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Happy New Year!! I know it feels like we just left Pittsburgh but its only 9 months until we put on our Kilts and try to find Nessie. We are all hard at work getting this exciting conference planned and things are already taking shape.

We are pleased to announce that we are going to use a new conference APP, WHOVA. It should become available in early 2019 for those who have already registered for the conference. We will be hosting several games through the app for prizes. The sooner you register, the sooner you get access , the sooner you can start earning points.



Scotland Golf Outing Update:
*****The Golf Outing is still looking to reach the 30 Player minimum. Do not miss this chance to play on a world class PGA Golf Course. How often would have a chance like this. Email Todd Blair @ tblair@iaati.org to register. Deadline to register is January 15th, 2019. See the attached [Golf Flyer](#) for more information*****

For conference Information and updates, [click here!](#)

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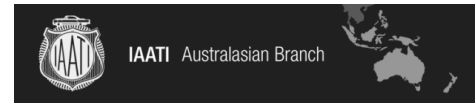


IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

Branches:

Australasian Branch

iaatiaus.org



European Branch

eb-iaati.org



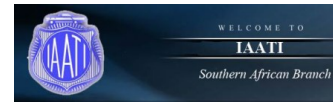
Latin American Branch

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

Just a reminder!!!

2019 dues are due

by December 31st, 2018!



WEBSITE UPDATE:

For photos and PowerPoint presentations from the IAATI conference in Pittsburgh, please log into www.iaati.org and go to the resources page.

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 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.

Conference Updates



67th IAATI
International
Vehicle Crime Conference
Glasgow, Scotland
15th – 20th September 2019



“VEHICLE CRIME AND THE CYBER FUTURE”

Conference Chairman: IAATI 3rd VP Brad Anderson (acr1brad@comcast.net)
On site Coordinator IAATI UK: John O’Byrne (jobyrne@iaati.org)
On site Coordinator IAATI EU: Vince Wise (vince.wise@datatag.co.uk)



Conference planning is in full swing and things are coming together. With this being International it is important to start planning early. Flights are open and the hotel is taking reservations. If you are with an organization you should start getting those request in now.

The conference brochure is constantly being updated and will remain fluid through the conference. Each month the latest version will be updated in this publication on the first page.

If you are renting (Hiring) a KILT information is available on the next few pages, including the sizing chart.



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International Vehicle Crime Conference

Scottish Highland Dress – Hire Package

Tartan is historically part of the national dress for Scotland – it was a roughly woven fabric using natural plant dyes from areas occupied in the Highlands. Each Clan or family name had their own tartan or affiliated tartan, with variations of Ancient, Hunting, Modern, Dress and Weathered colourways.

However, now many people, although not associated with a clan or family, like a particular colourway and honour the Scottish heritage by wearing the outfit with a sense of pride.

We have brought together a selection of tartans to choose from with a self-measurement form to complete should you wish to dress in Scottish national attire.

Tartans available –

Black Watch – Modern Douglas – Modern Robertson – Flower of Scotland – Royal Stewart – Dress Gordon – Hunting Stewart – Spirit of Bannockburn

These can be viewed on my Facebook page – Richard Mackay Tailoring.

The complete package includes –

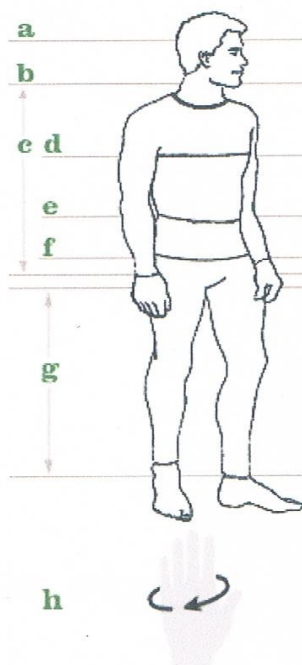
- Kilt
- Jacket
- Waistcoat
- Sporrان
- Belt
- 2 x Shirts and a Bow Tie
- Flashes and Skean Dhu
- Socks and Shoes

The total cost of the package for the duration of the event is £165.00.

Conference Updates continued

Self-Measurement Form

In all instances, hold tape firm and level, but not tight.



- a. Full height, from the top of your head to the floor.
- b. Neck Circumference: Wrap tape around to the base of your front neck and allow room for wearing comfort; OR measure the collar length of a favourite shirt.
- c. *Sleeve Length: From the centre back (CB) of your neck with your arm slightly bent, follow the tape around to your wrist bone.
- d. Chest: Wrap a tape measure evenly around the fullest part under your arms.
- e. Waist: Wrap a tape around your natural waistline, - around your tummy button.
- f. Seat/Hip: Standing with your feet together, measure around the fullest part of your hip (approx. 7-8" below the waist). Don't forget to keep the tape level.
- g. Inseam: Best taken from an existing pair of trousers you like. Measure along the garment inseam from the crotch seam to the hem.
- h. Glove Hand: Measure all the way around the flat part of your hand, excluding the thumb, and around the widest part at the knuckles. Refer to sizing on product page to convert this measurement in inches to your corresponding glove size.
- i. Shoe size

Name: _____

Email : _____

Preferred Tartan

1st Choice:

2nd Choice:

Measurements:

a	_____
b	_____
c	_____
d	_____
e	_____
f	_____
g	_____
h	_____
i	_____

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.

Board Members / Information - Please [click here](#) to view information on the IAATI website regarding current board members.

Auto Theft Today - Publication deadline

The next issue of Auto Theft Today will be released end of December. 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 10th of each month.

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 JD Hough at jdhough@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.



IACP's Vehicle Crimes Committee has been busy for the last few years!

The committee continually works on multiple issues regarding vehicle related crimes. Currently work groups are focusing on rental vehicle thefts, emerging technology issues and creating a vehicle crimes toolkit for smaller agencies.

[Click here](#) to see what resources are available for your agency!



Awards & Recognition

Congratulations to our 4th Vice President Ana Laura Brizuela. Ana was recently appointed the Public Prosecutor of Buenos Aires by the Governor and Secretary of Justice. We know she will achieve great things and will remain committed to IAATI and will continue to serve in her current roll.



If you know of anyone that has received an award or recognition that should be shared with the organization email enews@iaati.org.

Awards Nominations

With a busy work life we rarely take time out to sit back and review our work or that of others. We rush to finish one job and then move straight on to the next. However it is important that we all occasionally take a moment and assess ours and our colleagues work, and then acknowledge those examples of outstanding achievement.

While all Chapters and Branches have their own local awards the International Board also manages a total of eight awards including:

- Raymond H. Dreher Memorial Award
- The IAATI Award of Merit
- IAATI President's Award
- IAATI Directors Award
- The IAATI Insurance Investigator of the Year Award
- IAATI Heavy Equipment Award
- IAATI Component Parts Markings Award
- NICB Award of Excellence

Nominations for all Awards close on 1st May each year, but you don't need to wait until then. Why not use some free time over the Christmas holidays to nominate someone and send it in.

Details on the criteria for each award and how to nominate can be found on the Awards Page of the website at <https://www.iaati.org/awards>

You Chapters also have awards available. Please reach out or look at their websites and see what is available and the due dates as they will all be different. It is important to recognize all the dedicated handworkers out there. Please take the few minutes it take and nominate these important people.

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...

Your High-Tech Car is a Magnet for Hacking. December 17 2018, www.bloomberg.org, reports that even though carmakers are beefing up security measures hackers are exploiting weaknesses to gain control of profiles or even taking wireless control of vehicles.

Organized crime behind surge in Canadian vehicle thefts, auto insurance fraud: experts. Dec 11, 2018, www.globalnews.ca, reports auto theft rings involved in international trade-based money laundering are involved.

City of Pueblo reviewing grant to continue fight against auto theft. November 30, 2018, www.krdo.com reports that with the rise in thefts a grant is being reviewed to continue a multi-agency task force.

Authorities raid 8 metro-area locations suspected of illegal grow houses, luxury auto thefts. December 12 2018, <https://www.kdvr.com> reports that that the Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force recovered 17 stolen vehicles in an operation that involved illegal marijuana grow operations.

Vehicle theft, break-ins go up during the holidays. December 19, 2018, according to www.kristv.com, the holiday season is not only a time of giving and haring but vehicle crimes rise during the holidays and some people can not wait for a gift but take one.

IAATI is currently working with The International Association of Investigative Locksmiths to create an MOU to partner together and share information with each other. Below is some information on the IAIL:

The International Association of Investigative Locksmiths can be a valuable resource when doing auto theft investigations. Attending their specialized training or utilizing one of their experts could be the "key" to your case. The automotive forensic locksmiths are informed on the most up-to-date tools and equipment for vehicle key production. As a theft deterrent, some OEM manufacturer's tools require 10 to 16 minute wait periods when programming new keys. In addition, factory technicians may be totally unaware of other equipment or techniques available to produce keys. Non-OEM equipment manufacturers have learned ways to bypass some systems reducing the time to less than a minute to make a key. Different systems may be accessed through memory devices on circuit boards inside modules in the car. These memory devices can be read and a key produced even on a high-end vehicles. Learning about these techniques will help your investigations and help you spot signs of bypass either mechanically or electronically. Also key cloning technology has greatly improved in recent years allowing vehicle key IDs to be easily duplicated. The end result is the car may show two keys are programmed when there could be multiple clones out there. It is the goal of the IAIL to work closely with IAATI members to share information to help each other with investigations. IAIL is part of the ALOA Security Professionals Association, Inc. Members of IAIL include retired law enforcement, mechanical engineers, tool mark experts, fire investigators and locksmith industry experts and some IAATI members. Like IAATI the IAIL has members around the world. I am a board member of IAIL and have been a proud member of IAATI for years. More information about joining the IAIL or attending training can be found at www.aloa.org. ~ contributed by IAIL, Brian VanDenburgh CFL, CMAL, CRL, CAI. Brian is a certified, registered automotive and forensic locksmith.