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Auto Burglaries in San Francisco Drop 31% Between January and February 2018 18-042

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SFPD Report Shows Double-Digit Decreases in All 10 Police Districts

Data from the San Francisco Police Department's newly released February, 2018 CompStat Profile indicates significant progress in police efforts to curb vehicle burglaries in the city. The report shows that:

- Thefts from vehicles citywide decreased 31 percent in February, compared to January, 2018
- The city's ten police districts saw a decrease in auto burglaries ranging from 11 to 44 percent
- Year-to-date thefts from vehicles are down 15 percent

"The increased visibility of our officers and our efforts to educate the public through our Park Smart program are paying off," said San Francisco Police Chief William Scott. "While these numbers are encouraging, these crimes continue to impact too many residents and visitors to our city. There is still much work ahead. We will continue to use data to evaluate and adjust our strategies in order to effectively prevent and investigate auto burglaries."

San Francisco last year saw a 24 percent increase in thefts from vehicles compared to 2016. In response, the San Francisco Police Department doubled its citywide uniformed foot patrols to deter street crime and focus on neighborhood quality of life issues. Last November, the department created a General Crimes Unit to address serial residential and commercial burglaries, auto break-ins, bicycle thefts and other neighborhood property crimes. In January, 2018, SFPD command staff assigned district station officers to work directly with community members on crime trends, education and prevention strategies. Last year, San Francisco police officers booked or cited 790 people for thefts from vehicles.

The February 2018 CompStat report is posted on the department's website at [Crime Reports](#)

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