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EPPD to Host VIN Etching for Catalytic Converters

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force, Westside Regional Command's community services and EPPD Police Cadets are joining forces with Take 5 Oil Change for a Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Event to combat the rising tide of catalytic converter thefts in the area.

With Texas ranking #2 in the nation for catalytic converter thefts, the event aims to equip local vehicle owners with tools to protect their cars. The El Paso Police Department will be offering free VIN etching on catalytic converters to all participants.

The rise in catalytic converter thefts has become a growing issue, with over 735 thefts reported in El Paso over the past three years. By engraving the vehicle's VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) onto the catalytic converter, it becomes significantly more difficult for thieves to sell the part without proof of ownership, making it a deterrent against these crimes.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, April 12, 2025
- **Time:** 9:00 AM- Noon
- **Location:** 915 Sunland Park Dr (Take 5 Oil Change)
- **Cost:** Free

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