

Automobile Theft Authority

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DESCRIPTION	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 JLBC	FY 2009 JLBC
OPERATING BUDGET				
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Personal Services	265,300	327,600	327,600	327,600
Employee Related Expenditures	80,800	111,200	114,600	114,600
Professional and Outside Services	24,800	10,400	10,400	10,400
Travel - In State	2,700	2,500	2,500	2,500
Travel - Out of State	9,200	12,500	12,500	12,500
Other Operating Expenditures	202,100	177,700	174,300	174,300
Equipment	17,300	5,000	5,000	5,000
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	602,200	646,900	646,900	646,900
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS				
Automobile Theft Authority Grants	4,371,400	4,554,700	4,685,800	4,950,800
Reimbursable Programs	0	50,000	50,000	50,000
AGENCY TOTAL	4,973,600	5,251,600	5,382,700	5,647,700

FUND SOURCES

Other Appropriated Funds

Automobile Theft Authority Fund	4,973,600	5,251,600	5,382,700	5,647,700
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	4,973,600	5,251,600	5,382,700	5,647,700
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	4,973,600	5,251,600	5,382,700	5,647,700
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	4,973,600	5,251,600	5,382,700	5,647,700

CHANGE IN FUNDING SUMMARY

	FY 2007 to FY 2008 JLBC		FY 2007 to FY 2009 JLBC	
	\$ Change	% Change	\$ Change	% Change
Other Appropriated Funds	131,100	2.5%	396,100	7.5%
Total Appropriated Funds	131,100	2.5%	396,100	7.5%
Total - All Sources	131,100	2.5%	396,100	7.5%

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 ATA is primarily funded from motor vehicle insurance premium fees.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2008
	Actual	Actual	Actual	JLBC
• Felony auto theft arrests by Auto Theft Task Force	312	349	303	330
• % of stolen vehicles recovered (calendar year)	66.9	67.0	65.6	67.0
Comments: This performance measure includes all recovered vehicles that were stolen in the state of Arizona, regardless of the agency that recovered the vehicles.				
• Number of vehicles stolen statewide (calendar year)	57,000	55,300	54,900	55,000
• Customer satisfaction rating (Scale 1-3, 1 highest)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

CHANGES FROM FY 2007

Operating Budget

The JLBC includes \$646,900 and 6 FTE Positions from the Automobile Theft Authority (ATA) Fund for the operating budget in FY 2008 and FY 2009. This amount is unchanged from FY 2007.

Special Line Items

Automobile Theft Authority Grants

The JLBC includes \$4,685,800 from the ATA Fund in FY 2008 and \$4,950,800 in FY 2009 for ATA Grants. These amounts would fund the following adjustments:

Rebase Retirement

Rates	OF	\$(42,300)	\$(42,300)
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The JLBC includes a decrease of \$(42,300) from the ATA Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for rebasing Public Safety Personnel Retirement System retirement rates at actual FY 2007 levels. The actual rates that will be charged to the agency in FY 2007 are lower than were assumed in the FY 2007 budget; this reduction leaves sufficient funds to pay the actual rates. Increases for FY 2008 changes to rates are funded separately as a statewide item and would be distributed to agencies at a later time.

Increase Grant

Funding	OF	173,400	438,400
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The JLBC includes an increase of \$173,400 from the ATA Fund in FY 2008 and an increase of \$438,400 in FY 2009 due to increased insurance premium revenues. The agency may allocate the additional monies for one or more of the following issues, which were included with the ATA budget request submittal:

- Increase Task Force Salaries – \$66,500 in FY 2008 and \$136,500 in FY 2009. This option would increase the salaries of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) officers on the task force to be level with all DPS officers.
- Fund Task Force Overtime and Vacancies – \$195,000 in FY 2009. The Task Force currently has unfunded positions and is often unable to fund officer overtime. This option would enable the task force to fill vacancies and to fund overtime in certain circumstances, such as continued surveillance to find thieves when stolen vehicles are recovered.
- Increase Vertical Prosecution Grants – \$39,600 in FY 2008 and \$304,600 in FY 2009. This option would fund salary increases for county attorneys whose salaries are funded by ATA grants, and would enable the ATA to expand staffing at the Maricopa County and Pima County Attorney's Offices.
- International Association of Automobile Theft Investigators (IAATI) Conference – one-time increase of \$70,000 in FY 2008. This option would enable the

ATA to assist criminal justice personnel in attending the annual conference of the IAATI, which will be held in Phoenix in August 2007.

Monies in this line item fund grants awarded to state, county, and local law enforcement agencies. FY 2006 grant distributions totaled \$4,371,400 and were distributed as follows:

- \$3,251,500 for the Auto Theft Task Force
- \$177,500 for law enforcement activities
- \$184,000 for public awareness events
- \$48,100 for training programs
- \$650,800 for prosecution programs
- \$59,500 for emergency grants

These categories of grants are designed to increase the effectiveness of auto theft investigation, prosecution, and deterrence. Grant recipients included state, county, and local agencies in FY 2006 and totaled \$3,267,600, \$699,300, and \$404,500, respectively. The Department of Public Safety is the sole recipient of the state's share of the grants and primarily funds the Auto Theft Task Force (\$3,251,500). This Special Line Item receives funding from a semi-annual insurance assessment fee per vehicle.

Reimbursable Programs

The JLBC includes \$50,000 from the ATA Fund for Reimbursable Programs in FY 2008 and FY 2009. This amount is unchanged from FY 2007.

Monies in this line item fund sponsored training seminars such as the ATA Auto Theft Summit, cover the cost of sending various personnel to professional training seminars, and contribute to ATA sponsored bait car system projects throughout the state. This Special Line Item is funded from gifts, donations, grants, and fee collections given to the agency from the private sector, which includes insurance companies, car dealerships, car rental companies, as well as other agencies like the National Insurance Crime Bureau. A General Appropriation Act footnote requires the agency to report on collections and expenditures.

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FORMAT — Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency

FOOTNOTES

Standard Footnotes

The Automobile Theft Authority shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for review before expending any monies for the Reimbursable Programs Special Line Item. The agency shall also show sufficient funds collected to cover the expenses indicated in the report.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Estimate
Automobile Theft Authority Fund (ATA2060/A.R.S. § 41-3451)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: A semi-annual fee of \$0.50 per vehicle insured under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy for vehicles with a gross weight under 26,000 pounds.		
Purpose of Fund: To allocate monies to public agencies for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and supporting programs that are designed to prevent motor vehicle theft, and to cover the costs of administration not to exceed 10% of the fund.		
Funds Expended	4,973,600	5,251,600
Year-End Fund Balance	689,000	436,400
Federal Grants (ATA2000/A.R.S. § 35-142)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Federal grants.		
Purpose of Fund: To support projects combating vehicle theft in Arizona.		
Funds Expended	0	0
Year-End Fund Balance	0	0