

ICBC, province team up again to tackle auto theft

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ICBC has struck a five-year deal with the provincial Solicitor General to bolster traffic and anti-auto-theft policing measures.

The insurer will spend \$17 million on the program this year, including funding for the Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team (IMPACT).

The Surrey-based IMPACT comprises 22 auto theft investigators from seven police forces in the Lower Mainland. IMPACT currently operates the Bait Car program, the stolen vehicle enforcement team and stolen vehicle identification program.

In 2002 and 2003 ICBC spent \$10 million on policing, increasing to \$14.5 million in 2004.

The funding is based on one per cent of basic premiums paid to ICBC.