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BACKGROUND

Rental car facilities are often a hotspot of criminal activity at airports and require significant law enforcement time and resources. With millions of dollars in vehicle inventory, they can be a strong attractant for criminals seeking vehicles to steal. Furthermore, the necessity for customer expediency, the numerous stakeholders that could be operating at a rental car facility, and the public nature of such facilities create the potential for security threats beyond criminal activity. The potential for bad actors to exploit these facilities for nefarious activities must be considered within the airport's overall public area security posture.

Guidance is needed to assist airports in making informed decisions to enhance security and public safety at their rental car facilities. The resulting strategies must account for the roles, responsibilities, and limitations of the various stakeholders operating within these facilities.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this research is to produce practical and applicable guidance to enhance security and public safety, and reduce criminal activity at on-airport rental car facilities. The research should address:

- New facility design considerations, including location, layout, traffic routes, and physical security measures
- Enhancements for existing facilities
- Leveraging available technology
- Considerations for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Strategies for accurate reporting of vehicle theft
- Policies and procedures for tenants
- Enforcement mechanisms, including airport rules, regulations, lease agreements, and local ordinances
- Internal and external stakeholder coordination and engagement
- Applicable public area security considerations
- Metrics and reporting

The resulting guidance should be comprehensive and scalable to commercial airports of all sizes.