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Patrol releases top locations and types of vehicle stolen in 2008

COLUMBUS – The Ohio State Highway Patrol released the top 10 counties where vehicles are stolen and the top vehicles that are reported stolen in Ohio through the end of March 2008. This information is a part of the Patrol’s initiative whereby troopers are encouraged to look beyond the license plate or initial stop to pick up on criminal indicators that might point to a presence of illegal activities, such as vehicle theft.

During just the first three months of this year 2,169 stolen vehicles were entered as stolen into the Ohio Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS). The Patrol has recovered 188 stolen vehicles in the first three months of 2008. During that time troopers have recovered at least one stolen vehicle in 61 of Ohio’s 88 counties.

The chart below lists the top 10 counties for stolen vehicles and the top types of vehicles stolen January – March of this year.

Top 10 Counties for Stolen Vehicles

<i>County</i>	<i>Vehicles Stolen</i>
Cuyahoga	568
Franklin	341
Montgomery	168
Hamilton	149
Lucas	93
Summit	92
Mahoning	69
Stark	67
Butler	62
Trumbull	39

Top Stolen Vehicles by Make/Model

<i>Make/Model</i>	<i>Number Stolen</i>
Oldsmobile Cutlass	47
Yamaha Motorcycle	44
Honda Motorcycle	44
Honda Civic	43
Honda Accord	40
Dodge Caravan	36
Ford Taurus	36
Chevy Lumina	30
Dodge Intrepid	29
Chevy Blazer &	28
Buick LeSabre	28

Over the last three years troopers have recovered 2,554 stolen vehicles. Of those vehicles, more than one in five were recovered in Cuyahoga, Franklin, Montgomery, Trumbull or Mahoning counties.

“According to the FBI, vehicle theft is the second most profitable crime in the United States, surpassed only by the illegal narcotics trade. The ongoing efforts of law enforcement continue to be a driving force in the overall reduction of auto theft and we are having a significant impact on related crimes across the state.” said Colonel Richard H. Collins, Patrol superintendent.

To view the Patrol’s Crime Bulletin released today regarding auto theft visit www.statepatrol.ohio.gov.

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