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The holidays are quickly approaching; it seems like we were just all together in South Africa and now it is December! On behalf of the IAATI board, here's wishing everyone a happy holiday.

This time of year, many choose to take a few minutes to pause and reflect back through the year. Taking a minute to look back through the IAATI year, as always, it was a busy one, with chapters and branches holding their training conferences, members traveling around the globe to share information and the latest ideas with each other, meeting new people, saying goodbye to dear friends, and throughout the year living up to our pledge as IAATI members to work together to combat vehicle theft and related crimes.

It is also during this time of year that many folks slow down just a little and take time to enjoy the many holiday festivities and spend time with family and friends. While all of our traditions vary around the globe, celebrating old traditions and making new ones are what it is all about.

Cheers to everyone in our IAATI family; as we ring in the new year, may everyone have a safe, happy and healthy NEW YEAR!!!



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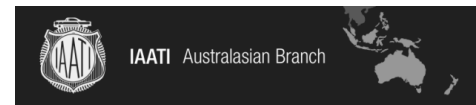
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IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

Branches:

Australasian Branch
iaatiaus.org



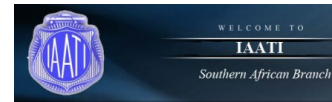
European Branch
eb-iaati.org



Latin American Branch
iaatilatam.org



Southern African Branch
iaatisab.co.za



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



Chapters (North America/Canada)

North Central Regional Chapter
ncrc-iaati.org



North East Regional Chapter
neiaati.org



South Central Regional Chapter
tavti.org



South East Regional Chapter
seiaati.org



Western Regional Chapter
wrciaati.org



MEMBER NEWS

Time to Renew Your Membership

Thank you for your support of IAATI.

2018 memberships renewals are due and you must renew by 31 March 2018 to maintain access to all of our services including:

- Our training seminars
- Our publications - APB and Auto Theft Today
- Our worldwide network of support from members in over 71 countries
- Our website based training resources, and member forums
- Our Certification and Awards programs, and lots more.

To renew for 2018 make sure you are logged into this site and select the 'Membership/Renewal' menu.



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 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 everyone sharing just one story, one contact or one idea. Please submit yours either through the website or in an email to 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-January. 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. In order to have your information included in the next edition, please submit or email everything by the 5th 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.



IN THE NEWS...

On the Scene, London's Unstoppable Scooter Gangs

According to Rideapart.com, while scooters are great runabouts for chores in the city, they unfortunately also serve the thugs and thieves of major cities. What the London locals call moped crime has become endemic in the city, allowing the miscreants to make off with motorcycles, money, cell phones, and purses.

Crime Stats in SA: 14.5% Increase in Carjackings Since 2016

The annual SA Crime Statistics report, released by police minister Fikile Mbalula in October, reveals a 14.5% increase in hijacking. Wheels24.co.za reports that the high rate of vehicle theft in South Africa is a cause for concern. National crime statistics reveal that a total of 16 717 cars were stolen from April 2016 to March 2017, up from 14 602 reported in the previous 12 months.

Car Thieves Can Jam your GPS, Send Cops Off Track

The Times of India reports that car thieves are using devices that can jam a vehicle's GPS signal and make it go off the grid.

Huge International Car-cloning Racket Uncovered

According to Think Spain.com, a massive car-cloning racket has been broken up with 19 arrests and five other individuals under investigation – one of whom is a civil servant from an undisclosed provincial government in Spain.

NICB Releases Annual Holiday Vehicle Theft Report

New data released today by the [National Insurance Crime Bureau \(NICB\)](http://National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB)) shows a total of 22,705 vehicles were reported stolen on the 11 holidays in 2016 covered in this report.

Police: 3 Cars Stolen in Naperville Had Key Fobs

According to the Chicago Daily Herald three cars were reported stolen and 33 others broken into during the past week in Naperville in what police are calling a rash of crimes targeting unlocked vehicles. All 36 vehicles were unlocked, Naperville police Cmdr. Lou Cammiso said, and the three that were stolen also had key fobs left inside.

What's A Puffer You Ask?

See what the Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority is doing to promote the awareness regarding leaving vehicles running during the cold winter months!

3 Stolen Cars Headed for Africa Found in Baltimore

WUSA9.com reports that Baltimore's Customs and Border Protections (CBP) made three big recoveries this November: three stolen vehicles headed for Africa

136 cars stolen in Kampala from August to November

According to the NTV.co.ug the Police says there has been a rampant increase in car thefts in Kampala Metropolitan between the months of August 2017 and November 2017.

Car Wheels Stolen from Church Parking Lot in Southport

The Indychannel.com reports that members of a Southport church found their vehicles' rims and tires missing this weekend. Leaders at Southport Presbyterian Church said a number of vehicles had their wheels stolen while in the parking lot.

Vehicle theft results in six-year sentence

According to the Newspressnow.com various crimes occurred while Harris was on probation in a stealing case where he was selling stolen truck parts

Two California men found guilty of drug crimes

The Zanesvilletimesrecorder.com reports that in videos geotagged across the United States, three men who officials say are tied to the Mexican drug cartels partially documented their trip from the west coast to Ohio to sell methamphetamine. Charges against the men also include fabrication of a vehicle with a hidden compartment.

Stolen Backhoe Damages Multiple Vehicles in Cambridge

Necn.com says that police are searching for the suspect who stole a backhoe and damaged multiple vehicles in Cambridge, Massachusetts.