

**Carrollton Police
Department**



**Follow these Suggestions to Help
Deter Vehicle Burglaries**

- Use your garage
- Lock your car / take keys out
- Park in well-lit area
- Completely close car windows
- Don't leave valuables in plain view
(remove valuables at night, place in trunk during the day if items must be left in vehicle)
- Lock garage door and vehicle inside
- Engrave expensive accessories
- Use tire/wheel locks
- Install an audible alarm
- Take out removable radios and face plates
- Avoid parking between large vehicles
(they provide cover for thieves)

Items to Avoid Leaving in View

- *Phones *Pagers *CD's
- *Purses *Briefcases *Wallets
- *Credit cards *Weapons *Clothing
- *Radar detectors *Money (loose change)
- *Sports equipment (golf and baseball bags)
- *Laptop computers *Removable radios
(including removable face plates for radios)

FRONT

**The City of Carrollton Police
Department needs your help.**

In 2003 there were 1,543 reported vehicle burglaries in Carrollton.

Partner with us to reduce auto burglaries.

Make your vehicle a harder target!

While on patrol, Officer _____ # _____ observed this vehicle as a(n):

Easy Target Due to:

_____ valuables in plain view	_____ door(s) unlocked
_____ keys left in vehicle	_____ windows open
_____ average door open/cracked	_____ other: _____

Harder Target
Thank You. You have made your vehicle less desirable and/or a harder target for would be burglars.

Partners
On the
Look-out
Intent on
Crime
Eradication
For questions or comments please call
(972) 666-4333

BACK

Report Cards

- All vehicles in target area evaluated
- First Wave July 2004
 - Over 600 vehicles evaluated
 - 55 % vehicles failing (easy targets)



The information in this pamphlet lists some of the common items, items and locations of vehicle burglaries. You may be a potential victim if you often leave valuable items in your vehicle or park in high risk areas. Reduce your chance of being a victim of vehicle burglary—become a victim with this information, and avoid the behavior found on the items list.

YOU KNOW...

Vehicle burglaries occur most often on holidays, such as Christmas and Thanksgiving. The hours between 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. account for the majority of vehicle burglaries in apartment complexes and single family residences.

Carrollton Police Department



VEHICLE BURGLARIES

*For more information
please contact the
Carrollton Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit
(972)466-3330*

Follow these Suggestions to Help Deter Vehicle Burglaries

- Take keys out
 - Lock your car
 - Park in well-lit areas
 - Park in attended lots
- Leave only ignition/door key with lot attendant
- Completely close car windows when parking
- Don't leave valuables in plain view
- Remove valuables at night; place in trunk during the day if items must be left in vehicle)
- Use your garage
- Lock garage door and vehicle inside
- Replace T-shaped door locks with straight locks
- Remove expensive accessories and use tire/wheel locks
- Install an audible alarm
- Take out removable radios and face plates
- Avoid parking between large vehicles (they provide cover)
- Do not approach your vehicle when a stranger is near it; call 9-1-1 or security for escort.

HEAT (Help End Auto Theft in Texas)

Texas is the first state to implement a program where vehicle owners sign an agreement allowing police officers to verify ownership if the vehicle is towed during the HEAT hours of 1 a.m.-5 a.m.

What is a Vehicle Burglary?

State of Texas Penal Code: 30.04

- A. A person commits an offense if, without the effective consent of the owner, he breaks into or enters a vehicle or any part of a vehicle with intent to commit any felony or theft.
- B. For the purposes of this section, "enter" means to intrude.
1. Any part of the body; or
 2. Any physical object connected with the body.
 3. An offense under this section is a Class A Misdemeanor

Items to Avoid Leaving in View

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|---|--------------------|
| ■ Phones | ■ Clothing |
| ■ Pagers | ■ Laptop computers |
| ■ Cigarettes | ■ Weapons |
| ■ Money (loose change) | ■ Cassette tapes |
| ■ CD's | ■ Address books |
| ■ Briefcases | ■ Credit cards |
| ■ Purses | ■ Console visors |
| ■ Wallets | |
| ■ Radar detectors | |
| ■ Sports equipment (golf and baseball bags) | |
| ■ Removable radios (including removable face plates for radios) | |

Be Aware of Burglary Methods and Locations

Entry methods:

- Break glass
- Left unlocked
- Pried/Jimmied
- Windows rolled down or half-rolled down
- Window vents
- Sliding windows (mainly trucks)
- Sunroofs
- Convertibles

Most common Points of Entry:

- Side and rear window
- Side door

High Risk Areas:

- Apartments
- Single family residences
- Auto parts/dealers/repair shops
- Shopping centers
- Restaurants
- Parks
- Bars

Suspicious Actions:

- Pulling door handles
- Looking in windows
- Odd clothing for the time for the year (e.g., long coats or gloves being worn in the summer)
- Lookouts
- Nervous looking (looking all around, moving slowly or quickly)
- Checking for alarms by bumping or hitting the window or bumpers for sensitivity.

Tri-Fold Pamphlets

- More personal communication
- Door-to-door campaign throughout target area
- Personal contact and engagement with residents of the area

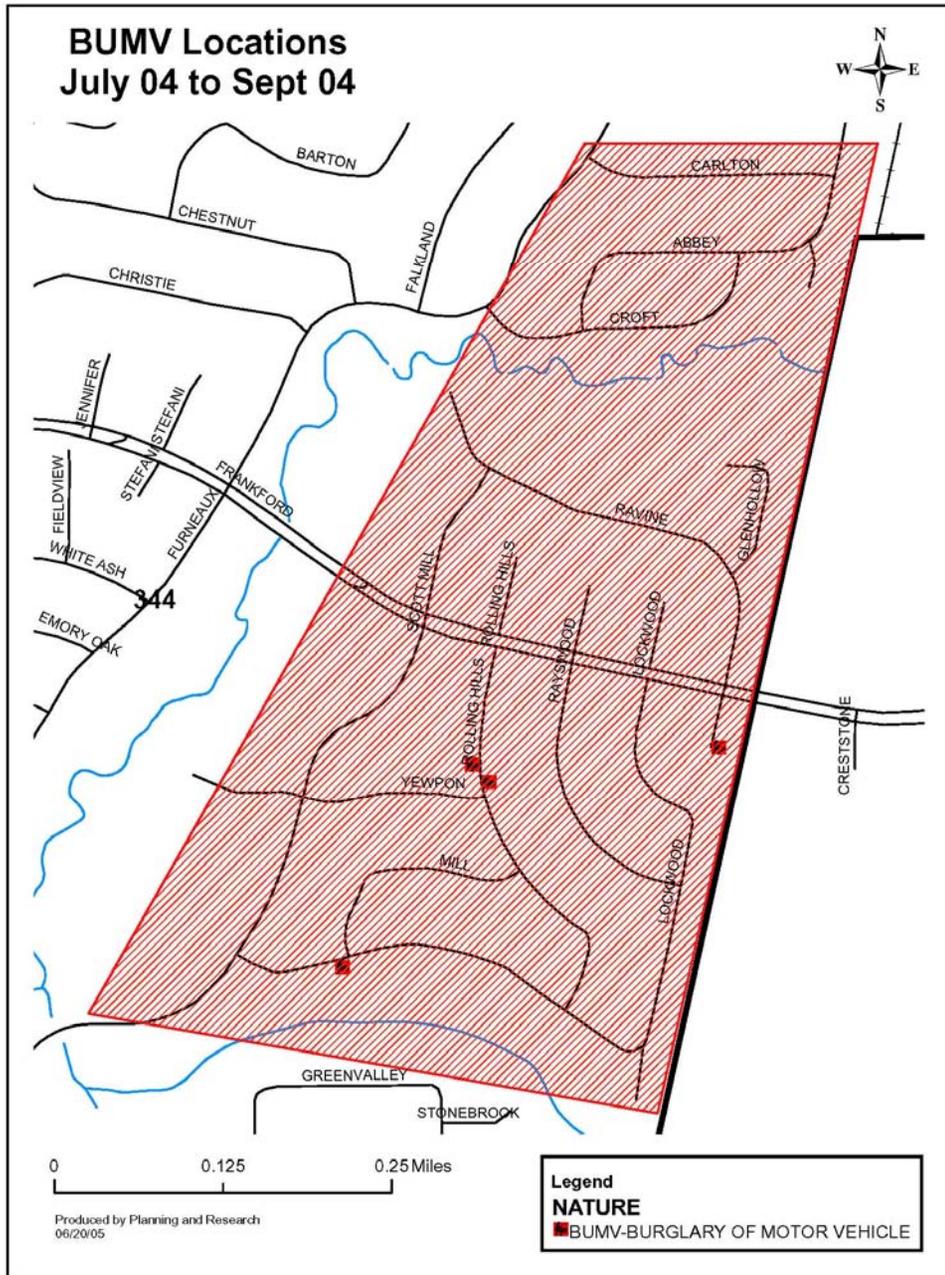
Environmental Responses

- Canvassed target area, documenting dark areas
- Identified overgrown vegetation and non-functioning street lights
- Partnered with City of Carrollton Code Enforcement to hold property owners, utility companies, and even the City accountable

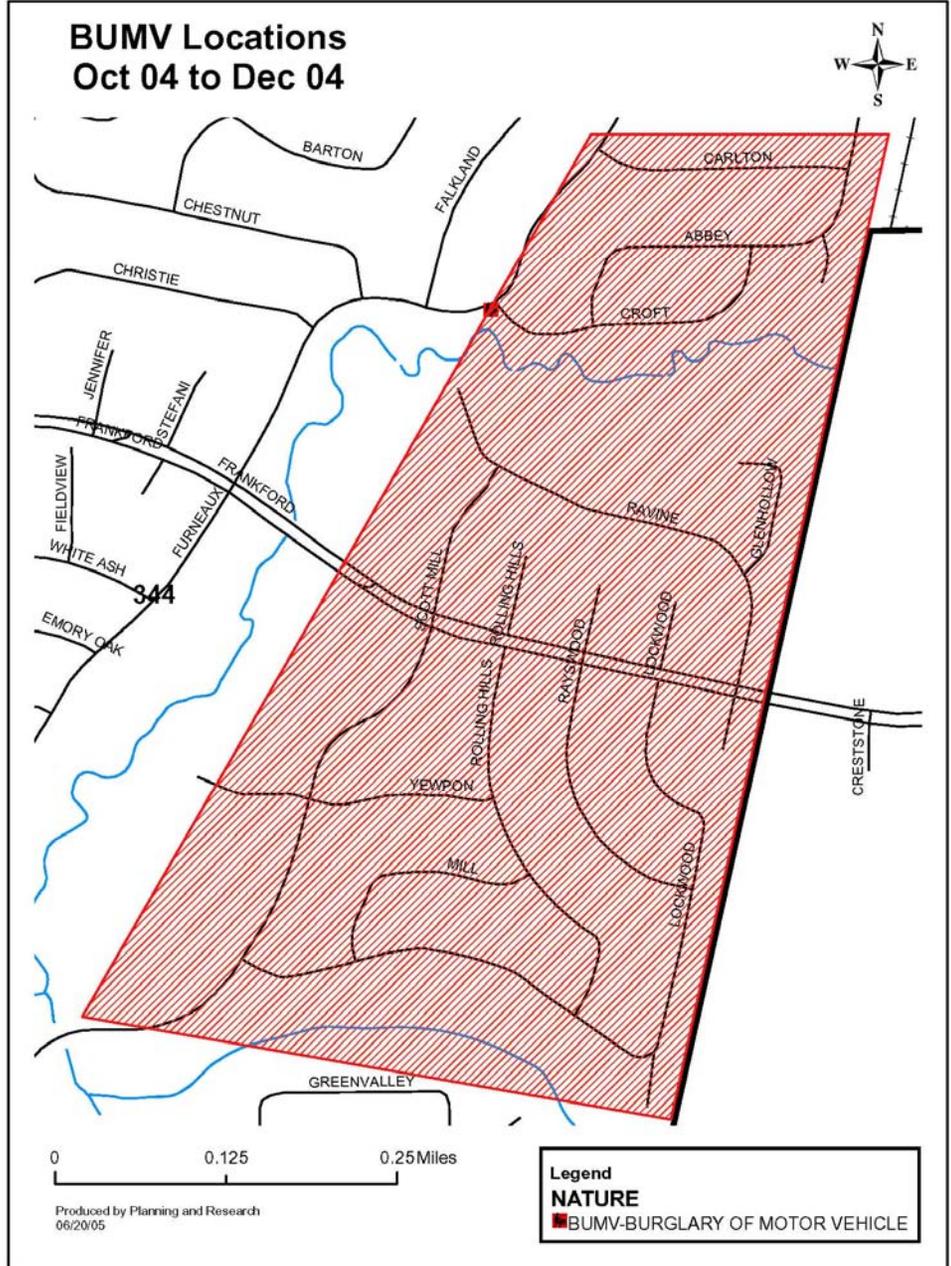
Report Cards

- Second Wave September 2004
 - Over 600 vehicles evaluated
 - 28 % vehicles failing (easy targets)
 - Significant reduction of easy targets
- Similar deployments throughout the City to prevent displacement

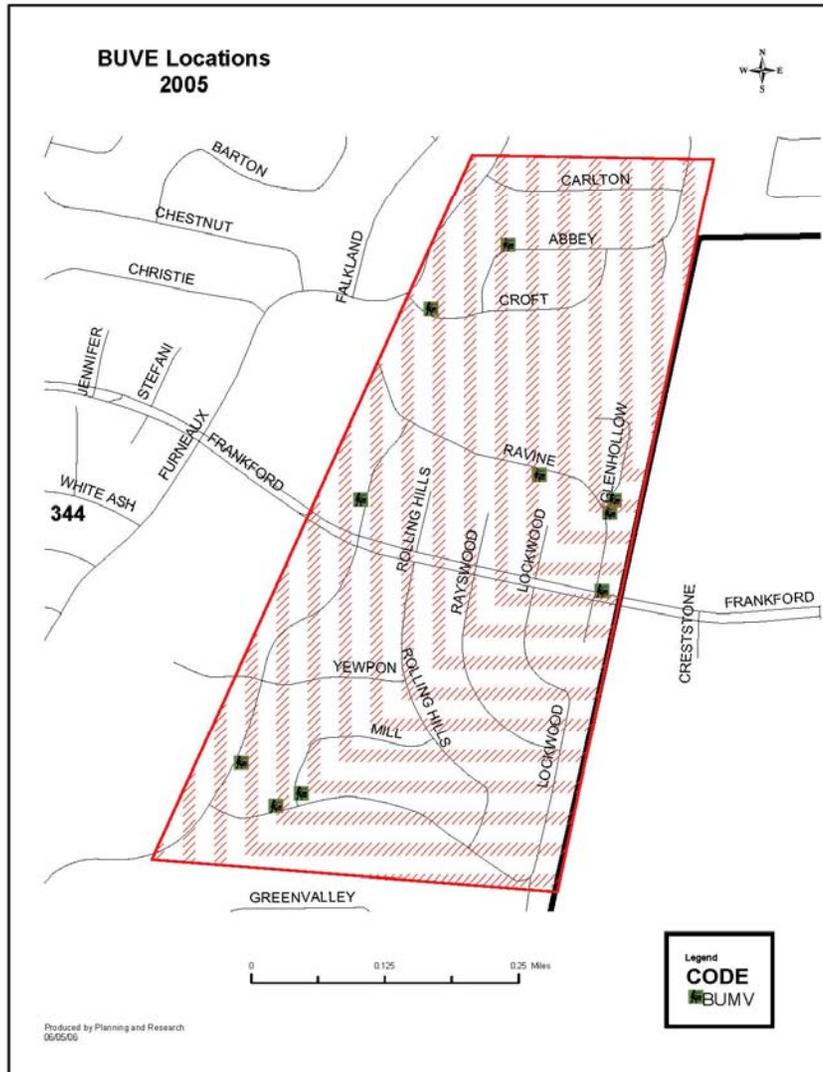
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Average

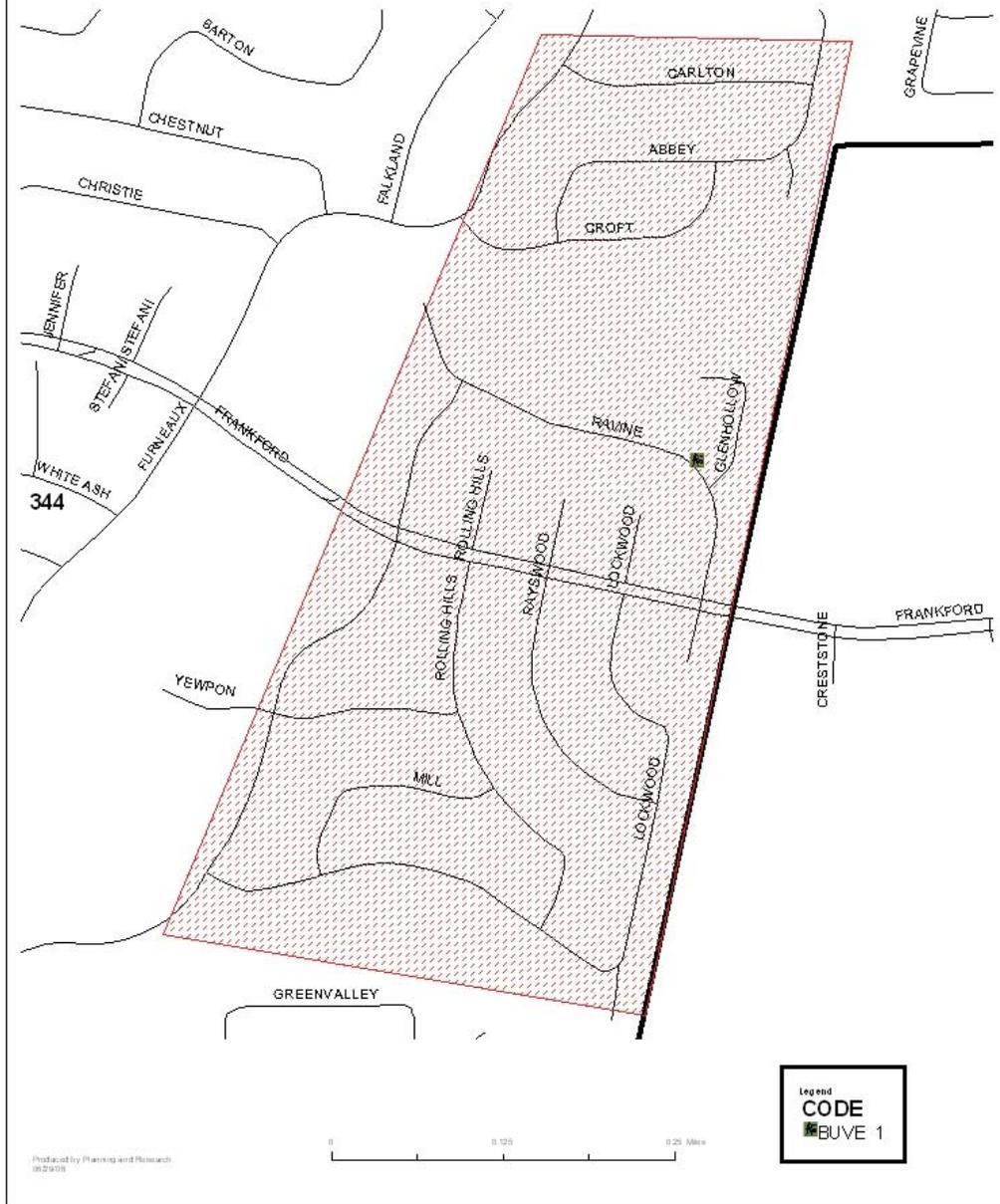


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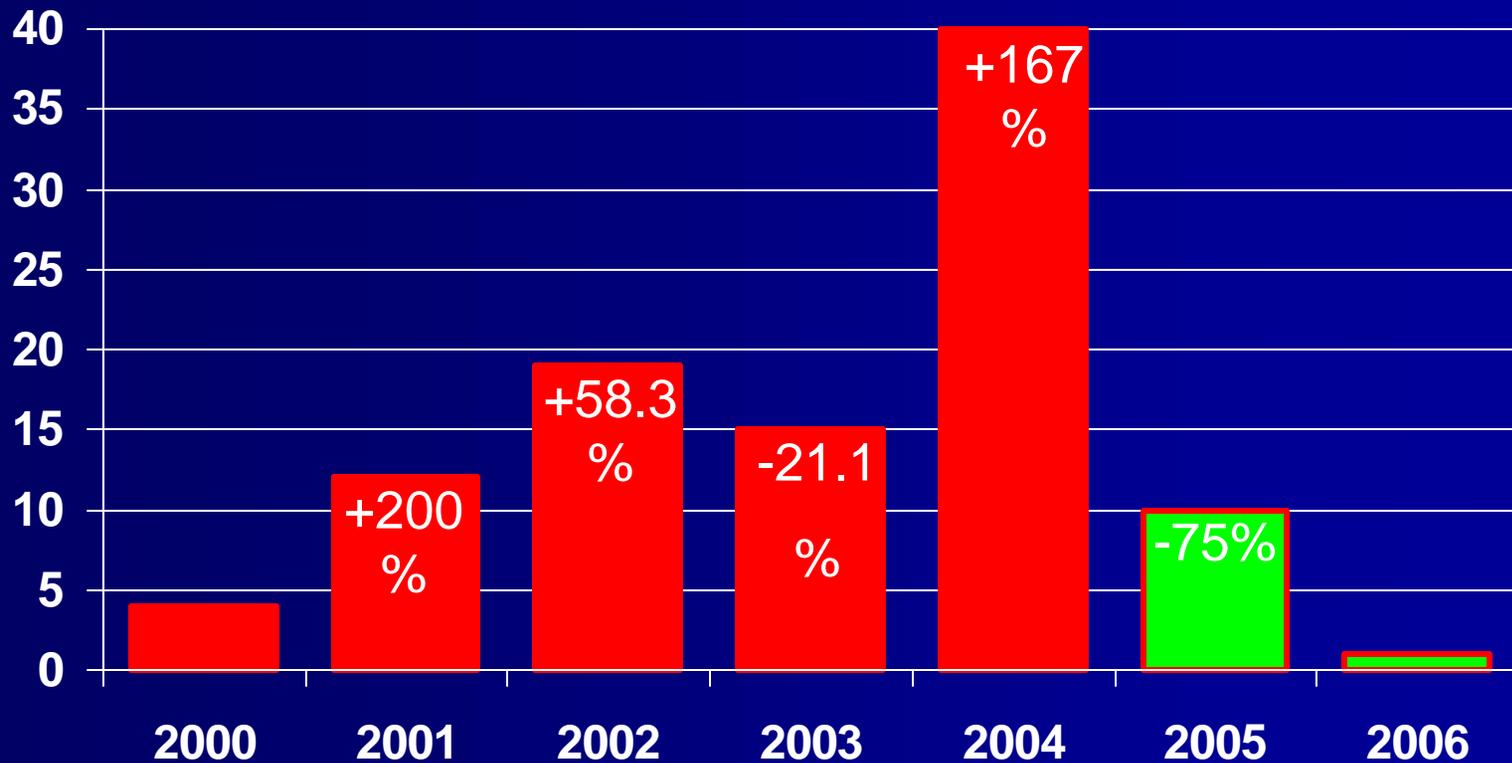
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**BUVE Locations
2006 YTD (June 29)**

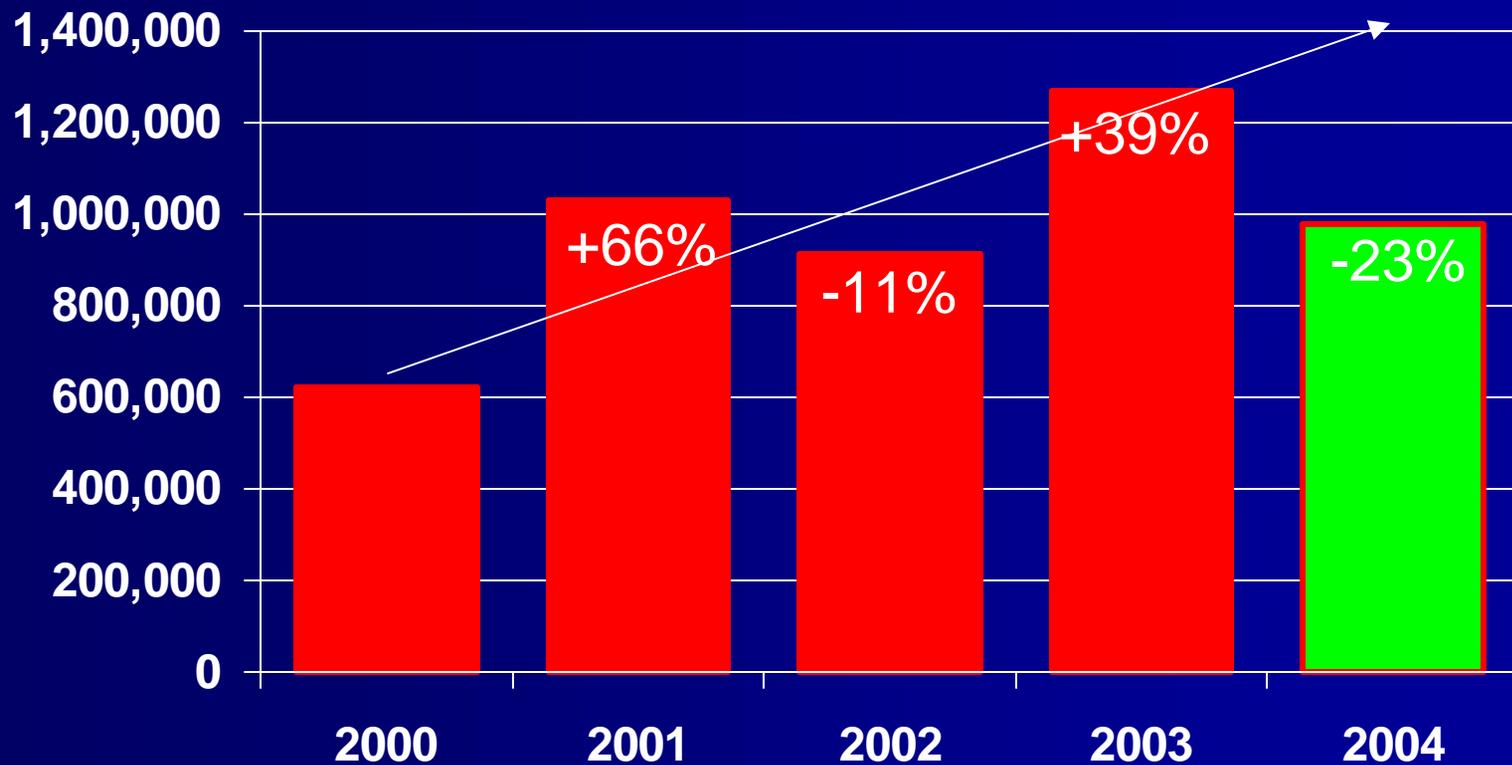


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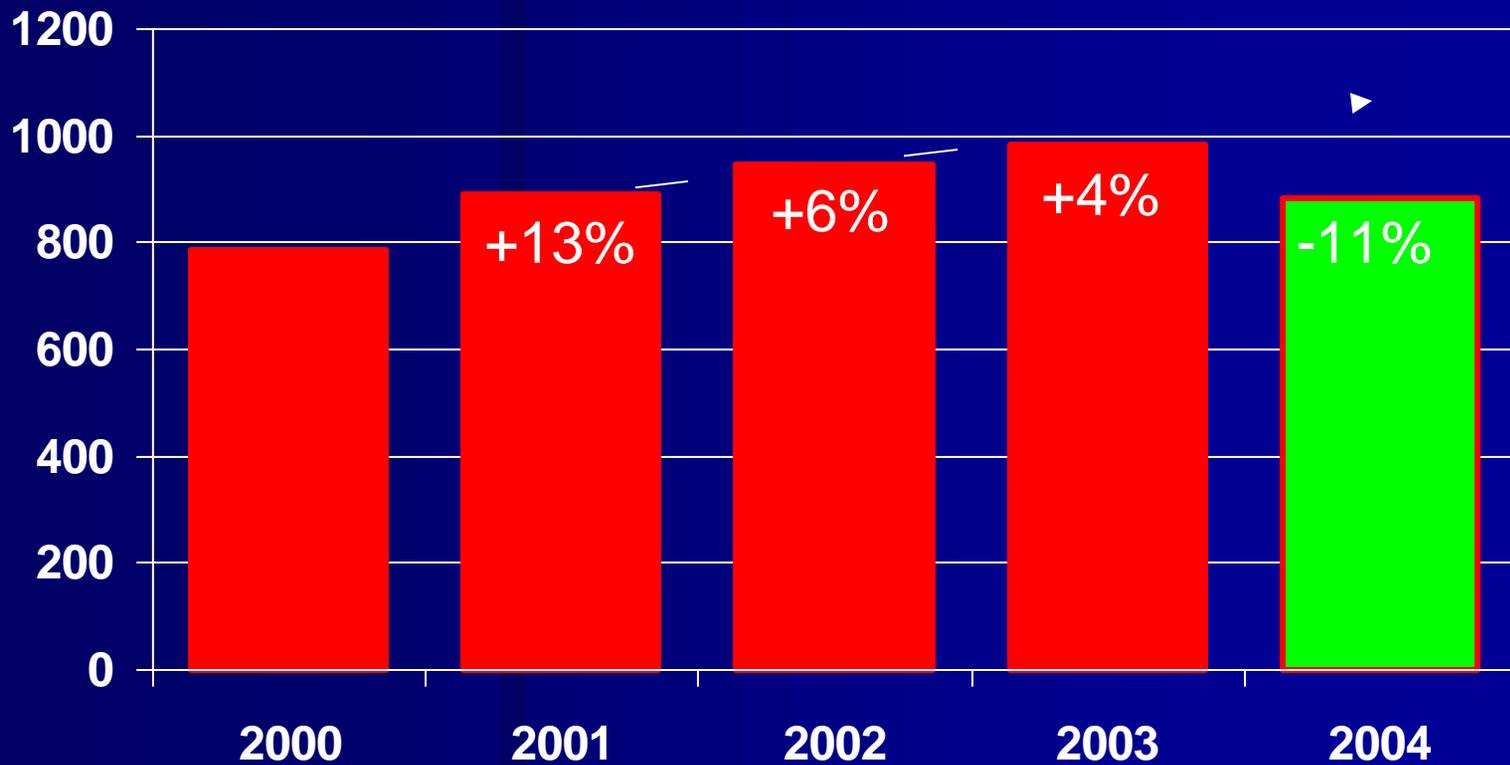
Target Area: *Vehicle Burglaries 2001-2005*



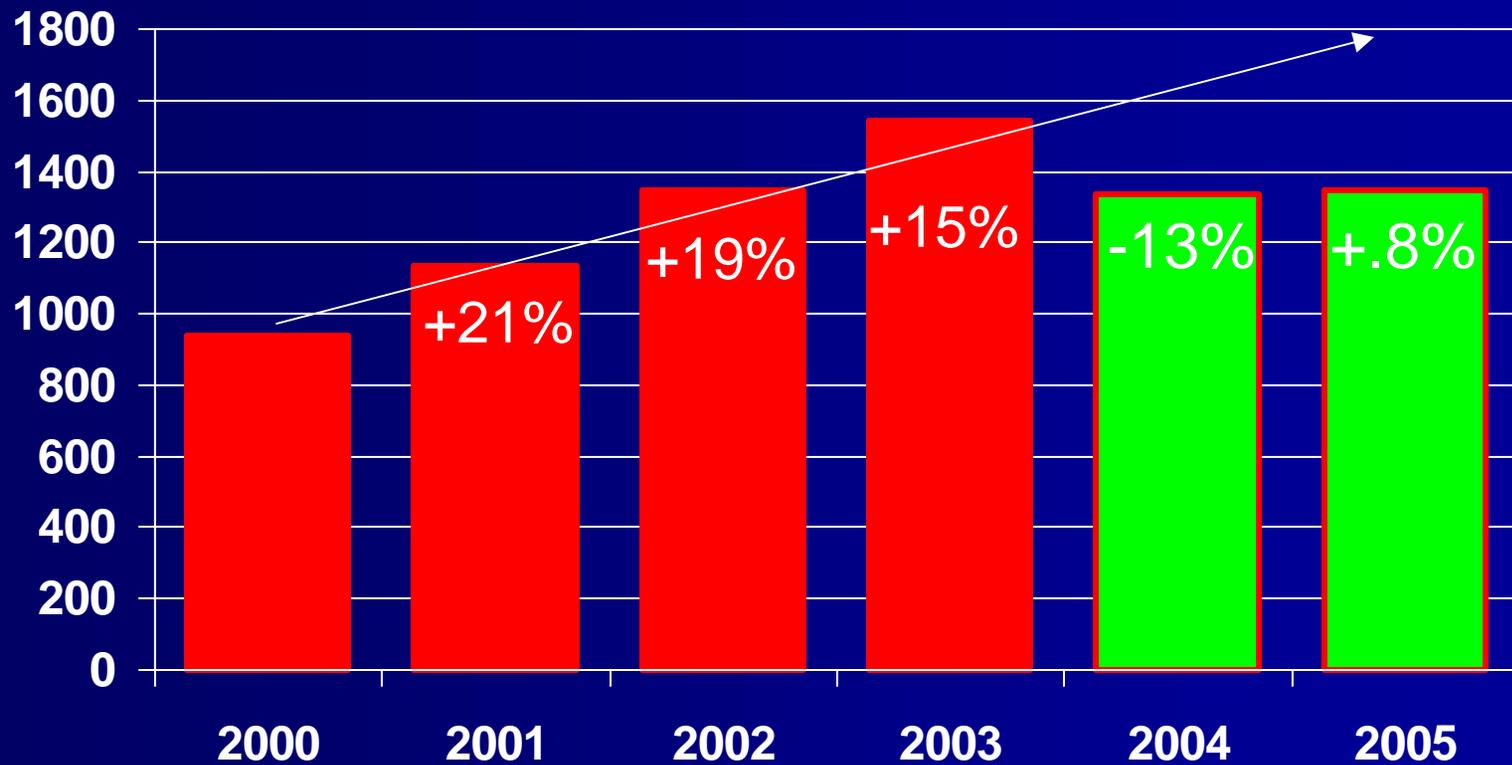
Citywide 2004 Results: 23 % Reduction in Damages and Losses to Owners



Citywide 2004 Results: *10 % Reduction in Officer Hours*



Citywide 2004 Results: *13 % Reduction in Reported Vehicle Burglaries*



Front-Line Leadership and A “Leader-Full Organization”

- Benefits:
 - Maximizes use of employee abilities and creativity
 - Improved morale, ownership, and pride
 - Decisions made by those who are closest to the problem = best results
 - Low cost
 - Builds “Trust Bank”

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