

Catalytic Converters Being Stolen? Why?

Platinum, palladium, rhodium and gold.

According to the Los Angeles Times in 2016, the vehicles most targeted for catalytic converter theft there were Priuses, SUVs and trucks (the SUVs and trucks provide high clearance for the offender). **The Foothills Area Command had 2 reports within a week** of catalytic converters stolen from vehicles.

To prevent this type of theft I recommend:

Park in your garage.

No garage? Park in a well-lit area.

Spread awareness so neighbors can be 'extra eyes' on the block for this type of activity.

Ask your mechanic if a steel plate or cage can be welded over the part to prevent theft.

Ask your mechanic/dealer to etch the VIN number onto the part – if it's stolen it can be identified as your vehicle part.

Weekend Property Crime in the Foothills: Fridays/Saturday/Sunday – August 24-25-26, 2018

12 Stolen Vehicles - 9 of 12 stolen from apts and 5 of 12 recovered within hours in another Area Command.

1800-block of Sandler Ct NE, 12200-block of Montgomery Blvd NE, 10100-block of Menaul Blvd NE, 6200-block of Eubank Blvd NE, 200-block of Monte Alto Pl NE, 800-block of Eubank Blvd NE, 13100-block of Wenonah SE, 9900-block of Menaul Blvd NE, 12700-block of Central Ave NE, 600-block of Parkside Pl SE, 4500-block of Morris St NE, 100-block of Hotel Circe NE.

1 Commercial Burglary: 10300-block of Hotel Ave NE.

4 Residential Burglaries: 10100-block of Menaul Blvd NE, 10500-block of Malaguena Ln NE, 13100-block of Turquoise Ave NE, 10500-block of Love Ave NE.

Entries: Vacant home, open garage door, back doors.

5 Auto Burglaries: 10100-block of San Gabriel Rd NE, 1100-block of Lawrence Dr NE, 13400-block of Lomas Blvd NE, 300-block of Eubank Blvd NE, 12700-block of Central Ave NE.

Entries: Unforced entries, none of the cases over the weekend noted forced entries.

Items left inside unattended vehicles that were stolen over the weekend: A knife, insurance and registration documents. Catalytic converter.

Quick take-aways: Open garage doors providing entrée to burglars are still occurring. Vacant homes still need the rest of the block to serve as extra eyes and ears and to call 242-COPS (2677) from a safe place to report any suspicious activities, entries, etc. The stolen vehicle numbers were very high for our Area Command over the weekend. Most vehicles stolen this weekend were taken from apartment parking lots.