

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Police

AGENDA DATE: July 30, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Assistant Chief Humberto Talamantes,
(915) 212-4309

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: NO. 2: Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

SUBGOAL: 2.1 Maintain standing as one of the nation's top safest cities

SUBJECT:

That, the El Paso City Council authorizes the submission to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority of the grant application for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as "Senate Bill 224 Catalytic Converter Grant FY24" to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso. Requesting \$1,391,615.00. No cash match required. The grant period will be 12 months from the time the statement of grant award is received.

This is a resubmittal for an already approved item to comply with granting agency's resolution requirements.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The Senate Bill 224 Catalytic Converter Grant FY24 funding is for coordinated regulatory and law enforcement activities intended to detect and prevent catalytic converter theft in this state. This funding will be used for overtime, travel, and purchase equipment to assist in investigations.

Resolution was previously approved June 4, 2024, however the granting agency requested revisions to the resolution language.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

First time applying for this funding opportunity.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chief Peter Pacillas



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Texas Transportation Code Chapter 1006 and Texas Administrative Code Title 43; Part 3; Chapter 57, entities are eligible to receive grants from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority to provide financial support to law enforcement taskforces and agencies for economic motor vehicle theft, including catalytic converter theft; and

WHEREAS, this grant program will assist this jurisdiction to combat catalytic converter theft; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council designated the City Manager or his designee as the City's authorized official.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. **THAT**, the El Paso City Council authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as "Senate Bill 224 Catalytic Converter Grant FY24" to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.
2. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all matching funds for said grant if applicable.
3. **THAT**, the El Paso Police Department Auto Theft Task Force Lieutenant Ricardo Porras or designee is designated as the Program Director.
4. **THAT**, the City of El Paso agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the MVCPA grant funds, the City Of El Paso assures that the grant funds will be returned in full to MVCPA.
5. **THAT**, the City of El Paso's Chief Financial Officer Robert Cortinas, or designee, is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant.
6. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the City Manager or designee is authorized to sign any related paperwork, including but not limited to, the actual grant contract, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections, or extensions of the grant agreement which increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2024.

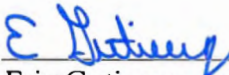
CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Eric Gutierrez
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:


Exm. A/C V. Zarua 1515

for Peter Pacillas
Chief of Police

Senate Bill 224 Grant Application for 2024
[Request for Application \(RFA\)](#)

Primary Agency / Grantee Legal Name: *City of El Paso*
Organization Type: *Law Enforcement*
Organization ORI (if applicable): *TX0710200: EL PASO PD (MIP)*

Program Title Please enter a short description of the proposed program that can be used as the title.
El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force

Application Category (See **Request for Applications [RFA]** for category details and descriptions RFA Priority Funding Section):
 New Grant - 2024 is the first year of the MVCPA Catalytic Converter Program Grants. All 2024 grant applicants use the new grant category.

MVCPA Program Category (see **RFA** and TAC 43, 3 §57.14). Check all that apply.

- Law Enforcement, Detection and Apprehension
- Prosecution, Adjudication and Conviction
- Reduction of the Theft of Catalytic Converters
- Education Programs and Marketing

Taskforce Grant Participation and Coverage Area

Provide a General Description of the Participating and Coverage Area of this Grant Application

The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force is the participating agency and provides coverage to all the listed agencies that are located within the City and County of El Paso, Texas. To include the Native American tribe of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and the Fort Bliss Military Base.

Define in the tables below the grant relationships and geographic area of the Catalytic Converter program:

Applicant will add the participating and coverage agencies from the ORI list below. If an agency is not in the ORI list, please include the agency and role in the general description above. Make sure to follow the definitions below and select an agency in the dropdown. Use the *Add as Participating Agency* or *Add as Coverage Agency* button to populate the list.

Participating Agencies are agencies that materially participate in the grant application through the exchange of funds for reimbursement and cash match. Participating agencies are defined after the grant award by interlocal/interagency agreements. Each applicant must select their own agency first. Then select agencies that will receive or provide funding and/or resources. [Note: Interlocal/interagency agreements do not need to be submitted with the application. Interlocal agreements will need to be executed prior to the first payment being made if selected for a grant. Letters of support with the application from the participating agencies are strongly recommended.]

Coverage Agencies are agencies that provided some level of coverage, assistance or support by this grant application but will not materially exchange funds as cash match or reimbursement. The coverage is not supported by an after the award with interlocal/interagency agreements. Coverage agencies as law enforcement agencies may have jurisdictional coverage agreements unrelated to the grant (Ex. City Y is within County X or vice versa). Agencies selected in this list include agencies that will be covered or where the agency indicates that their agency will coordinate or call upon the program. Letters of support with the application from the participating agencies are strongly recommended.

Participating Agencies	Coverage Agencies
TX0710200 EL PASO PD (MIP)	TX0710000 EL PASO CO (MIP) (AE)
	TX0710100 ANTHONY PD (AE)
	TX0710400 UT EL PASO PD (AE)
	TX0711100 EL PASO COMM COLLEGE PD

TX0711300 EL PASO ISD PD (AE)
 TX0711400 HORIZON CITY PD (AE)
 TX0711600 SOCORRO PD
 TX0712200 SOCORRO ISD PD (AE)

Other Coverage (Use if ORI not listed or explanation is necessary.):

In addition to the listed Coverage Agencies above, the taskforce also provides coverage to the listed agencies: Ysleta Del Sur Tribal Police; Fort Bliss, Texas CID and Military Police; Clint Police Department [TX0711200]; Texas Tech University Police Department (El Paso Campus); San Elizario Police Department [TX 0712800]; Canutillo ISD Police Department [TX07112700]; (7) Constable Precincts within the City and County of El Paso, Texas; City of El Paso Fire Marshalls Division [TX0711500]; and, El Paso County Fire Marshalls Office [TX0712600].

National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) Used as Match (Documentation and time certification required.)

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Other State or Federal Agency (specify:)

Resolution: Complete a Resolution and submit to local governing body for approval. [Sample Resolution](#) is found in the Request for Application or send a request for an electronic copy to grantsMVCPA@txdmv.gov. The completed and executed Resolution must be attached to this on-line application.

Grant Budget Form

MVCPA recommends that the applicant complete the total costs (MVCPA and Cash Match combined) for this program. The applicant can then enter the desired amount of Cash Match (not less than 20% per TAC Title 43, Â§57.36). The system will then calculate the correct grant and match amounts.

Budget Entry Option:

Enter Total and let system calculate MVCPA Funds and Cash Match, Match Percentage: 0%

Enter MVCPA and Cash Match Amounts

Click on category name to edit budget detail for that category.

Budget Category	MVCPA Expenditures	Cash Match Expenditures	Total Expenditures	In-Kind Match
Personnel				
Fringe				
Overtime	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000	
Professional and Contract Services				
Travel	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	
Equipment	\$979,615	\$0	\$979,615	
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)				
Total	\$1,391,615	\$0	\$1,391,615	
Cash Match Percentage		0.00%		

Description	Subcategory	Pct Time	MVCPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
Personnel						
Total Personnel						
Fringe						
Total Fringe						
Overtime						
EPPD Sworn Peace Officers	Investigator/LEO		\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000	
Total Overtime			\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000	
Professional and Contract Services						
Total Professional and Contract Services						
Travel						
Catalytic Converter Theft Training	Law enforcement In-State		\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	
SB224 Advisory Committee Meetings	Administrative In-state		\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	
Total Travel			\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	

Description	Subcategory	Pct Time	MVCPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
Equipment						
2 2024 Ford F-250, 4X4			\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000	
X2 Vehicle Wrap for Crime Prevent Awareness Trucks			\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	
35 Quick Deploy LPR Cameras			\$437,500	\$0	\$437,500	
2 Vehicle Mounted LPR's w/Tablets			\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	
4 LPR Trailers			\$240,000	\$0	\$240,000	
2 Catalytic Converter VIN Etching Engravers			\$15,400	\$0	\$15,400	
Toyota Corolla XSE			\$27,200	\$0	\$27,200	
Honda CRV EXL			\$34,660	\$0	\$34,660	
Toyota Tundra Limited			\$51,855	\$0	\$51,855	
Trailer Wrap for Large Crime Prevent Awareness Trailer			\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	
Trailer Wrap for ATTF Small Taskforce Box Trailer			\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	
Total Equipment			\$979,615	\$0	\$979,615	

Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)

Total Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)

Budget Narrative

C. Overtime

Overtime funding will provide additional resources to extend officer's presence and operations beyond regular shifts and weekends. Overtime funding enables proactive measures to deter and apprehend offenders of catalytic converter thefts. Strategic allocations of overtime hours will be based on the prioritization of high-risk areas and times based on crime analysis data. It will allow for the deployment of additional personnel during peak theft periods, such as after normal regular shifts and weekends. Overtime operations will focus on areas with high concentrations of vulnerable vehicles such as commercial lots and public parking lots. It will allow for enhanced surveillance techniques such as surveillance and the deployment of a bait vehicle to catch thieves in the act. It will allow for the deployment of LPRs in targeted locations. It will allow for regulatory business checks that comply with the Texas Transportation Code or the Texas Occupation Code. An exemption to the MVCPA Grant Manual, Section 4.3 APPROVED OVERTIME, pertaining to authorized overtime pay is being made to allow the Taskforce Commander or designee the opportunity to announce and allow any Texas Peace Officer employed by the El Paso Police Department to work the SB224 overtime. This request is being made in hopes of making meaningful progress in combating catalytic converter thefts within the City of El Paso, Texas.

E. Travel

Travel funds will be used to pay for active taskforce members (regardless of funding) of the El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force to attend automobile crime courses, conferences, meetings, and workshops related to taskforce functions associated with automobile crimes and/or catalytic converter thefts [\$10,000.00]. Lt. Ricardo Porras, Taskforce Commander, currently serves on the SB224 Advisory Committee which will require him to travel to-and-from committee meetings and events [\$2,000.00].

F. Equipment

2-2024 Ford F-250 4X4 Crime Prevention Awareness Trucks, one to pull one crime prevention awareness trailer and one ATTF equipment/tool trailer [\$120,000.00]. X2 Vehicle Wrap Packages for the two Crime Prevention Awareness Trucks [\$8000.00]. Trailer Wrap packages for two public awareness trailers [\$10,000.00]. 2 Catalytic Converter VIN Etching Engravers [\$15,400.00]: The taskforce is requesting the purchase of a VIN Etching Engraver for engraving catalytic converters during public awareness VIN etching events. This will allow the taskforce to engrave multiple catalytic converters during the VIN etching events and to facilitate tracking and tracing them back to a victim in the event that they are stolen. License Plate Readers (LPRs): LPRs provide valuable data that equates to investigative leads that can help identify hotspots and subjects responsible for thefts. It will also enable the taskforce to take proactive measures to prevent future incidents of thefts from occurring. 24 quick deployment cameras will be used at three international ports of entries leading Southbound into Mexico. The taskforce is asking for the following LPR equipment for this purpose: 35 Quick Deploy, LQ6 Model, LPR cameras with 5-years of service [\$437,500.00]; 2 Mobile LPRs that can be mounted on an unmarked vehicles, that includes a tablet and two 3L5F cameras, with 5-years of service [\$35,000.00]; and, 4 LPR trailers that are battery and/or solar powered with 5-years of service [\$240,000.00]. Bait Vehicles for CAT OPS: In response to the current trends affecting the City of El Paso regarding catalytic converter thefts, the Task Force is requesting the purchase of 1 Toyota Corolla XSE [\$27,200.00] , 1 Honda CRV EXL [\$34,660] and 1 Toyota Tundra Limited [\$51,855] to be used as bait vehicles. Toyota and Honda make vehicles are the most targeted city wide as those vehicles typically have a bigger amount of precious metals in their catalytic converters and thus are worth more when resold at recyclers. The Taskforce uses a variety of tactics to combat vehicle related crimes and among those tactics is the use and deployment of bait vehicles, strategically placed to deter criminals and catch them in the act. By strategically deploying these vehicles as bait vehicles, the Taskforce aims to not only apprehend individual offenders but also disrupt organized crime networks involved in catalytic converter thefts. Moreover, the use of bait vehicles sends a strong deterrent message to would-be thieves, reducing the overall incidence of this type of crime in the community. Through this proactive approach, the Taskforce hopes to protect the community from falling victim to catalytic converter theft.

Revenue

Indicate Source of Cash and In-Kind Matches for the proposed program. Click on links to go to match detail pages for entry of data.

[Cash Match](#)

[In-Kind Match](#)

Statistics to Support Grant Problem Statement

Reported Cases	2022	2023
Jurisdiction	Catalytic Converter Theft	Catalytic Converter Theft
City of El Paso	324	463

[Add/Edit Statistics](#)

Application Narrative

Grant Introduction (Executive Summary) and General Information

- 1.1 Briefly describe the organization and program operation. Provide a high level summary to the application and how it will affect the local community. (500 words or less)

Safety and security continues to be an essential part of the economic growth and prosperity of the City of El Paso, Texas. In order to achieve this, the El Paso Police Department must continue to maintain a strong relationship with its citizens; it must establish and maintain new and continued law enforcement partners through constant teamwork with all stakeholders. The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force program will efficiently use Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) Senate Bill 224 grant funding to combat and reduce thefts of automobile parts, namely catalytic converters (CATs). MVCPA Senate Bill 224 grant funding will ensure the sustainment of the highly specialized Auto Theft Task Force officers and support staff. Furthermore, the MVCPA Senate Bill 224 grant will assist with the enhancement of automobile crime prevention measures such as surveillance of known catalytic converter thieves, catalytic converter bait vehicle operations, crime prevention & awareness initiatives, and automobile business inspections governed by the Texas Transportation Code and the Texas Occupation Code. The goal is the reduction of catalytic converter thefts occurring within the City of El Paso, Texas. The accomplishment of this goal will be contingent upon the collaboration between the citizens of El Paso and all local, state and federal law enforcement partners.

- 1.2 Describe the taskforce governing, organization and command structures. Include a description of the nature of support and agreements that will be in place if the grant is awarded. Provide any details unique to the taskforce organization or geographical target area. Describe whether any part of this grant will be directed to serve a specific target population (or subset of the community)?

The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force is part of the El Paso Police Department's Organized Crime Division. The Organized Crime Division is one of five bureaus within the large police department. Assistant Chief (A/C) H. Talamantes, who reports directly to the Chief of Police Peter Pacillas, heads the Investigations Bureau. A/C Talamantes is in charge of two Divisions, the Organized Crime Division and the Major Crimes Division. Commander R. Moton is the Division Commander of the Organized Crime Division. The Organized Crime Division consist of five investigative units: The Auto Theft Task Force, the Fusion Center, the Gang Unit, the Narcotics Unit, and the Special Investigative Unit. All five of the investigative units have their own assigned unit commanders. Lieutenant R. Porras, Jr. is the Unit Commander for the Auto Theft Task Force. The catalytic converter theft problem in the City of El Paso is unique due to the geographical positioning of the city. The City of El Paso has four International Bridges connecting the City of El Paso to the City of Juarez, Mexico. The City of El Paso borders two State of New Mexico Counties, which contributes to criminal groups crossing state lines, as well as international boundaries, between New Mexico; Juarez, Mexico; and Texas. This accessibility allows the criminal element to conduct illegal catalytic converter transactions in other jurisdictions not regulated by Texas Law. The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force is an exclusive auto theft authority that exists in the West Texas Region of the State of Texas. The taskforce uses established partnerships with local, state, and federal law enforcement officers, as well as Mexican authorities to accomplish its local mission. The taskforce provides services to all Texas citizens and to any visitors of the City of El Paso, Texas that become a victim of an automobile crime.

Grant Problem Statement

- 2.1 Provide an assessment of the Catalytic Converter Theft problem in the coverage area of this application. Include loss data consistent with the reported incident numbers above.

The catalytic converter theft problem in El Paso, Texas presents a significant and complex challenge. The rise in theft incidents is primarily driven by the high value of precious metals they contain, such as platinum, palladium, and rhodium. This criminal activity inflicts substantial financial burdens on vehicle owners, who face expensive repairs, increased insurance premiums, and disruptions of their daily lives. One of the greatest challenges is tracking stolen catalytic converters due to the absence of serial numbers and limited resources for investigation. The driving factor for these thefts is the availability of catalytic converters and the proximity to both the New Mexico border and to the Mexican border. CAT thieves target the most vulnerable vehicles and in a matter of minutes cut off a victim's CAT, normally with a battery powered saw-saw that could be purchased from any local hardware store. Furthermore, CAT thieves have the opportunity to transport the stolen CAT(S) to either New Mexico or Mexico for sale, as those jurisdictions have different governing regulations concerning the acceptance of such items. The close proximity of City of El Paso to New Mexico and to Mexico, is approximately thirty-minutes from any part of the city, and this aggravates this type of criminal activity. In FY2022, the taskforce tracked 324 catalytic converter thefts that were reported as stolen to the El Paso Police Department. The taskforce tracked a total of 463 catalytic converter thefts for FY2023. The data shows a 30% increase in catalytic converter thefts.

Grant Goals and Activities

There are two parts to this section: 1) Functions of Proposed Program and 2) Goals Strategies and Activities (GSA). In the following boxes, describe the functions of the proposed program and then complete a fillable form called GSA.

MVCPA programs must completely describe the actions, methods and tactics that law enforcement and civilian staff will perform for each of the categories below. Describe the reliance on technology or other program elements to solve the problem statement above and goals below. Functions must be detailed and consistent with the requested budget. If a grant is awarded, funds expended towards activities not described in this section will result in the reimbursement being denied.

Part 1

3.1 Functions of the proposed program related to Catalytic Converter Theft from a motor vehicle.

The objectives of the program is to reduce the incidence of catalytic converter thefts through enforcement and collaborations with law enforcement stakeholders. The taskforce will conduct inspections of local businesses, such as salvage yards, automotive repair shops, parts recycling centers, used car dealerships, salvage rebuilders, and title service companies, as authorized by the Texas Transportation Code or Texas Occupation Code. The taskforce will conduct catalytic converter bait vehicle operations to catch thieves in the act; conduct covert surveillance of known or suspected offenders; and, arrest wanted catalytic converter thieves.

3.4 Functions of the proposed program related to preventing Catalytic Converter Theft

The objectives of the program for preventing catalytic converter thefts within the City of El Paso is to educate the public and law enforcement stakeholders of the intricacies associated with catalytic converter thefts. The taskforce will conduct presentations to the public, on the best practices of how to prevent themselves from becoming a victim of an automobile crime. The taskforce will foster partnerships with auto repair shops, scrapyards, and metal recycling centers to track and trace stolen catalytic converters. The taskforce will provide shift training to officers on identifying suspicious behavior and investigating catalytic converter thefts. The program will also use crime analysis to track trends, coordinate responses, and implement enforcement strategies in furtherance of the objectives.

3.6 Collaboration Effort -- Describe the taskforce method to collaborate, and not duplicate existing activities. Describe the cross boundaries regional approach to grant activity implementation. Describe how the applicant staff and jurisdiction will coordinate with other taskforces and law enforcement agencies to implement this program.

The taskforce will utilize established partnerships and resources available from local, state, and federal stakeholders that are involved in combating automobile crimes. The taskforce will coordinate conducting joint operations that concentrate on catalytic converter thefts and will participate in the sharing of intelligence information to reduce the amount of thefts. The taskforce will coordinate and host a weekly catalytic converter intelligence-sharing meetings with all law enforcement shareholders, to exchange crime trends & patterns, as well as pertinent information on known or suspected catalytic converter thieves.

3.7 If the proposed application requests any exceptions or deviation from any general grant rules, RFA conditions or grant administrative policy, please indicate in the section below. Indicate the section of the specific issue and citation that you are asking the MVCPA to consider and the rational for the request.

The taskforce requests an exemption of the 20% cash match requirement bestowed upon the FY2024 SB224 Grant Application. An exemption to the MVCPA Grant Manual, Section 4.3 APPROVED OVERTIME, pertaining to authorized overtime pay is being made to allow all MVCPA funded personnel, regardless of funding source, and any El Paso Police Department Sworn Peace Officer, not assigned to the taskforce, permission to work SB224 overtime operations targeting catalytic converter thefts and thieves.

Part II

Goals, Strategies, and Activities

[Select Goals, Strategies, and Activity Targets](#) for the proposed program described in the application.

Click on the link above to open a new table called Goals, Strategies, and Activity. Applicants will review the statutory and optional activities. The first section is the statutory measures. Grantees may not provide targets for this section but need to review the descriptions to ensure that they understand the statutory minimum requirements associated with this grant. Applicants will then review the other items and estimate targets for only the activities that the applicant has described and plans to complete under this application.

ID	Activity	Measure	Target
Measures for Grantees. Add Target values for those that you will measure.			
1	Goal 1: Reduce the Incidence of Catalytic Converter Theft through Enforcement Strategies		
1.1	Strategy 1: Conduct Activities that Result in the Arrest, Clearance, and Recoveries of Catalytic Converter Theft		
1.1.1	Identify groups of catalytic converter theft offenders through intelligence gathering, crime analysis and the use of informants	Number of catalytic converter theft groups identified. Include gangs, cartels or other criminal enterprise with two or more members	1
1.1.2	Identify and document/record prolific Catalytic Converter Theft offenders [Prolific is defined as "linked to Catalytic Converter Theft offenses three or more times"]	Number identified/documented offenders	1

ID	Activity	Measure	Target
1.1.5	Conduct inspections of local businesses related to vehicle enterprise (transportation code or occupation code authorized companies such as salvage yard, repair shop, parts recycling center, used car dealership, salvage rebuilder, title service company, other).	Number of businesses inspected	2
1.1.6	Conduct bait vehicle operations that target Catalytic Converter Theft offenders	Number of bait vehicle deployments. Include Catalytic Converter Theft bait operations here.	1
1.1.8	Deploy license plate readers (LPR)	Number of times LPR deployed. Deploy: If stationary unit then total number of days or partial days unit was operable and on. Mobile unit number of days the unit was on and operable.	0
1.1.9	Respond to taskforce license plate reader (LPR) alert notifications	Number of times investigators responded to taskforce LPR alert notifications regardless of whether vehicle was located	1
1.1.12	Conduct covert operations targeting Catalytic Converter Theft offenders	Number of covert operations	1
1.1.13	Conduct warrant "round-up" operations targeting catalytic converter crime offenders, including people wanted for Catalytic Converter Theft	Number of warrant round-up operations performed Catalytic Converter Theft	1
1.1.15	Increase the recovery rate of stolen motor vehicle Catalytic Converter Theft	Report the number of Catalytic Converters recovered by taskforce	1
1.1.16	Increase the clearance rate of Catalytic Converter Theft	Report the number of Catalytic Converter Theft cases cleared	1
1.1.17	Increase the number of persons arrested for Catalytic Converter Theft	Report the number of persons arrested for Catalytic Converter Theft by taskforce	1
1.2	Strategy 2: Conduct Collaborative Efforts that Result In Reduction of Incidents of Catalytic Converter Theft		
1.2.1	Provide Agency Assists for Catalytic Converter Theft	Number of agency assists related to catalytic converter theft. Assist means responding or answering questions via phone, e-mail, or in person. Providing recommendation, guidance, strategy, support or information that other LEOs will use to resolve their cases. The assist generally does not have the direct responsibility for an investigation nor uses LEO authority. The assist helps another LEO or agency investigate cases. Analysts and civilian employees will record their assists to outside LEOs and agencies met here along with officers.	1
1.2.2	Collaborate with other units or divisions (i.e. homicide, vice, narcotics, etc.) within the taskforce department(s) where there were crimes involving catalytic converter theft. Include all participating jurisdiction departments here.	Number of times collaborated within departments or SOs participating in taskforce related to Catalytic Converter Theft. Collaboration means physically using law enforcement resources, tactics and authority to perform activity on cases that draw upon or aid in the investigation intended to further the resolution of any case, identify parties to crime, identify vehicles, interview witnesses/suspects and apprehend suspects. Collaboration will include any help, recommendation, contribution or support requested from or provided to another unit or offered by the taskforce that aids in the furtherance of Catalytic Converter Theft investigations.	1
1.2.3	Collaborate with all other outside LE agencies and other organizations that assist in the reduction of Catalytic Converter Theft. Include all coverage jurisdictions here	Number of times collaborated with coverage area agencies or other law enforcement agencies and organizations that assist in the reduction of Catalytic Converter Theft. Collaboration means physically using law enforcement resources, tactics and authority to perform activity on cases that draw upon or aid in the investigation intended to further the resolution of any case, identify parties to crime, identify vehicles, interview witnesses/suspects and apprehend suspects. Collaboration will include any help, recommendation, contribution or support requested from or provided to another unit or offered by the taskforce that aids in the furtherance of Catalytic Converter Theft investigations	1
1.2.5	Conduct intelligence information-sharing (Personal attendance)	Number of intelligence meetings attended (include attending as presenter, participant or attendee)	1
1.2.6	Conduct intelligence information-sharing (Written information)	Crime analysis bulletins disseminated (include information distributed to law enforcement agencies via text, e-mail, or intra-net communications)	1
1.2.7	Collaborate with other MVCPA taskforces	Number of times collaborated with other MVCPA taskforces that assist in the reduction in Catalytic Converter Theft	1
3	Goal 3: Educate/Train Citizens and Qualified Personnel in Detection and Prevention of Catalytic Converter Theft		
3.1	Strategy 1: Conduct Public Awareness Related Activities Used to Educate Citizens		
3.1.1	Conduct educational outreach events (include trade show, exhibits, booths)	Number of outreaches	1

ID	Activity	Measure	Target
	at community events, vehicle displays, brochures, etc.)		
3.1.2	Conduct educational presentations to the public	Number of presentations. Presentation means in person, on-line, original written document, article, or webpage.	1
3.1.4	Conduct vehicle identification initiative/event	Number of etching events. Including catalytic converters.	1
3.1.4.1	Conduct vehicle identification initiative/event	Number of Participants/Attendees Catalytic Converters Marked)	1
3.1.5	Purchase advertisements in local outlets	Number of advertisements purchased or provided complimentary for taskforce. Include all types of media purchased or provided free (social, tv, utility inserts, billboards, transportation, etc.)	0
3.1.7	Utilize social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	Number of postings in social media outlets	1
3.1.8	Deploy outdoor public notification signage	Number of deployments per month (if sign remains several months, count as 1 deployment per month)	0
3.1.10	Conduct media outreach, including, public service announcements, press releases, and interviews	Number of outreaches	1
3.2	Strategy 2: Conduct Law Enforcement Training Activities to Educate Officers on Recognition and Apprehension of Stolen Vehicles and Property		
3.2.1	Conduct law enforcement training (TCOLE)	Number of classes provided for TCOLE credit	0
3.2.3	Conduct vehicle crimes presentations to law enforcement agencies (non TCOLE)	Number of classes or presentations. Presentations may include electronic roll call documents, shift BOLOs and other written or presented materials based on local practices.	5

Grant Evaluation

- 4.1 Describe the local method and/or practice used to collect the data for reporting Goals, Strategies, and Activities and to evaluate the grant program effectiveness. Describe management and staff participation. Include descriptions of systems (forms and software) that will be used to ensure reliable and accurate data is collected and reported. Describe any other evaluation methods used in the applicant agency to determine effectiveness or cost efficiency of the program.
- Taskforce officers use Daily Activity Reports (DAR Log sheets) that are mandated by El Paso Police Department's (EPPD) Policy and Procedures to document all daily work activity. Taskforce supervisors track and evaluate the effectiveness of the program by using the data derived from their assigned officer's DAR log sheets, as well as information that is documented in the department's WebRMS (Record Management System) database, and from crime analysis data provided by the taskforce's crime analyst. The taskforce analyst, who is housed at the EPPD FUSION Center, uses a two-prong approach when keeping track of catalytic converter thefts. Data tracking is structured in this manner to create a system that allows for verifying across the two prongs. This ensures that the numbers that are reported are accurate and reliable. The primary method for tracking catalytic converter thefts happens at the Regional Command Center level. The EL Paso Police Department is decentralized and has five Regional Command Centers that cover the five regions of the City of El Paso (Central, Westside Upper Valley, Northeast, Pebble Hills Eastside, and Mission Valley-Lower Valley). At each Regional Command Center, an assigned crime analyst reviews all thefts for their assigned region. All incidents that involve a catalytic converter theft are then recorded and tracked in an Excel spreadsheet. This file is then stored in a manner that is compliant with both the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) and 28 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 23. The second method for tracking catalytic converter thefts happens at the EPPD FUSION Center. Here the taskforce analyst executes Structured Query Language (SQL) codes that are linked to department's On-Call Records Management System, via Microsoft SQL software. This macro level approach allows the analyst to quickly set parameters and pull large numbers of incidents related to catalytic converter thefts. The purpose of this approach is not to arrive at a primary number of catalytic converter thefts, but rather to verify the accuracy of the Regional Command Center analyst's records. This set up allows the taskforce analyst to verify the reliability of the Regional Command Center analyst's accuracy of each incident, week-in and week-out, while also allowing the taskforce analyst the opportunity to check their data for accuracy.
- 4.2 Provide any other suggested measures that would better reflect the law enforcement or prevention work that the proposed program will perform. If the suggested measure fits into one of the stated goals above please indicate.
- No suggested measures are being made at this time.

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