



# Denison Police Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

### New Ordinance To Combat Catalytic Converter Thefts

Denison, Texas (January 17, 2023) - On Tuesday, the Denison City Council voted to pass an ordinance amendment making it unlawful for any person or entity, other than a metal recycling entity, to possess a used catalytic converter that has been removed from its original vehicle by cutting or some means of unbolting. This ordinance amendment will help to combat catalytic converter thefts as a proactive means to protect residents and business owners.

In 2021, the Denison Police Department received a total of 57 calls for service that involved thefts of catalytic converters. In 2022, the Denison Police Department had 38 calls for service that involved thefts of catalytic converters.

Due to the precious metals of rhodium, palladium, and platinum contained in catalytic converters, the National Insurance Crime Bureau has reported that the claim of catalytic converter thefts rose nationally from 3,380 in 2019 to 14,433 in 2020.

“We are proud to partner with our Elected Officials to continue making Denison a safe place to live, work, and play. This ordinance amendment will allow us to be proactive in decreasing the number of catalytic converter thefts,” said Chief Mike Gudgel.

Any person who violates this ordinance is subject to a fine of \$500 for each offense.

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