

WATPA Semi-Annual Report Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Why the change in reporting document?

The WATPA Board of Directors is interested in return on investment (ROI) of all WATPA monies. This report requires a more specific attribution of work to individual FTEs.

Why the change in reporting frequency?

The WATPA Board believes that grant recipients should be spending more time on enforcement activities and less time completing administrative reports. Also, much of the information asked for is best captured and reported over a six month period given the nature of task force and investigative activities.

WATPA is asking for specific information on employee activities over a six month period. Isn't this going to create more work for recipient agencies?

This type of individual performance information is important to WATPA when evaluating ROI and should be immediately accessible by task force supervisors as part of investigative unit management.

Why are you asking for stolen vehicle data from one city, as opposed to the region or area covered by the task force or detective?

Reporting of crime data on the previous report was confusing, inconsistent and in some cases not credible. The request for data from the largest city provides an anchor to measure increases or decreases in regional stolen vehicle activity during the reporting period. The city you identify shall be used over the entire biennium.

I'm confused about the "linkages" section of the reporting document. Please explain.

Every WATPA applicant is required to define the auto theft related problem in their area (with historical data), propose activities to address the problem with WATPA resources and define an evaluation methodology that measures success. In sum, use this space to concisely identify the problem, steps taken to address the problem and an explanation of how you have impacted the problem using evaluation methods proposed in your grant application.

WATPA funded an ALPR for my jurisdiction during this biennium. I have purchased and installed the ALPR and am not expecting any more grant funds from WATPA. Do I still need to report semi-annually? If yes, for how long?

All WATPA grant recipients are expected to complete semi-annual reports for the duration of the biennium that the asset was funded.