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**ARIZONA AUTO THEFT AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AUTO  
THEFT PREVENTION & AWARENESS WEEK – MARCH 1-6, 2010**

**PHOENIX** – Arizona’s auto theft rate is at lowest level since the mid-1990’s. The Arizona Auto Theft Authority (AATA) reports that statewide auto theft reduction strategies are helping drive down our state’s numbers. Last year, 37,000 vehicles were stolen in Arizona, which represents a 25% decrease from the previous year. Despite these encouraging numbers, Arizona ranks the #5 state in the U.S. for total vehicle thefts. Arizonans can do their part to protect their vehicles by participating in Arizona's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Auto Theft Prevention & Awareness Week March 1-6, 2010.

The AATA, in partnership with several Arizona law enforcement agencies, will host the 5th Annual Auto Theft Prevention & Awareness Week. Several events will be planned during this first week in March in an effort to promote auto theft and burglary prevention in Arizona. Check out the Events Calendar for more information – [www.azwatchyourcar.com](http://www.azwatchyourcar.com).

Governor Brewer has proclaimed the week of March 1<sup>st</sup> as Statewide Auto Theft Prevention and Awareness Week and asks all citizens to increase their awareness and education about auto theft and burglary prevention and take extra precautions to protect their vehicles.

Arizona law enforcement agencies (see list below) will be hosting free events to increase awareness about auto theft & burglary prevention. Departments throughout the state will be providing “FREE” to their citizen’s such services as; Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching, enrollment in the state’s Watch Your Car decal program. For a complete listing of event locations and hours, visit the AATA’s website - [www.azwatchyourcar.com](http://www.azwatchyourcar.com) or call 602 364-2886 (AUTO).

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Avondale Police Dept - Auto Theft Prevention & VIN Etching Event – Saturday, March 6th – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM - City of Avondale Civic Center - 11465 W. Civic Center Dr. Avondale, AZ. 85323

Bullhead City Police Dept – Auto Theft Prevention & VIN Etching Event - Thursday, March 4th – 3:00 – 6:00 PM at Bullhead City PD Justice Complex - 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, AZ.

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Chandler Police Dept. - Open House & VIN Etching Event – Saturday, March 6th – 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Chandler PD Main Station 250 E. Chicago Street.

Marana Police Dept. - Auto Theft Prevention & VIN Etching Event – Saturday, March 6th – 9:00 AM – 12 PM - Twin Peaks in the Safeway Plaza - 9100 block of N Silverbell Road.

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office – Auto Theft Prevention & VIN Etching Event – Wednesday, March 3rd – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM - Safeway Store - 107th Avenue and Bell Road

Mesa Police Department's Auto Theft Prevention & VIN Etching Event – Saturday, March 6, 2010 – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM - Target Store – 1230 S. Longmore, Mesa, AZ. 85202

Scottsdale Police Dept. - Auto Theft Prevention & VIN Etching Event – Saturday, March 6th – 9:00 AM – 12 PM - Kohl's Parking Lot - 8680 E. Raintree Drive

South Tucson Police Dept. - Auto Theft Prevention & VIN Etching Event – Saturday, March 6th – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM - Food City - 2950 S. 6th Avenue, South Tucson, AZ. 85713

Tucson Police Dept (Auto Theft Unit) and Target – Auto Theft Prevention & VIN Etching Event – Wednesday, March 3rd – 9:00 AM – 12 PM - A.M. to 12 noon Target Store - 6500 E. Grant Road Tucson, AZ.

Youngtown Police Dept. - Auto Theft Prevention & VIN Etching Event – Friday, March 5th – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. PLEASE CALL # 623 974-3665 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM - 12 NOON AND 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM TO SET UP APPOINTMENT PRIOR TO FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010. - Youngtown Police Department - 12038 Clubhouse Square.

Visit the AATA's Calendar of Events on our website- [www.azwatchyourcar.com](http://www.azwatchyourcar.com)

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