

## CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: 10/31/2024

To: San Diego Media

From: Chula Vista Police Department

Contact: Sergeant Anthony Molina, Public Information Officer

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Subject: MEDIA INVITE - "ENGRAVE AND SAVE" CATALYTIC CONVERTER ETCHING

EVENT – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> FROM 7 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### \*MEDIA INVITE ONLY - REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT IS NOW CLOSED\*

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 the use of two specialty engraving tools, purchased with funds from the <a href="Chula Vista Police Foundation">Chula Vista Police Foundation</a>, 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 250 available appointments. The event is now closed for registration. In anticipation of future events, the Chula Vista Police Department encourages Chula Vista residents to <u>follow them on social media</u> to get updates. 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</u>, <u>linked here</u>.

#### **EVENT DETAILS:**

**DATE**: Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

TIME: 7:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

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

## **MAP TO EVENT:**



\*If you plan on attending, please email <u>pio@chulavistapd.org</u> or contact Sgt. Molina (PIO) on his cellular phone at (619) 385-6775. He will be on-site and available for interviews from 7:00 A.M. – 10 A.M.

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