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# CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: 05/16/2025  
To: San Diego Media  
From: Chula Vista Police Department  
Contact: Sergeant Anthony Molina, Public Information Officer  
Phone: (619) 385-6775  
Subject: **MEDIA INVITE – “ENGRAVE AND SAVE” CATALYTIC CONVERTER ETCHING EVENT – SATURDAY, MAY 17<sup>th</sup> FROM 7 A.M. TO 12 P.M.**

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Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**\*MEDIA INVITE ONLY – REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT CLOSED ON MAY 13. THIS EVENT IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; RSVPs ARE REQUIRED BY PARTICIPANTS TO ATTEND.\***

Media Partners: Chief Roxana Kennedy invites you to attend “Engrave and Save,” a community partnership event where participating San Diego County residents will be taking a big step in protecting themselves from catalytic converter thieves.

As catalytic converter theft continues to affect communities nationwide, the Chula Vista Police Department is partnering with the City of Chula Vista Public Works Automotive Department to help make participating vehicle owners less desirable targets. With the use of two specialty engraving tools, purchased with funds from the [Chula Vista Police Foundation](#), catalytic converters will be inscribed with their associated vehicle identification number (VIN). This simple act may deter theft and assist police in investigating stolen parts. It’s one strategy in a larger effort to address catalytic converter theft in Chula Vista.

The free event was [announced on social media](#) with directions on how to RSVP for the 250 available appointments. Registration closed on May 13th, and an [RSVP is required to attend](#). The event is limited to 250 registrants, so if capacity is reached, those unable to sign up are encouraged to follow the [Chula Vista Police Department on social media](#) for future opportunities. Participants must have a currently registered vehicle to take advantage of this free service. The community is also encouraged to learn about [theft prevention tips, linked here](#).

### **EVENT DETAILS:**

**DATE:** Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**TIME:** 7:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:** City of Chula Vista Public Works Center (1800 Maxwell Road, Chula Vista, CA 91911)

**MAP TO EVENT:**



\*If you plan on attending, please email [pio@chulavistapd.org](mailto:pio@chulavistapd.org) or contact Sgt. Molina (PIO) on his cellular phone at (619) 385-6775 for awareness. **Sergeant Scott Hall, the Property Crime Unit's supervisor will be on site and available from 7:00 A.M. – 10 A.M for interviews.** If you need assistance locating him Saturday morning, you can contact **Jacque Gutierrez at (619)484-0674, who will be on-site to coordinate media interviews.**

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