

One additional officer for the department's program related to the License Plate Recognition system.

In the City of Saint Paul for the year 2008, there were nearly two thousand automobiles stolen. Based on NIBRS data used in a year 2000 analysis, 57.08 percent of stolen motor vehicles are recovered in the first day and 79.43 percent are recovered during the first six days, which indicates that the first few days after the theft are critical in recovering stolen vehicles. The longer the vehicle is in the possession of the criminals, the less the chance of recovery. (FBI National Press Office, Crime in the United States, 2000). This grant will allow us to hire an officer to act as a coordinator between the community policing districts and the Auto Theft Unit for all LPR activity, and also act as a liaison between the operators and the technical support functions of the department's Systems Unit and the LPR contractor to address technical problems or issues that may arise. The LPR officer will be responsible for training community policing district members, and PEO's, as operators of the LPR system; documenting that training; maintaining records identifying approved LPR details and their results; ensuring appropriate documentation of significant incidents and arrests that are related to LPR usage; assisting other investigative units with LPR data requests and maintaining the LPR Data Query Log.

Measure: increase in the number of stolen vehicles recovered, scoffiaws towed, missing persons located, etc. resulting from the use of license plate recognition systems.