



Regina Auto Theft Strategy

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Regina Saskatchewan Canada population 190 thousand
Regina Police Force sworn officers 355 Civilian members 133
Regina Community Corrections staff 25 youth probation staff and 20 adult probation officers
Offender demographics 75% of the auto theft offenders are 1st nations {North American Native Indian}



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during this presentation.

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Critical Elements considered for this Initiative



- What is the problem?
- Who is the target group and what is their contribution to the problem?
- How is the initiative dealing differently with the target group?
- What activities are being undertaken to prevent crime? Respond to crime?
- What is the governance structure?
- Long and short term effectiveness?

The Problem



- A significant number of autos being stolen – 3850 in 2001, Regina population 190 thousand
- Oldest fleet of autos in the country
- No integrated or coordinated process to manage the offenders involved
- Public and Political outcry



Rates of Auto Thefts In Regina compared to the top 10 American auto theft cities



City	Vehicles stolen	Thefts per 100,000 Pop.{2005}
Regina Sask. Canada	3,850 {2001}	2,026
Modesto, CA	7,071	1,419
Las Vegas/paradise, NV	22,465	1,361
Stockton, CA	7,586	1,167
Phoenix/Mesa/Scottsdale, AZ	41,000	1,104
Visalia/Porterville, CA	4,257	1,060
Seattle/Tacoma/Bellevue, WA	33,494	1,058
Sacramento/Arden-Arcade/Roseville, CA	20,268	1,005
Chula Vista, CA		1,000
San Diego/Carlsbad/San Marcos, CA	28,845	984
Fresno, CA	8,478	978
Yakima, WA	2,212	966

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- Response to extreme concern in the community about the number of vehicles being stolen
- Partnership approach with Corrections, Justice, Police,
- Additional partners includes Community based organizations, Saskatchewan Government Insurance, school divisions
- Risk management, risk reduction
- Initial community skepticism
- Early results encouraging

The Strategy



- Implemented on January 31, 2002 for Young Offenders
- May 29, 2003 - Phase 2:
 - expanded the program to adult offenders
 - electronic monitoring for youth
 - additional Crown Prosecution staff
 - additional Meditation resources for Help Eliminate Auto Theft programming



Goals and Objectives

- Implementation of 4 key Elements
- To reduce auto thefts by 50% of the 2001 numbers of 3844 vehicles
- Goal: 1922 vehicles by 2005
- Increase community confidence in the Justice System
- Better programs and responses to clients and partners

Four Key Elements



- **Education and Information**

Goal-→Provide information to high risk youth to prevent them from entering the Justice system, specific to auto theft

- 1st year - 1600 youth received information in 75 presentations in school, provided by a local Community Agency.
- From 2004 to present, Regina Police Service school resource officers assumed this responsibility and have completed over 60 presentations to another 2000 at risk youth.



Four Key Elements

- **Early Intervention - HEAT (Help Eliminate Auto Theft)**
 - Alternative Measures for 1st time auto theft offenders
 - Prior to January 2002, no auto theft charges had proceeded through mediation.
 - Delivered through the Regina Alternative Measures Program a local first nations community organization.
 - Designed to meet the needs of medium to high risk first-time offenders over 300 referrals to date.
 - The program is presently undergoing an independent outcomes review
 - Piloted the use of the Level of Service Inventory **Risk Assessment** Sask. Edition screening tool. {LSIsk}



Four Key Elements

- **Coordinated Supervision**

- Strict Supervision and control of the highest need group of offenders most likely to re-offend
- Dedicated Youth Workers, Police and resources to manage the supervision responsibilities
- Young Offender staff complement included 4 community youth workers 1 supervisor and 1 institutional worker
- Police Staff complement includes 10 full-time officers and 4 part-time officers.
- Adult Probation, use of an existing Supervisor and one additional Probation Officer
- Crown Prosecutors have two staff dedicated to this project



Four Key Elements

- **Integrated Supervision and Case Management**
 - An effective combination of enforcement and rehabilitation occurs through fostering the **communication** and **relationships** between partners **KEY** to the success.
 - Enhanced case conferencing between community corrections and custody staff
 - Effectively communicating the **risks** and **safety plans** to all the participants including the Judiciary
 - Providing **targeted** services to offenders both in the community and custody
 - Ensure targeted services are culturally relevant, Corrections engaged an aboriginal elder to work with identified youth and families



Four Key Elements

- **Integrated Supervision and Case Management cont.**
 - Daily summary of auto thefts is sent to all key partners from Police
 - Police supported, integrated data base for sharing information
 - Corrections sends a weekly auto theft report to all partners which includes ongoing thefts counted on a daily, weekly, monthly and year to year comparisons
 - Monthly meetings for frontline staff to discuss new candidates and removal of active candidates
 - Management meetings every 2 months
 - Information sharing with other police forces in the surrounding areas

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- Any Questions



Regina Auto Theft Strategy Governance

Deputy Ministers Steering Committee

Deputy Ministers of Justice and Corrections

Chief of Police

Saskatchewan Government Insurance

Local Management Committee

Senior Crown Prosecutor

Managers – Corrections

Managers -Regina Police Service

Local Working Group

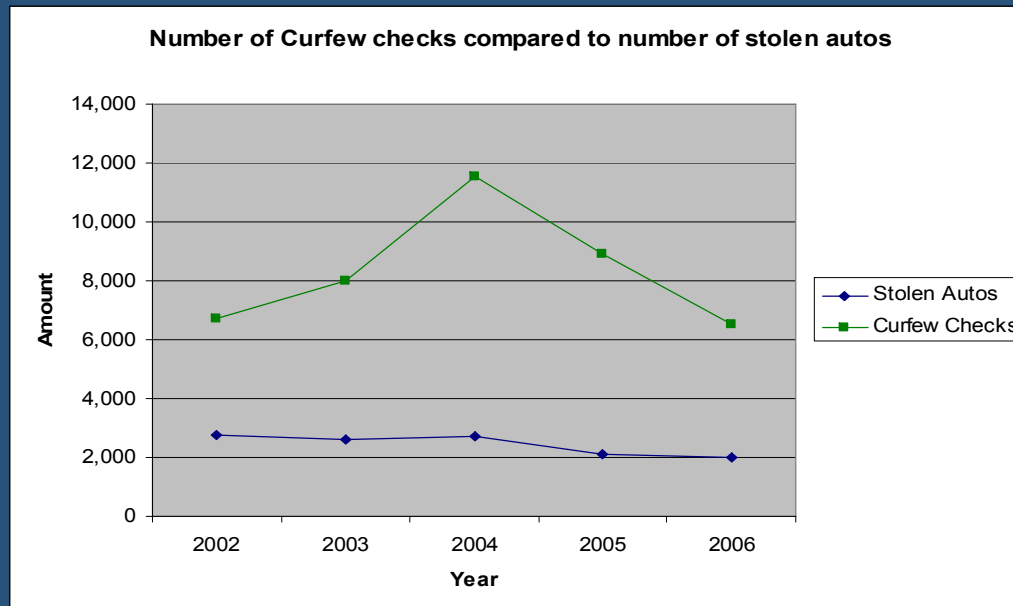
Front Line Supervisors and Corrections

Workers, Police, Crown

Strategy Activities



- Current target group, 53 Chronic Repeat Offenders - includes 20 youth and 33 adults, all under significant supervision, this has changed from having primarily youth offenders to more adult offenders
- Providing targeted interventions that reflect the offenders risk and need, while addressing public safety this was a move from incident based to risk based supervision
- In 2004, we peaked with a record 11,522 curfew checks completed by Corrections and Police an average of 222 per week.

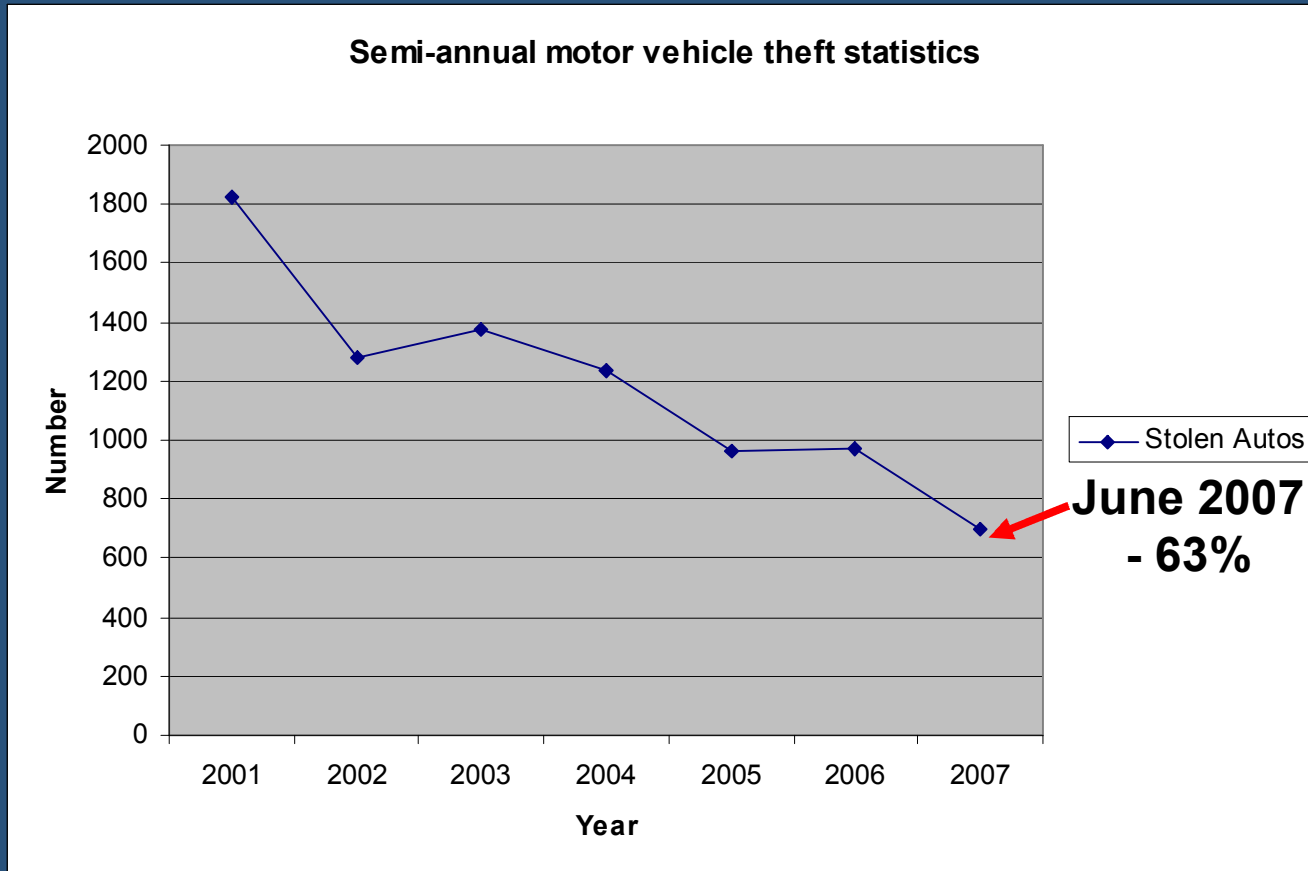


Results/Outcomes



- Positive partnerships and joint ownership of the issues and solutions
- Reduced auto thefts by 49%. This translates into a reduction of over 1900 cars by 2006 from 2001.
- Over the past five years, total reductions in autos are 7136
- Over 1 million dollars a year in insurance premiums saved
- Greater public confidence in the Justice System and safer communities.
- Two independent reviews of the strategy have been completed, one by Dr. Pfeifer, another by Dr. Wormith. Both reviews had favorable outcomes. These can be reviewed on www.cps.gov.sk.ca under publications

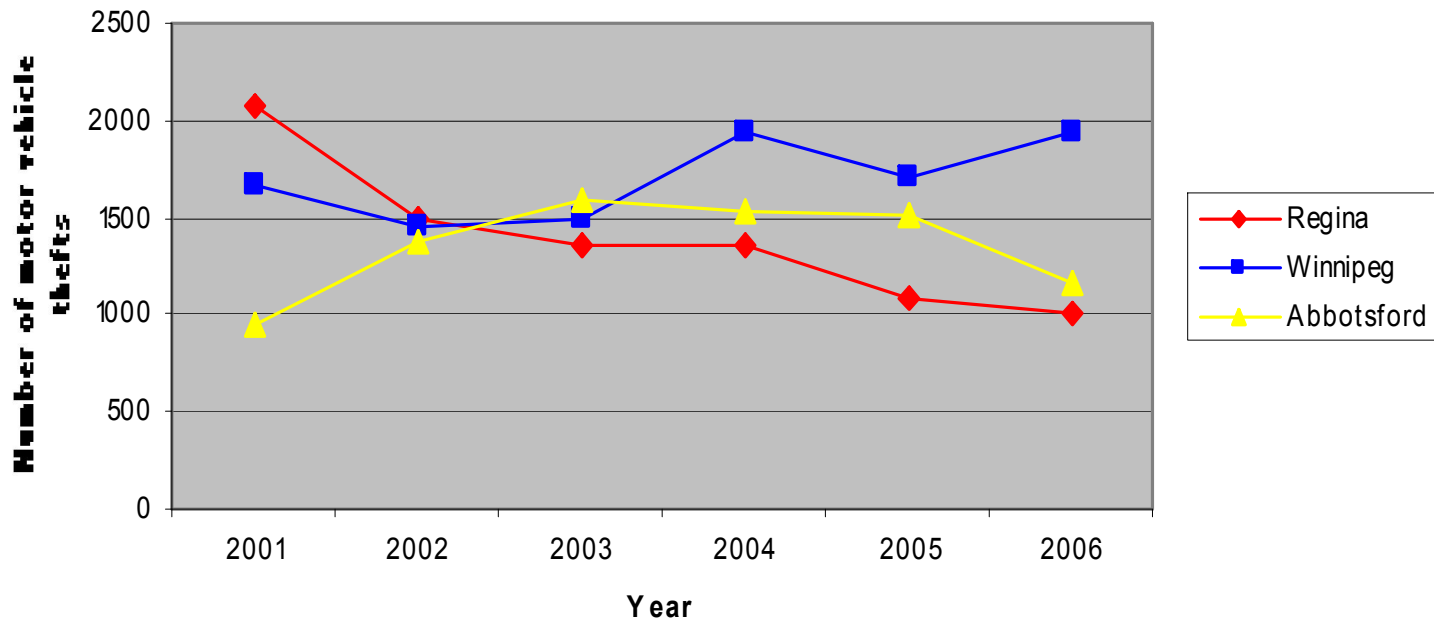
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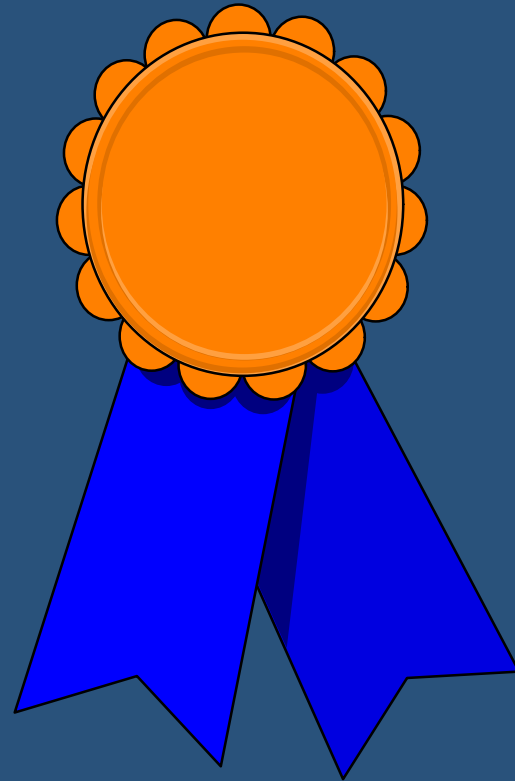


Number of motor vehicle thefts per year in three comparable cities



Program Recognition

- In May 2004 the Auto Theft Strategy and members received the Saskatchewan Provincial Premier's Award of Excellence
- In May 2004 the Coordinator of Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) received an award for her work from the City of Regina's Crime Prevention Committee
- Justice Canada recognition of Regina Police Service for their creation and involvement in the HEAT program
- In May 2005 a Merit award to the Regina Police Services, from the Central Canadian Auto Theft Association
- June 2007 Ottawa Public Policy Forum profiles the Auto Theft Strategy for it's collaboration and innovation





Summary Slide

Keys to current success:

- Our strong partnerships and collaborations
- Common goals
- Clear and open communications

Next Steps:

- Continue current partnerships and explore other points of involvement (i.e.. robbery offenders)
- An outcome evaluation.

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