recovery for Victims

Tarrant County Taskforce investigators worked in cooperation with the Northeast Texas Automobile Theft Taskforce, the Titus County Sheriff’s Office, Parker County Sheriff’s Office and the Fort Worth Police Department to bring two prolific car thieves to justice. Taskforce investigators were initially alerted to three stolen vehicles, including a Corvette and two classic cars, stolen from a victim in Titus County. Over the course of a week-long investigation, investigators were able to recover the Corvette from an innocent purchaser in Arkansas and locate the 1972 Chevrolet truck and 1931 Ford hotrod in Fort Worth.

- 2) Investigate** – 16,222 investigations were conducted for cases involving stolen parts and other property. ABTPA taskforces are specialized units that use both proactive and reactive tactical motor vehicle burglary and theft crimes investigative skills. The officers examine reports, review intelligence briefs, set up surveillance, develop leads and witnesses, and identify prolific offenders. Investigators also track criminal organizations and develop actionable intelligence from victims, informants and community members.

Effective and Meaningful Investigation – A Tragedy Averted

A school shooting was averted when taskforce officers used their special knowledge and skills to solve motor vehicle and associated crime. Harris County followed up on a stolen “hit” alert on a vehicle at a location in northwest Harris County. The investigator set up surveillance after locating the stolen vehicle in order to locate, apprehend, and interview a suspect. Later that day, the investigator observed a male enter and operate the stolen vehicle and coordinated a felony stop with marked patrol units. The suspect taken into custody and identified as a juvenile was found to have a small caliber loaded handgun. Investigation revealed that the suspect was going to the high school to shoot another student but was arrested before he caused harm.

- 3) Identify Vehicles** – 48,455 VIN verification inspections (also called 68-A inspections) were conducted by ABTPA taskforce personnel. The ABTPA taskforce investigators receive specialized training to identify vehicles and parts of vehicles using highly confidential law enforcement methods and proprietary databases. Certain title transactions require these specially trained officers to certify accurate vehicle identification using protected and confidential means. This skill is critical to not only establish the elements of motor vehicle crime for prosecution purposes but also to recover vehicles and clear cases. The specialized skill in vehicle identification is often used to assist other departments and agencies in critical moments.

Tools and Training to Identify Vehicles –Protecting Ownership

Identifying the provenance of classic vehicles can often be a challenge for law enforcement personnel who lack training and experience. The East Texas Auto Theft Taskforce (DPS, City of Tyler and the counties of Henderson, Rusk and Smith) investigated six classic vehicles that were reported stolen in September 2016. Auto theft taskforce personnel are trained in and have full access to confidential and proprietary databases established by manufacturers and the insurance industry which is not available to general law enforcement. These tools were used to positively identify these vehicles. Just as important, the taskforce investigators knew that they could call on the ABTPA network auto theft taskforces throughout the state for additional guidance. The stolen vehicles in this particular case included a 1967 GM truck valued at \$38,000 and a 1969 Chevelle valued at \$39,000.

- 4) Motor Vehicle Business Support** – 1,340 inspections were conducted. Taskforces conduct inspections of salvage yards, recycling centers, rebuilders and other motor vehicle related businesses. When stolen vehicles and parts are identified the taskforces work with local businesses to identify and interrupt the criminal network that brought the stolen items into the legal business system. Taskforces also work to shut down illegal operations that dismantle stolen motor vehicles and parts, which are often referred to as “chop shops”. These illegal operations undermine legitimate businesses throughout the state.

Support for Legal Commerce – Resources to Stop Criminal Enterprise

ABTPA law enforcement taskforces build positive relationships with the business communities where they serve. The San Antonio (Includes Bexar County SO) auto theft taskforce reported a covert operation that they initiated after receiving reports from a vehicle dealership. Suspects purchased a vehicle using stolen identification. The suspect made plans to buy an additional vehicle from the same dealership, so a surveillance operation was established. Detectives conducted additional surveillance at the dealership until the fraudulent buyer arrived. Once they completed the transaction using the stolen identity they were apprehended and taken into custody.

- 5) **Border Coordination** – 166 bridge surveillance operations were conducted by ABTPA grant funded programs. ABTPA has a core mission to prevent stolen vehicles from entering Mexico. ABTPA taskforces conduct border operations and coordinate with state and federal law enforcement agencies on both sides of the US/Mexico border. The taskforces coordinate efforts along the border and south Texas to disrupt criminal networks moving stolen vehicles to and across the border. ABTPA staff facilitates a monthly Border Intel Webinar to improve communication between jurisdictions where vehicles are stolen and the likely border crossings. The coordination promoted by ABTPA taskforces has helped agencies think more regionally to solve motor vehicle theft.

Texas Security –Serving the State at the Border

The Laredo auto theft taskforce led a regional multi-agency effort to disrupt a major auto theft ring with direct ties to transnational criminal organizations. Vehicles stolen from areas such as San Antonio and Austin were taken to the border for crossing into Mexico. Several of these vehicles were used in deadly cartel attacks. As details about this complex enterprise began to emerge, the ABTPA funded taskforce increased collaborative efforts with counterparts in San Antonio Regional Auto Crimes Taskforce (ReACT) and the Sheriff's Combined Auto Theft Taskforce (SCATF) along the I-35 corridor. Texas DPS provided operational support, intelligence and played a major role in working with the taskforces. Indictments for nine subjects were filed in connection with this operation. Taskforces cooperated to execute the warrants making multiple arrests around the state.

- 6) **Technology** – 2,437 auto theft bait operations, 3,212 burglary from a motor vehicle bait operations and 687,400 license plate reads to arrest offenders and recover vehicles using technology per conducted by the ABTPA taskforces in FY17. Taskforce officers have developed sophisticated techniques to identify and arrest offenders who burglarize and steal motor vehicles. The taskforces use bait cars and trailers, license plate readers, surveillance equipment, and tracking equipment when authorized by courts. This technology—as well as the expertise needed to successfully utilize it—is critical to ABTPA funded taskforces to meet the statutory measures to increase recoveries of stolen vehicles, increase clearance of cases, and increase arrests.

Rapid Technology Changes – Improving Detection and Apprehensions

Several auto theft taskforces have sophisticated bait car programs. Bait cars are outfitted with video and audio recording devices, as well as an warning system that alert police when the vehicle is stolen and provide methods to remotely control the vehicle. Taskforce officers park the specially equipped vehicles with property inside, in areas where auto thefts or burglaries are likely, in order to catch criminals red-handed. The Tarrant County auto theft taskforce bait car operation was reported to have celebrated making over 1,000 arrests since the program started 10 years earlier.

- 7) Identify Prolific Offenders** – The taskforces identified 1,968 prolific offenders. Many motor vehicle burglary and theft cases are committed by the same individuals or groups. In addition to many locally developed resources, ABTPA maintained a contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Office of Inspector General (OIG) to make sure taskforces have access to parolee information in their area. OIG also coordinates information with taskforces and other non-funded law enforcement agencies. The contract included a law enforcement confidential system called FUGINET (a database of inmate and parolee information), motor vehicle burglary and theft convicted parolee roundups, special coordinated access to incarcerated persons, and intelligence gathering specially crafted for motor vehicle burglary and theft. (OIG contract cancelled effective 9/1/2017 due to reduced ABTPA FY18 appropriation)

Networking Against Habitual Offenders – Stopping Criminal Expertise

In Houston, one suspect is facing felony theft charges and is tied to over 200 vehicle thefts, according to a spokesperson for the Harris County Sheriff's Office. The suspect may face punishment between two to 20 years in prison. One victim said he had been at his gym on Westheimer near the Beltway, and when he came out his car was gone. "I came out to the parking lot and my car was gone," he said. "I was shocked" when his 2004 Ford Taurus was taken. Police identified the suspect who targets mostly older model vehicles. The person had been sentenced to prison in the past for auto theft. The suspect apparently stole the cars from parking lots and from homes using a tow truck.

- 8) Communicate** – 43,228 instances of intelligence information-sharing were reported in 2016. ABTPA taskforces spend a great deal of effort in communicating with each other, other law enforcement agencies, vehicle manufacturers, and their communities. They work with their command structures and regional DPS Crime Information Centers on receiving and providing intelligence. The taskforces issue "Be on the lookouts" (BOLOs) through the DPS intelligence centers and by direct communication. The taskforces use all communication means necessary to clear cases, arrest offenders and recover vehicles and property.

Communicating for Results - Stopping Harm

Through communication and coordination, ABTPA's Task Force in Brownsville was able to dismantle two motor vehicle auto theft groups that were using key programmers and codes to steal vehicles. Working with multiple agencies—including Homeland Security Investigators, Customs and Border Protections Prosecution Unit, and Harlingen Police Investigators—the Taskforce was able to identify and arrest suspects from two groups who were involved. Ultimately, a third group in March 2017 was also investigated and captured in an attempted theft of a Jeep.

Other Taskforce Activities:

Beyond the Grant Performance Measures described above, ABTPA-funded Taskforces fulfill an important statewide role that would not be available without funding from the State of Texas. Taskforce investigators deliver a coordinated response on behalf of local law enforcement agencies and the State of Texas, often communicating and traveling outside of their funded jurisdictions to solve crime and help other entities such as County Tax Assessor Collectors, state regulation agencies, local law enforcement agencies, insurers, businesses and federal agencies. These expert officers are often called to identify fraudulent titles and documents used in registration and titling. Most local law enforcement agencies do not have the expertise or time to become proficient in the use of the methods that are a part of an auto theft investigator's capabilities. ABTPA funding allows local agencies to provide officers for this specialized training and experience.

In addition to the efforts to prevent stolen vehicles and parts from crossing the border into Mexico that was described above, Port Operations are an important aspect of Taskforce activities. The grant funded program in Houston often conducts joint operations at the Port of Houston, directed at identifying wanted subjects. They also regularly recover stolen vehicles when they get information about attempts to export vehicles via the ports from Customs and Border Protection Agency.

Automobile technology is rapidly changing. Auto thieves have adapted methods to exploit the technological adaptations. The ABTPA taskforces have been instrumental in identifying new methods of motor vehicle theft and have shared the information through the ABTPA network. For example, an illegal key cloning technology quickly spread to several other areas of the state because of organized criminal rings. The organized rings were identified working in Austin and Grand Prairie stealing new model vehicles from local dealerships. The source and method of the key cloning technology was identified by the Harris County taskforce, DPS and Federal agents. The ABTPA taskforces were provided the information by Harris County and the information was instrumental in quickly stopping this crime trend. Tarrant County has twice discovered that thieves were switching out of critical component parts to steal the vehicles and notified the respective manufacturers of the issue to effect a fix.

ABTPA provides the network, resources and methods to quickly disseminate information to other law enforcement agencies and collaborative partners.

Motor Vehicle Burglary and Theft Investigator Training
Promoting Professional Skills based Motor Vehicle Crimes
Investigations

In FY17 ABTPA conducted three Intermediate Motor Vehicle Burglary and Theft Investigator Training for 98 law enforcement professionals. State law requires a vehicle identification inspection by an auto theft unit to complete certain title transactions. Manufacturers’ and insurance industry proprietary databases used to positively identify vehicles are highly restricted to dedicated motor vehicle crimes units (referred to as auto crimes taskforces or auto theft units). Without the classes, there would be no way to certify proper training for these specialized investigators to obtain the access to those proprietary databases that are vital to combating motor vehicle crimes. ABTPA worked with its broad base of stakeholders—including TxDPS—to ensure that the training resource would be available.

The purpose of the training supporting ABTPA’s mission is to provide excellent skills based training to current Motor Vehicle Burglary and Theft Investigators in Texas using the most knowledgeable instructors, subject matter experts, and the latest theft prevention technology to increase the number of arrests, the number of stolen vehicles recovered and clearance of motor vehicle burglary and theft cases.

The training was created under a partnership between ABTPA, TxDMV, National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), TxDPS and Texas Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators. The training provided meets the requirements for licensed peace officers to receive Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) credit hours as well as access to proprietary databases to identify vehicles controlled by the NICB. The classes are only available to licensed Peace Officers working in or with an ABTPA taskforce or other auto theft unit and to TxDPS investigators.

The three Intermediate classes were held in Humble, Fort Worth and San Antonio. The impact of this training allows an increase in auto theft investigators qualified to perform confidential Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) inspections.

ABTPA Motor Vehicle Burglary and Theft Investigator Training Summary

<i>Training Sessions (Classes)</i>	3
<i>TCOLE Hours per Class</i>	31
<i>Funds Spent for Travel and Materials</i>	\$3,291.53
<i>Total Investigators Completing Course</i>	98
<i>Number of Instructors Providing Training</i>	23

ABTPA Educational Programs
Statewide Crime Prevention through Promotion & Education

Funds appropriated to ABTPA shall be used to conduct “educational programs designed to inform automobile owners of methods of preventing automobile burglary or theft” according to Section 8 of the ABTPA’s enabling statute (TRCS Art. 4413(37)). The following descriptions are examples of activities that are most commonly conducted by local law enforcement entities who were awarded ABTPA’s grant funds.

<p>VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ETCHING EVENTS</p> <p>VIN etching helps to prevent motor vehicle theft by permanently marking the windows and other valuable vehicle components with the VIN, which makes it more difficult for thieves to sell stolen parts. Most of the taskforces offer free events that allow the public to protect their vehicles and components while learning about other prevention measures.</p>	<p>EVENTS & EXHIBITS</p> <p>Events include car shows, rodeos, county fairs, health fairs, National Night Out, and Neighborhood Association gatherings. By maintaining an active presence at community events, taskforces are able to make important connections with members of the community.</p>
<p>PRESENTATIONS & CLASSES</p> <p>Presentations and classes offer an opportunity for trained experts to teach the public about advanced methods that can be used to protect their property. Often, these presentations are delivered to Citizen Police Academies or to Neighborhood Associations.</p>	<p>SOCIAL MEDIA</p> <p>Social Media provides more opportunities for interaction between the public and ABTPA, as well as the ABTPA grant funded local law enforcement agencies that provide educational content on a local level. In FY17 Grant Recipients reported making over 790 Social Media posts, in addition to the 6,147 reached by ABTPA thru Facebook.</p>
<p>PROMOTION & ADVERTISING</p> <p>ABTPA Grant Funds have been used to purchase billboards and other signage. ABTPA grant funded law enforcement agencies report spikes in motor vehicle crime during the holiday season and summer break. In response to increased reports during these periods, grant recipients have arranged to broadcast public service announcements.</p>	<p>LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING</p> <p>ABTPA funded investigators provided TCOLE training and motor vehicle crime intelligence briefings to 2,188 officers in police and sheriff departments throughout Texas. For example, grant recipients from Montgomery, Travis, and Smith Counties, as well as San Antonio and Mansfield all conducted trainings. Additionally, taskforce officers attend shift changes, set up regional intel meetings, and work with regional fusion centers to coordinate efforts against motor vehicle crime.</p>
<p>LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION</p> <p>ABTPA has produced educational material in the form of brochures, information cards, refrigerator magnets, and report cards. Grant recipients have helped distribute this material across the entire state. Other law enforcement agencies and community organizations that request material about preventing motor vehicle crimes also distribute ABTPA’s literature to the public. In FY17 ABTPA distributed over 80,000 copies of its literature to Grant Recipients and other Stakeholders.</p>	<p>ABTPA staff also provided TCOLE approved training at four (4) National Insurance Crime Bureau’s auto theft training sessions.</p>

Taskforces use creative methods to help communicate the importance of keeping vehicles secure, especially during the busy holiday season. In Travis County, for example, the use of mock Citations helped to remind holiday shoppers to lock their vehicles and to keep valuables out of sight. For example, the Sheriff’s Combined Auto-Theft Taskforce often patrol busy shopping centers, looking inside cars, much like a burglar would, to look for valuables in sight. When they spot something that could be a target, they issue drivers a “citation.”

“We leave people a simple reminder that they left valuables inside their vehicle, the note says, ‘Don’t panic, I’m not a real citation’, it is just a friendly reminder.”

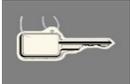
Summary of Educational Program Activities by ABTPA Grant Recipient

ABTPA develops and distributes educational material and other promotional material to help maintain a [consistent message throughout the state](#). Grant recipients plan their own activities throughout the year and are also provided resources to develop their own unique material. While the grant programs are encouraged to collaborate on their educational programs, the local approach allows ABTPA staff to gather insights about the methods that appear to be most effective. Often, this information is shared during monthly webinars in which grant recipients are required to participate.

The following table provides a summary of the Educational Program Activities conducted by ABTPA grant recipients throughout the 2017 grant year. Activities are tracked on a monthly basis via progress reports, which are completed as a condition of the grant.

Law Enforcement Action	Measure	Quantity	# of Grantees Performing / Percent
Conduct media outreach, including public service announcements, press releases, and interviews	# of outreaches	430	24/100%
Conduct educational presentations to community groups & individuals	# of presentations	494	22/100%
Operate trade show exhibits/booths at community events	# of events	389	24/100%
Conduct vehicle identification number (VIN) etchings	# of etching events	97	15/71%
Operate vehicle displays	# of events	541	15/58%
Purchase advertisements in local outlets	# of advertisements	129	3/17%
Write articles for local publications (e.g., neighborhood association newsletters)	# of articles	85	14/46%
Conduct vehicle report card initiatives	# of report cards issued	15,179	15/67%
Utilize social media outlets	# of postings	795	24/88%
Deploy outdoor public notification signage	# of deployments	2,242	13/58%
Conduct law enforcement training (TCOLE)	# of classes	457	21/92%
Conduct vehicle crimes presentations to law enforcement agencies (non TCOLE)	# of classes	200	17/84%

ABTPA FY17 Promotional Items Distributed

		Grantees	Stakeholders	Total
Plastic Bags		17,225	550	17,775
Badge Reel		295	40	335
Cell Phone Wallet		350		350
Tire Gauge		550	80	630
Ballpoint Pen w/ Stylus		7,560	260	7,820
Grocery Tote		970	180	1,150
Vehicle Escape Tool		440	80	520
Car Key Chains		16,275	650	16,925
Race Car Pens		6,275	450	6,725
Truck Stress Balls		740	80	820
Car Key Air Freshener		1,380	70	1,450
Coloring Book & Crayons		42,700	850	43,550
Car Information Magnet		2,700	140	2,840
25 tips		18,800	400	19,200
5 tips		62,000	2000	64,000
Car Information Wallet Cards		3,000		3,000
		181,260	5,830	187,090

ABTPA FY17 Social Media Metrics

ABTPA is tracking its impact via social media. Based on the metrics that are provided by Facebook, the story with the most dramatic social media impact was Laredo’s [Operation Metal Rain](#), which led to the conviction of individual who were providing stolen luxury vehicles to deadly cartels in Mexico. According to the method Facebook employs to measure “reach,” the story out of Laredo reached 1,300 individuals.

All Posts Published

■ Reach: Organic / Paid ▼
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Published	Post	Type	Targeting	Reach	Engagement
09/07/2017 2:24 pm	https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2017-09-06/exclusive-a			63 ■	7 2 ■ ■
08/31/2017 4:08 pm	If you believe your car may have been towed in the Houston area			128 ■	9 4 ■ ■
08/22/2017 8:54 am	http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/houston			53 ■	1 2 ■ ■
07/26/2017 9:33 am	http://kxan.com/2017/06/27/man-tracks-down-thief-who-broke-into-			302 ■	19 10 ■ ■
07/20/2017 10:59 am	http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/arlington/arti			63 ■	2 2 ■ ■
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02/26/2017 9:48 am	 http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Carjackers-kill-m			176	1 10
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Fiscal Year 2017 Funds Report

Funds Collected

In fiscal year (FY) 2017, ABTPA collected more than \$46.4 million. State law requires insurance companies to pay a two dollar (\$2) fee for each motor vehicle insurance policy written in Texas (see TRCS. Art. 4413(37), Sec. 10(b)). Each insurer is authorized by Texas Department of Insurance rule (28 T.A.C. §5.205) to recoup the fee from the policyholder/customers. Insurance companies pay the fee every six months as provided in statute. The funds are not deposited into a dedicated account to ensure they are used for their codified purpose. They are deposited into the General Revenue (GR) fund under revenue account 3206. Funds Report-Chart 1 shows the total amount collected each fiscal year since FY 2013.

ABTPA worked with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) to improve collection efforts in FY17. ABTPA reviewed collection reports with CPA staff. The reports listed insurance companies that filed, did not file, paid but did not file and filed but did not pay. Letters were sent by the ABTPA to these companies requesting they bring their filings and payments up to date. By the end of FY 2017, letters had been sent to 140 companies and of those 82 had filed and paid an additional total of \$30,100.34. Collection efforts and coordination are continuing with CPA and the Texas Department of Insurance.

Funds Appropriated

Funds Report- Chart 1: Revenue Collected from the ABTPA Fee

Year	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
Amount Collected	\$40,249,786	\$42,796,154	\$44,563,043	\$46,068,858	\$46,436,967

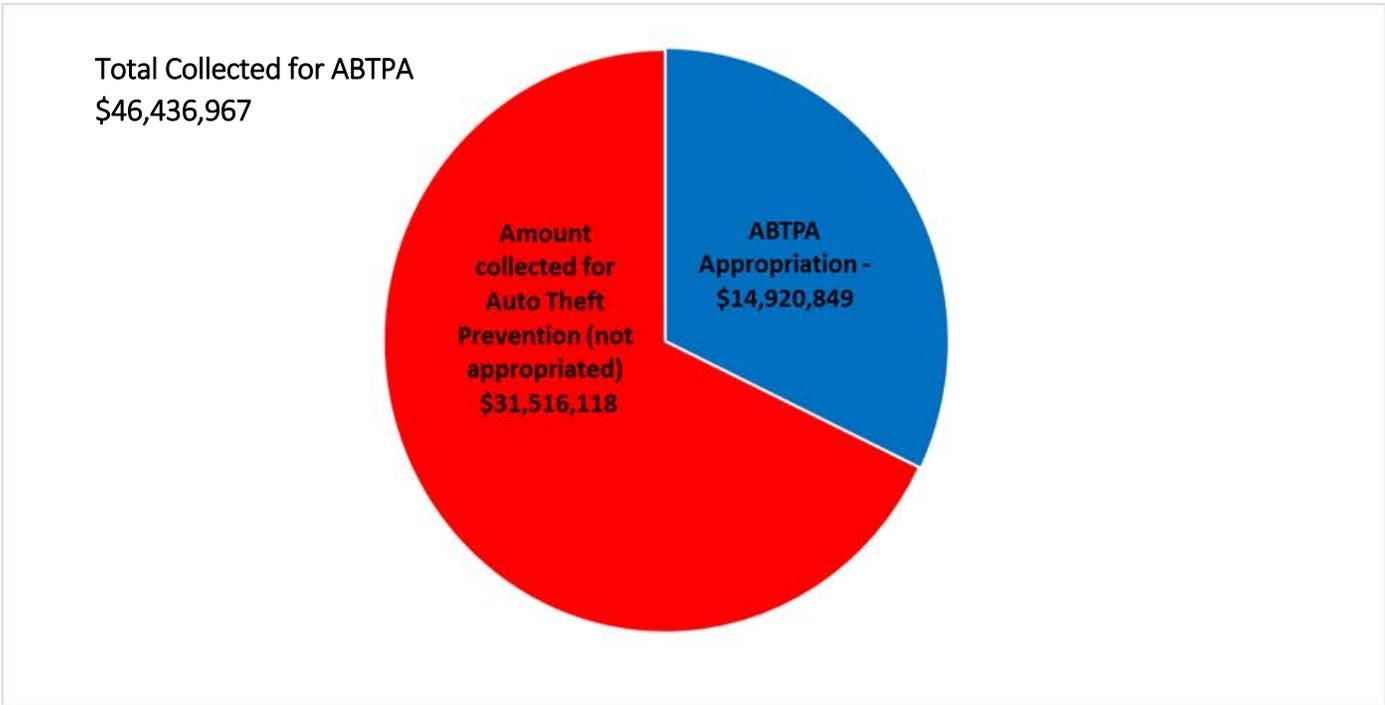
The General Appropriations Act (HB 1, 84R), appropriated \$14,920,849 for ABTPA purposes for FY 2017. Appropriated funding for ABTPA in the last six years has been flat. Additionally, unexpended balance authority within the biennium has not been approved for ABTPA related appropriations since the 2010-2011 biennium. Funds Report-Chart 2 shows the recent history of ABTPA related appropriations.

Funds Report- Chart 2: ABTPA Appropriations

Year	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
Appropriation	\$14,911,870	\$14,904,341	\$14,904,340	\$14,920,848	\$14,920,849

Less than one-third of the fees collected are appropriated to ABTPA. Furthermore, statute states *“Fifty percent of each fee collected under Subsection (b) may be appropriated only to the authority for the purposes of this article.”*, (TRCS Art. 4413(37), Sec. 10 (e)) but the total appropriation for FY 2017 was \$8,297,635 less than the amount required by statute. The amount of ABTPA fees collected that are not appropriated for ABTPA purposes remain in GR for use as determined by the legislature. Funds Report- Chart 3 illustrates the ratio between ABTPA related fees collected and the amount actually appropriated for ABTPA purposes.

Funds Report- Chart 3: FY 2017 ABTPA Revenues vs. Appropriation



Funds Appropriated

The FY 2017 expenditures break into three categories:

- Law enforcement reimbursement grants
- Educational/Crime Prevention Programs
- Administration

For FY 2017, ABTPA expended a total of \$13,846,688. ABTPA is projecting to lapse a total of \$121,289 (operating and grant balances). The remaining amount (\$952,872) is encumbered for remaining grant obligations and should be paid by May 2018. The authority’s lapse is approximately 0.8 percent of its appropriation.

State law (TRCS Art. 4413(37), Sec. 8(b)) limits the ABTPA’s administrative expenses, including salaries, travel, marketing and other overhead expenses, to not more than 8% of total expenditures. ABTPA administrative expenses in FY 2017 were 4.2%, much less than the eight percent (8%) maximum allowed by statute.

The specifics of ABTPA’s FY 2017 expenditures are in Funds Report- Chart 4 (on the following page).

Funds Report- Chart 4: FY 2017 ABTPA Expenditures & Operating Budget

Expenditure Category	FY 2017 Expenditures
Salaries and Wages	\$360,268
Professional Fees and Services	\$66,674
Consumable Supplies	\$1,095
Travel (Board and staff)	\$13,919
Advertising and Promotion	\$52,507
Other Operating Expenses	\$92,717
Grants	<u>\$13,259,508</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$13,846,688</u>
FY 2017 Appropriation	\$14,912,006
GAA Art. IX Sec. 18.02 (a) Appropriation for Increase for General State Employees (2.5%). Plus Additional funds for BRP cost.	<u>\$8,843</u>
Total Available Funds	<u>\$14,920,849</u>
FY 2017 Encumbrance Pending	\$952,872
FY 2017 Projected Grants and Operating Lapse	\$121,289

Comparison Percent of Administrative Expenses FY14 to FY17

Category	2014	2015	2016	2017
Expenditures	\$14,773,888	\$14,746,454	\$14,392,967	\$13,846,688
Administrative Expenditures	\$ 1,033,689	\$ 423,500	\$ 521,294	\$587,180
Administrative Percent	7.0%	2.9%*	3.8%	4.2%

* Reduction in administrative costs for FY 2015 is attributed to the cancellation of the media contract for redirection of funds to law enforcement activities.

Grant Funding

All ABTPA grants are reimbursement grants. More than 95.7% of total ABTPA expenditures in FY 2017 were spent on law enforcement activities through grants. A total of 24 law enforcement agencies received grant funding in amounts ranging from \$82,998 to \$1,327,109. All of the grant funding went to law enforcement entities such as municipal police departments and county sheriff departments. Fourteen grant recipients served as the administrative grantee for multi-jurisdictional taskforces. Funds Report- Chart 5 identifies for FY 2017 each grant recipient, the amount of the grant awarded, and the actual amount of funds disbursed.

Funds Report- Chart 5: FY 2017 Grant Recipients and Utilization Amounts (as of March 1, 2018)

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Multi / Single Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Payments	Grantee
				<u>Pending</u>	<u>Lapse</u>
Austin, City of	S	\$ 430,685	\$ 430,043	\$ -	\$ 642
Beaumont, City of	M	\$ 634,457	\$ 528,714	\$ 105,743	\$ -
Brownsville, City of	M	\$ 1,327,109	\$ 1,326,764	\$ -	\$ 345
Burnet County	M	\$ 283,042	\$ 283,042	\$ -	\$ -
Corpus Christi, City of	S	\$ 410,973	\$ 410,969	\$ -	\$ 4
Dallas County	M	\$ 1,008,836	\$ 1,008,836	\$ -	\$ -
Dallas, City of	S	\$ 665,946	\$ 665,946	\$ -	\$ -
Eagle Pass, City of	S	\$ 192,823	\$ 190,111	\$ -	\$ 2,712
El Paso, City of	S	\$ 1,123,848	\$ 1,123,003	\$ 845	\$ -
Galveston County	M	\$ 571,934	\$ 539,754	\$ 17,599	\$ 14,581
Harris County	S	\$ 726,884	\$ 472,403	\$ 254,481	\$ -
Houston, City of	M	\$ 932,848	\$ 770,882	\$ 161,899	\$ 67
Laredo, City of	S	\$ 765,322	\$ 634,179	\$ 127,554	\$ 3,589
Lubbock County	M	\$ 404,523	\$ 404,499	\$ -	\$ 24
Mansfield, City of	M	\$ 394,341	\$ 394,341	\$ -	\$ -
Montgomery County	M	\$ 389,892	\$ 367,557	\$ -	\$ 22,335
Paris, City of	S	\$ 122,709	\$ 122,709	\$ -	\$ -
Pasadena, City of	S	\$ 82,998	\$ 82,998	\$ -	\$ -
Potter County	M	\$ 434,297	\$ 434,269	\$ -	\$ 28
San Antonio, City of	M	\$ 1,023,734	\$ 864,306	\$ 158,523	\$ 905
Smith County	M	\$ 332,792	\$ 332,773	\$ -	\$ 19
Tarrant County	M	\$ 1,145,530	\$ 1,105,568	\$ -	\$ 39,962
Travis County	M	\$ 769,003	\$ 626,982	\$ 126,227	\$ 15,794
Victoria, City of	S	\$ 154,719	\$ 154,719	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	M=14 S=10	\$ 14,329,245	\$ 13,275,366	\$ 952,871	\$ 101,007

Expenditures by Source

ABTPA’s Grant Rules (TAC: Title 43, Chapter 57) require all grant recipients to provide a minimum twenty percent (20%) cash match toward grant funded activities. Jurisdictions also provide additional cash or in-kind contributions for each state dollar received in ABTPA grant funding. For FY 2017, grant recipients provided a total of almost \$11.2 million in cash match contributions. Examples of cash match include paying portions of salaries and/or fringe benefits of grant funded personnel or operational expenses as specified in the grant.

Funded jurisdictions and their sub-grantees provided an additional \$6.5 million of in-kind contributions. Examples of “In-kind match” include jurisdictions or third parties paying for additional personnel, rent, fuel and other direct operational expenses from all sources to combat motor vehicle burglary and theft in the state.

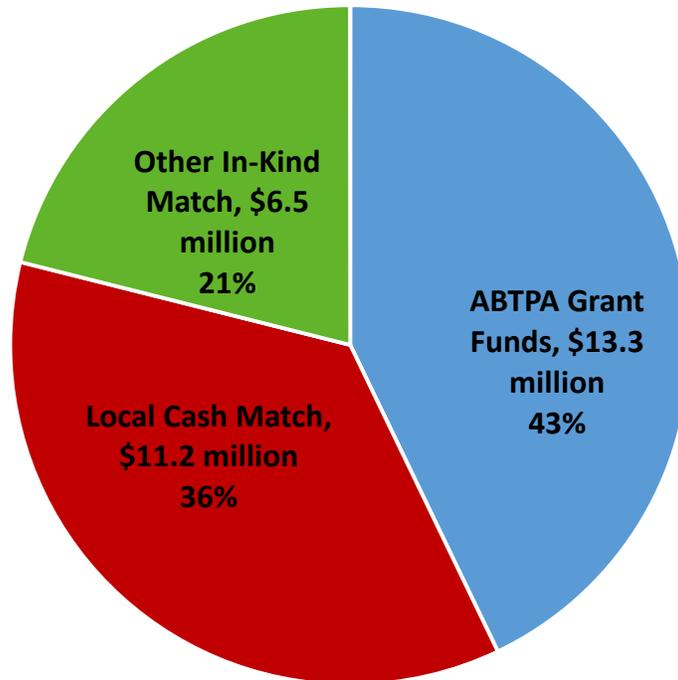
Grantee Related Expenditures by Category*

Category	ABTPA Grant	Local Cash Match	Total	Percent
Personnel	\$11,430,154	\$9,459,528	\$20,889,682	85.6%
Contractual**	\$379,944	\$396,489	\$776,432	3.2%
Travel	\$92,960	\$81,911	\$174,871	0.7%
Equipment	\$230,115	\$255,537	\$485,651	2.0%
Supplies, etc.	\$1,112,707	\$967,046	\$2,079,753	8.5%
Totals	\$13,245,880	\$11,160,511	\$24,406,390	100.0%
		In-Kind	\$6,523,918	
		Total	\$30,930,309	

* Table may not add up exactly due to rounding.

** Contractual in most instances these are law enforcement personnel assigned to the grant from sub grantees jurisdictions.

FY 2017 Expended by Source



Total Expended \$30.9 million