



# Press Release

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## **CHINO HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HOST CATALYTIC CONVERTER ETCHING EVENT ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 29**

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills and Chino Hills Police Department have partnered with Precision Sound to offer a Catalytic Converter Etching event on Saturday, January 29 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at Precision Sound located at 4200 Chino Hills Parkway, Unit 665.

Chino Hills residents are invited to bring their vehicles to have their license plate numbers or a portion of their vehicle identification numbers engraved onto their catalytic converters for a fee of \$20. The service will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and the event price will only be offered during the event date and hours.

Communities across Southern California are experiencing an increase in catalytic converter thefts. A catalytic converter is the exhaust emission control device on a vehicle that reduces toxic gases and pollutants in exhaust gas. Almost all gasoline cars and trucks sold in the United State since 1975 have catalytic converters. Converters contain precious metals such as platinum, palladium, and rhodium, which are then melted down to extract the valuable metals. Catalytic converters can be stolen from a vehicle in 15 minutes or less and thieves can receive an average of \$75-\$150 per converter from metal recyclers.

While etching your catalytic converter cannot prevent a thief from stealing it, it offers a level of protection and deterrence. Catalytic converters can be targeted because they are unidentifiable after they are removed from the vehicle allowing thieves to easily transport and sell them without having to worry about it being detected by the Police Department as stolen. Etching your catalytic converter will assist our Chino Hills Police Department in investigations and make it easier to identify a victim and lead to an arrest and possible return of stolen property.

For more information or questions about the event, please call the Chino Hills Police Department at (909) 364-2000 or visit [www.chinohills.org/VehicleSafety](http://www.chinohills.org/VehicleSafety).

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