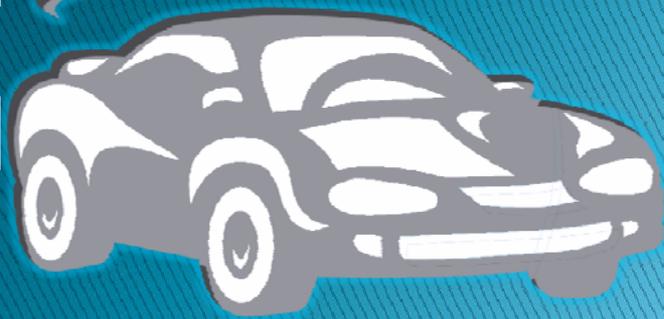


MANITOBA AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE: REDUCING AUTO THEFT

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About Winnipeg

- ▶ Canada's 8th largest city – 700,000 people
- ▶ In 2007, had Canada's fourth highest crime rate and a motor vehicle theft rate four times national average
- ▶ Nearly 20% of all criminal offenses were vehicle thefts

Scanning – The Problem Continued

- ▶ Cost of \$40 million a year
- ▶ Deaths and injuries
- ▶ In 2007, two people killed and incidents of people being deliberately run down
- ▶ In one 16-month period, eight drivers tried to run down police officers with stolen vehicles



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A Wrecked cabbie was killed when a stolen pickup collided with his taxi early yesterday morning near the intersection of Portage Avenue and Maryland Street.

- Six shot, three fatally, in Weston
- Stolen truck slams taxi, killing cabbie

Is crime out of control?

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Accused 'didn't care'

Girl joked in vid interview about cabbie's death

DEAN PITCHARD
 Sun Staff

A 16-year-old passenger in a stolen truck laughed and joked about a collision that killed city cab driver Antonio Lanzetta, telling police "he had to be someone's nephew," a judge was told yesterday.

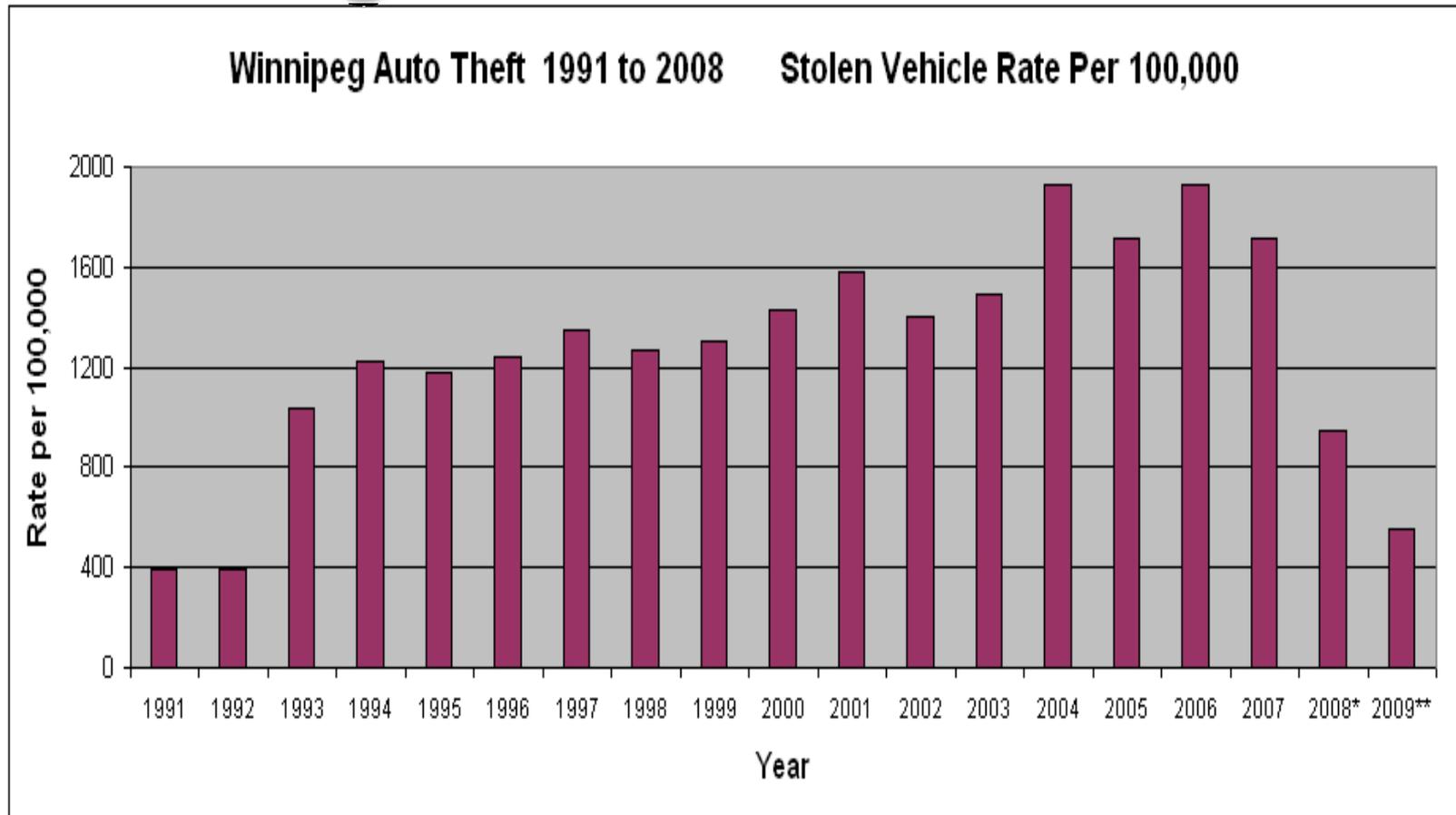
During a lengthy video interview with police following the March 29 crash, the girl repeatedly told officers she "didn't care." Lanzetta had died and said he was in the wrong place on the wrong side," Crown attorney Lt. Paul told court at a scheduled sentencing hearing after the girl pleaded guilty.

"In all my years as a Crown attorney, I have never seen a video like this. The words



Cab driver Antonio Lanzetta died when a stolen Chevrolet Avalanche crashed into his taxi at Maryland and Portage on March 29.

Scanning – The Problem



Year:	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008*</u>	<u>2009**</u>
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Response – Manitoba Auto Theft Task Force

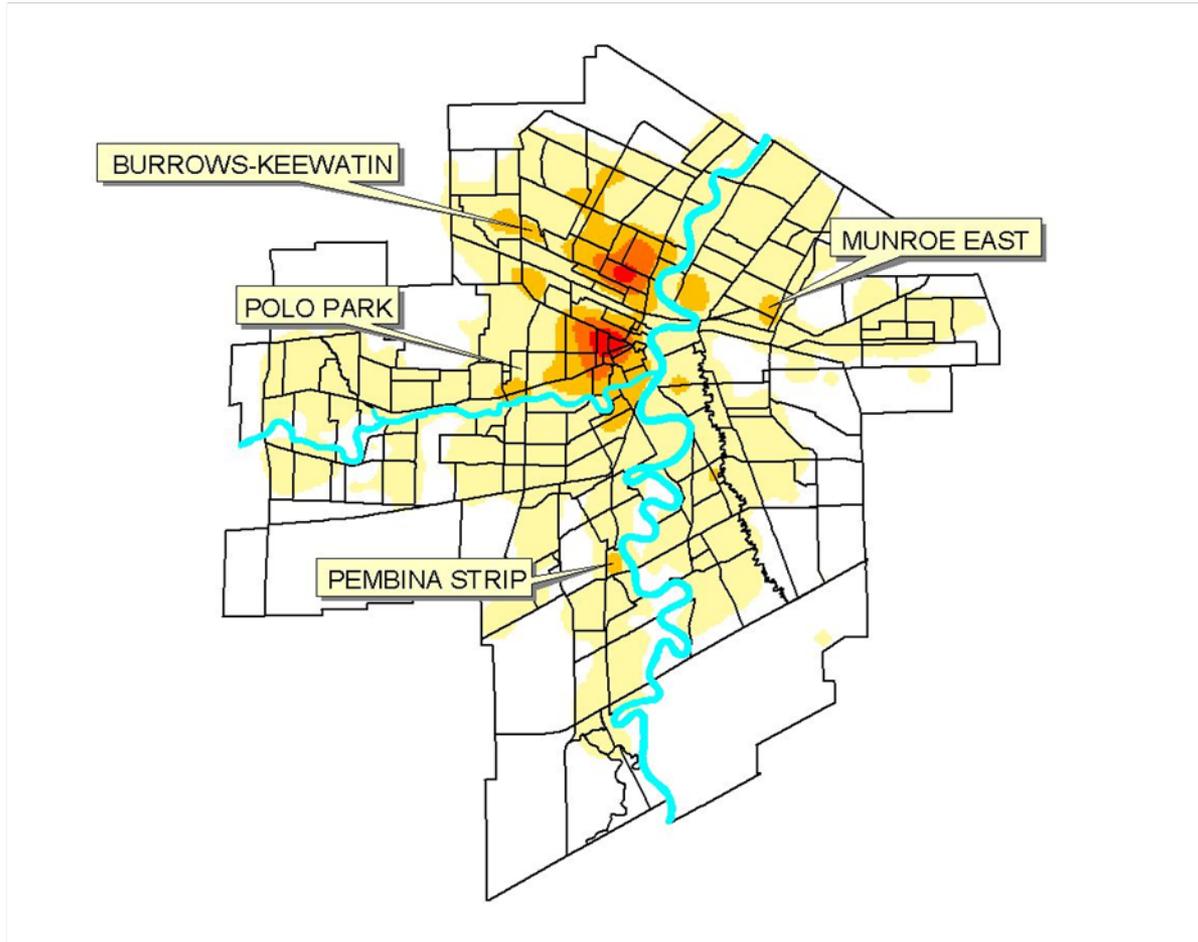
- ▶ Winnipeg Police Service and RCMP
- ▶ Crown Prosecutors (our District Attorneys)
- ▶ Youth Corrections
- ▶ Manitoba Public Insurance (in 3 of Canada's western provinces all car owners must insure their vehicles with a government insurance company)
- ▶ Commitment to use a problem-oriented approach

Analysis – Offense Patterns

- ▶ Thefts throughout city, but concentrated in core.
- ▶ No significant monthly or day of week patterns
- ▶ 95% of all vehicles recovered – not sold or chopped
- ▶ Clearance rate of about 10%
- ▶ Some Chrysler vehicles particularly vulnerable.
- ▶ Thefts by children as young as 10 (no charges until 12 in Canada).



Car Theft Hot Spots



Analysis – Target Characteristics (2003 – 2005)

- ▶ Plymouth Voyager (1990 – 1994) 1 in 7
- ▶ Chrysler Intrepid (1990 – 1994) 1 in 7
- ▶ Jeep Grand Cherokee (1990– 1994) 1 in 7
- ▶ Dodge Caravan (1990 – 1994) 1 in 8
- ▶ Dodge Spirit (1990 – 1994) 1 in 9
- ▶ Plymouth Acclaim (1990 – 1994) 1 in 9
- ▶ Chrysler Intrepid (1995 – 1999) 1 in 10
- ▶ Dodge Stratus (1995 – 1999) 1 in 11
- ▶ Plymouth Sundance (1995 – 1999) 1 in 11
- ▶ Chrysler Dynasty (1990 – 1994) 1 in 11

Analysis – Offender Characteristics

- ▶ Interviewed 43 incarcerated auto thieves
- ▶ Family issues
 - Majority from single parent families
 - Half had run away at least once
 - High criminality of family members
- ▶ School issues
 - Not successful: 2–3 grades below age level
 - High rates of truancy and expulsion
 - School-associated thefts

Analysis – Offender Characteristics

Continued

- ▶ Leisure activities
 - Violent video games (Grand Theft Auto)
 - Drug and alcohol use
 - Thrill-seeking lifestyle
- ▶ High involvement in auto theft and also other offenses
- ▶ Peers a very important factor – most involved with gangs and most had many friends who stole cars:
Extensive auto theft culture
 - ▶ Young when started – average age was 12

Analysis – Offender Characteristics

Continued

- ▶ Approached auto theft casually, with little pre-planning: impulsive, used for joyriding or for casual transportation
- ▶ Had thrill-seeking and status dimensions: many exaggerated their involvement
- ▶ Felt anti-theft devices best way to reduce it
- ▶ Majority felt their sentences were too lenient and that penalties should be harsher

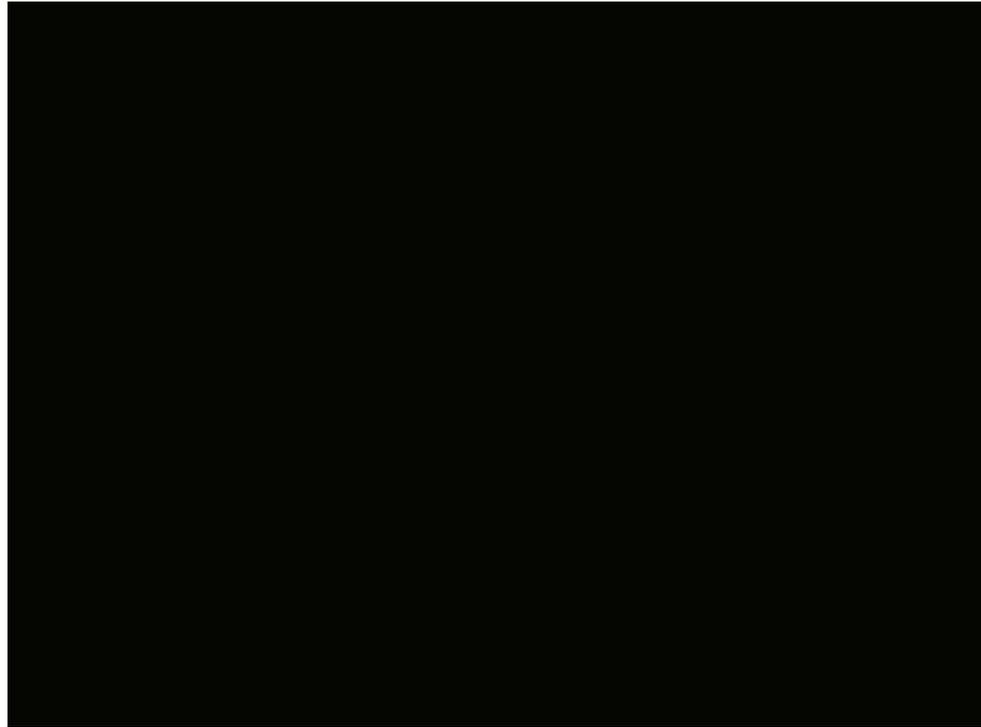
Analysis – What Do We Know?

- ▶ Mainly joyriding and thrill seeking activity
- ▶ Wide range of offences — not just auto thefts
- ▶ High rate of repeat offending
- ▶ Substance abuse issues
- ▶ Peer/gang influences
- ▶ Family support/supervision issues
- ▶ Special needs (FASD, cognitive disabilities)
- ▶ Majority are Aboriginal (Native American)

Other Research

- ▶ A final major piece of research was an extensive review of what works and doesn't work in auto theft prevention.

Early Strategies



First Attempts – Failure

- ▶ Government wouldn't buy us enough chimps, so we turned to Plan B
- ▶ Policy of fingerprinting all stolen vehicles and increased police attention along with an under-12 program probably led to the 12% temporary reductions in 2002.
- ▶ Government also tried several other tactics such as not allowing convicted car thieves to get drivers' licenses and suing offenders to recover the cost of their thefts but not likely that these have an impact on 15 year-olds.
- ▶ Bait cars also did not work for us.



Crisis Time

- ▶ While we were doing research our initial efforts were failing and we were learning how committed to auto theft our young people were.
- ▶ 2004 – Auto theft rates out of control
 - Last quarter of 2004, an annualized rate of 3000/100,000 which would have been at least 3 times higher than any other place in North America
 - Some kids were stealing 4 to 5 cars a day

RESPONSE

- ▶ The Winnipeg Auto Theft Suppression Strategy (WATSS)
 - 15 staff hired for Auto Theft Unit in Corrections
 - Coordinated and integrated approach based upon the risk level of the youth
 - 2 Crown prosecutors assigned to auto theft
 - Subsidized electronic immobilizer program – voluntary, but all costs paid by Manitoba Public Insurance

Electronic Immobilizer

- ▶ A device that disables vehicle systems so it can't be started without a transponder-equipped key
- ▶ Many varieties, but approved immobilizers disable the ignition, starter and fuel systems
- ▶ Mandatory in all new vehicles sold in Canada since 2007 but not in older vehicles. After-market cost of about \$400 installed

Response – Levels of Strategy

- ▶ Level 1 – At risk. Education and prevention
- ▶ Level 2 – Early involved. Prevention, education, diversion
- ▶ Level 3 – Repeaters. Supervision and intervention
- ▶ Level 4 – High risk. Intense supervision, support and intervention
- ▶ Intense supervision is core of the program –15– person Auto Theft Unit in Youth Probation

Response – Level 4

VERY HIGH RISK AUTO THIEVES:

- ▶ Enhanced case management by Probation Officers and Auto Theft Support Workers
- ▶ Daily contacts with youth (7 days/week – every 3 to 6 hours). From 22 – 36 contacts per week
- ▶ Curfews applied & enforced
- ▶ Limited tolerance for non-compliance
- ▶ Crown (prosecutor) advocates for custody when applicable

Response – Social Development Programs

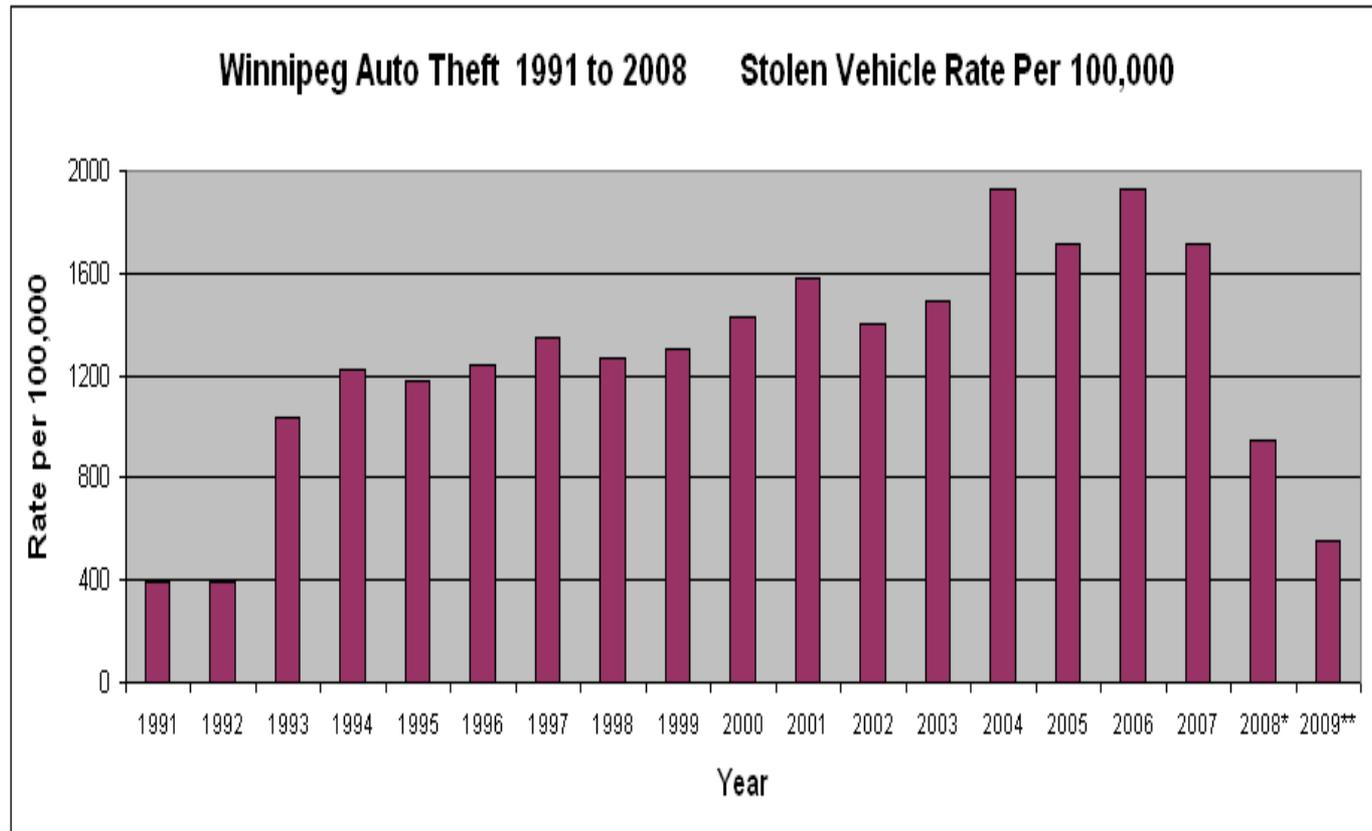
- ▶ Empowering Justice – federal funding – \$1.5 million/3 years
- ▶ CHOICES – 2 new sites (Level 1)
- ▶ Vehicle for Change – (Level 2)
- ▶ Activity Centre – group mentoring (Levels 1 and 2)
- ▶ Resource Centre – (3 &4)
- ▶ Mentoring (3&4)
- ▶ Aboriginal Worker (all levels)

Assessment

- ▶ Initial reductions and everyone involved felt we were on the right track, but thefts began to spiral out of control again in 2006 so it was clear more needed to be done.

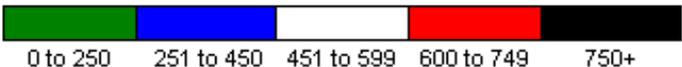


Early Success, But Not Sustained



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INCREASES IN 2006

Winnipeg Auto Theft Statistics 2001 to 2006								
Data source: Manitoba Public Insurance (registered vehicles with claims filed)								
Utilized by the Auto Theft Task Force								
	Pre-Auto Theft Strategy				WATSS		Daily	Daily
	2001	2002	2003	2004	Year 1 2005	Year 2 2006	Average 2004	Average 2006
January	618	466	430	451	552	626	14.5	20.2
February	471	473	447	516	500	627	17.8	20.2
March	496	420	614	642	603	834	20.7	26.9
April	567	494	563	698	547	630	23.3	20.3
May	584	485	471	728	624	657	23.5	21.2
June	519	461	523	672	542	667	22.4	21.5
July	576	625	593	788	685	661	25.4	21.3
August	672	605	513	703	708	642	22.7	20.7
September	494	560	557	733	714	538	24.4	17.4
October	716	611	759	939	695	710	30.3	22.9
November	697	481	485	1132	618		37.7	
December	649	512	656	765	572		24.7	
Monthly Avg:	588	516	551	731	613	659	Avg/day	
Yearly Total:	7059	6193	6611	8767	7360	6592	24.0	
Daily Avg:	19.3	17.0	18.1	24.0	20.2	21.7		
Yearly % Chg:		-12.3%	6.7%	32.6%	-16.0%	4.9%		
Color Codes:								
	(Stolen vehicles per month)							

- Major increases in late 2004
- Rates lowered in 2005
- Significant increases in early-mid 2006 in spite of positive inroads being made within WATSS. Needed to understand the causes.

ANALYSIS:

- Very high number of the worst auto theft offenders were out of custody in 2006 and driving the numbers.
- Stolen Auto Unit staffing insufficient to make the most of the WATSS partnerships.

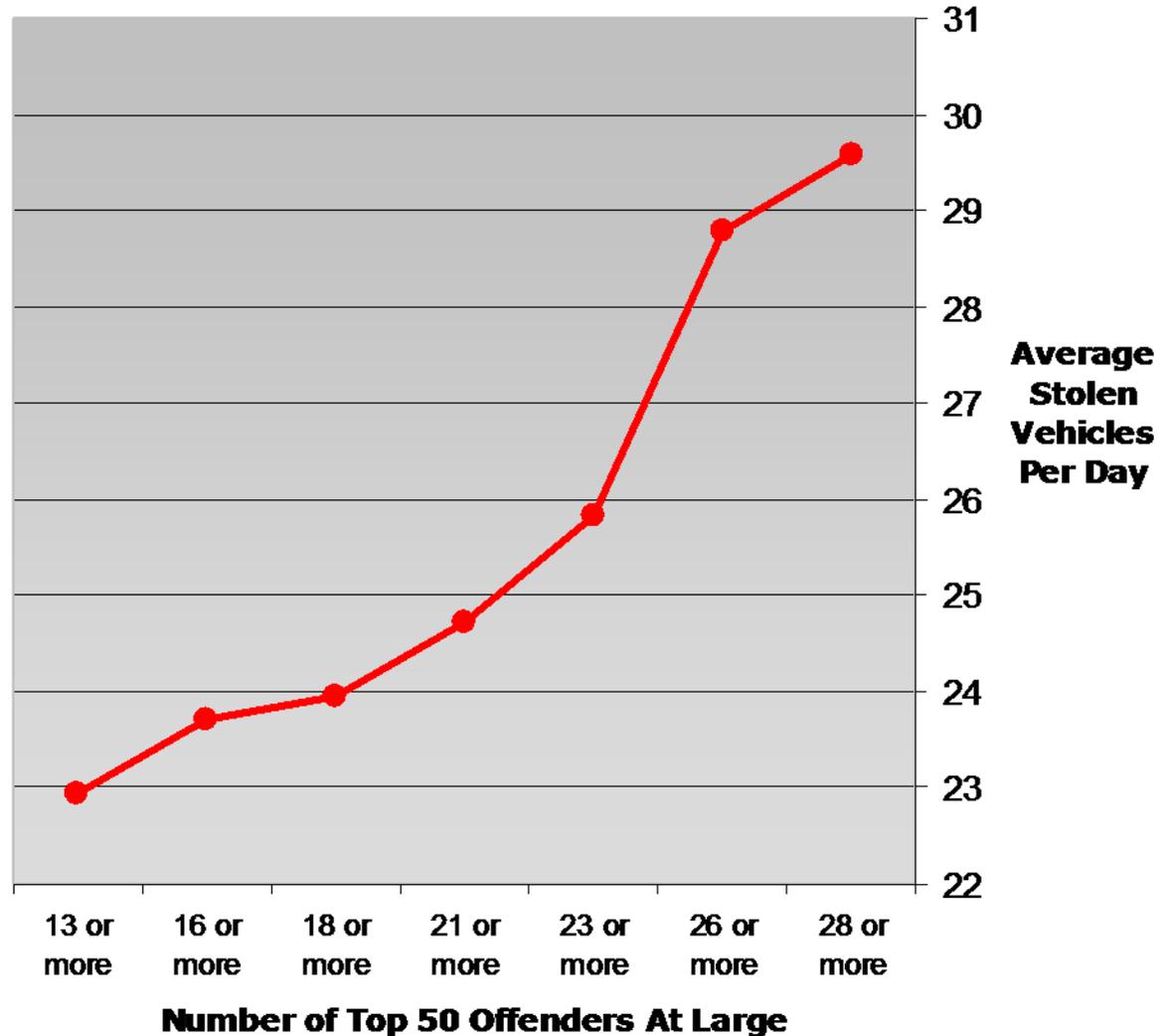
Demonstrating the Value of Strategy Efforts & Future Potential

- ▶ 2005 & 2006 – Many new processes and partnerships were put into place. Theft numbers being kept in check compared to late 2004. WATSS evolving, learning process of how to increase effectiveness as a group. Strong feeling within the partner agencies that we would make this work.
- ▶ During 2005 & 2006 the relationship between offender custody and vehicle theft rates became apparent. Direct relationship between known offenders in the community and auto theft increases. These offenders were driving the increases in 2006.
- ▶ On the right track – Offenders now known to police and monitored. Many were previously anonymous or not policed proactively. Partnerships ready to make an impact.
- ▶ Recognized the need to statistically demonstrate the value of the Strategy efforts to gain continued/further support politically, within the Police Service, and the courts.
- ▶ Challenge of convincing the decision makers we were on the right path. Stolen Auto Unit in particular needed additional staffing. Not enough members to target all of the offenders properly for WATSS to reach its potential.

Impact of High Risk Offenders

- ▶ Initial research for WATSS determined that a select group of chronic offenders are responsible for high percentage of auto theft in Winnipeg.
2006
- ▶ Significant need to formally demonstrate this effect to gain greater momentum for WATSS. We understood this through our experience but it was time to back it up with a more detailed analysis to educate others.
- ▶ **Top 50 Analysis – developed to statistically demonstrate the relationship between auto theft rates and High Risk youth offenders in custody.**
- ▶ The 50 highest risk offenders were identified. Data regarding their day-to-day custody status (in or out) was analyzed. This covered a 273 day period in 2006. Daily auto theft statistics were then compared with the number of high risk offenders in custody. Colors were used to further demonstrate this relationship.

Comparison: Top 50 Offenders At Large & Stolen Vehicle Rates (2006)



Summary of the analysis:

Auto theft numbers increased with higher numbers of auto theft offenders in the community.

At Large – Identified offenders were either being supervised in the community or on the run from police.

Top 50 Analysis – Graph Explanations

*Added for Slides 32–34 (verbally described during the conference presentation)

- ▶ The analysis covers a 9 month period between January 1 and Sept 30, 2006. The following 3 slides from this analysis are shown to highlight specific time periods.
- ▶ **Columns A & B** – Specific date/day of the week.
- ▶ **Column C** – Number of stolen vehicles in Winnipeg on that day. The colors correspond to the number of stolen vehicles Color codes are defined in the top-left area. In 2006, 30 or more stolen vehicles was considered a HIGH amount and shown in red. Orange represents an ELEVATED amount (26–29), white is AVERAGE (17–25), and blue is LOW (0–16).
- ▶ **Column D** – Total number of Top 50 Offenders that were out of custody on that day. Color codes are defined in the top-left area. Red represents a HIGH number (25 or more), orange is ELEVATED (23–24), white is AVERAGE (19–22), and blue is LOW (0–18).
- ▶ **Right-hand columns** – Each column represents an individual Top 50 offender. Due to space limitations, only offenders 1–20 are shown. Each day they are out of custody (creating the potential to steal vehicles), is designated by a red “1”. A white box means “in custody”.

Top 50 - March 1 to March 30, 2006

2006 Stolen Vehicles - Winnipeg					Individual offenders																			
Jan 1 to Sept 30		Total Days: 273																						
Color	Red:	30+	25+																					
Codes	Orange:	26-29	23-24	7%	10%	16%	33%	19%	30%	18%	41%	18%	36%	10%	12%	34%	36%	44%	58%	44%	73%	16%	60%	
	Blue:	0-16	0-18	18	28	43	90	52	83	48	113	49	97	28	34	93	105	120	157	119	200	45	163	
				26.0%	16.8%	12.1%	11.3%	10.9%	9.8%	9.3%	8.9%	8.6%	8.0%	7.2%	6.6%	6.4%	5.9%	5.7%	4.6%	4.1%	3.9%	3.5%	3.4%	
Day of the Week	Year 2006	Actual Stolen Vehicles	(50 total) Offenders At Large	% at Large	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
74	Wednesday	1-Mar	27	28	56%			1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
75	Thursday	2-Mar	28	28	56%			1	1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
76	Friday	3-Mar	34	28	56%				1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
77	Saturday	4-Mar	35	28	56%				1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
78	Sunday	5-Mar	23	27	54%				1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
79	Monday	6-Mar	31	28	56%		1		1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
80	Tuesday	7-Mar	23	28	56%		1		1	1		1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
81	Wednesday	8-Mar	25	28	56%		1		1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
82	Thursday	9-Mar	36	28	56%		1		1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
83	Friday	10-Mar	40	29	58%		1		1	1	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
84	Saturday	11-Mar	31	28	56%		1		1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
85	Sunday	12-Mar	21	30	60%		1		1	1	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
86	Monday	13-Mar	30	31	62%		1		1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
87	Tuesday	14-Mar	30	29	58%		1		1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
88	Wednesday	15-Mar	36	30	60%		1		1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
89	Thursday	16-Mar	35	28	56%		1		1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
90	Friday	17-Mar	39	27	54%		1		1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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93	Monday	20-Mar	19	28	56%		1		1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
94	Tuesday	21-Mar	22	29	58%		1		1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
95	Wednesday	22-Mar	30	27	54%		1		1		1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
96	Thursday	23-Mar	26	26	52%				1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
97	Friday	24-Mar	34	24	48%				1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
98	Saturday	25-Mar	30	24	48%				1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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102	Wednesday	29-Mar	25	22	44%				1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
103	Thursday	30-Mar	27	21	42%				1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
104	Friday	31-Mar	28	21	42%				1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

During March 2006, there were a high number of Top 50 Offenders in the community. Many of these days also saw high auto theft rates.

As well, many of the Top 20 offenders were also out of custody.

Based on our experience, offenders were active during many but not all days they were out. In general, we would expect to see high numbers of offenders out of custody (red) result in high auto theft days as was the case in March 2006.

Top 50 – May 15 to June 15, 2006

2006 Stolen Vehicles - Winnipeg						Individual offenders																				
Jan 1 to Sept 30		Total Days: 273																								
Color	Red:	30+	25+			7%	10%	16%	33%	19%	30%	18%	41%	18%	36%	10%	12%	34%	38%	44%	58%	44%	73%	16%	60%	
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151	Wednesday	17-May	23	19	38%																					
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153	Friday	19-May	28	16	32%																					
154	Saturday	20-May	30	16	32%																					
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As a result of a record number of auto theft offender arrests in May, the number of Top 50 offenders dropped to as low as 14, 50% less compared to high numbers seen in March.

Of note, NONE of the Top 20 offenders were out of custody between May 24 and June 7.

The low number of offenders (blue) corresponded with many of the lowest auto theft days of the year and on average significant reductions.

Note the new releases at the bottom of the graph.

Top 50 – June 1 to July 2, 2006

2006 Stolen Vehicles - Winnipeg					Individual offenders																				
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175	Saturday	10-Jun	24	17	34%																				
176	Sunday	11-Jun	12	18	36%																				
177	Monday	12-Jun	16	18	36%																				
178	Tuesday	13-Jun	10	18	36%																				
179	Wednesday	14-Jun	18	20	40%																				
180	Thursday	15-Jun	15	18	36%																				
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183	Sunday	18-Jun	20	20	40%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
184	Monday	19-Jun	30	21	42%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
185	Tuesday	20-Jun	23	21	42%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
186	Wednesday	21-Jun	24	22	44%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
187	Thursday	22-Jun	26	24	48%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
188	Friday	23-Jun	28	25	50%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
189	Saturday	24-Jun	35	25	50%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
190	Sunday	25-Jun	32	25	50%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
191	Monday	26-Jun	41	25	50%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
192	Tuesday	27-Jun	39	26	52%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
193	Wednesday	28-Jun	37	26	52%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
194	Thursday	29-Jun	30	25	50%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
195	Friday	30-Jun	24	24	48%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
196	Saturday	1-Jul	24	23	46%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
197	Sunday	2-Jul	30	22	44%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		

By mid-June, several Top 50 Offenders returned to the community as a result of sentence completions, etc.

By late June, the number of Top 50 Offenders again reached high levels (red) and auto theft rates increased significantly.

In a very short period of time, we went from the lowest auto theft days of the year to some of the highest.

In one sense, significant releases became “the clouds rolling in” before the storm.

Impact of a Single Group

5 main players

(3– Level 4's & 1– Level 3 youth)

- Learned to bypass the factory immobilizers of SUV's, etc.
 - All arrested over a 1 week period by SAU & uniform members
 - Numerous stolen vehicle charges laid
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12 days prior to final arrest:

Avalanche thefts = 25 Trailblazer thefts = 14 (39 total)

12 days following the final arrest:

Avalanche thefts = 3 Trailblazer thefts = 1 (4 total)

Impact of A Single Offender

“Windstar Bandit”

Male in his early 20's, strong preference for 1998 Windstar vans

- Arrested May 18th, 2007 by SAU as part of a specific project
 - Charged with numerous stolen vehicle offences

1998 Windstar thefts

Jan. 1 to May 18, 2006 = 4 total

(Windstar Bandit released on Parole in late 2006)

Jan. 1 to May 18, 2007 = 109 total

May 1 to 18, 2007 = 31 total

Arrested May 18

May 19 to June 5, 2007 = 0

Response – Additional Components Added to WATSS

- ▶ This research showed that a small number of youth were responsible for much of the problem and suggested a need for intensive supervision along with additions to the enforcement component.
- ▶ The research was presented directly to Minister of Justice with recommendation that a major effort was needed to stop the escalation in thefts.
- ▶ Led to a major commitment of resources by Manitoba Public Insurance and by the Justice Department.

ENHANCEMENTS TO AUTO THEFT STRATEGY

- ▶ 5 Additional members for Stolen Auto Unit as of June 2007 to enhance the enforcement component.
- ▶ Compulsory immobilizer program. Mandatory (and free) for the 100 most at-risk models. 50,000 in initial program. Initiative began in September, 2007 and a second group added in September, 2008. Total cost of \$40 million.
- ▶ Enhanced youth programming.

Response – Immobilizers

- ▶ Initial voluntary program was not large enough to avoid displacement – lots of 1993 Dodge Caravans around Winnipeg
- ▶ Compulsory program covered 100,000 vehicles in over 2 years. Completed Sep 09
- ▶ No approved immobilizers have been defeated but some stolen with keys

Analysis – Target Vehicles 2007

- ▶ Cadillac Escalade (2000–2004) 1 in 6
 - ▶ GMC Yukon (2005–2007) 1 in 8
 - ▶ GMC Yukon (2000–2004) 1 in 14
 - ▶ Ford Windstar (1995–1999) 1 in 16
 - ▶ Nissan Quest (1990–1994) 1 in 18
 - ▶ Chevrolet Trailblazer (2000–2004) 1 in 18
 - ▶ Chevrolet G20 (1990–1994) 1 in 21
 - ▶ Chevrolet Suburban (2000–2004) 1 in 21
 - ▶ Chevrolet Silverado (2005–2007) 1 in 22
 - ▶ Ford F350 1 in 25
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- ▶ Note that GM vehicles ‘protected’ by a Passlock II immobilizer

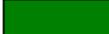
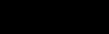
Response – Coordination

- ▶ Auto Theft Task Force (Police, probation, corrections, prosecutor, MPI)
- ▶ Working Groups for each of 4 levels (WPS, youth corrections, MPI, prosecutions)
- ▶ Valuable partnerships. Goal is to ensure that all players work together effectively and has been very successful.
- ▶ Work daily as a team, so routine to see things like offenders being arrested by police within hours of being breached by probation for violating release conditions.

Auto Theft Task Force (ATTF) Winnipeg Auto Theft Statistics 2001 to 2009

Data source: Manitoba Public Insurance (registered vehicles with claims filed)

	Pre-Auto Theft Strategy				Winnipeg Auto Theft Suppression Strategy					Daily	Daily	Daily
	2001	2002	2003	2004	Year 1 2005	Year 2 2006	Year 3 2007	Year 4 2008	Year 5 2009	Average 2004	Average 2008	Average 2009
January	618	466	430	451	552	626	608	360	185	14.5	11.6	6.0
February	471	473	447	516	500	627	450	274	151	17.8	9.4	4.9
March	496	420	614	642	603	834	548	237	153	20.7	7.6	4.9
April	567	494	563	698	547	630	381	282	202	23.3	9.4	6.7
May	584	485	471	728	624	657	474	340	208	23.5	11.0	6.7
June	519	461	523	672	542	667	442	267	204	22.4	8.9	6.8
July	576	625	593	788	685	661	563	255	227	25.4	8.2	7.3
August	672	605	513	703	708	642	381	279	214	22.7	9.0	6.9
September	494	560	557	733	714	538	409	229	190	24.4	7.6	6.3
October	716	611	759	939	695	710	466	253		30.3	8.2	
November	697	481	485	1132	618	590	413	222		37.7	7.4	
December	649	512	656	765	572	540	340	177		24.7	5.7	
Monthly Avg:	588	516	551	731	613	644	456	265	193			
Yearly Total:	7059	6193	6611	8767	7360	7722	5475	3175	1734	24.0	8.7	6.3
Daily Avg:	19.3	17.0	18.1	24.0	20.2	21.2	15.0	8.7	6.4			
Yearly % Chg:		-12.3%	6.7%	32.6%	-16.0%	4.9%	-29.1%	-42.2%	-26.8%	2009 vs 2004: -73.6%		

Color Codes:					
	0 to 250	251 to 450	451 to 599	600 to 749	750+
	(Stolen vehicles per month)				

Stolen Vehicles per day	
30.8	Final 3 months of 2004
6.4	2009 YTD
-79.4%	% Reduction

Early 2007 - A new group of auto theft offenders were identified and were targeted through WATSS. Record breaking reductions being created by April 2007.

September 2007 – 1st phase of the mandatory immobilizer program. Later found to be insufficient with many offenders switching to different vehicle types. WATSS continuing to create record reductions.

September 2008 – Start of the 2nd phase of mandatory immobilizers. Completed as of October, 2009

November 2006 to present - 35 consecutive months with reductions compared to the same month of the prior year. Overall, a 73% reduction since 2004. Constant vigilance still needed as auto theft spikes continue to occur due to non-compliant known offenders and others.

Response – Coordination

- ▶ Also coordination within the Winnipeg Police Service
- ▶ Platoon Rep Program and enhancements
- ▶ Policenet website –24/7 communication tool between Stolen Auto Unit and other WPS members



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WINNIPEG SUN **CAR THEFT AT 16-YEAR LOW**

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WINNIPEG SUN NEWS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008

Best in the country

Our system tops at curbing car theft, think tank says

PHIL TUBENNE
Sun Media

One of the country's largest think tanks is pointing to Winnipeg's auto theft suppression strategy as a model of crime reduction that should be adopted across Canada. The Ottawa-based Centre for the Study of Crime Prevention Strategy (WATSS) — with its focus on monitoring high-risk offenders and programs targeted at different levels of thieves, as well as immobilizers — were key to the decline.

They numbers were down in Winnipeg compared to the same month the previous year. "We were at 30-plus thefts a day by the end of 2007, and now that number's closer to

strategy — which brought together the police, MPI, probation services and senior justice officials — is the best Canadian example of a comprehensive, co-operative and sustained approach he knows of. "Typically politicians think that if they wave a wand and make a crime will disappear."

"Wave a wand" The report suggests other jurisdictions can learn many lessons from Winnipeg's success.

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Losing their edge

One-time rebels reduced to laughingstocks PAGE 21

RECORD ARRESTS

Beefed-up auto theft unit 'encouraged' after 42 suspects nabbed in July PAGES 4-5

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WINNIPEG SUN NEWS THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009

Car thefts plunge

Intensive prevention strategy working, say police

NO LONGER THE CAPITAL?

Winnipeg saw a 40% drop in cars stolen in 2008 compared with 2007, according to figures from police and Manitoba Public Insurance. The worst year on record is 2004.

Year	Thefts	Attempted thefts
2006	3,557	3,197
2007	5,979	6,963
2004	8,767	N/A

Average number of thefts per day (Newswatch 2008: 21)

Chris Kitching
Sun Media

Winnipeg may be on the verge of shaking its unflattering reputation as Canada's auto theft capital after a 40% drop in thefts and 46% decline in failed attempts in 2008.

hopes it will be extended again to keep the pressure on Winnipeg's worst youth thieves. "We believe if we maintain our program we'll bring these numbers down even more," Salfines said. "If you pull the plug too soon (the problem is going to be) re-occur as often as every three hours. "We're able not only to identify the worst of the worst — and get them back into custody quicker when they re-offend," Salfines said.

to be maybe fourth or fifth because other places are having a horrendous problem," Salfines said. "I think there will be more reductions. The question is how low can we go? If we're down to eight cars a day, can we get it down to four? Will there ever be zero?"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007

Winnipeg Free Press

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WINNING THE WAR ON VEHICLE THEFT

Pilot who crashed on Logan Ave found guilty
One passenger killed

PROGRAM UPDATES

- ▶ Automated license plate reader
- ▶ Electronic monitoring for high-risk young offenders

Comparison: Pre-WATSS & Current Results

November 2004

Date	Stolen	Attempts
	Vehicles	
1-Nov	42	22
2-Nov	59	18
3-Nov	53	22
4-Nov	68	36
5-Nov	55	33
6-Nov	40	18
7-Nov	31	19
8-Nov	47	25
9-Nov	33	28
10-Nov	35	24
11-Nov	36	11
12-Nov	36	17
13-Nov	44	20
14-Nov	47	22
15-Nov	52	19
16-Nov	56	20
17-Nov	43	15
18-Nov	32	17
19-Nov	32	16
20-Nov	37	22
21-Nov	42	31

October 2009

Date	Stolen	Atts
	Vehicles	
1-Oct	5	3
2-Oct	9	3
3-Oct	6	6
4-Oct	9	2
5-Oct	5	4
6-Oct	5	5
7-Oct	2	9
8-Oct	9	3
9-Oct	6	5
10-Oct	7	1
11-Oct	3	2
12-Oct	6	3
13-Oct	5	2
14-Oct	6	4
15-Oct	4	6
16-Oct	9	5
17-Oct	4	5
18-Oct	3	0
19-Oct	4	5
20-Oct	3	7
21-Oct	2	1

Response – Implementation Issues

- ▶ Leadership – strong leadership involvement from senior leaders and from managers at all levels
- ▶ Accountability
 - Most of funding was from public insurer and they required a detailed business plan. i.e. number of daily contacts with individuals under supervision was measured
 - Task force and working groups facilitated accountability. Issues dealt with and resolved face to face.
- ▶ Communications – constant communication up and down and with all partners. Input from everyone increased buy-in.
- ▶ Public support – proactive approach with the media, particularly with the mandatory immobilizer program. Also very rigorous quality control of installations

Winnipeg Daily Stolen Vehicle Average - 2002 to 2009

Winnipeg Auto Theft Suppression Strategy

Pre-Auto Theft Strategy

End Year 1 End Year 2 End Year 3 End Year 4 Year 5

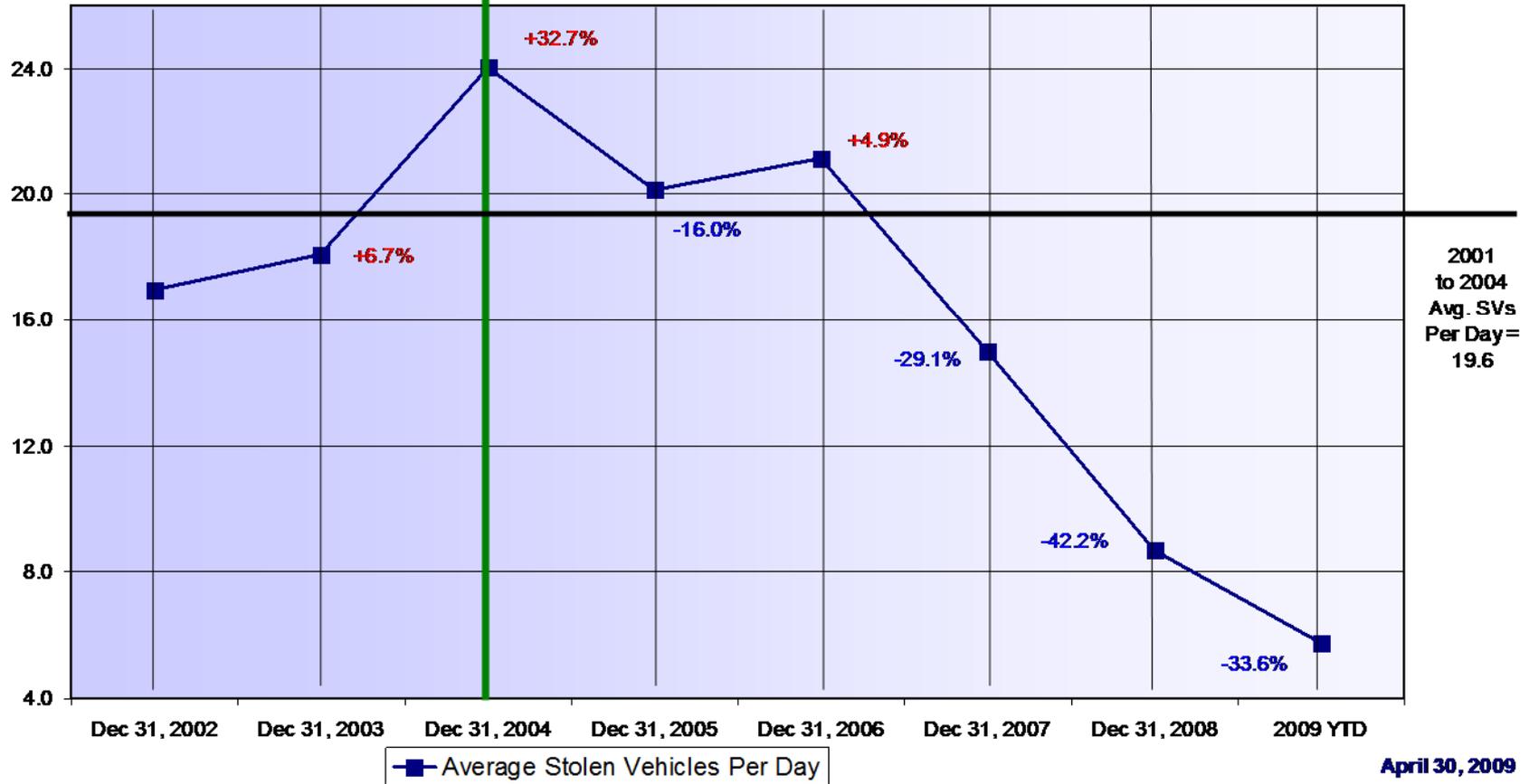


Figure 4: Winnipeg Daily Stolen Vehicle Average. 2002 - 2009 (does not include attempts)
 Source: Manitoba Public Insurance

Assessment – Impact on Vehicle Theft

- Dramatic reduction in auto theft – 75% drop from 2004 – 2009, about 3 times greater than nationally
- ▶ Displacement or diffusion of benefits?
 - Concerns about increase in carjackings, burglary and robbery
 - Virtually no carjackings and rates of burglary and robbery were both down in 2007 and 2008 so appears to be diffusion. Fewer youth now in MYC
 - ▶ External evaluation – found program successful
 - ▶ Savings of \$30 million/year

QUESTIONS?

