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Event: 2009 Auto Crime Enforcement Month

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- Good morning.
- Welcome to the official launch of Auto Crime Enforcement Month in British Columbia.
- This month, police forces across B.C. will ramp up enforcement efforts to arrest car thieves and drive down auto theft even further.
- I am pleased to be able to tell you today that numbers from ICBC show auto theft dropped by another 16 percent in 2008.
- That's five years in a row for decreases and a 47 percent decline overall.
- We've cut the number of auto thefts by almost half in B.C. since 2003.
- This is all due to our police and the tools they have been provided.
- And one of the weapons in our arsenal is getting an upgrade.
- The Bait Car Program is the largest of its kind in North America and it continues to grow.
- I'm pleased to announce the new and improved 'Bait Car Live'.
- IMPACT is switching over its entire bait car fleet to new live audio and video feeds.
- That means a dispatcher will watch and listen to everything that is going on inside a bait car in real time and instantly relay the information to responding police units.
- Previous technology did not allow for live monitoring and the police could only view the bait car tape after it was stopped and the suspects were arrested.
- The greatest benefit of Bait Car Live is to make our police officers safe.
- Every day, police officers find themselves in harms way.

- And stopping a stolen vehicle can pose great danger to the police because of the unknown.
- How many suspects are in the car? What are they planning? Are they armed?
- This new technology is just part of the strategy for capturing car thieves.
- Police have the Automatic Licence Plate Readers
- ALPR can run up to 600 plates per hour looking for stolen vehicles.
- Another effective tool in the battle against car theft is police dogs.
- Those who think they can outrun a German Shepherd invariably end up in the jaws of justice, so to speak.
- Also, the Air One and Air Two helicopters provide eyes in the sky.
- When you combine all of these, criminals will discover there is nowhere to run and nowhere to hide.
- British Columbians want to live without the stress and fear of their car being stolen.
- Today's event shows we have the technology, and we're turning up the heat on the bad guys.
- Thank you for joining us here today.

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