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Kern County District Attorney's Office Announces Catalytic Converter Etching Event

The Kern County District Attorney's Office will hold a free Catalytic Converter Etching event on Saturday, December 11th. The KCDA's Office is partnering with Three-Way Chevrolet and the Bakersfield College Automotive Program to help put a stop to the catalytic converter crimes in Kern County.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the event: "Since 2020 the theft of catalytic converters has sky-rocketed by 200% in Kern County and 300% in Bakersfield. The District Attorney's Office is committed to providing the tools for vehicle owners and law enforcement to deter catalytic converter theft and help return recovered stolen converters to their rightful owners."

At the free event, technicians from the Bakersfield College Automotive Program will etch the vehicle's catalytic converter with the last 8 characters of the vehicle's VIN. In addition, Technicians will paint the converters in a bright color, to warn buyers that the parts may be stolen.

The event will be held at the Three-Way Chevrolet Service Department located at 4501 Wible Road in Bakersfield. Advanced Registration is required, and the number of available appointments are limited. Members of the public can register for an appointment online at <https://kcdaoutreach.eventbrite.com> or by contacting the Kern County District Attorney's Office at 661-868-2435.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer is available this afternoon for brief media interviews on the program.

Catalytic Converter

A public service provided by the
Kern County District Attorney's Office

Theft Prevention

Saturday

December 11, 2021

9am - 2pm

**4501 Wible Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93313**

The Kern County District Attorney's Office in partnership with Three-Way Chevrolet and the Bakersfield College Automotive Program will etch VIN numbers on catalytic converters to prevent and deter theft of catalytic converters.



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