

## Catalytic Converter Thefts

The Cherry Hill Police Department has seen an increase in catalytic converter thefts throughout Cherry Hill and in surrounding towns. These thefts take place at a variety of businesses and private properties during all hours. The converters are part of a vehicle's emission system, located between the engine and muffler. Within minutes thieves slide under your vehicle and cut the converter off, which is then sold as salvage. Catalytic converters can cost as much as \$2,000 to replace.

Protect yourself and your vehicle by following these safety tips:

- Park in well-lit areas when possible.
- Park close to building entrances when in public parking lots or shopping centers.
- If you have a garage, park your car inside and lock the garage door.
- Contact the police if you see anyone or anything suspicious in your neighborhood.
- As always, be alert and aware of your surroundings.