### Tips to Optimize Benefits

- □ Talk with AAMVA about:
  - Participating using the Fully Integrated Online approach.
  - ✓ Maintaining NMVTIS data integrity (e.g. data synchronization).
  - ✓ Using performance metrics.
  - ✓ Applying Best Practices.
  - ✓ Using revenue credits to enhance your participation.
- Use NMVTIS for

verification of ALL transactions — in-state title transactions, out-of-state title transactions, dealer reassignments, lender and dealer verifications, updates, corrections, and other title transactions.

- Talk with your state law enforcement agencies regarding how to coordinate use of NMVTIS information to best protect your customers and enhance business and investigative processes.
- Encourage your customers to obtain a NMVTIS Vehicle History Report prior to making used car buying decisions by showing the "NMVTIS Vehicle History for Consumers" video in your agency lobby and posting it on your state website.
- Conduct outreach in your state to those businesses required to report vehicles deemed junk, salvage, and insurance total loss to NMVTIS. Consider reinforcing federal NMVTIS requirements with state legislation/regulations for these businesses to report to NMVTIS.

# What Types of Vehicles are Reported to NMVTIS?

Automobiles, buses, trucks, motorcycles, motor homes and truck tractors are reported.

international law enforcement agencies report that auto theft generates funds for organized crime and terrorist activities.

Federal and

### **NMVTIS Benefits**

Based on the collection of data received through an inquiry into NMVTIS, the state can identify title inconsistencies, errors, or other issues that can be used to determine whether a title presented is valid and whether to issue a new title or if the vehicle is safe for on-road operation.

Participating states report these benefits:

- ✓ Identification of:
  - Stolen and "cloned" vehicles.
  - Missing vehicle brands.
  - Fraudulent activity (e.g. odometer reading altered on title).
- Vehicle data assisted local and state law enforcement with title fraud and vehicle-related investigations.
- Enhanced customer service (e.g. title discrepancies resolved).
- Efficiencies for motor vehicle agencies (e.g. cost savings due to automated processing).
- ✓ JSI data assisted in title process decision-making.



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# Working for States





## NMVTIS is Working for You!

The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) is designed to:

- Assist and provide benefits to states, particularly state motor vehicle titling agencies.
- ✓ Protect consumers from fraud and unsafe vehicles.
- ✓ Keep stolen vehicles from being resold.
- Assist states and law enforcement in deterring and preventing title fraud and other crimes.

BILLION

Auto theft cost

to consumers

and insurance

companies

per year.

NMVTIS was established under the Anti Car Theft Act of 1992 and was reauthorized under the Anti Car Theft Improvements Act of 1996. **Regulations require each state to:** 

- Perform an instant title verification check before issuing a certificate of title on an out-of-state vehicle entering the state.
- Report data into the system.
- system.
- Pay user fees.

The integrity of the system is compromised when vehicle data is incorrect, outdated or simply not made available to consumers. It is vital that NMVTIS contains your jurisdiction's vehicle data and that states conduct title verification checks on each title transaction in order for every state to stay ahead of fraud and ensure safe vehicles travel the nation's roadways. All states were required to be fully compliant with federal regulations by January 1, 2010.



In addition to state motor vehicle and federal agencies, junk and salvage yards, and insurance carriers (JSI) (with some exceptions) are required to report vehicles deemed "junk," "salvage," or "total loss."

# What Information is Available Through NMVTIS?

Data Type	States	LE	Consumers*
Current Title	Y	Y	Y
Historical Title	Y	Y	Y
Detailed State Record	Y	**	N
Brand	Y	Y	Y
JSI	Y	Y	Y
Theft**	Y	Y	****

~Law Enforcement; \*No personal information is provided; \*\*Available depending on implementation mode; \*\*\*\*Subset planned for the future

#### A NMVTIS Vehicle History Report is Unique

A vehicle history report which contains NMVTIS information from an <u>Approved NMVTIS Data</u> <u>Provider</u> is different from other vehicle history reports. It draws on data from NMVTIS, the only vehicle history database in the nation to which ALL states, insurance carriers, and junk and salvage yards are required by federal law to report.



from reductions in vehicle theft, brand washing and odometer fraud as a result of NMVTIS.



#### How Do States Participate?

The optimal approach is to be **Fully Integrated Online**, allowing states to inquire on and update NMVTIS in real-time. This dually satisfies the requirements for title verification and data reporting under the Anti Car Theft Act and *supports data integrity and the intent of the system*.

Interim steps toward Fully Integrated Online participation may include:

- Partially Integrated Online
- State Web Interface (SWI)
- Batch Inquiry
- Batch Data Upload/Update

Email <u>helpdesk@aamva.org</u> for details. A map of NMVTIS state participation is available on the NMVTIS website — <u>https://vehiclehistory.bja.ojp.</u> <u>gov</u>.

### How to Earn Revenue Credits

In order to meet the regulatory requirement that the system be self-sustaining, DOJ approved a state user fee model. The model allows **states that provide title and brand data, and inquire in NMVTIS, to be eligible to earn "credits"** from the revenues produced when a NMVTIS vehicle record is sold to a provider and where the state is the one in which that vehicle is titled.