

Austin Police Department Auto Theft/Burglary of Vehicle Crime Statistics

Information obtained from APD Property Crime Statistics (June 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013)

Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
1,142	1,022	-11%
Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
6,759	6,308	-7%

Major patterns for auto thefts during the month of June 2013 were:

- Trucks: 11 cases – a decrease compare to 17 the month of May
- Hondas: 12 cases (mid 90’s), a decrease compare to 19 the month of May
- Motorcycles: 23 cases – significant increase compare to 17 during the month of May (Five cases associated with the Republic of Texas ROT rally)
- In 44% of auto thefts, keys were used to steal the vehicles (keys left in vehicle, lost keys, etc)

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

- Lock your car and take your keys even if your only gone a few seconds – remember it only takes a few seconds to steal a vehicle.
- Never hide a second set of keys in or on your car. Extra keys can easily be found by thieves.
- Take your valuables with you. Don’t give thieves the opportunity to steal your valuables.
- Invest in vehicle and motorcycle deterrents – wheel locks, steering lock, tracking device, kill switch, etc.

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July is “Watch Your Car” month in the State of Texas, the hottest month for car thieves. So remember, Protect it, It’s Yours.



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