

Update on Auto Theft

Vaughan City Hall

November 3, 2023.





Who We Are

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

15 Automakers

25 brands in the Canadian market

































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?



Ontario Auto Mayors 1225 Trafalgar Road Oakville, ON L6H 0H3

May 26th, 2023

The Honourable Marco E. L. Mendicino Minister of Public Safety House of Commons Ottawa, ON

Dear Minister

The Auto Mayors urgently request the federal government to do its essential part, without which no real, lacting reportance can be read to and the enidemic levels of auto theft in Canada and Ontario The Auto Mayors argently request the rederat government to do its essential part, without wait lasting progress can be made, to end the epidemic levels of auto theft in Canada and Ontario. In Ontario, a vehicle is stolen every 48 minutes. The number of auto thefts in the province has increased

in Ontano, a venicle is stolen every 40 minutes. The mumber of auto means a by 72 percent from 2014 to 2021, and by 14 percent in the last year alone.

Auto theft has become an issue of personal safety, with increased levels of home invasions and car Auto them has become an issue of personal safety, with increased levels of nome invasions and car jackings. As noted by the Équité Association, the Port of Montreal is a major point of departure for stolen

Work underway by other participants in the fight against auto theft will soon dry up the ways thieves sell Work underway by other participants in the right against auto their will soon only up the ways uneves seen stolen vehicles here in Canada will leave the Port of Montreal as the gaping hole in the security of the modern than anidamic of sufe that the Cadly the federal government against the Canadian stoien venicles here in Canada will leave the Port of Montreal as the gaping hole in the security of the nation needed to stop the epidemic of auto thefts. Sadly, the federal government agency, the Canadian apparat to place the hole the nation's contribut through nation needed to stop the epidemic of auto theirs. Sadly, the federal government agency, the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA), that Canadians expect to plug the hole the nation's security through the power of Montrees. The Fadaral Border Services Agency (CBSA), that Canadians expect to plug the hole the nation's security thror which so many stolen vehicles escape, is not being effective in the Port of Montreal. The Federal

We are aware of heightened and useful efforts by all the many other partners needed fight auto theft, We are aware of heightened and useful efforts by all the many other partners needed fight auto their except by the Government of Canada. All other stakeholders are actively involved in the work to stop except by the Government of Canada. All other stakeholders are actively involved in the work to stop automobile owners, law enforcement, automobile manufacturers, dealers in new and used cars, and installage of their dataparent. auto metr. automobile owners, taw enrorcement, automobile manufacturers, geaters in new and used salvage operators, car repairers, automobile insurers, manufacturers and installers of theft deterrent

Canada's automotive manufacturing sector is intensifying its efforts to make its models more resistant to Canada's automotive manufacturing sector is intensitying its efforts to make its models more resistant to auto theft technologies. Sadly, the result is a technological race as thieves quickly adapt and invent or

Powerful incentives are driving the crisis in auto thefts. When caught, punishment is light. Profits are high Powerful incentives are driving the crisis in auto theirs. When caught punishment is fight, Fronts are a and easy. Overseas demand for vehicles can fetch two times their value. Crime groups use auto theft to find their application of the public with drives ones and burnan trafficking. and easy. Overseas demand for venicles can letter two times men value. Came groups of profits to fuel their exploitation of the public with drugs, guns, and human trafficking.

Theft of automobiles is not a victimless crime. Health care, court, policing, legal, insurance premiums, then or amomornes is not a vicinitiess crime. Heatin care, court, Policing, legal, in and out-of-pocket costs associated with auto theft cost Ontarians millions per year.































Recap of Activity

- 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





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The Toronto Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police, and partners announce Provincial Carjacking Joint Task Force

Broadcast time: 10:01 Date: Monday, October 16, 2023 Unit(s): Organized Crime Enforcement Phone: 416-808-2500

The Toronto Police Service (TPS) and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are pleased to announce the creation of a Provincial Carjacking Joint Task Force (PCJTF), aimed at addressing the rising incidents of violence related to auto crimes in our communities. Whether it be a carjacking, a home invasion, an assault, or other form of intimidation, the level of violence being used in the commission of these offences represents a new and

Co-led by TPS and the OPP, the task force is a collaboration between police services from across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), including York Regional Police (YRP), Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS), Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS), Peel Regional Police (PRP) and other external agencies, including Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario

The purpose of the PCJTF is to disrupt the networks responsible for high-risk auto thefts, which increasingly involve violence, firearms and other weapons. Members of the task force will work collaboratively to maximize enforcement efforts against criminal organizations involved in violent vehicle crimes who are operating within the GTA.

The PCJTF will be notified of violent auto crime occurrences taking place in each jurisdiction, which will then be investigated collaboratively by the respective service and

The PCJTF is being funded by participating police services, and by CISO, through funding Violent Auto Thefts in the GTA

The incidents of violence related to auto crimes occurring in Ontario has increased over the last several years. For instance, there have been more than 300 carjackings in the GTA































Results

CRIME

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







By Jacquelyn LeBel · Global New Posted August 3, 2023 1:19 pm · Upc TORONTO News

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

TORONTO News

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

Stolen vehicles have been recovered that were destined for illegal export































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





150 King Street West Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3T9 Phone: 1-647-271-5108 Email: info@cvea.ca

Web: www.cvea.ca Thwarting the Attacks of Organized Crime Against Ontario's Citizens and Vehicle Industry

Abstract

This paper will discuss how two specific policies of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and ServiceOntario are inadvertently supporting both Canadian and International organized crime as it relates to automotive theft and illegal vehicle cloning. When combined, the policies surrounding RIN History searches and third-party registrations are integral in creating the perfect opportunity for vehicle cloning in Ontario.





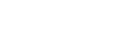




































How Auto Mayors can help...

- 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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