



Update on Auto Theft

Vaughan City Hall

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Who We Are

15 Automakers

25 brands in the Canadian market

2022 Sales

Over 850,000 vehicles

56% of Canada's Automotive Market

Canadian Manufacturing

55% of vehicles manufactured in Canada are made by GAC members

North American Manufacturing

55% of GAC vehicles sold in Canada were made in CUSMA

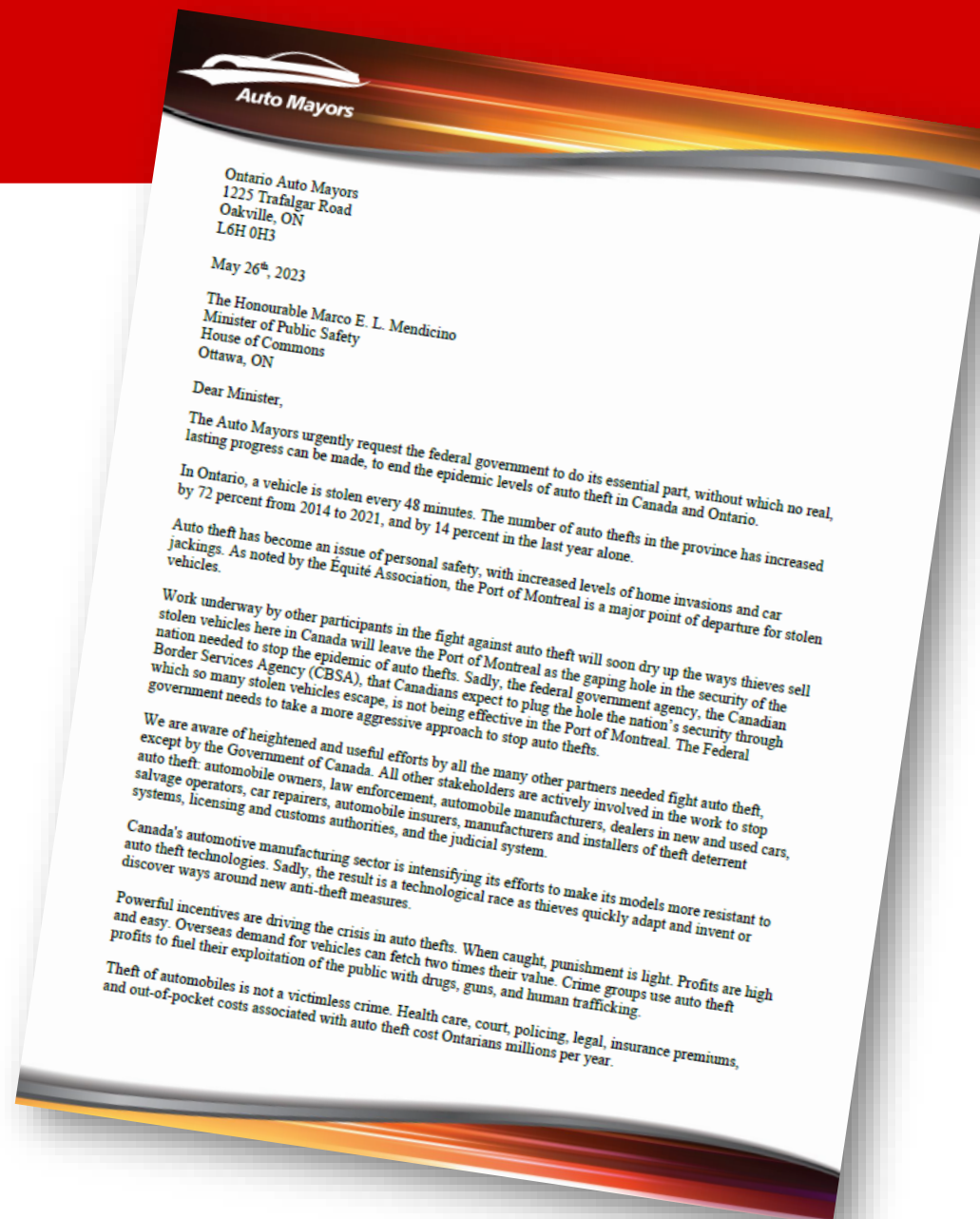


Recap of Activity

- After our last meeting in Brampton on May 12th a letter seeking federal government action on auto theft was submitted by Auto Mayors to then Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino
- Federal Cabinet shuffle of July 26th resulted in Dominic Leblanc becoming new Public Safety Minister

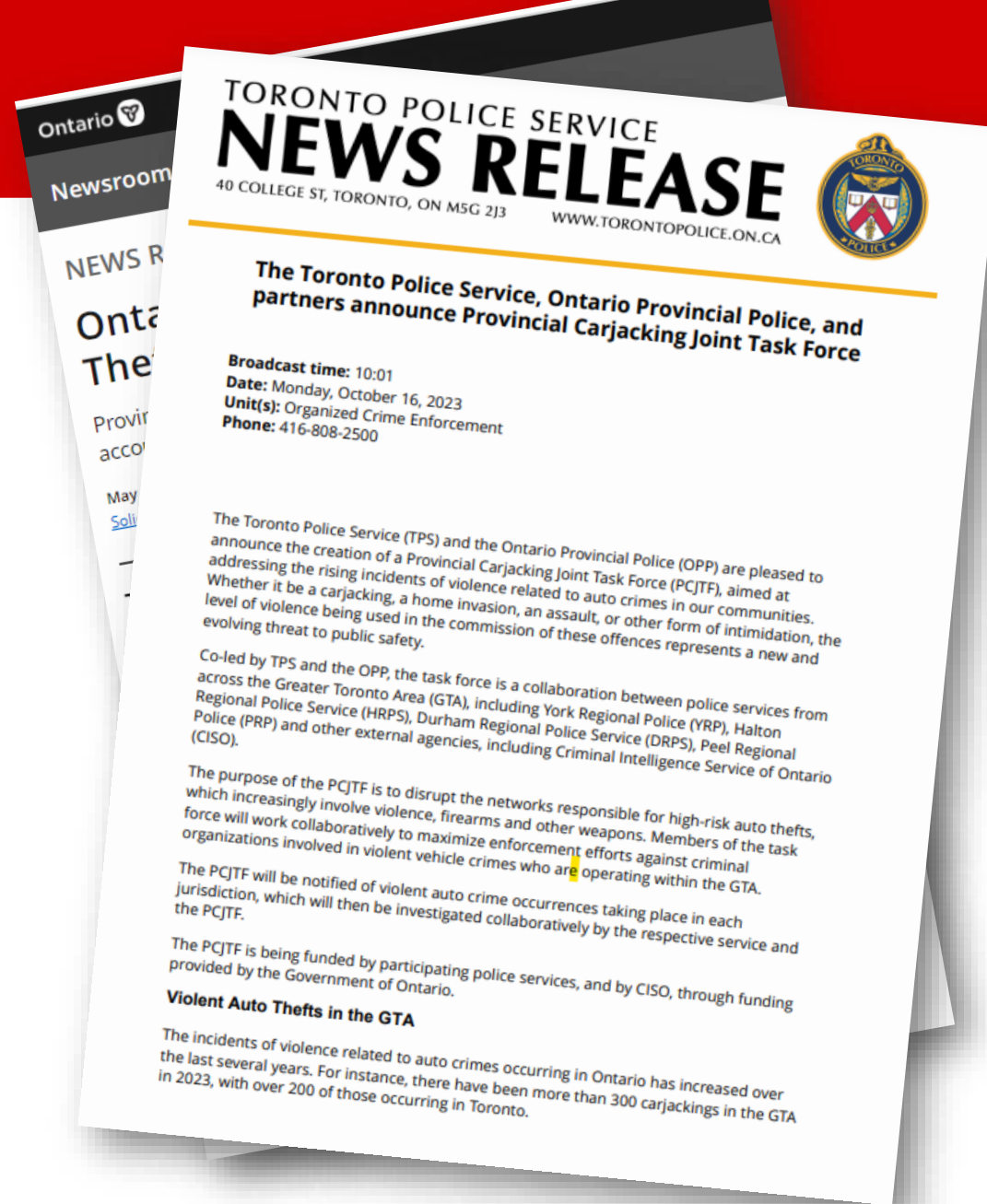
Follow Up:

- Response from Minister Mendicino?
- Outreach to Minister Leblanc?



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- Just before our last meeting Ontario announced it was investing \$51 Million in Auto Theft Task Force
- October 16 Toronto Police and OPP announce Provincial Carjacking Joint Task force



Results

CRIME

Million-dollar auto theft ring in Ontario results in almost 300 charges by police



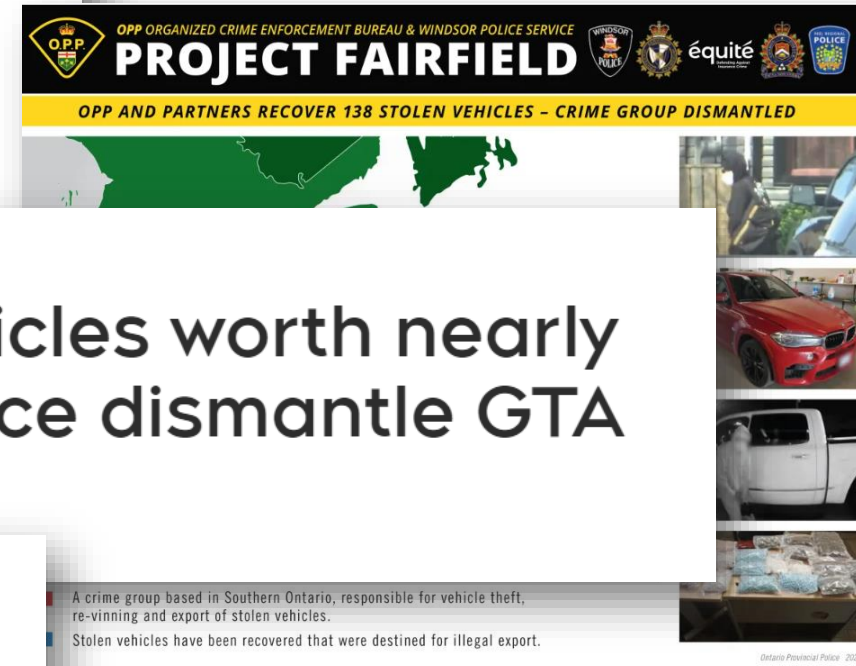
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6 arrested, 22 stolen vehicles worth nearly \$2M recovered after police dismantle GTA auto theft crime ring

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Toronto police charge 228 people, recover more than 1,000 vehicles worth \$60 million in year-long probe



Industry Initiatives

- Working up the development of a single awareness portal to educate on the issue of auto theft:
 - Quantify the problem statistically by region
 - Awareness and education for consumers
 - Latest News
 - Resources
 - Call to Action Recommendations to mitigate theft
- Lobbying federal government (successfully!) for hearings on auto theft issue at Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security
- Production of Auto Theft Papers with specific recommendations to mitigate auto theft



How Auto Mayors can help...

- Ontario accounts for 39% of Canada's population but is responsible for 70% of insurance claims related to auto theft. Why?
- Re-vinned/Cloned vehicles staying in the country
- What's involved with re-vinning?
 - Fraudulent replacement of a VIN on a stolen vehicle with another VIN
 - VIN information is easily (and cheaply) available from ServiceOntario locations – Why?
 - Readily accessible VIN information is available via a Service Ontario RIN (Registered Identification Number) history search for a cost of less than \$20
 - Unverified Third Party Registration and Dealer Registration systems allow thieves to impersonate consumers and dealers to perfect the official registration of re-vinned vehicle
- What's the solution ?
 - End public access to RIN history data – provision to do so is already ensconced in the *Highway Traffic Act*
 - Modernize the vehicle registration process at all ServiceOntario locations to properly authentic the identity of individuals looking to register vehicles E.G. Alberta uses an “Authorization for Vehicle Services Form”



Thank you!

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