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	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Estimate	FY 2004 Approved	FY 2005 Approved
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>				
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Personal Services	152,500	248,000	248,000	248,000
Employee Related Expenditures	29,700	45,500	70,900	51,700
Professional and Outside Services	60,400	13,500	13,500	13,500
Travel - In State	2,200	2,500	2,500	2,500
Travel - Out of State	2,600	7,500	7,500	7,500
Other Operating Expenditures	147,800	111,500	196,300	196,300
Equipment	23,500	10,000	0	0
<b>OPERATING SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>418,700</b>	<b>438,500</b>	<b>538,700</b>	<b>519,500</b>
<b>SPECIAL LINE ITEMS</b>				
Auto Theft Authority Grants	3,453,000	3,475,500	3,499,500	3,602,000
<b>AGENCY TOTAL</b>	<b>3,871,700</b>	<b>3,914,000</b>	<b>4,038,200<sup>1/</sup></b>	<b>4,121,500<sup>1/</sup></b>

**FUND SOURCES**

Other Appropriated Funds

Auto Theft Authority Fund	3,871,700	3,914,000	4,038,200	4,121,500
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	3,871,700	3,914,000	4,038,200	4,121,500
<b>AGENCY TOTAL</b>	<b>3,871,700</b>	<b>3,914,000</b>	<b>4,038,200</b>	<b>4,121,500</b>

**AGENCY DESCRIPTION** — *The Automobile Theft Authority (ATA) is responsible for analyzing the methods of combating the problem of vehicle theft and promoting successful methods of reducing the number of vehicle thefts in Arizona. The Authority is primarily funded from motor vehicle insurance premium fees.*

<b>PERFORMANCE MEASURES</b>	FY 2002 Appropriation	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Appropriation	FY 2004-05 Appropriation
• Vehicles stolen statewide	26,000	NA	26,000	--
• % reduction in auto thefts	10.3	(2.5)	10.3	2.5
• Felony auto theft arrests by Auto Theft Task Force	350	258	375	275
• % of stolen vehicles recovered	9.6	4.7	10.6	5.2
• Chop shops closed	35	32	40	36
• Administration as a % of total cost	9.2	NA	9.1	7.6
• Customer satisfaction rating (Scale 1-8)	6.0	NA	6.0	--
• Customer satisfaction rating (Scale 1-3, 1 highest)	--	1.06	--	1.1

**Comments:** The agency did not submit information for any measure labeled as “NA.” The agency reports that population growth, economic slowdown, and the state’s close proximity to the Mexican border contributed to the negative result in the percent reduction in auto thefts performance measure.

**Technical Adjustments** — The FY 2004 and FY 2005 approved amount includes technical adjustments for Employee Related Expenditures, Risk Management charges, Other Fund health and dental insurance charges, and Other Fund retirement charges. *(Please see the General Provisions section at the end of this Appropriations Report for further details on these changes.)*

**One-time Equipment** — The approved amount includes a decrease of \$(10,000) in both FY 2004 and FY 2005 from FY 2003 due to elimination of one-time office equipment funding.

**In-house Public Awareness** — The approved amount includes an increase of \$88,000 in both FY 2004 and FY 2005 above FY 2003 for ATA’s in-house public awareness program and advertising expenses.

<sup>1/</sup> General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

### ***Special Line Items***

**ATA Grants** — The ATA awards grants to state, county, and local law enforcement agencies to support law enforcement, prosecution, and public awareness programs designed to increase the effectiveness of auto theft investigation and prosecution. This Special Line Item receives funding from a semi-annual insurance assessment fee per vehicle.

The approved amount includes:

- An increase of \$160,000 in both FY 2004 and FY 2005 above FY 2003 for law enforcement grants to promote investigation, enforcement and prevention within their jurisdiction.
- A FY 2004 increase of \$100,000 above FY 2003 and a FY 2005 increase of \$150,000 above FY 2003 for grants to support prosecution of auto theft criminals. The approved increases will fund auto theft prosecution efforts in Maricopa, Pima, Yavapai, and Yuma Counties.
- A FY 2004 increase of \$52,500 above FY 2003 and a FY 2005 increase of \$105,000 above FY 2003 to add 2 officers to the Task Force (1 from Mohave County and 1 from Yuma County) over the biennium.
- An increase of \$30,000 in both FY 2004 and FY 2005 above FY 2003 for professional training grants to cover the costs of fees, tuition, and travel expenses. Professional training grants are awarded to state and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutorial agencies and cover various programs to combat vehicle theft.
- An increase of \$10,000 in both FY 2004 and FY 2005 above FY 2003 for operating expenses and equipment maintenance costs of the Border Auto Theft Information Center (BATIC), operated by the Task Force.
- A decrease of \$(240,500) in both FY 2004 and FY 2005 from FY 2003 due to a cost reduction in the Border Interdiction Program. The reduction is a result of transferring programming and maintenance responsibilities for the program from a U.S. Customs subcontractor to the Department of Public Safety Information Technology Bureau.
- A decrease of \$(88,000) in both FY 2004 and FY 2005 from FY 2003 due to a decrease in the Public Awareness Grant Program. The savings are shifted to the operating budget for ATA's in-house public awareness program and advertising expenses.

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