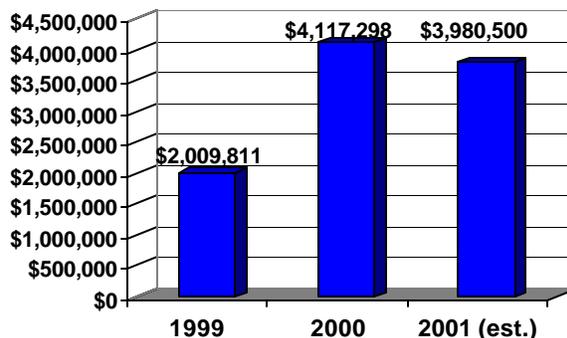


Program Fact Sheet

Arizona Automobile Theft Authority

Services: The Automobile Theft Authority is responsible for analyzing methods of combating Arizona's automobile theft problem and promoting successful methods of reducing the number of vehicle thefts in Arizona. The Authority participates in or provides funding for three major types of programs: **1) Public awareness**—the Authority increases public awareness by educating Arizona citizens about automobile theft and theft protection through use of media campaigns, community events, and other public relations efforts and issuing grants to law enforcement agencies; **2) Prosecution**—the Authority provides some funding to the three county attorney offices with the highest vehicle theft rates in order to focus efforts on prosecuting auto theft cases; and **3) Investigation**—the Authority funds the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force, which coordinates a statewide law enforcement effort to combat vehicle theft.

Revenues: \$3,980,500
(fiscal year 2001 estimates)



Revenue is generated primarily through a semiannual fee of 50 cents per insured vehicle. This fee is collected from insurance companies issuing motor vehicle liability policies within the State.

Facilities: The Authority leases office space and storage space in Phoenix for an annual cost of almost \$34,000.

Equipment: The Authority owns only standard office equipment.

Authority membership: 12 members who serve four-year terms:

- 2 police chiefs;
- 2 county attorneys;
- 2 sheriffs;
- DPS director or designee;
- MVD assistant director or designee;
- 2 general public members; and
- 2 employees of insurance companies who write motor vehicle policies.

Personnel: 5 full-time positions:

- 1 Executive Director;
- 1 Administrative Services Officer;
- 1 Public Information Officer; and
- 2 Administrative Assistant positions (one position currently vacant).

Authority Mission:

“To reduce vehicle theft through a statewide cooperative effort by supporting law enforcement investigation, prosecution, and public awareness programs.”

Program Goals: (fiscal years 2001-2003)

1. To reduce the occurrence of vehicles stolen throughout the State of Arizona by 10 percent each year.
2. To support the identification and apprehension of vehicle theft organizations and chop shops (dismantling of stolen vehicles for profit).
3. To implement prosecution programs in four counties by funding staff resources to prosecute cases referred by the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force.
4. To increase public awareness in vehicle theft prevention and promote the “Watch Your Car” program.
5. To develop and implement an effective border interdiction program.

Adequacy of Performance Measures:

The Arizona Automobile Theft Authority’s five goals appear to be appropriate for its mission, and it has established 26 performance measures that correlate to its goals. A review of its performance measures indicates that the Authority has generally established only inputs or outputs as performance measures and needs to expand the number and type of performance measure data it gathers for each major program it funds.

To expand its performance measures in a meaningful way, the Authority should look for ways to measure program outcome, efficiency, and quality, and use this information to analyze the value of each program.

- The Authority should establish outcome measures. Outcome measures indicate the results achieved and whether the program is meeting its proposed targets, such as the percentage increase in felony arrests, convictions, or program participants.
- The Authority should establish efficiency measures. Efficiency measures reflect the cost of providing the program or services, such as the cost per felony arrest, conviction, or program registrant.
- The Authority should also establish quality measures. Quality measures emphasize reliability or responsiveness to the customer or stakeholder, such as interest in or satisfaction with the program.