

Protect your vehicle from catalytic converter theft!



CALLING 911

- Describe the Event: What happened, When it happened, Where it occurred
- Describing vehicles: Color, Make, Model, Body Style, License Plate and State
- Describing Persons: Gender, Race, Age, Height, Weight, Hair Color, Clothing Description, Distinguishing Characteristics
- Direction of Travel of Suspect

WHY ARE CATALYTIC CONVERTERS STOLEN?

Catalytic Converters are stolen is because they're valuable to scrap metal dealers. They contain precious metals, including, rhodium, platinum, and palladium.

These metals can be sold to scrap yards for \$150 to \$200 per piece, depending on the size of the converter and the current rate on the metals inside it.

Thieves tend to target vehicles with easily accessible catalytic converters, such as pickup trucks and certain SUVs. Cars left for extended periods of time in poorly monitored lots tend to be the most common locations.

TIPS TO AVOID CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT

- Park vehicle in a garage and keep the door closed.
- If a garage is not available, park in a well-lit area.
- Install a commercial catalytic theft prevention device or an under-vehicle alarm system.
- Mark the vehicle VIN number on the converter with a UV pen. The number will only show up under UV light.
- Report the theft to law enforcement immediately.
- Share any theft videos with law enforcement.