Catalytic converters, along with copper and other metals, have become a hot commodity for thieves. Catalytic converter theft has become popular because of their value, relative ease to steal, and their lack of identifying markings. The lack of identification makes it difficult to identify victims and successfully apprehend and prosecute criminals. Any vehicle with enough ground clearance can be a target.

The Daly City Police Department is providing 500 CatGuard etching kits to qualifying Daly City residents. These etching kits are easily self-installed or can be installed by your local automotive businesses. Each etching kit has its own identifying serial number which will be etched onto the catalytic converter. The serial numbers will need to be registered within the CatGuard database by the vehicle owner.

The serial numbers can provide law enforcement with investigative information to identify victims and prosecute criminals.