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EOW - Detective Micah Flick—2.05.2018

Sheriff Bill Elder asked that the statement below be shared with the members of IAATI:

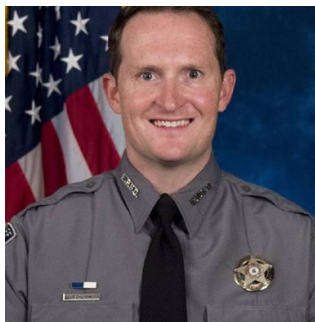
It is with profound sadness that I advise the members of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators of the loss of Det. Micah Flick, EOW 2.05.18. Det. Flick was observing his eleventh year of service with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office on the day he was killed.

Through his superior job performance and strong relationships with co-workers and the law enforcement community, Det. Flick rose quickly at the EPSO, taking on greater and greater responsibility. He loved investigations and was an advocate for car theft interdiction to prevent more serious crimes. Det. Flick was loved and respected, and was a natural leader.

On 2.05.18, Det. Flick was part of a multi-agency undercover auto theft investigations team working to arrest a car theft suspect when the suspect opened fire on the team.

Det. Flick lost his life, and three other team members were wounded: EPSO Sgt. Jake Abendschan and EPSO Deputy Scott Stone, and Det. Marcus Yanez of the Colorado Springs Police Department. A civilian also was wounded.

The show of support and outpouring of grief in Colorado Springs for Det. Flick was massive, heartwarming and appropriate. The community clearly supports its law enforcement officers.



Det. Flick leaves behind his wife and seven-year-old twins. Donations to the family can be made through the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Foundation, 1980 Dominion Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

All my best to IAATI members, and to all those working in active investigatory roles, I pray for your continued safety.

--Bill Elder, Sheriff, El Paso County, Colorado

Our thoughts and prayers go out to family members of all those involved and our brothers and sisters in the El Paso Sheriff's Office and Colorado Springs Police Department during this difficult time.

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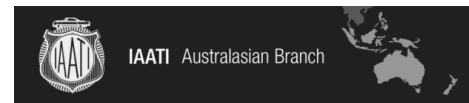
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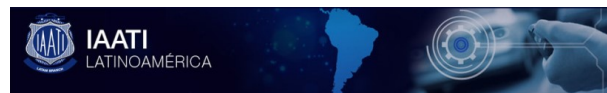
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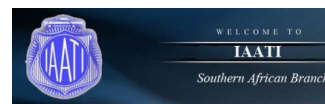
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MEMBER NEWS

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
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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.

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-March. 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.

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.





International Association of Auto Theft Investigators – 2018
International Training Seminar

Pittsburgh 2018

Save the Date: August 5 -10, 2018

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International Association of Auto Theft Investigators



Reward a colleague and you too may be rewarded

- ◆ Between 1 January to 31 March 2018 we are giving you the chance to reward a non-member colleague¹ with a complimentary 2018 membership in IAATI.
- ◆ As a member of IAATI you know the benefits of being part of a worldwide network of auto crime investigators. This is an opportunity to allow a colleague to also experience these benefits by offering them a **free trial 2018 IAATI membership**.
- ◆ Furthermore, by rewarding a non-member colleague you will have the chance to be rewarded. For every non-member that you refer who takes up the free 2018 trial membership, you will receive an entry into the draw for **one of 10 free memberships**.

All you have to do is:

1. visit the *Reward a Colleague* page (www.iaati.org/reward_a_colleague) on our website and download the promotional email.
2. send the email to your colleague and cc jvabounader@iaati.org so we can include you in the draw for a free membership if they are accepted as a member.

Applications close **31 March 2018**.

Why are we doing this?

We are confident that once your colleagues experience the benefits of IAATI, they will want to maintain their membership in the future. Also, the more members involved in IAATI around the world the greater the networking opportunities and more contacts you have to assist you with your career.

For more information about this promotion please contact our International Executive Director, John Abounader - jvabounader@iaati.org

Conditions:

1. To qualify for the offer the nominated colleague must: a) have never been a member of IAATI; b) be nominated by an existing IAATI member; c) complete and submit the online membership application form (<https://www.iaati.org/membership/application>) during the promotion period, and undergo the normal membership approval process by their respective Branch/Chapter.
2. The *Reward a Colleague* promotion is only valid between 1 January and 31 March 2018.
3. If approved by their local Branch/Chapter the prospective member will be granted a trial membership for a period to 31 December 2018.
4. An individual granted a trial membership will only be able to claim this offer once. If they do not elect to renew their membership after the end of the trial period they will not be entitled to be eligible to receive any similar free trial membership offer in the future.
5. There is no limit on the number of colleagues you may nominate to receive the trial membership. Each colleague you nominate who is accepted as a new member, will result in one entry into the draw for a free membership.
6. There are 10 free memberships that will be drawn from those members who successfully refer a colleague. The 10 winners will each receive a 12 month extension to their current membership expiry date. The prize cannot be converted to cash or transferred.
7. The winners will be drawn by the 21st April 2018 and will be announced in the May 2018 issue of *Auto Theft Today*.

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...

El Paso County deputy killed, 3 other officers injured in east Colorado Springs

February 5th, 2018, [The Gazette –Colorado Springs.com](#) reported that an El Paso County Sheriff's Deputy was shot to death, and two more deputies and a Colorado Springs police officer were wounded during a stolen car investigation Monday afternoon.

El Paso sheriff's deputy becomes third Colorado officer shot to death since Dec. 31

February 5th, 2018, [Denverpost.com](#) reported that a Colorado sheriff's deputy has been killed in a shooting while taking a suspect into custody.

Chicago Makes Strides on Violent Crime but Struggles with Carjackings

The [WSJ.com](#) reports that stolen cars are often used to commit other crimes and juvenile offenders often quickly released.

Rising Cost of Parts Fuels Interest of Car Thieves

According to the [NICBBlog.org](#), expensive parts will continue to drive car thefts as criminals steal cars and trucks to strip them and sell the parts on the black market.

German logistics groups boost effort to tackle cargo theft

[Securingindustry.com](#) reports that thirteen German business associations have joined forces to crackdown on cargo theft after a spike in incidents in the country.

Mexican Cartels linked to car thefts in San Antonio area

An article on [News4SanAntonio.com](#) states that the Laredo Auto Theft Task force continues to investigate stolen cars linked to cartels

Auto insurance fraud is rising in Pennsylvania

The [ReadingEagle.com](#) reports after a five-year period of decline, auto insurance fraud increased by about 34 percent in 2017 in Pennsylvania.

NM Legislative Session 2018: Rep. Bill Rehm gains Senate approval of Auto Theft Prevention Authority bill

According to the [Grantcountybeat.com](#), the Senate unanimously approved Rep. Bill Rehm's (R-Albuquerque) plan to create an auto theft prevention authority within the Office of the New Mexico Superintendent of Insurance.

Smart Key Systems Are Increasingly a Target for Car Thieves

[Insidesources.com](#) reports that even though cars with smart entry systems are still only a fraction of the vehicles on the road, they are an increasing percentage of the vehicles stolen.

Tshwane police arrest 44 in vehicle-related crimes

[News24.com](#) reports that in Johannesburg, Tshwane Police clamped down on vehicle related crime over the weekend nabbing 44 suspects,

Sumter Mayor: Citizens have role in public safety

During a town council meeting, the [SumterItem.com](#) reports that the mayor and police chief discussed recent crime trends and property crimes are the real reason there was an increase in crime. The mayor also states that citizens should help when they can.