



# Tactical Response to Auto-theft Prevention (TRAP)

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# History

- Many EPS stolen vehicle initiatives over the years

Year	Stolen
2006	5,997
2007	6,031
2008	5,192
2009	4,807
2010	3,564
2011	2,882
2012	2,521
2013	3,160
2014	3,142
2015	3,762
2016	4,434
2017	4,452

## History of TRAP

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- Launch – March 19, 2017
- 6 month pilot
- 6 EPS constables, 1 RCMP constable, 1 sergeant
- Deliberate low profile



## Why focus on stolen vehicles?

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- Stolen vehicles are “crime platforms”
- Offer a layer of anonymity to criminals
- Criminal flights highly dangerous











## How big is the problem?

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- In 2007 Transport Canada mandated “anti theft engine immobilizers”
- “chip keys”
- In spite of this, 4,452 vehicles stolen in Edmonton in 2017



## Our approach

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- Intelligence-based
- Analyst reviews where vehicles stolen from, recovered
- Review several other info sources
- Currently tracking 400 individuals
- Produce predictive maps

## Intelligence-based approach

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- Teams assigned to sector of city
- Work with Divisions, Project Teams, RCMP




## Key challenges

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- Courts do not take the threat to public safety that a stolen vehicle poses
- “Theft of vehicle” vs. “possession of vehicle”
- Number of teams
- Number of stolen vehicles
- Public education

## Results



- March 19 – December 31, 2017
- EPS recovered 2,215 stolen vehicles
- TRAP recovered 221 vehicles
- Value of TRAP recoveries \$3.67 million
- 187 arrests, 931 charges, 296 warrants executed



## Catch and Release

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- Nov. 13, 2017 – stolen Toyota Highlander, suspect had robbery kit, bear spray, meth, two shotguns, ammo. Released Dec. 3
- Dec. 6 – stolen Dodge Caliber, keys left in ignition. Released Dec. 21
- Jan. 9, 2018 – stolen vehicle, stolen plates, drug possession, no insurance. Released Feb. 17, 2018



Questions?

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