

2024 Regional Auto Crime Taskforce (ReACT) Grant Public Safety Committee

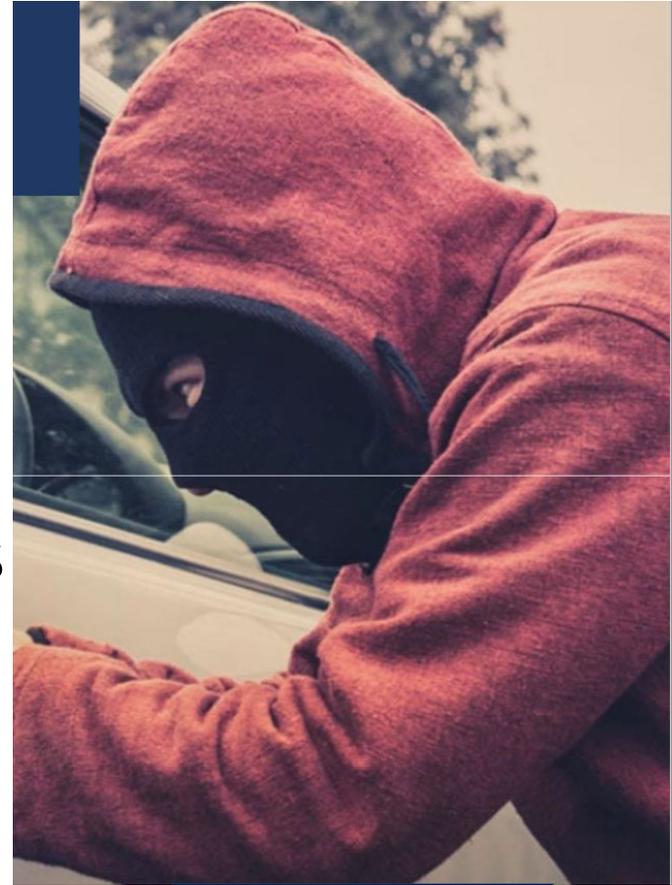
Presented by Chief of Police William McManus

May 21, 2024

Presentation Overview



- Program Background
- Program Activities
- Vehicle Crimes Details
- Funding
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Program Background



- Grant established in 1993 as a multijurisdictional task force
- ReACT is partially funded through the state of Texas Motor Vehicle crime prevention (MVCPA)
- Grant goal is to lower automobile burglary and theft rates by instituting innovative enforcement and theft prevention techniques

Program Background



- Task Force is comprised of:
 - San Antonio Police Department
 - Texas Department of Public Safety
 - Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office
 - National Insurance Crime Bureau

Program Activities



- Primary Goals of the Taskforce:
 - Reduce auto burglary, auto theft, and related gateway crimes
 - Investigate and solve active cases and prosecute offenders

- Education:
 - Public Awareness Campaigns
 - Community Outreach

Program Activities



- Since 2011, San Antonio ReACT has recovered 11,982 vehicles valued at \$150.7 million
- In 2023 alone, taskforce:
 - Arrested 539 individuals
 - Cleared 311 warrants
 - Executed 50 Search Warrants
 - Recovered 1,526 vehicles valued at \$28.53 million

Program Activities



- **Proactive Measures:**
 - ▶ Conduct salvage yard inspections
 - ▶ Perform interdiction activities
 - ▶ Locate chop shops
 - ▶ Identify automotive organized crime
 - ▶ Apprehend criminals committing vehicle theft and burglary of vehicles
 - ▶ Conduct operations targeting offenders
 - ▶ Perform state required 68-A Inspections
 - ▶ Perform VIN etching services
 - ▶ Attend community events to educate the public

Program Activities



Staffing

- SAPD General Fund 15 Positions:
 - 1 Lieutenant
 - 2 Sergeants
 - 11 Detective Investigators
 - 1 Administrative Assistant I
- SAPD Grant -12 Positions:
 - 1 Sergeants
 - 9 Detective Investigators
 - 1 Administrative Assistant II
 - 1 Administrative Assistant I
- DPS: 1 Investigator
- Guadalupe Co.: 1 Investigator
- NICB: 1 Investigator

Vehicle Crimes – ReACT Program Details

Output	2022	2023	% Inc.
Arrested	350	539	54.0%
Warrants (Cleared)	204	311	52.5%
Warrants (Executed)	28	50	78.6%
Recovered Vehicles	1,042	1,526	46.4%
Total	1,624	2,426	49.4%

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increase
in program
activity

Increases in all
Output
categories

FY2022 Recovered value of vehicles: \$18.48 million

FY2023 Recovered value of vehicles: \$28.53 million (54.4% increase)

Funding



- Grant Period: September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025
- Grant Amount: \$1,411,929
- City Match:
 - In-Kind Match - \$3,224,364
 - Cash Match - \$488,617
- NICB Cash Match: \$101,872
- Texas DPS In-Kind Match: \$136,485



Funding



- Prior year ReACT Grant awards include:
- FY 2019 - \$ 792,617
- FY 2020 - \$ 800,000
- FY 2021 - \$ 800,000
- FY 2022 - \$ 815,785
- FY 2023 - \$ 815,785
- FY 2024 - \$1,354,711



Recommendation



**Staff recommends that the
Public Safety Committee
approve the application and
forward the item to the full
City Council**

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