

# Ambulance Anti-Theft Devices

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To: All AAA Members  
From: AAA Professional Standards Committee  
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RE: Ambulance Anti-Theft Devices

The AAA Professional Standards Committee would like to take this opportunity to make all members aware of devices related to preventing the theft of ambulances.

The threat of emergency vehicles being stolen, including ambulances, has been a constant issue for all first responders. Over the recent months we have all seen the AAA Media Log (thank you Rob Lawrence) documenting a disturbing number of incidents of ambulance theft across the country.

While the AAA and its Professional Standards Committee does not endorse any particular product, we do feel that we should take every opportunity to make all AAA members aware of available resources that can help their daily operations. **No matter what device/solution you choose to select we strongly recommend that your service use an appropriate anti-theft device.**

The latest CAAS Ground Vehicle Standard Version 3.0 requires an anti-theft device on the vehicle.

*C.8.5.5 ANTI-THEFT DEVICE The chassis shall be equipped with an anti-theft device to prevent the vehicle from being driven by an unauthorized operator. Device shall automatically engage when vehicle is placed in park and shall not require any other action from the operator to activate.*

This standard makes good sense as it mandates that the anti-theft device automatically engages. We all know that a solution that requires operator action is not ideal given the myriad duties and hectic scenes that can be faced by field providers.

There are two commercial devices currently on the market that meet the latest CAAS Ground Vehicle Standard Version 3.0. These devices function in a similar fashion. When the vehicle is placed in park the system automatically engages locking the shift lever. Once ready to leave a location and drive, the operator then presses a discreet button to release the shift lever. The system takes little effort for the field provider while likely defeating the typical bad actor attempting to steal the vehicle.

Both devices are widely used by AAA member services across the country and both devices are remarkably simple to install without adversely impacting your vehicle electrical system. Additionally, these are both cost effective solutions at a price below \$250 per vehicle to prevent what could be a catastrophic event.

The AAA and the AAA Professional Standards Committee is always available to assist you and your service in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding this or any other issue.

Following are links and contact information for these two devices:

**Tremco Anti-Theft System**

Tremco Emergency Products 888.666.3031

<https://tremcoemergencyproducts.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/a93pRebvJL0>

Contact Chief James Gardiner (Ret)

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805.550.6406

**AutoGARD**

Intermotive Vehicle Controls 775.831.2002 ext. 214

<https://intermotive.net/autogard/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_7TDvsoG1SQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_7TDvsoG1SQ)

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