



W.A. POLICE MOTOR SQUAD

Re-established 2006



STOLEN VEHICLE LANDSCAPE

6 month snapshot

Motor Cars stolen - 2511

- Stolen Cars recovered - 1687

Motorcycles stolen – 573

- Stolen motorcycles recovered - 254



Motor Cars

MONTH	STOLEN	RECOVER	NOT RECVD	RECOVERED %
Nov-06	372	243	129	65.32
Dec-06	452	315	137	69.69
Jan-07	478	322	156	67.36
Feb-07	427	295	132	69.09
Mar-07	430	275	155	63.95
Apr-07	352	237	115	67.33
SUB TOTAL	2511	1687	824	67.18

Motorcycles

MONTH	STOLEN	RECOVER	NOT RECVD	RECOVERED %
Nov-06	87	31	56	35.63
Dec-06	84	37	47	44.05
Jan-07	127	56	71	44.09
Feb-07	77	35	42	45.45
Mar-07	110	50	60	45.45
Apr-07	88	45	43	51.14
SUB TOTAL	573	254	319	44.33

Motor cars over 12 months

Most stolen - cars by models and years;

- Commodore (919) models 1986 to 1991,
- Falcon (591) models 1986-88, 1995-96 and 2004,
- Corolla (134) models 1982 to 85,

Most stolen - body type

Sedans (2566), St/Sedans (954), Hatch (699) and Utilities (489)

Most Unrecovered Cars over 12 months

There remain 1537 unrecovered stolen motor cars of which;

- 381 Holden – 258 Commodores
- 296 Ford – 160 Falcons
- 232 Toyota – 42 Corollas, 40 Landcruisers

Motorcycles over 12 months

Most stolen motorcycles by make and year;

- Honda (259) models 2006,
- Yamaha (204) models 2000 – 06,
- Vmoto (157) models 2004 – 05,
- Kawasaki (98) models 2004 – 05.

Unregistered motorcycles stolen - 266

CHARTER

- Investigate serious motor vehicle theft with a focus on the involvement of established criminal networks,
- In partnership with the community, industry and strategic partner agencies investigate the sophisticated re-identification of stolen motor vehicles.

STRATEGIES

In addition to the day to day investigations the squad has selected a number of strategic areas to reduce the unrecovered stolen vehicle rate within Western Australia.

These strategies include;

- Legislative amendment,
- Damaged vehicle auctions,
- Tow truck drivers
- Scrap metal operators
- Exporters of used vehicles and parts
- Dumping grounds

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES

Introducing legislation similar to NSW Crimes amendment (organised car and boat theft) Act into the WA Criminal Code to;

- Create specific offence relating vehicle re-birthing,
- Have standardised offences across jurisdictions,
- Prevent relocation and establishment of crime, groups to WA.

Draft legislation has progressed to the office of the Attorney General.

VEHICLE CRUSHERS

Investigations have revealed;

- larger scrap metal / vehicle crushers each destroy an average of 3000 vehicles per month.
- No record is kept of the vehicle destroyed,
- No details kept of payments or source of the vehicle.
- No vehicles are being written-off on the WOVR.
- Practices appear to be structured to avoid tax obligations

ATO let the industry self-regulate!

Office of Crime Prevention

The office of Crime Prevention have a draft plan to address unrecovered stolen vehicles, strategies include

- Law reform of;
 - Criminal Code – Vehicle re-birthing offences
 - Second Hand dealers Act – Scrap metal dealers
 - Vehicle Inspections – mandatory inspections/ examinations of vehicles at a certain age (10 yrs +)
 - Whole of Vehicle Marking

Crime Prevention Strategies

- Target hardening – grants for immobiliser / microdot of older vehicles in hotspot areas
- Public Awareness – promote information packages to owners of older vehicles, promote Motor Vehicle marking alongside existing property marking days
- Stakeholder Reviews – includes processes for vehicle licensing and inspection, exporting used motor vehicles and parts, Local government protocols for abandoned vehicles.

