

# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS AND POLICE CHIEFS  
3060 Willamette Drive NE, Suite 101 ~ Lacey, WA 98516 ~ Phone: (360) 292-7900 ~ Fax: (360) 292-7269 ~ Website: <http://watpa.waspc.org>  
"preventing and reducing motor vehicle theft and other associated crime in the State of Washington"



June 15, 2011

Chief Bret Farrar  
Lakewood Police Department  
9401 Lakewood Drive SW  
Lakewood, WA, 98499

Dear Chief Farrar:

I am pleased to inform you that WATPA has approved the *Pierce Auto Crimes Enforcement (ACE)* grant application for continuation of funding. In an effort to facilitate the work of the task force the WATPA board made the decision to approve your funding for the 11-13 biennium, **July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013**. The award is in the amount of **\$500,000.00** per year, or **\$1,000,00.00** for the biennium. We regret at this time the board was not in a position to consider increased funding levels, however your agency is invited to apply for additional funding when the general call for grant applications is announced.

The grant award is effective July 1, 2011 and expires on June 30, 2013. Enclosed is an award agreement. This agreement is to be signed and returned to WATPA. No funds will be reimbursed until the signed agreement is received. Expenditures prior to the award effective date or after the grant expiration date are not authorized and will not be reimbursed. In addition, the grant award is subject to all Grant Policies and Procedures of the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority.

Costs will be paid on a reimbursement basis. Your agency will be reimbursed for actual expenses only up to the limit of the award. Quarterly reporting and financial related forms are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 360-486-2380 or via e-mail at [dpierce@waspc.org](mailto:dpierce@waspc.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald E. Pierce".

Don Pierce, Executive Director

Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority

Cc: Andrew Neiditz, Lakewood City Manager  
Andrew Suver, Task Force Sergeant  
Faye Landskov, Fiscal and Grants Specialist

---

Washington Auto Theft Prevention  
Authority

JOHN BATISTE  
Chief - WA State Patrol

EMIL DAMMEL  
Insurance Industry

HARVEY GJESDAL  
Sheriff - Douglas County

KEN HOJENBERG  
Chief - Kennewick

JOHN LOVICK  
Sheriff - Snohomish County

MERLE PFIEFER  
General Public

DON PIERCE  
Executive Director - WASPC

DAN SATTERBERG  
Prosecuting Attorney - King County

VACANT  
Chief

MICHAEL WEST  
Automobile Industry

DON PIERCE  
Executive Director - WATPA

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAKEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE  
WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY**

*AUTO THEFT PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM AWARD SHEET*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Award Recipient Name and Address:<br>Lakewood Police Department<br>6000 Main Street<br>Lakewood, WA 98499 | 2. Contact: <b>Bret Farrar</b><br>Title: <b>Chief</b><br>Telephone: <b>253-589-2489</b> |
| 3. Project Title<br>Pierce County Regional Auto Crimes<br>Enforcement (ACE)                                  | 4. Award Period:<br>7/01/11 - 06/30/13  |
| 5. Grant No:<br>11-13-GG-WATPA-002   | 6. Funding Authority:<br>WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT<br>PREVENTION AUTHORITY                  |
| 7. Amt. Approved<br>\$500,000.00 Annual<br>\$1,000,000.00 Biennium   | 8. Service Area:<br>Pierce County   |

9. Requests for reimbursement under this agreement are subject to the following Budget:

A. Personnel	260,500.00
B. Employee Benefits	89,200.00
C. Consultants/Contracts	89,800.00
D. Travel/Trainings	20,000.00
E. Other Expenses	35,500.00
F. Equipment	5,000.00
G. Prosecution	-
H. Confinement	-
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>500,000.00</b>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the WATPA and RECIPIENT acknowledge and accept the terms of this AGREEMENT and attachments hereto, and in witness whereof have executed this AGREEMENT as of the date and year last written below. The rights and obligations of both parties to this AGREEMENT are governed by the information on this Award Sheet and other documents incorporated herein by reference; Agreement Specific Terms and Conditions, and Agreement General Terms and Conditions.

WATPA

*Donald E. Pierce*

Name/ Dom Pierce,  
 Title WATPA, Executive Director

Date: 7/1/2011

RECIPIENT

*Bret Farrar*

Name/ **BRET FARRAR**  
 Title **CHIEF LAKEWOOD POLICE**

Date: 6-16-11

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAKEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE  
WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY**

*AUTO THEFT PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM AWARD SHEET*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Award Recipient Name and Address:<br>Lakewood Police Department<br>6000 Main Street<br>Lakewood, WA 98499 | 2. Contact: <b>Bret Farrar</b><br>Title: <b>Chief</b><br>Telephone: <b>253-589-2489</b> |
| 3. Project Title<br>Pierce County Regional Auto Crimes<br>Enforcement (ACE)                                  | 4. Award Period:<br>7/01/11 - 06/30/13  |
| 5. Grant No:<br>11-13-GG-WATPA-002   | 6. Funding Authority:<br>WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT<br>PREVENTION AUTHORITY                  |
| 7. Amt. Approved<br>\$500,000.00 Annual<br>\$1,000,000.00 Biennium   | 8. Service Area:<br>Pierce County   |

9. Requests for reimbursement under this agreement are subject to the following Budget:

A. Personnel	260,500.00
B. Employee Benefits	89,200.00
C. Consultants/Contracts	89,800.00
D. Travel/Trainings	20,000.00
E. Other Expenses	35,500.00
F. Equipment	5,000.00
G. Prosecution	-
H. Confinement	-
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>500,000.00</b>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the WATPA and RECIPIENT acknowledge and accept the terms of this AGREEMENT and attachments hereto, and in witness whereof have executed this AGREEMENT as of the date and year last written below. The rights and obligations of both parties to this AGREEMENT are governed by the information on this Award Sheet and other documents incorporated herein by reference: Agreement Specific Terms and Conditions, and Agreement General Terms and Conditions.

**WATPA**



Name/ Title Dom Pierce,  
WATPA, Executive Director

Date: 7/1/2011

**RECIPIENT**

Name/  
Title

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
WATPA already signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Andrew E. Neiditz, City Manager Date 7-29-11

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date ACM, Finance or Com Dev Date 7/26/11

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Alice Bush, MMC, City Clerk Date 8/1/11

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney Date 7/21/11

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bret Farrar, Chief of Police

# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS AND POLICE CHIEFS  
3060 Willamette Drive NE, Lacey, WA 98516 ~ Phone: (360) 292-7900 ~ Fax: (360) 292-7269 ~ Website: <http://watpa.waspc.org>  
Tom Corzine, WATPA Executive Director

*"preventing and reducing motor vehicle theft and associated crime in the State of Washington"*



May 17, 2011

## GRANT PROGRAM INTRODUCTION & APPLICATION

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012  
AUTO THEFT REDUCTION GRANTS

The Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority (WATPA) pursuant to RCW 46.66.080 has authorized the distribution of WATPA funds for the continuation of current grantees for the 2011 – 2012 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012) year that have demonstrated efficient and effective utilization of WATPA grant resources.

The Authority will also be considerate of the following:

- Stated goals, objectives and performance measures achieved are consistent with the mission of the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority. *"preventing and reducing motor vehicle thefts and other associated crime in the State of Washington."*
- Previously funded projects have been in compliance with award requirements including timely, accurate submission of reports and no reportable deficiencies during site visits or program compliance reviews.

The request for continued funding may be at the same level as current funding, or increased, however the Authority will make the final determination.

As a reminder the grant funds must be ***used to prevent and reduce vehicle theft through the development and implementation of:***

- Effective law enforcement investigation/enforcement/prosecution programs.
- Prevention/public awareness/community education projects.
- Equipment/technology related to auto theft prevention and reduction.
- Training directly related to motor vehicle theft initiatives.

**The deadline for submission of applications is June 8, 2011, 5:00 p.m.**

An electronic copy of the application must be submitted to WATPA by the application deadline and will not be accepted after the deadline. An original signature page is required either by mail or hand delivered within 5 days of electronic submission.

# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY



To ensure that your project/program follows the grant criteria, please review the following guidelines:

## ALLOWABLE COSTS

### INVESTIGATION/APPREHENSION/PROSECUTION

- Personnel and overtime for motor vehicle theft analysis, motor vehicle theft criminal investigations, and prosecution of offenders.
- Law enforcement equipment and technology to be used for vehicle theft investigations such as bait cars, tracking devices, license plate readers, cameras, data systems, etc.
- Operational and administrative expenses. (no indirect rate is allowed – administrative costs that can be directly attributed to the grant may be allowed)
- Confinement costs.
- Training for equipment to be used for vehicle theft investigations.
- Other costs as may be required to successfully implement the proposed program.

### PUBLIC AWARENESS:

- Overtime for prevention/public awareness/community education events (no FTE positions will be funded).
- Equipment to be used for prevention/public awareness/community education events.
- Promotional materials.
- Operation and administrative expenses.

## PROHIBITED USE OF FUNDS

- WATPA funding must supplement and not supplant agency funding,
- Requests for equipment to be used for other crimes or public awareness activities other than vehicle theft must document prorated cost share for percentage of time to be used on other activities.
- FTE positions for public awareness.

## EQUIPMENT

All agencies are required to comply with the procurement policies and procedures of their respective jurisdictions. For purposes of determining reasonable costs for grant awards, equipment requests that exceed \$1,000 must be accompanied by three (3) bids.

## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to submit quarterly performance reports to the Authority and cooperate fully in any evaluation efforts required. Applicants whose proposals are approved are required to allow the Authority or its duly authorized representative's access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, records, and other evidence of activities conducted pursuant to awards.

# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY



## RE-APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

The approval of a re-application request will be based on the review of all applications received, the greatest need, and the total amount of all funding requests.

The following criteria are mandatory for application acceptance:

1. Was the application received on time? **(yes/no)**
2. Was the application signed by an authorized official? **(yes/no)**
3. Does the application state that the agency (law enforcement agencies only) reports motor vehicle theft information to UCR/NIBRS and WACIC? **(yes/no)**

## APPEAL PROCESS

The decisions regarding approval, denial or modification of all grant applications rests with the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority members. The decisions of the Authority are final.

## GRANT CONTRACTS AND FUNDING

Grant award notification letters which will include the effective award date will be emailed immediately after the WATPA final approval and will include an original grant award agreement. The agreement with original signatures is to be returned to the office of the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority no later than thirty (30) days after receipt.

We recognize that some agencies may have a longer approval process, so a 30-day extension on returning signed contracts may be requested.

**If the signed contract has not been received within the thirty (30) days the Authority may cancel the grant award.**

**All grant funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis and will be processed upon receipt of monthly invoices for ongoing programs or an invoice for one-time purchases.**

# **WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY**



## **Auto Theft Grant Program Grant Re-Application Requirements:**

- 1. Grant re- application must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on June 8, 2011**
- 2. An electronic copy of application (beginning with page 5) of this document, must be submitted to the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority by the deadline. One original signature copy of page 5 must be mailed or hand delivered to the WATPA office within 5 days of application deadline.**
- 3. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.**
- 4. Authorized Official signature (page 5) not received within 5 days of application deadline may be disqualified..**
- 5. Direct Inquiries to:**

**Cynthia Jordan, Administrative Assistant  
Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority  
Phone: 360-292-7900 E-mail: [cjordan@waspc.org](mailto:cjordan@waspc.org)**

- 6. Please deliver or mail original signed copy to:**

**Grant Programs  
Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority  
3060 Willamette Dr. NE, Suite 101  
Lacey, WA 98516**

**Send electronic copy via e-mail attachment to:**

**Cynthia Jordan  
WATPA Administrative Assistant  
[cjordan@waspc.org](mailto:cjordan@waspc.org)**



# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY



Supplement/Continuation of original grant

Grant Agency: Name of Agency: **ACE Lakewood PD Task Force**  
 Mailing Address: **9401 Lakewood Drive SW**  
**Lakewood, WA 98499**

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2011-- Ending June 30, 2012

Grant Program:  Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction

Project Title: Auto Theft Task Force, ACE Team

Multiple Agency Request  Single Agency Request

WATPA FUNDS BUDGET:	WATPA Funds Requested	WATPA Use Only	WATPA Use Only
		Staff Recommendations	Authority Approved
A. Personnel	260500.00		
B. Employee Benefits	89200.00		
C. Consultants/Contracts	89800.00		
D. Travel/Training	20000.00		
E. Other Expenses	35500.00		
F. Equipment/Technology	5000.00		
G. Prosecution	0.00		
H. Confinement	0.00		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>502,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data in this application is true and correct. The document has been duly authorized by the chief executive of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances and the terms of the grant contract.

Name of Authorized Official: **B. Farrar**

Date:

Signature of Authorized Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Chief**

Phone: (253) 830-5006

For WATPA Use Only:

WATPA Authorized Signature

Date

# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY



Executive Director Comments:

## Applicant Contact Information

For the purposes of administering a grant, WATPA requires that three persons be designated to the positions of Authorized Official, Project Director and Financial Officer. The Project Director and the Financial Officer may not be the same person, but under extenuating circumstances, one person may otherwise fill two positions.

APPLICANT AGENCY: Lakewood PD on behalf of ACE

PROJECT TITLE: Auto Theft Task Force ACE Team

Project Manager			Financial Officer/Grant Administrator		
Andrew	Suver		Faye	Landskov	
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	
Task Force Sergeant			Fiscal and Grants Specialist		
Title/Position			Title/Position		
9401 Lakewood Drive SW			9401 Lakewood Drive SW		
Mailing Address (Street or P. O. Box)			Mailing Address (Street or P. O. Box)		
Lakewood	WA	98499	Lakewood	WA	98499
City	State	Zip	City	State	Zip
(253) 830-5012		(253) 830-5067	(253) 830-5005		(263) 830-5067
Telephone		Fax	Telephone		Fax
asuver@cityoflakewood.us			flandskov@cityoflakewood.us		
E-mail			E-mail		

The Authorized Official is the Chief Executive Officer, or designee of the Agency.

Authorized Official

Bret

Farrar

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

Chief of Police

Title

9401 Lakewood Drive SW

Mailing Address (Street or P. O. Box)

Lakewood

WA

98499

City

State

Zip

# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY



(253) 830-5000

(253)830-5067

Telephone

Fax

[bfarrar@cityoflakewood.us](mailto:bfarrar@cityoflakewood.us)

## Statistical Data

E-mail

Please provide all data that is available for your agency or agencies:

Vehicle Theft Data	2008	2009	2010
Number of Stolen Vehicles	4540	3318	3955
Number of Recovered Vehicles	3787	290	285
Number of Felony Arrests	234	328*	936*
Number of Convictions	105	187	184
Chop Shops Investigated	3	5	15

Bait Vehicle Program Data	2008	2009	2010
Number of Bait Cars available	9	6	6
Number of Bait Car Deployments	182	188	192
Number of WATPA Funded Systems	0	3	3
Number of Arrests			6

# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY



			13
<b>Number of Activations</b>			

<b>License Plate Readers Data</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
			0
<b>Number of Fixed Systems</b>			
			3
<b>Number of Mobile Systems</b>			
			400
<b>Number of Shifts deployed</b>			
			21439
<b>Number of Scans per Shift</b>			
			110
<b>Number of Vehicles Recovered</b>			
			187
<b>Number of Arrests</b>			

# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY



## Brief Budget Narrative

---

### PERSONNEL, OVERTIME and/or BENEFITS

A request of \$438,450 to provide salaries and benefits for 3.5 FTE and overtime for the unit. FTEs are: Dedicated Auto Theft Pierce Co. Prosecutor \$117,150, Lakewood Investigator \$115,000, \*\*\* NEW REQUEST\*Task Force (TBD) Investigator \$114,800\*\*\*\*\* and \$22,000 for a .5 FTE Senior Office Assistant. OT in the amount of \$65,500 to allow all task force members and other staff from agencies who work on auto theft to participate in Task Force activities throughout the year.

### CONSULTANTS/CONTRACTS

(Describe anticipated use of consultants and contracts.)

A request of \$104,120 will provide funding to rent a building where Task Force can be co-located and equipment stored, Insurance on the space and equipment, cost of utilities, security, copier, Bait car monitoring, telephone and cable services, cleaning services, GPS tracking, internet service and lease for two Task Force vehicles (EXCEL spreadsheet with individual numbers appended.(Attachment 3)

### TRAVEL/TRAINING

\$20,000 is requested to allow Task Force members to attend appropriate training both in and out of state as well as allowing the team to train together.

### OTHER EXPENSES NARRATIVE

(Describe other expenses and how they relate to the project.)

\$45,500 will be used for funding clandestine purchases, confidential informant pay and other expenses made undercover. These funds will also cover the cost of repairs and equipment installation on Bait cars, towing fees for Task Force purposes, fuel and maintenance of bait and leased cars, office supplies and to cover the cost of supplies/advertising for public educational trainings or fairs.

### EQUIPMENT/TECHNOLOGY

(Briefly describe anticipated equipment/technology purchases and how they will relate to the project)

Applicant agencies are required to comply with the procurement policies of their jurisdictions.

\$7000 is requested for replacement of existing, necessary equipment, broken tools and for minor, unexpected equipment purchases.

### PROSECUTION/COURT

(Costs other than personnel and fringe benefits, which *should be included in Section A – Personnel*)

None

### CONFINEMENT

(Estimated expenses for confinement of arrested and convicted motor vehicle thieves in local jails – do not include costs of confinement in state institutions)

None



## **Program Narrative**

**Describe any significant achieved goals and outcomes of the project.**

2010 was a transitional year for the Pierce County Auto Theft Task Force. Lakewood PD and the Pierce County Sheriff's Department both rotated new personnel into Task Force assignments, resulting in renewed motivation and excitement among the new and existing task force members. Additionally, the task force adopted a new name, Pierce County ACE (Auto Crimes Enforcement).

2011 has the Task Force working as a cohesive, motivated unit and we're seeing tangible results. We have instituted a bi-weekly meeting where all the agency partners assemble and trade intelligence and plan cases and workload for the coming week. This also affords us face to face contact with our Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, who can provide real time feedback, get a heads-up on cases coming her way, and request additional investigation. Plans underway in 2011 include a storefront/chop shop operation in Puyallup, and more focus on informant developed cases and targeting career thieves. We have successfully erased jurisdictional boundaries and go where our investigations lead us. ACE team developed partnerships beyond the Task Force. Cooperation with South King County Task Force, West Sound Narcotics, Pierce County ATTF and units within our partnering agencies led to a number of arrests in both vehicle theft and related crimes. (see Attachment 1 for more information on 2011 momentum)

The educational project at the Western Washington Fair led to a significant contact with the public, but was difficult to sustain. Our goal of high level contact was achieved but we will scale back to the spring fair in future to focus directly on Pierce County.

See "Other narrative" for prosecutorial information and internal education.

**Describe any major functions and/or activities of this project.**

The Task Force focuses on detection and interruption of crimes related to theft of vehicles. To facilitate maximum momentum, the team is co-located and participates in team training opportunities. Efforts are made to partner with outside agencies to leverage resources. Joint emphasis such as implementation of ALPR, bait cars and mock chop shops are planned throughout the grant cycle. The PC Prosecutor and Admin Staff support these activities.

**Describe how the project impacted your auto theft problem.**

# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY



The grants and partnerships allowed officers to detect increased incidences of theft and related crime and maintain high visibility in those areas. Key thieves were identified and charged. The increased visibility of law enforcement has made an impact on the amount of crime experienced in the targeted areas.

The additional equipment provided by this grant has given the respective departments new and effective tools with which to monitor and interrupt theft. Many of the arrests included charges of identity theft and other crimes that highly impact the quality of citizen's lives.

Particularly, a Lakewood Neighborhood Patrol Officer solved a serial car prowler crime using information gained from one of our deployed ALPRs (2011 stats). Our ability to investigate auto theft has been increased by WATPA grant funding.

## **Describe the functions of significant personnel involved.**

The Task Force Sergeant determines the activities of the team, approving OT, emphasis and training. He also directly supervises the grant funded investigator ( Sgt is not a grant funded position)

The Task Force funded Investigator(s) work directly for the Sgt and committ to full time auto theft activities including participaton in public education and management of the bait car and motorcycle program

The dedicated Prosecutor works with all Task Force members to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law, any defendant the Task Force brings through the legal system as well as all vehicle related felonies committed in the county

The .5FTE Sr. OA coordinates training and travel, maintains the financial spreadsheets, creates billings for the Grant Accountant, corresponds with the Task Force agencies to collect statistics on a quarterly basis and monitors all supplies and equipment. This person also coordinates the Educational events for the Task Force

The Fiscal and Grants Specialist works closely with the Sr. OA and Task Force Sgt to monitor and approve all grant expenditures, track financial progress of the team and look for trends in spending or difficulties the Task Force encounters as well as coordinate contracts and monitor policy for purchasing (this is not a grant funded position)

Task Force members from WSP, Tacoma, Pierce County, Pierce Transit, Puyallup and Fife work both independently and as part of this team to investigate and stop auto theft and related crimes (these are not grant funded positions).

## **Describe how the auto theft crime prevention, education and training, benefited the project/program.**

# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY



The ACE Task Force members attended a number of seminars and conferences in the 2009-2010 grant cycle. Among them were :

Chop Shop Investigation and Criminal Sophistication: Attended by Prosecutor Benson and Detective Viehmann resulting in extremely relevant information for the types of investigations we conduct.

WSATI Southern Chapter, 39th Annual Training: Attended by Prosecutor Benson, Detectives Lauer and McMillan Information sharing, new practices, trends, new technologies and more relating to advances in IS that can be used by and against us.

NW3C VIN Cloning and Motor Vehicle Title Fraud: Attended by Sgt. Smith, covering the latest information and trends in these areas. Of interest in a continuing investigation of suspected activities in Parkland.

Implementing a Successful Bait Vehicle Program, sponsored by BSM Wireless attended by Detective Clevenger, focusing on the bait car monitoring equipment we currently use. The training was beneficial with respect to the setup of our bait vehicles and diagnosing/troubleshooting problems.

In the current grant cycle:

Rolling Surveillance II was attended by Detective Clevenger and Investigator Hall. This course offered advanced techniques in surveilling and trailing suspects in vehicles, on foot, or using public transportation and is critical in our day to day operations.

17th Annual Puget Sound Special Investigators Conference: Attended by Sgt. Smith, with emphasis on information sharing with the insurance industry concerning fraud and theft.

NATIA conference, attended by Detective Clevenger: Electronics conference demonstrating new practices and technologies to be applied to the unit during undercover/surveillance operations.

2nd Annual WATPA Auto Theft Conference, attended by numerous task force members: Several presenters covered current trends, case law, legal considerations, insurance fraud, etc.

Emerging Regional Trends in Financial Fraud /Identity Theft, attended by Sgt. Smith.

Detective Viehmann attended training and successfully certified as a Technical Investigator through NATIA (North American Technical Investigator's Association). This training enables the task force to have an "in house" technical investigator capable of doing many of the things we were having to outsource, such as setting up sophisticated camera systems.



# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY



Northwest Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigator's Conference, attended by numerous task force investigators, covered case studies on outlaw motorcycle gang investigations, trends in motorcycle theft, and information sharing.

Sgt. Smith attended the NW3C VIN Cloning and Motor Vehicle Title Fraud conference, emphasizing information sharing and the latest regional/national trends in VIN cloning and title fraud.

## **Please include other narrative that supports your project successes or progression.**

During the course of the year, several transitions occurred. The Task Force Sergeant position was passed to several Sergeants before being given to Sgt Suver who is now in firm command of the team. Having a more permanent structure has made it possible to commit to operations and follow through.

The ALPR and bait car programs were successful and proved effective in both recoveries and arrests.

Personnel were trained and are becoming more efficient and creative in their approach to Auto Theft detection and investigation.

Funding a dedicated Prosecutor has given us the ability to train with conformity. Below is a list of the training provided to partner agencies in 2010, followed by highlights from some of the effective prosecution in 2010.

### 1. Schedule of Training Events Provided by Our Dedicated Prosecutor 2010

- WASHINGTON STATE PATROL (WSP District 1 command staff: Captain, three lieutenants, approx 15 line sergeants, 2-3 communications and clerical supervisors)
  - October 23rd: one presentation (2:00 - 3:00pm),
- TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT (10-30 patrol officers depending on the shift)
  - November 9th, two presentations (1:00-2:00pm, 8:00-9:00pm),
  - November 10th, two presentations (1:00-2:00pm, 8:00-9:00pm)
  - November 16th, two presentations (1:00-2:00pm, 8:00-9:00pm)
  - November 17th - two presentations (1:00-2:00pm, 8:00-9:00pm)
  - November 20th – one presentation (6:00 – 7:00am)
- LAKEWOOD (5-15 patrol officers depending on the shift/presentation)
  - May 5th – two presentations (9:00 -11:00am, 1:00 - 3:00pm)
  - November 13th – three presentations (7:30-8:30am, 5:30-6:30pm, 8:30-9:30pm)

# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY



- February 16th – three presentations (7:00-8:00am, 5:00-6:00pm, 8:30-9:30pm)
- February 22nd –three presentations (7:00-8:00am, 5:00-6:00pm, 8:30-9:30pm)
- PIERCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT (South Hill Patrol)
- July 19th – two presentations (6:00 - 7:00am, 8:00 – 9:00am)
- July 22nd – three presentations (1:00 – 2:00pm, 4:00 – 5:00pm, 9:00 – 10:00pm)
- July 26th - three presentations (1:00 – 2:00pm, 4:00 – 5:00pm, 9:00 – 10:00pm)
- July 29th – two presentations (6:00 - 7:00am, 8:00 – 9:00am)

## 2. Prosecution Highlights:

- In 2010, RICHARD BENEK and ADAM MILLER were engaged in a conspiracy to steal and resell stolen vehicles. Law enforcement believes they are responsible for the theft of more than 100 cars in King and Pierce County. The task force targeted both in a large operation and undercover detectives were able to purchase multiple stolen vehicles from both suspects. As a result of the operation, the State charged sixteen counts. BENEK pleaded guilty "as charged." After merger, this included three counts of TAKING A MOTOR VEHICLE without PERMISSION FIRST DEGREE (a class B, LEVEL V offense), and six counts of TRAFFICKING in the FIRST degree. He chose to plea as charged so that he could argue for DOSA; if he had prevailed half of his sentence would have been converted to out-of-custody drug treatment. After extensive argument, the Judge followed the State's recommendation and imposed the high end - 96 months (eight years). MILLER accepted the State's plea offer and was sentenced to 72 months (six years). He pleaded to Taking a Motor Vehicle without Permission in the First degree, two counts of Trafficking 1, and one count of Theft of a Motor Vehicle. MILLER was considered a high priority target not only because he was a prolific car thief, because he had previously tried to hit an SPD detective with a stolen car. (information available upon request)

- In 2010 LUCAS BOYLE was considered one of the most prolific burglars in the Puyallup area. Detectives learned he was committing burglaries, stealing vehicles, and altering the appearance of the vehicle and identity before selling the property. Undercover detectives purchased five stolen vehicles from BOYLE, executed a search warrant and recovered property from approximately fifteen burglaries . As a result of the undercover operation he was charged with fourteen counts (two counts of Taking a

## WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY



Motor Vehicle without Permission in the First Degree, six counts of Trafficking in the First Degree, four counts of Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, one count of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and one count of PSP3). Boyle pleaded guilty as charged and was granted a DOSA. He was sentenced to 42 months in custody, followed by 42 months on community custody. (declaration available upon request)

- In February 2011, JESSE MILLER was caught fleeing from a burglary in Puyallup. His accomplice was armed, and a non-English speaking nanny was hiding inside the house with a young child. Following arrest, he confessed to committing at least eleven other burglaries over the previous few weeks, but had difficulty remembering the details of his crime. He discussed burglaries in East Lake Sammamish, Newcastle, Issaquah, Maple Valley, Renton, Kent, Burien, Puyallup, Bonney Lake, and Steilacoom. Detectives obtained warrants to search his house and seized property stolen from homes throughout western Washington. Flat screen TVs, computers, sound systems, furniture, video games, sporting equipment, electronics, jewelry and a ballistic vest were all inventoried. Through time consuming investigation detectives were able to connect the evidence to the crimes, and the State charged Miller with 18 counts, including Burglary in the First Degree with a firearm enhancement and an aggravator for the victim being present. On April 29, Miller pleaded guilty to nine counts, including Burglary First Degree, a firearm enhancement, three counts of Residential Burglary and a level V Taking a Motor Vehicle without Permission First. He was sentenced to 147 months in prison. (declaration available upon request)

- In March of 2011, ANTHONY BLOOD was caught driving a recently stolen vehicle. Task Force detectives interviewed the defendant and were able to procure a confession. BLOOD admitted he was a Juggalo gang member and a prolific car thief. At the time of his arrest he had only been out of prison for one week. He confessed that he had been stealing cars since he was sixteen; that he specialized in Hondas, Nissans and Saturns and that he could steal a car in less than two minutes; he estimated stealing approximately two hundred cars during his criminal life. He further identified two gang affiliated chop shops for detective follow-up. With the supporting evidence provided by detectives, the State was able to charge one count of Taking a Motor Vehicle without Permission in the First Degree and one count of Attempted Taking a Motor Vehicle First. BLOOD pleaded guilty as charged and asked the court for a DOSA based on his

# WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY



cooperation and drug addiction. The State argued for high-end, 96 months. The court followed the State's recommendation. (declaration available upon request)

On a final note, the Department of Justice US Attorney's Office asked Chief Farrar how they could improve their grant offerings to law enforcement and he directed them to talk to me about this grant in particular. The funds allowing LE to combine training, equipment needs, personnel and overtime have allowed our Task Force to do far more than any one of those funding streams alone.