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## Nominations are due!

***Award nominations are due May 1st!***

Please take a few minutes to recognize a fellow IAATI member for a job well done. There are a lot of categories to choose from, please visit the IAATI website to check out the categories or go to page 4 of this publication to click the link to the page on the website. Nominations can be submitted via email to [executivedirector@iaati.org](mailto:executivedirector@iaati.org).



## *Wanted: A Few Good Men and Women*

Interested in becoming an IAATI Board member or Committee member? The IAATI nominating Committee is currently accepting



applicants to fill the nomination slate that will be presented for a vote during the IAATI conference this August in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information about the various IAATI committees, please visit the

website. For anyone interested in serving, details are available on page 3 of this publication.

## Auto Theft Today



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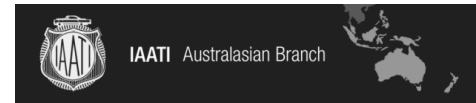
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## IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

### Branches:

Australasian Branch  
[iaatiaus.org](http://iaatiaus.org)



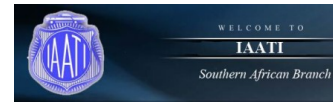
European Branch  
[eb-iaati.org](http://eb-iaati.org)



Latin American Branch  
[iaatilatam.org](http://iaatilatam.org)



Southern African Branch  
[iaatisab.co.za](http://iaatisab.co.za)



United Kingdom Branch  
<http://www.iaati.org.uk/>



### Chapters (North America/Canada)

North Central Regional Chapter  
[ncrc-iaati.org](http://ncrc-iaati.org)



North East Regional Chapter  
[neiaati.org](http://neiaati.org)



South Central Regional Chapter  
[tavti.org](http://tavti.org)



South East Regional Chapter  
[seiaati.org](http://seiaati.org)



Western Regional Chapter  
[wrciaati.org](http://wrciaati.org)



## MEMBER NEWS

### **Board Members and Committee Members wanted!**

Each year during the annual IAATI conference, members elect a new board of directors. New committee members are selected as well. Now is the time to do your part and submit your intent to serve on the IAATI board or one of the committees. It is as simple as sending an email to the chair of the Nominating Committee, Past President Hans Kooijman at [jcbkooijman@iaati.org](mailto:jcbkooijman@iaati.org).

When submitting your email, please including the following information:

- Your name and number of years you have been an IAATI member along with membership number;
- Your profession and current employer;
- Your reasons for wanting to get more involved;
- The number of IAATI seminars you have attended over the past years;
- What ideas you have that might benefit IAATI;
- Your experience/work within your local IAATI chapter/branch.



## E-NEWSLETTER UPDATES

In order to provide relevant and fresh news related to vehicle theft and related crimes, the focus will be to provide more issues, more often, with the latest stories that you need to see, all at your fingertips. IAATI training seminar information, Branch/Chapter News and updates, and committee reports are all posted on the website. Auto Theft Today will have a section included with links to all of these areas on the website that you can easily access for the latest information. Below is a chart of the menus on the website to provide an overview of the wealth of information available once you log in. Please take a few minutes to visit [www.iaati.org](http://www.iaati.org) and check it out!

ABOUT IAATI	MEMBERSHIP	EVENTS	NEWS	RESOURCES	AWARDS	CERTIFICATIONS
President's Message	Application Form	IAATI Training Events	Submit a News Story	Training Resources		Certification Process
Association History	Renew Online	Non-IAATI Training Events	North & South America	Publications		Basic Certification
Branches and Chapters	Search Members	Past Events	Europe & the UK	Photo Galleries		Advanced Certification
International Board Members	Member List		Asia, Africa, & Australasia	Forum		Master Certification
Committees			Browse by Month			Certification Resources
Documentation						

Networking, sharing information and keeping up to date with the latest trends, contacts and news in the world of vehicle theft are instrumental in the always demanding world that we as investigators live in, so the majority of each issue will contain summaries of the latest incidents, arrests, and related information with links to the full story. The links can also be copied and pasted into an email to share with others.

There will also be a section that links to the "Submit a News Story" function on the website. Collectively, we can all reap greater benefits from every-one sharing just one story, one contact or one idea. Please submit yours either through the website or in an email to [enews@iaati.org](mailto:enews@iaati.org).

# IAATI UPDATES

**Chapter / Branch Information** - Branch and chapter information is located on the website.

For general information and obtain contact information for a branch or chapter, please [click here](#). Information about IAATI chapters and branches can be found on the website: ABOUT IAATI/BRANCHES AND CHAPTERS. For individual chapter and branch news, please visit that website or go to page 2 and click on a logo to be directed to that branch or chapter website.

**Committee Information / News / Reports** - Committee information is located on the website.

For general committee information, members and their contact information, please [click here](#) or from the website, click ABOUT IAATI. To access periodic committee reports, please [click here](#). Committee reports are located on the website: ABOUT IAATI/DOCUMENTATION.

**Training Seminar / Event Information** - Training information is always being added to the website.

For information on all IAATI training events as well as training offered by others, please [click here](#). Members are able to view information regarding the various training opportunities available and register online when able.

*Updated training seminar information is now available online, including the 2018 IAATI International Training Seminar being held from August 5-10, 2018 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.*

## Auto Theft Today - Publication deadline

The next issue of Auto Theft Today will be released mid-May. If you have any articles, photographs, member news, or anything else to include in the next issue, please [click here to submit a story](#) or send an email to [enews@iaati.org](mailto:enews@iaati.org). In order to have your information included in the next edition, please submit or email everything by the 10th of each month.

**AWARDS SUBMISSIONS** - Please [click here](#) to read about the various awards given and to submit your nominations.

IAATI offers 12 awards each year. Submitting your colleagues and peers for nominations for awards is a great way to recognize exceptional efforts from around the world. It only takes a few minutes to type up a recommendation and email it in. Recognizing the hard work and many hours put in to investigations and discovering new ways to address auto theft issues should be important to each and every member; awards can also be considered another teaching method, which allows the association to share everyone's successes. Please take a few minutes when you hear of a great job done, a complex case cracked, criminals arrested, or new technology being used to solve crimes, tell everyone!



**AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE DUE MAY 1st, 2018!**

Please submit your nominations via email to [executivedirector@iaati.org](mailto:executivedirector@iaati.org).





International Association of Auto Theft Investigators International Training Seminar

## **Save the Date: August 5 -10, 2018**

300 W Station Square Drive • Pittsburgh, PA 15219 • United States • 412-261-1000

Join us for an unprecedented training and networking opportunity held at the beautiful *Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square.*

***Four Days of  
Training including  
hands on workshops  
for only \$300***

**Reserve your room here:**  
**\$130/night**

### Topics and training blocks include:

- The growing element of cargo theft and its implications
- Social media and technology updates including new resources for investigation
- Classes for stronger investigative teams
- Hands-on displays and live demonstrations of techniques and positive identification of vehicles and construction equipment
- Meet new private sector partners dedicated to our mission and review new products available
- Expert networking and resource building with speakers and co-attendees
- International colleagues and presenters



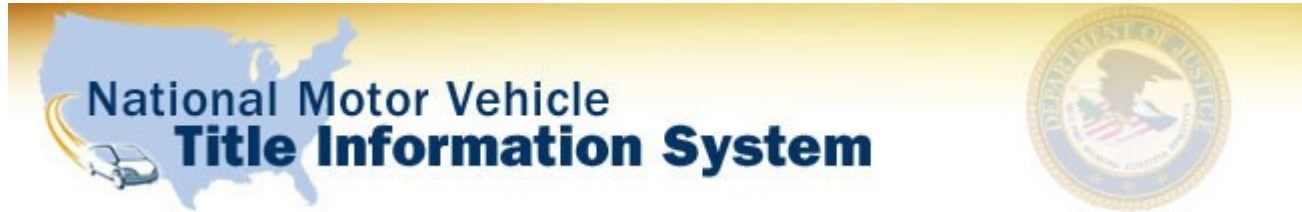
**theAUTHORITY**  
Pennsylvania Auto Theft Preventor Authority



**Register Today: [iaati.org/events](http://iaati.org/events)**

# NMVTIS

## What is NMVTIS you ask?



According to the website, The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) is, among other things, a tool that assists local, state, and federal law enforcement in investigating, deterring, and preventing vehicle-related crimes.

Please [visit the website](#) to learn more about [NMVTIS and its Benefits to Law Enforcement](#).

## IN THE NEWS...

### **Soldier car incident in Alps not terrorism-related: French prosecutor**

March 29, 2018, [Reuters.com](#) reports that incident in which a man was arrested by French police on Thursday after driving a stolen car at a group of soldiers jogging outside their base near in the foothills of the Alps was not terrorism related.

### **Car thieves target middle-class areas, as police warn drivers to invest in a steering wheel lock**

April 11, 2018, According to the [Telegraph.co.uk](#), car crime in middle-class neighbourhoods is rising, figures have revealed, as police say drivers should buy steering wheel locks and Faraday bags to block radio signals because new vehicles are easier to steal.

### **Onstar Emergency Services—Quarterly Newsletter—April 2018**

Visit this [Onstar Emergency Services link](#) for their quarterly newsletter, featuring working with first responders regarding self-driving vehicles.

### **West Midlands PCC calls car security summit**

April 12, 2018, [the BBC.com](#) in the United Kingdom reports that car manufacturers are being called on to do more to combat so-called relay thefts of keyless entry cars.

### **List of Manchester wheel theft victims grows, large apartment complexes & imported cars appear to be targets**

April 14, 2018, according to the [New Hampshire Union Leader.com](#), police said Thursday they know of 13 cars that have had their wheels and expensive rims stolen in the last three weeks, with all of the thefts taking place at large apartment or condominium complexes located throughout the city.

### **NICB- Fraud Files: 654 Guns Stolen in Cargo Theft**

April 12, 2018, Visit [NICB.org](#) to watch the following video about this incident.

### **Roadsec.eu - Security Toolkit for Truck Drivers**

The European commercial road freight transport sector faces many security threats today. While cargo theft continues to be a multi-billion-euro problem for the European transport sector, irregular immigrants and terrorists pose additional security risks to international trucking operations – the former are boarding trucks clandestinely to cross borders, while the latter have turned heavy vehicles into weapons by hijacking and driving them into crowds. To address these risks, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission, DG MOVE, commissioned Cross-border Research Association (CBRA) of Switzerland and TAPA EMEA (as a subcontractor) to develop a new [security toolkit for the European Road Freight Transport Sector](#).

### **Lawn care owner watches thief steal his truck's catalytic converter**

April 16, 2018, from the [hardworkingtrucks.com](#) "Imagine how aggravating it was for the owner of Ultimate Lawn Care Services in Grimes, Iowa to watch a thief on surveillance video taking a catalytic converter from one of his pickups.

### **12 years' prison for "cocaine cowboys" pilot for stolen cars**

April 9, 2018, [Channel 12WBOY.com](#) reports that a smuggler who flew loads of drugs for Colombian cartels during Miami's "cocaine cowboys" era in the 1980s was sentenced to 12 years in prison Monday for using his old talents in a sophisticated auto theft ring.

### **OUR VIEW: In Surrey, auto theft is down but far from out**

April 20, 2018, According to Canada's [SurreyNowLeader.com](#) reports that it's great Surrey's auto crime is not as bad as it was in 2001, when we were tagged the car-theft capital of North America. But it's not that great.