

## TO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM

Complete the registration form and return it to the Salem Police Department Crime Prevention Unit along with a check for \$2.00.

You will receive a decal and instructions after your registration has been processed.

Applications are available through the following agencies:

### SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT • 555 LIBERTY ST SE ROOM 130  
(503) 588-6175 • [CRIMEPREVENTION@CITYOFSALEM.NET](mailto:CRIMEPREVENTION@CITYOFSALEM.NET)

### AUMSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

125 N 6TH ST • (503) 749-2188

### AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT

21420 MAIN ST • (503) 678-1284

### DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

187 SE COURT ST • (503) 831-3582

### GERVAIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

370 ELM AV • (503) 792-4575

### HUBBARD POLICE DEPARTMENT

3720 2ND ST • (503) 981-8738

### INDEPENDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

240 MONMOUTH ST • (503) 838-1214

### KEIZER POLICE DEPARTMENT

930 CHEMAWA RD NE • (503) 390-3713

### MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT • 100 HIGH ST NE  
PO BOX 14500 , 97309 • (503) 588-7981

### MONMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

238 E JACKSON ST • (503) 838-1109

### MOUNT ANGEL POLICE DEPARTMENT

5 GARFIELD ST • PO BOX 960 , 97362 • (503-845-9294

### POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

850 MAIN ST • (503) 623-9251

### SILVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

306 S WATER ST • (503) 873-5326

### STAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

386 N 3RD ST SE • (503) 769-3421

### TURNER POLICE DEPARTMENT

7250 3RD ST SE • PO BOX 456 • (503) 743-2588

### WOODBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT

1060 MT HOOD AV • (503)-982-2345



## THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY CAT PROGRAM

# COMBAT AUTO THEFT



A police and community partnership  
to reduce auto theft in the  
Willamette Valley.

## **AUTO THEFT IS A PROBLEM IN MANY COMMUNITIES**

Auto theft is a problem that exists in every major city in the United States and certainly is not uncommon in smaller communities. According to 2006 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) statistics, a motor vehicle is stolen every 26 seconds. The FBI also announced in 2009 that auto theft is now an \$8 billion enterprise.

Impacts to auto theft victims are many including expenses related to vehicle replacement, inconvenience, and future insurance costs, for example. Consequently, combating auto theft in our communities becomes crucial.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY UNITE**

Your local law enforcement agencies have partnered to offer a program designed to reduce the number of auto thefts in your area. It is called Combat Auto Theft, or CAT.

Through voluntary registration, owners may enroll one or all of their motorized vehicles. For a fee of \$2.00 per vehicle, your information will be registered into a law enforcement database as a participant. You will receive a decal which you must affix to the rear window of your vehicle. The decal signals to any participating law enforcement agency in Marion and Polk county that you have authorized them to stop your vehicle between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. to determine if you or an authorized designee is driving.

*Why only during those hours?* Auto theft occurs at all hours of the day or night, but current statistics for our area show an increased frequency during that time period.

Remember, by enrolling you are indicating that the vehicle is owned by someone *unlikely* to be driving between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. and, therefore, the vehicle *may* have been stolen.

## **REGISTERING YOUR VEHICLE**

You must complete a separate consent form for each vehicle you wish to enroll. The following requirements must be met:

- The vehicle must be registered to the person completing the enrollment form.
- The vehicle must be registered to a Marion or Polk county address.
- The consent form must be signed by the registered owner, or one of the registered owners in the event of multiple parties.

Your signature on the form gives law enforcement officers permission to conduct the stop during the ascribed time period. The waiver states you will not hold the agency or its officers liable for any reasonable actions that result from the vehicle being stopped.

As a participant, your signature also confirms that you will remove the decal from the vehicle when you sell or transfer ownership of the vehicle.

After completion of the registration, mail the form to Salem Police Department along with the appropriate fee amount. (The Salem Police Department carries the responsibility of maintaining and making the entries into the law enforcement database for all the partner agencies.)

You will receive a numbered decal with instructions on how and where to apply it to your vehicle.

## **IF YOU ARE STOPPED**

- Turn off your vehicle and turn on your interior light to ensure the officer can see you.
- Listen for any instructions given to you by the officer and follow them.
- Present all the information requested by the officer.
- Remember, you are required by Oregon law to carry the following items any time you operate a motor vehicle:
  - Valid driver license
  - Current vehicle registration
  - Valid proof of insurance

State law allows officers to tow moving vehicles under the following circumstances:

- The driver does not possess a valid driver license;
- The driver's license status is suspended or revoked or the person is driving outside the conditions of the license;
- The driver cannot produce proof of insurance; or
- The driver is operating the vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant.

Lastly, do not forget that your participation is voluntary. If an officer stops your vehicle, then we are working together to defeat auto theft in the Willamette Valley.

# **REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE TODAY!**