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Roxana Kennedy Chief of Police

# CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date:5/3/2024To:San Diego MediaFrom:Chula Vista Police DepartmentContact:Sergeant Anthony Molina, Public Information OfficerPhone:(619) 691-5111Subject:MEDIA INVITE – "ENGRAVE AND SAVE" CATALYTIC CONVERTER ETCHING<br/>EVENT – SATURDAY, MAY 4th FROM 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M.Message:FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## \*MEDIA INVITE ONLY – THIS EVENT HAS REACHED CAPACITY FOR THE PUBLIC\*

Media Partners: Chief Roxana Kennedy invites you to attend "Engrave and Save," a community partnership event where participating Chula Vista residents will be taking a big step in protecting themselves from catalytic converter thieves.

As catalytic converter theft continues to affect communities nationwide, the Chula Vista Police Department is partnering with the City of Chula Vista Public Works Automotive Department to help make residents of Chula Vista less desirable targets. With use of two specialty engraving tools, purchased with funds from the <u>Chula Vista Police Foundation</u>, catalytic converters will be inscribed with their associated vehicle identification number (VIN). This simple act may deter theft and assist police in investigating stolen parts. It's one strategy in a larger effort to address catalytic converter theft in Chula Vista.

The free event was <u>announced on social media</u> with directions on how to RSVP for the 150 available appointments. The appointments filled quickly and therefore, the event has reached capacity. In anticipation of future events, the Chula Vista Police Department encourages Chula Vista residents to <u>fill out the interest form online</u> for priority registration pending the next "Engrave and Save" event. Participants must be a Chula Vista resident and have a currently registered vehicle to take advantage of this free service. The community is also encouraged to learn about <u>theft prevention tips, linked here.</u>

#### EVENT DETAILS:

DATE: Saturday, May 4th, 2024

**TIME**: 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION: City of Chula Vista Public Works Center (1800 Maxwell Road, Chula Vista, CA 91911)

### MAP TO EVENT:



\*Email <u>scotthall@chulavistapd.org</u> or contact Sgt. Scott Hall on his cellular phone, (619) 385-6643, if you will be attending. He will be on-site to coordinate interviews.

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