



# America's Heroes



## Combatting Car Theft Nationwide

(NAPSA)—Police in areas with high auto theft rates are cracking down on the problem with steering wheel locks. In more than 30 communities nationwide, police departments are distributing the devices in an effort to cut down on the number of stolen cars.

In Glendale, Arizona—one of the highest-risk areas for auto theft—police recommend incorporating steering wheel locks into a comprehensive approach to keeping your car safe.

“There are many things car owners can do to help prevent their cars from being stolen,” said Glendale Police Department auto-theft detective Grant Eaton. “We have found that a ‘layered approach’—using more than one auto-theft deterrent strategy—works best in protecting a vehicle.” Glendale police have offered free steering wheel locks to car owners at greatest risk.

In St. Petersburg, Florida, too, police have given owners of high-theft-risk vehicles steering wheel locks and other safety devices through a Federal grant to combat auto theft.

A similar program was instituted in parts of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as well.

“When you talk about the quality of life in Philadelphia, vehicle theft is one of the most important problems that we have to address,” said Vincent J. Fumo, a state senator who was the major force behind the program.

Police and car dealers in Lawrence, Massachusetts recently



**More than 30 communities in 11 U.S. states and Canadian provinces have had programs promoting steering wheel locks.**

sold steering wheel locks to area residents at a deep discount.

Other cities, towns and state agencies with steering wheel lock programs include the Colorado Department of Public Safety’s “Watch Your Car” program, the Sacramento, California police, The Corpus Christi, Texas police, the Spokane, Washington police and the Salt Lake City, Utah police.

These programs have given away or sold at a discount more than 50,000 Clubs, the original steering wheel lock recommended by the Fraternal Order of Police and used by a number of law enforcement officers on their personal vehicles. It’s highly visible, alerting potential thieves that your car is protected. Police say this is the number one way to deter auto theft. The cro-moly steel construction resists sawing, prying, hammering and freon attacks.

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