



1-800-505-BABY (statewide reporting of unrestrained children) Citizens may use this number to report sightings of unrestrained children in vehicles. Information packets are mailed to drivers observed with unrestrained children in their vehicle. This is a service of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, supported by the Phoenix Police Department.



Worried you haven't installed your child's car seat correctly? The Phoenix Fire Department has just opened the state's first fixed fitting station for car seat safety at Fire Station 56 in Tramonto. What does that mean to you? It means you can now come to a fixed facility between 9 a.m and noon on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays and get your car seat inspected by a firefighter for free! Appointments are being taken at **602-495-KIDS (5437)**; but, if time permits, they will accept unscheduled "drive-ups". *The new fixed fitting station for car seat safety is located just north of Carefree Highway east of I-17 at Phoenix Fire Station 56, 3210 W. Canotia Place.*



The Phoenix Police Department started the Silent Witness Program in March 1979. Since that time, the program has been involved in more than 7,500 felony cases, resulting in excess of 5,000 arrests, and the payment of \$1,000,000 in reward money.

The Silent Witness Program is staffed with one Sergeant and four Phoenix Police Detectives. However, the program has recently changed its focus from a Phoenix Police Department program to that of an interagency task force. Twenty-five percent of the cases investigated and rewards paid are for cases that originated from outside the Phoenix Metro area.

Cases are referred to Silent Witness from agencies throughout the valley. To facilitate this working relationship, we solicit detectives from the various valley agencies to complete a 3-6 month temporary assignment with the Silent Witness Program.

Please contact us with any information:

<http://www.silentwitness.org/>

480-WITNESS

1-800-343-TIPS



METRO NEIGHBORHOOD FIGHT BACK

The Metro Neighborhood Fight Back is a comprehensive proactive approach through numerous city departments, Metro Neighborhood Block Watch Association, and Metrocenter Westcor to address crime and blight within the target area. The goal of the program is to focus on revitalization, sustainability, crime and blight reduction, resident participation, neighborhood leadership, physical improvements, and community building through a comprehensive developmental program designed to meet the social needs of this geographical area.

Communication and collaboration will be an intrinsically valuable characteristic that will drive the success of this Fight Back. The "Team" will include internal and external partners working together to resolve identified social and criminal problems at play within the boundaries of the Fight Back area. The project focuses on continued blight issues, unlawful signage, inspections of vacant properties (board up vacant properties), establish business alliance security, utilize off-duty officers in marked vehicle, establish crime suppression maintenance program, and auto theft.





The Watch Your Car decal program is a free, voluntary program whereby vehicle owners enroll their vehicles with the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority. The vehicle is then entered into the Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) database and participants receive decals for their front and rear windows. By displaying the decals, vehicle owners convey to law enforcement officials that their vehicle is not usually in use between the hours of 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM, when the majority of auto thefts occur. In addition, by enrolling in the Watch Your Car Program, vehicle owners also authorize law enforcement officials to stop their vehicle at any time during the day or night within one mile of the international border, if there is a suspicion that the vehicle is being illegally operated.

If a police officer witnesses the vehicle in operation between these hours, they have the right to stop the vehicle and verify it is being legally operated by the rightful owner.



VIN ETCHING

VIN Etching is the process of permanently etching the vehicle's 17 digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on each piece of window glass on the vehicle.

Etching your vehicle's VIN number serves as a permanent fingerprint of your vehicle. VIN etching is an effective visual deterrent against auto theft.

When a vehicle is stolen, the thief must change the identity of the vehicle by changing the VIN identification plate on the dashboard. With a new VIN identification plate in place, he/she now has a new vehicle. BUT, with a vehicle that has its window glass VIN etched, the thief must replace and dispose of each piece of window glass, which drastically cuts into their profit margin. As a thief contemplates stealing your vehicle, they will notice the etching on the glass, and may move on to an unmarked vehicle.

The process only affects the outer most layer of the glass. This will in no way damage your windows or make them weaker. The numbering has a white color that can be seen within a few feet of your vehicle. Thieves and police officers know where to look for the etching, however, the casual passer-by will not notice.

It should only take 10 minutes per vehicle. The vehicle owner must show proof of vehicle ownership, current registration and complete a consent form provided by the hosting agency.



Vehicle Anti-Theft Tips

An unlocked vehicle with a key in the ignition is an open invitation to any thief, regardless of which anti-theft device you use. The common sense approach to protection is the simplest and most cost-effective way to thwart would-be thieves.

- Park in well-lit areas with pedestrian traffic.
- Lock your vehicle, roll windows up and take your keys with you.
- Hide valuables in a secure location, such as the trunk, under the seat or any place out of view.
- Consider using a steering-wheel locking device to help secure your vehicle.
- Consider installing a security alarm system for your vehicle.
- Consider installing a tracking device in your vehicle to help recover it if it is stolen.
- Consider VIN etching the windows of your vehicle.
- **NEVER** leave your keys in an unattended vehicle.
- **NEVER** leave the title to your vehicle inside your vehicle.