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Operation "Save our Seats" deemed a success by Downey Police after the owners of 47 sport-utility vehicles take part in the first program of its kind in the City of Downey.

On Saturday, March 24th, the Downey Police Department held operation "Save our Seats" in the west parking lot of the police station. The program was created and implemented by Detective Ethan Roberts who is assigned as the department's auto theft/burglary investigator. Detective Roberts came up with the idea after looking into creative ways to help Downey residents increase the chances of having their 3rd row seats returned should they be stolen. As a result, almost 50 residents had their seats etched with identifying information that could help law enforcement return them to their owners, and hold those responsible for the thefts accountable for their actions.

Besides etching the seats, investigators spent time with each vehicle owner, offering crime prevention tips and advice on how to lessen their chances of becoming the victim of a vehicle related theft. Detective Roberts also installed locks on the seats of many of the participants in an attempt to keep them from becoming a victim in the first place. The entire service, including the lock installation, was done at no cost to the vehicle's owners.

Anyone with questions regarding operation "Save our Seats" or any other crime prevention matter, is encouraged to call the Downey Police Department Detective Bureau at 562-904-2310. Detective Roberts can be reached at 562-904-2334.



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Detectives from the Downey Police Department busy etching identifying information onto the 3rd row seats of vehicles belonging to Downey residents during operation “Save our Seats.”



Detectives Jeff Hill and Ron Gee etching seats on 2 of the 47 vehicles that took part in operation “Save our Seats.”



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Detective Ethan Roberts offers advice to a Downey resident on how to keep her vehicle safe and how to avoid becoming the victim of a 3rd row seat theft.