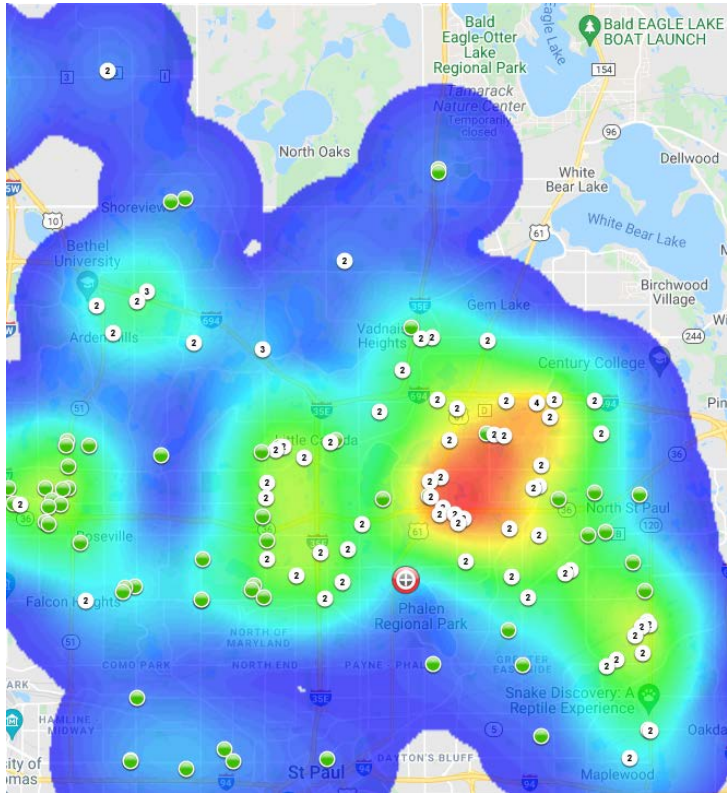




Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Contract Cities Update



Auto Thefts – January 2022



Auto thefts continue to be a significant issue throughout Ramsey County in 2022

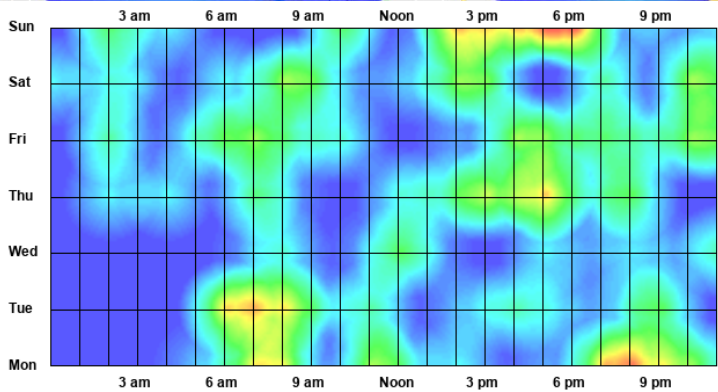
In January 2022, 26 motor vehicles were reported stolen to the Sheriff's Office which is an increase of 29% over 2021 monthly averages. The accompanying heat maps show the locations, density, time of day and day of week for January auto thefts in all of Ramsey County. The warmer colors indicate the highest concentrations of vehicle thefts in terms of location, day of week and time.

*Reporting Agency data included in the Heat Maps represent all Ramsey County Police Agencies except Saint Paul

To combat the significant rise in auto theft, the Ramsey County Attorney's office has partnered with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office in 2021 to form the Ramsey County Youth Auto Theft Intervention Project. As part of this effort Sheriff Fletcher created the Carjacking and Auto Theft Unit in September 2021 utilizing grant funding.

The Ramsey County Youth Auto Theft Intervention Project is taking the approach used in Group Violence Intervention, also known as focused deterrence. The idea is that a relatively small number of people are involved in violence, and that stopping them can lead to increased safety for the individuals involved and the community as a whole.

CAT team investigators, working tirelessly throughout Ramsey County, arrested 50 juveniles and 12 adults for auto theft or carjacking between September 2021 and January 18, 2022. The Sheriff's Office recovered 112 stolen vehicles during that time.



What can YOU do?

Vehicle thefts are largely a crime of opportunity and there are steps you can take to avoid becoming a victim:

- **DO** lock your vehicles at all times
- **Remove** all valuables from your vehicle
 - This includes other vehicle keys, key FOB's and remote garage door openers auto thieves can use to easily steal other vehicles or property
- **DO NOT** leave running vehicles unattended, even for short periods of time
 - Auto thieves are on the lookout for this behavior and will take advantage of it whenever possible
- **Report Suspicious Activity** to the Sheriff's Office as soon as possible!