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2015 Seminar only 5 weeks away

Welcome to the July issue of Auto Theft Today. This issue includes a special 8 page feature previewing the 63rd Annual Training Seminar, 9 –14th August 2015, in Phoenix, Arizona. With the help of our sponsors the Seminar Committee has been working extremely hard, and will continue to do so up till to end of the seminar, to ensure you have a great time in Phoenix. Initial registration numbers are high so we expect to have a excellent seminar providing lots of opportunities to meet old friends as well as make new contacts, while attending your classes and social events.

Inside this issue is the latest version of the program for the seminar along with the registration form and details for an optional visit on the Monday night to a game of baseball between the Arizona Diamondbacks versus the Philadelphia Phillies. This promises to provide a great night of entertainment.

I strongly encourage you to consider attending if at all possible. However remember that the discounted accommodation room rate of only \$99 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort cannot be guaranteed after Friday 10 July—so act now, register and book your accommodation as soon as possible.

This issue also features a number of news items about how thieves are focussing greater attention to the theft of parts as opposed to the whole vehicle. In America there has been recent increases in the theft of items such as wheels and battery packs from hybrid vehicles.

Finally, I wish to draw your attention to Peter Perrien's memorandum on page 3 calling for nominations from individuals interested in standing for a position on the Association's 2015-16 Board. For IAATI to grow and develop we need a regular supply of 'new blood' to join the board and help shape the direction of the Association. So I encourage members from all branches and chapters to consider nominating for a position on the 2015-16 Board. Nominations close 24 July, 2015.

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iaatisab.co.za



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BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATE

TO: CANDIDATES FOR 2015-2016 IAATI BOARD
FROM: Peter R. Perrien, Chairman, IAATI Nominating Committee
DATE: June 3, 2015
SUBJECT: "NOMINATION REQUEST"

The Nominating Committee for 2015-2016 will review all incumbent candidates via short memos received from each candidate and distributed to the committee in the same manner that has been done for the past several years. This system has worked well and will allow the Committee to begin the review process before the Phoenix seminar leaving more available time for new candidates and other seminar activities. I urge each member of our organization to encourage participation in the election process of the IAATI Board of Directors.

I invite all of those interested in serving our organization in a leadership role to submit a short memo outlining their continued interest in and qualifications for the respective seat that they are pursuing on the Board. Therefore, I request that each candidate submit by email a brief but concise "statement of Intent" which will be distributed to and used by the committee on the basis of our nominee selections. This request extends to ALL appointed (excluding Committee Chairs) and elected positions.

These statements should include information addressing general issues which should include:

- Position being sought and understanding of the duties involved;
- IAATI seminars attended during the recent years;
- Number of years served on the Board and/or in appointed positions;
- Present and future status of your position within your current organization/company;
- Why you believe you are the ideal candidate for that position.
- Your accomplishments in the current term

You should also consider providing ideas on some of the following issues:

- How the organization may be improved;
- Ways of expanding membership in IAATI;
- Chapter/branch and affiliate organizations relations;
- APB Magazine enhancements;
- Views on our internet activities and ways to expand use;
- Any nominations you may have for available interested talent for Board position.

Again, I would request that your response be timely and relatively short. Please send to:

Peter R. Perrien, Chairman
Email: pperrien@iaati.org
Cell: 504-382-9694

Please copy our Executive Director John V. Abounader at Email: jvabounader@iaati.org

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me and thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Please submit no later than **Friday July 24, 2015.**

SPECIAL FEATURE – 2015 International Seminar



63rd Annual IAATI Conference and Training Seminar

August 9-14, 2015
Arizona Biltmore
Phoenix, Arizona

The 63rd Annual IAATI Conference and Training Seminar in Phoenix, Arizona, is fast approaching. The seminar committee has been working for several months to make sure you receive the best training available. I suggest you make your hotel reservations soon to take advantage of the rate being offered. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to stay at the Arizona Biltmore Resort for just \$99.00 (plus tax) per night.

To guarantee this reduced rate, your hotel reservation must be made by Friday July 10, 2015.

Hotel Reservations online: <http://waldorfastoria.hilton.com/en/wa/groups/personalized/P/PHXBMWIA-IAATA-20150807/index.jhtml>

The parking is complimentary and the resort fee has been waived, which will include the following:

- Guestroom high-speed internet access
- Biltmore Spa & Fitness Center
- Unlimited local telephone calls
- Daily Newspaper
- Use of the putting course
- Biltmore Fashion Park shuttle

For more information about the Arizona Biltmore, please visit their web site at: <http://www.arizonabiltmore.com/>



Registration:

The registration fee for attending the seminar is \$275.00 prior to July 1, 2015. Late registration from July 1, 2015, to the date of the seminar will be \$300. Now is the time to get registered.

Registration information for the conference and seminar can be found on the IAATI web site at: https://www.iaati.org/seminar/2015/seminar_app.asp



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Baseball:

On Monday evening, August 10, there will be a trip to Chase Field in downtown Phoenix, where you can watch the Arizona Diamondbacks take on the Philadelphia Phillies. For only \$40, you will receive admission into the game, transportation to and from the ballpark, and great view in the "ALL YOU CAN EAT SEATS" that will include: hot dogs, peanuts, popcorn, chips, soda and water. Please RSVP to Annette Jacobs at annette.jacobs@phoenix.gov, to reserve your tickets. Payment will be taken at the conference registration desk on Sunday and Monday. Only 120 tickets are available, so RSVP soon.

Training:

There will be four breakout sessions scheduled at a time with many of the classes being offered twice, so you can attend the classes that will benefit your training needs. Some the classes being offered are: Law Enforcement Online, New Vehicle Technology, Harley Davidson Identification, Basic Auto Theft Investigations, Basic Insurance Fraud, Illegal Sub-Leasing, Computer Forensics, GM and On Star Technology/Theft vs Fraud, U-Haul and Trailer Thefts, Sport Bike Theft Investigations, Crime Prevention, Cargo Theft, Jon Benet Ramsey Case Presentation, ATV/Sport Bike Identification, Street Racers, ISO, Heavy Equipment, Vehicle Theft and Arson, VIN Restorations, Cell Phone Telemetry, Motorcycle Gangs, NMVTIS, Examining an Auto Theft, Mexican Vehicle Investigations, Financial Fraud, GPS Trackers and Investigations, Rental Cars, OCRA, Repatriation of Vehicles in Mexico, Case Presentations, Metal Management.

Golf:

Tee-off at one of two PGA 18-hole golf courses in the Heart of Phoenix. The Adobe Golf Course and the Links Golf Course are both conveniently accessible from the Biltmore Resort. Seminar Attendees use code IAATI 2015 and get 10% discount, for reservations call 602.955.9655

Email: reservations@arizonabiltmore.com

Hospitality Room:

Make sure to bring a box of business cards to share with all the new acquaintances. We will have a large hospitality room where we can all gather to share information and exchange business cards. There will also be a large game room for those who wish to partake in a card game or the famous "left, right, center".

Swimming pools:

Don't forget to pack a swimsuit. There are several pools located on the resort property for your enjoyment. IAATI will have a pool side cabana reserved for members to enjoy after the long days of meetings and training. The pool will be very refreshing in the 110 to 115 degree days.

Transportation to and from Airport:

Super shuttle-book online at www.supershuttle.com
Use discount code: ZYS4A. Discounted fare \$13.00 each way.

Questions contact Richard Spallinger at: rspallinger@nicb.org Phone: 520-940-8831

All the 2015 IAATI Conference and Seminar information can be found on the IAATI website. If you have questions please email the seminar committee at: seminar@iaati.org

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Seminar Program

Time/Day	Class Title	Instructor
Saturday 8/8		
1000/1400	IAATI Board Meeting	Board Members
Sunday 8/9		
1200/1700	Registration	
1800/2000	President's Reception	
Monday 8/10		
0700/0830	Registration	
0800/0900	Opening Ceremonies	Heidi Jordan
0900/1000	LEO	Marcus Young
1000/1015	Break	
1015/1200	Awards/LOJACK/NICB	
1200/1300	Lunch Break	
1300/1510	Vendor Presentation	
1510/1530	Break	
1530/1730	- International Panel and more - New Vehicle Technology - Carfax - LEO - NICB/LE ISO updates	Joe Canady Marc Salem Michael S. Ledoux Marcus Young Dan Abbott
1730-2230	D-Backs Baseball Game	
1900/2300	Hospitality Suite Terrace Game Room	
Tuesday 8/11		
0800/0950	- Harley Davidson ID (LE ONLY) - Basic Auto Theft Investigations - Basic Insurance Fraud - Internet Profiling and Intel	Bob Kenney (H) Dennis McNulty Matt Reed Michelle Stuart
0950/1010	Break	
1010/1210	- Harley Davidson ID (LE ONLY) - Basic Auto Theft Investigations - Auto Fraud/Sub-leasing - Cargo Theft	Bob Kenney Dennis McNulty Todd Wolf Scott Cornell
1210/1310	Lunch Break	
1310/1500	- Sport Bike Investigations - GM Security - U-Haul and Trailer Thefts - Crime Prevention	Jim Eberhart (H) Bill Biondo Willingham/Warner Vicki Owens/Jerry Quarles
1500/1515	Break	
1515/1700	- Cargo Theft/Swift - Auto Fraud/Sub-leasing - U-Haul and Trailer Thefts - Jon Benet Ramsey Case	Scott Cornell Todd Wolf Willingham/Warner Gary Koverman
1900/2300	Hospitality Suite Terrace Game Room	

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Time/Day	Class Title	Instructor
Wednesday 8/12		
0800/0950	- ATV Sport Bike ID (LE ONLY) - Street Racers - ISO - Jon Benet Ramsey Case	Bob Kenney Bob Baraban Erin Carter Gary Koverman
0830/ 0950/1010 1010/1210	ATPA Break - ATV Sport Bike ID (LE ONLY) - Stolen Construction Equip Invest. - Computer Forensics - Vehicle Theft and Arson	Bob Kenney Lou Koven Tim Myer Guy Walters
1100/1400 1210/1310 1310/1500	IAATI Board meeting Lunch Break - VIN restorations - Cell phone Telemetry - Motorcycle Gangs - NMVTIS	Board members Arf. Joe Rocco Chuck Schoville Les Cravens
1500/1515 1515/1700	Break - Examining an Auto Theft - Cell phone Telemetry - Motorcycle Gangs - Social Media Investigations	Noble Murphy Joe Rocco Chuck Schoville Joe Stephenson
1715/1800 1900/2300	Western Region General membership meeting Hospitality Suite Terrace Game Room	
Thursday 8/13		
0800/0950	- Mexican Vehicle Investigations - Financial Fraud - GPS Investigations - NMVTIS	Jose Duarte Cat Brown Nate Tullgren (H?) Les Cravens
0950/1010 1010/1210	Break - Vehicle Ignitions - Rental Cars - Sport Bike Investigations - OCRA	Bob Vogel Scott Green Jim Eberhart Frias
1210/1310 1310/1500	Lunch Break - Repatriation of Mex. Vehicles - Financial Fraud - Stolen Construction Equip Invest. - OCRA	Sara Hermillo Cat Brown Lou Koven Frias
1500/1515 1530-1700 1800-2200 1900/2300 1900/2300	Break General membership meeting Banquet Hospitality Suite Terrace Game Room	Jordan/Abounader Paul Babeau
Friday 8/14		
0900-1000 1000-1100 1100-1200	Case Presentation Metal Management Closing Ceremonies	Burt Robinson Simmers&Sholl President

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Phoenix Arizona

This is the time to enjoy one of Arizona's best resorts. With the 63rd Annual IAATI Conference and Training Seminar being hosted by the Western Regional Chapter in Phoenix, you can stay at the Historic Arizona Biltmore at an unbelievable price. This will be a once in a lifetime chance to stay and enjoy all the perks provided for the very low price that is being offered to IAATI members during this time period. The resort fees have been waived. All the luxury, amenities and services are included in the one low price. Take advantage of this opportunity now, and register for the 63rd Annual IAATI Conference and Training Seminar.

Recognized as one of the best hotels in the world, Arizona's historic Grand Dame radiates an undeniable mystique of refinement and splendor.

A destination of luxury and inspiration for over 85 years. Since 1929 the Arizona Biltmore, a Waldorf Astoria Resort has been a destination of inspiration, creating unforgettable memories. 39 acres of gardens, swimming pools and iconic architecture stir a city to life, provide a safe haven to celebrities and presidents, and play muse to guests' whims and wishes throughout this historical luxury resort.

Explore the rich and colorful history of the Arizona Biltmore, one of the only existing luxury hotels in the world with a Frank Lloyd Wright influence. The Biltmore was designed by Albert Chase McArthur, a Harvard graduate, who had studied under Frank Lloyd Wright. Wright was hired on as a consulting architect for a brief period of time.



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Amenities & Services:

Discover 39 acres of pristine gardens, 5 exceptional dining options, 8 sparkling swimming pools, therapeutic traditions and organic treatments at Spa Biltmore, two 18-hole Championship Golf Courses, 6 cushioned tennis courts, designer shopping and more.

The parking is complimentary and the resort fee has been waived, which will include the following:

The Adobe Golf Course:

The Adobe golf course is considered stately and grand, a forefather of modern design, and as one of the most established golf courses in Phoenix. The Adobe offers a simplistic beauty hard to find in an era when trickery is a goal in golf course architecture. When you long for a relaxing yet challenging round, there are few equal. The lush, 50 year-old fairways and spacious layout are a reminder of the game the way it was meant to be – a time when graphite was for pencil lead and golf balls only came in one color. Like the great players of its day, the Adobe can tell you some stories.



The Links Golf Course:

The younger of the Biltmore family; smart, fresh and a bit precocious, this celebrated layout has quickly earned the respect of golfers everywhere as a premier Arizona golf course. Rolling fairways lined with luscious pines meander through some of the most stunning homes in Phoenix. Well-bunkered greens demand precision shot selection, and the contoured grounds roll as they come. If you can accurately place the ball, you will be rewarded in your score.

Come a few days early or stay longer to enjoy other great things to do in Arizona. Plan a trip to the Grand Canyon, or the beautiful red rocks of Sedona. Travel to Flagstaff and enjoy the cool fresh air while you explore many of the attractions offered in northern Arizona. Or stay in the valley and enjoy some golf, hiking, or shopping at the numerous locations available in the Phoenix metro area. If you travel south you can partake in a gunfight at the OK Corral in Tombstone or try the wine tasting at the many wineries in southern Arizona.



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International Association of Auto Theft Investigators

63rd Annual Training

Seminar August 9 - 14, 2015

Arizona Biltmore

2400 E. Missouri Phoenix Arizona 85016 USA



	FEE	Quantity	Total Due
Early Registration (Prior to July 1, 2015)	\$ 275.00 (USD)		
Late Registration (After July 1, 2015)	\$ 300.00 (USD)		
IAATI Membership Fee Must be an ACTIVE member to attend Seminar	\$ 45.00 (New Member) \$ 40.00 (Renewal)		
Extra Banquet Tickets	\$ 55.00		

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP/POSTAL _____ COUNTRY: _____

WORK PHONE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

IAATI MEMBER#: _____

Credit Card Info: _____ MC _____ VISA _____ Discover _____ AM EX

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

- **Hotel Room Rates are** \$99.00 per night plus tax (USD) 08-07-2015 thru 08-15-2015
- **Hotel Reservations online at:** <http://waldorfasteria.hilton.com/en/wa/groups/personalized/P/PHXBMWIAATA-20150807/index.jhtml>
- **Golf:** Seminar Attendees use code IAATI 2015 and get 10% discount, for reservations call 602.955.9655 or Email: reservations@arizonabiltmore.com
- **Transportation** to and from Airport: Supershuttle-book online at www.supershuttle.com use discount code: ZYS4A. Discounted fare \$13.00 each way.
- **Conference Registration** may be completed online at https://www.iaati.org/seminar/2015/seminar_app.asp
- **Questions contact Richard Spallinger** rspallinger@nicb.org 520-940-8831

Or mailed to: **IAATI 2015 SEMINAR, PO Box 223, Clinton, NY 13323-0223 USA**



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AT CHASE FIELD



IAATI

IAATI and the Arizona Diamondbacks would like to invite you out for a night of baseball to watch the D-backs take on the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday, August 10.

Tickets:
\$40- All-You-Can-Eat seats, including hot dogs, peanuts, popcorn, chips, soda and water. (Cost includes ticket, food and bus to venue)

To RSVP, please contact Annette Jacobs.

MONDAY

AUGUST 10

6:40PM

ARIZONA
DIAMONDBACKS
VS
PHILADELPHIA
PHILLIES

**PLEASE CONTACT
ANNETTE JACOBS**

EMAIL: ANNETTE.JACOBS@PHOENIX.GOV
OR CALL 602.262.7603



dbacks.com 602.462.4600

CHASE FIELD // 401 EAST JEFFERSON STREET // PHOENIX, ARIZONA

IN THE NEWS

Chevrolet Adds Theft Alarm Feature: Now Your Car Can Text You If It's Being Stolen

Richard Read, The Car Connection, Jun 25, 2015

General Motors' OnStar service debuted in 1996, just as cell phones were evolving from expensive, ugly, shoe-sized appliances into sleeker, trimmer accessories that could easily be stowed in a pocket or purse. OnStar's premise of embedding that kind of anytime, anywhere communications technology in a car was game-changing and very, very exciting.

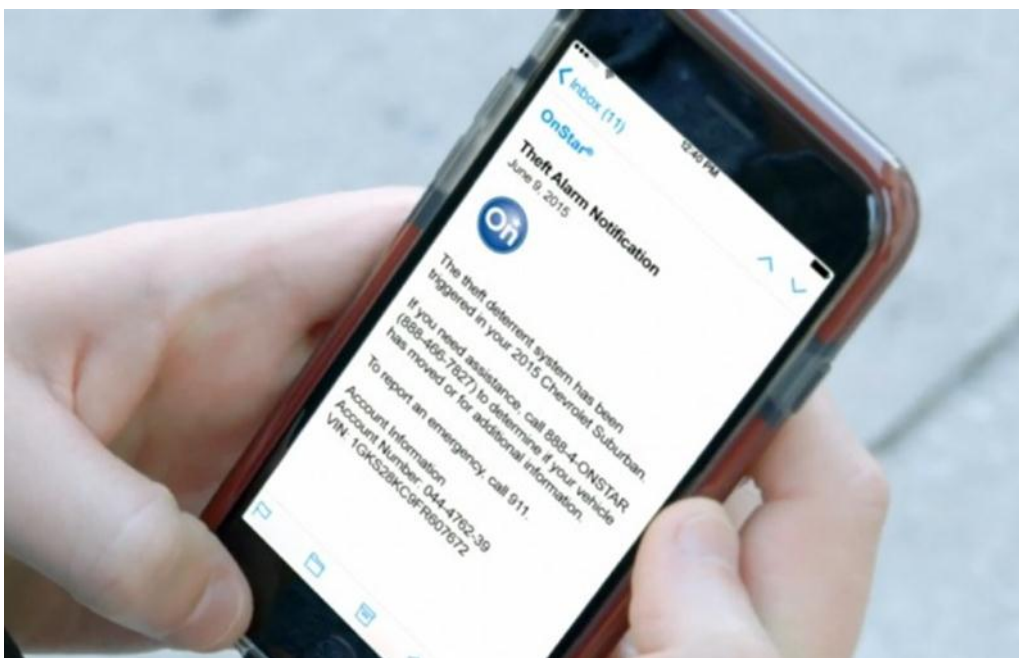
Just like mobile phones, OnStar has itself evolved over the past 19 years, remaining relevant as so many other tech companies have fallen by the wayside. One of the company's newest offerings is a safety feature that notifies owners in the unlikely event that their vehicles are being stolen. It's already available for Buick, Cadillac, and GMC models, and it's now available on Chevrolet vehicles, too.

The feature is called "Theft Alarm Notification". Working in tandem with other OnStar services like Stolen Vehicle Slowdown, Theft Alarm Notification boosts the chances that owners will get their cars back after the bad guys (or girls) try to make off with them.

If you're an OnStar subscriber, you can opt-in to Theft Alarm Notification and select how you'd like to be notified when a would-be thief triggers your car alarm. You can choose to receive a text message, email, or phone call. Then,

"OnStar advisors will work with local authorities and use GPS technology to pinpoint the vehicle's location. In certain models, if the conditions are safe, advisors can send a signal to slow down the vehicle, aiding police officers in its recovery and preventing a potential high-speed chase."

GM says that Theft Alarm Notification is part of OnStar's Stolen Vehicle Assistance service, which is included as part of the Security and Guidances subscription packages. Most Chevrolet vehicles from model-year 2014 and later are compatible with the service. If you're an OnStar subscriber and want to see if Theft Alarm Notification will work on your vehicle, check this PDF or call OnStar.



Source: http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1098874_chevrolet-adds-theft-alarm-feature-now-your-car-can-text-you-if-its-being-stolen#src=10065

IN THE NEWS

South Africa: How thieves keep cloned cars off the radar

By Indrani Nair, Business Day Live, May 05 2015

According to estimates released by the South African Insurance Crime Bureau, vehicles worth R8.5bn are stolen in SA each year. Almost 30% of these (worth about R4.9bn) make it across our borders, about R3.1bn worth remain behind (and are cloned), while vehicles worth R514m end up in local chop shops.

Surprisingly, only 39,000 vehicles reappeared in the insurance sector's system last year, a drop in the bucket considering the theft statistics.

Where are the rest of the cloned vehicles — 61,000 out of an estimated 100,000 on our roads?

According to the South African Police Service and insurance forensic investigators, a vehicle for which thieves have copied the vehicle identification number from a legally owned car and applied it to a stolen vehicle of the same make and model, is difficult to detect.

This is because everything appears to be normal until the vehicle is used in a crime or involved in an accident and further investigation of its identification documents is required.

To continue reading the full article: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/opinion/2015/05/05/how-thieves-keep-cloned-cars-off-the-radar>

South Africa: Tough times see theft, hijackings soar

By Motor News Reporter, Business Day Live, June 11 2015

CRIME rates in South Africa are expected to continue their upward climb as economic and social conditions deteriorate — a trend already seen in the sharp climb in truck and car hijackings. As economic growth contracts, unemployment figures grow and disregard for the law continues, John Edmeston, global chief financial officer of vehicle tracking and recovery provider Cartrack, says this will drive up theft and hijackings of vehicles, trucks and cargos for sale into the illicit local and cross-border markets.

About 50% of stolen and hijacked vehicles are disposed of within SA, 30% are exported to other countries while 20% find their way into chop shops and the second-hand parts market.

"Official crime statistics show a 12.3% increase in carjacking to 11,221 reported cases, while our own truck hijackings stats increased by 16% in the last financial year to February 2015, which aligns with similar figures released by the Road Freight Association. The association reported 1,150 truck hijackings across the industry during the same reporting period. The escalation is rapid and significant. Anecdotally, we have always seen a trend whereby vehicle crimes increase during times of economic stress, but now more reports are showing a direct correlation between crime rates and economic and social conditions. Both car and truck hijackings are generally perpetrated by organised crime syndicates, thus the hijacking increases also suggest that organised crime is on the rise in SA," he says.

According to a report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime entitled Monitoring the Impact of Economic Crisis on Crime, crime peaks during economic crises. The incidence of robbery may double, and homicide and motor vehicle theft also increase, according to the report. Using data recorded by police in 15 countries on the incidence of robbery, homicide and car theft, the report focuses on the possible effects of economic stress.

To continue reading the full article: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/life/motoring/2015/06/11/industry-news-tough-times-see-theft-hijackings-soar>

IN THE NEWS

Automated cars open up possibilities for terror attacks: Shields

By Ian Porter, Go Auto News, 21 May 2015

A long-term, focused terrorist plot is a much greater threat posed by automated cars than the much-hyped prospect of hackers commandeering self-driving cars, according to a leading software producer.

Many of the presentations at this year's Australian Intelligent Transport Systems Summit in Melbourne were about computer-controlled automated vehicles and the prospect that most or all vehicles will soon be connected to the Internet. But software group Ygomi's chairman Russell Shields who was speaking at the summit, suggested that hacking was not as big a concern as has been made out.

"All the talk about hacking now is silliness. Nothing's getting hacked that matters," Mr Shields said. "We have all of these issues by people who write articles saying they hack cars, but it's not a problem.

Mr Shields dismissed the idea that a web connection could open the door to hackers. "They can't get in through multimedia system, that's isolated. Almost every example when they do hack, they actually are in the car."

Nevertheless, privacy is shaping as a major issue, with many people wanting access to vehicle-generated data while car-makers want to protect the critical software in the vehicle's safety systems.

Mr Shields said the biggest risk in terms of having control of a vehicle seized lies with a part that has been installed on every new vehicle for at least the last 10 years – the on-board diagnostic (OBD) port. The OBD port is the plug dealers use to diagnose issues with cars that are brought in for service and allows access to the on-board computers and memories. "The OBD 2 is the biggest security risk in existence," Mr Shields said.

He then outlined a potential terrorist plot involving a hypothetical person working as a valet, who would have access to many cars, who could sneak their accomplices into the car to upload software that could cause the vehicle to lose control, and in turn cause catastrophic damage, including loss of life. "There is no way you can completely prevent people gaining access to the OBD 2 port on cars, in garages and other places," he said. "Three or four bright 20-year olds can go figure out how to do something and kill people, mess up things, create disasters."

While acknowledging that precautions need to be taken to prevent unauthorised access to the IT systems on automated cars, Mr Shields said this raised the issue of privacy and access to the data in an automated car. He said the need or desire for privacy should not be allowed to dominate the debate over who has access to the data on an automated car.

Car-makers, in particular, will likely be keen to have real-time access to the data so they can monitor how the vehicle is performing. However, he pointed out that, while they might be able to identify a fault in the software – and software faults now cause more than 50 per cent of all recalls – current regulations would prevent what could otherwise be a quick and easy fix.

To continue reading the full article:

<http://www.goauto.com.au/mellor/mellor.nsf/story2/AD6B7662FDE188FFCA257E4C0023F221>



Alert and alarmed: Tech company Ygomi's chairman Russell Shields believes terrorism, rather than hacking is a greater threat from automated cars.

IN THE NEWS

Daring Thieves Targeting the Toyota Prius For Its Hybrid Battery

Alex Lloyd, Editor at Large, May 19, 2015

Fancy wheels, air bags and catalytic converters have long been targets for car thieves who specialize in expensive parts. Now there's a new hot item for some daring burglars: The battery packs from hybrid vehicles, specifically the Toyota Prius.

According to KGO-TV, these crimes are becoming prevalent around the San Francisco area, with many local Toyota dealers reporting that they've each had "five or six" customers bring in their Priuses for stolen battery pack — enough of a rash that replacements are now in short supply.

Why the Prius? Well, early generation Prii are seeing their 8-year/100,000-mile (or 10-year/150,000-mile, if you live in a state that adopts California's emissions regulations) battery warranty come to an end. This means demand for replacement batteries is rising, and while costs can reach close to \$3,000 for a new one, used batteries on Craigslist go for around \$500-\$1,000.

But stealing one is not like looting a catalytic converter, or replacing wheels with cinder blocks. The battery pack weighs around 120 pounds and could easily electrocute the careless. In these cases, the thieves — who many believe are part of the same group due to similar techniques used to remove the battery — smash the rear windows, cut all the connecting wires (according to one Toyota dealer, the battery does not give off power when the car is off), and rip the battery and its corresponding modules out of the trunk.

The criminals in the Bay Area aren't shy about what they're doing: Pro Speed Auto Body Shop told us one of the cars they repaired recently had its battery boosted while parked on a busy street, right outside a church. The estimated cost to repair the damage? A cool \$7,000; the thieves not only get the battery, but damage many expensive-to-replace wiring components in the process.

A San Francisco area Toyota dealer told Yahoo Autos that removing a battery correctly would typically take over an hour for a highly trained mechanic; we're told these thieves tore the 273-volt unit out in around 20 minutes.



Toyota Prius owners who found themselves victims of car battery theft should be prepared to take care of post-robbery costs that could reach as high as \$10,000. The expenses include the new replacement battery, broken car window repair, and labor. (Photo : Hiroshi | Google+)

San Francisco is not the only place seeing this trend. A Prius with its battery stolen was reported in Sacramento earlier this year, and at least 14 Toyota Camry Hybrids had their batteries purloined around the Long Island City streets in New York — the latter of which were all from local taxi fleets.

What's most puzzling about all of this is that the batteries stolen in San Francisco were primarily from the newest, third-generation Toyota Prius, which launched in 2009. These batteries would need the cells reassembled into a new housing to work on earlier generation Priuses where aging batteries are most likely to need replacing, and there are few cases of 2009 models or later with faulty battery packs.

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IN THE NEWS

Daring Thieves Targeting the Toyota Prius For Its Hybrid Battery (continued)

So either there's a lot of post-theft-elbow-grease going into making these batteries capable of fitting older Priuses prior to selling them, or taxi fleets — where mileage in newer models can skyrocket quickly — are having battery issues and thus causing a boom in the black market for used generation three batteries. (Another reason the packs may be a target: They carry no ID that ties them to a specific vehicle, making them easy to sell.)

For now at least, the robberies seem localized. Yahoo Autos spoke to numerous Toyota dealers from across the country, and we heard of no similar issues outside of San Francisco — not even in Los Angeles.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau told us that in a study from 2012, it saw a sizable increase in thefts of Prii from 2008 onwards (roughly 2,000 of the 2,439 thefts derived post that date). While that total number is still very low compared to other vehicles, according to the NICB, "With the Prius being a relatively new vehicle, body parts might not be in that great a demand. However, the only part that might make this lucrative is the battery pack since that is a singularly expensive item to replace."

Toyota did not respond to our request for further information, but Luscious Garage in San Francisco says that the smartest way to ward off thieves is to replace the 12mm bolts that hold the battery in place with tamper-proof options, and shield the harnesses in sheet metal. While not bulletproof, making it tougher and more time consuming for criminals to steal could at least make them think twice about their shocking crime. . "

Source: <https://www.yahoo.com/autos/daring-thieves-targeting-the-toyota-prius-for-its-119357625667.html>

Bolivia cracks down on car theft

Windscreen chip, fitted into all vehicles, will reveal registered information on the car and owner

If illegal car smuggling across Bolivia's four borders seemed like an unsolvable problem before now that could all change, thanks to this mandatory windscreen chip which is to be fitted into all vehicles.

According to Einard Jofre, the scheme's spokesman, each chip contains a one-of-a-kind identifier.

Einard Jofre, Director of Information and Communication at Hydrocarbons Agency: "The system works through the implementation of R-FID technology, that is to say, auto-identification using radio frequency. For this reason they have been installed in the windshields of all vehicles with a tag, a chip, which contains a unique identifier which is detected the moment a vehicle enters a gas station."

As cars approach gas stations an antenna scans the chip, revealing registered information on both the car and the owner. Duplicate license plates, the tell-tale sign of illegal or unregistered cars, are quickly identified.

Einard Jofre, Director of Information and Communication at Hydrocarbons Agency: "With this we've identified vehicles that didn't have the necessary documents or had a problem with their license plates. This is then reported to the relevant institutions and the necessary action taken."

Cars with fraudulent plates are seized by police until owners can prove the vehicles' legality. So far 12,000 automobiles with duplicated plates have been detected .

Source: <http://uatoday.tv/society/bolivia-cracks-down-on-car-theft-432927.html>

IN THE NEWS

Policy center links auto thefts to California prison shift

By Paige St. John, LA Times, 19 May 2015

A California policy center concludes the state's policy to send low-level felons to county jails instead of state prisons had only "a very limited impact on crime," resulting in increased auto thefts but no impact in violent offenses.

The report, released late Tuesday by the nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California, relies on crime data from the FBI for 2013. The think tank notes the FBI's reported drop in violent crime in California to a 36-year low -- 396 violent crimes reported per 100,000 residents -- kept pace with a national decline.

Gov. Jerry Brown's 2011 prison policy, called "realignment," reduced the state prison population by about 27,000 inmates in its first year by having lower-level felons serve their sentences in county jails instead of state prisons. Crowded jail conditions resulted in widespread early releases. By the PPIC's estimates, some 18,000 offenders who in the past would have been in prison were on the streets in 2012.

The study concluded that the frequency of violent crimes such as murder, rape and robbery was unaffected by the governor's new policy. Those crime rates declined over the two years on par with other states. Property crimes also declined but not as much. After rising in 2012, motor vehicle thefts fell slightly in 2013, leaving them still 10% higher than in 2011 and setting California apart from what the PPIC considered comparable states.

The research group said it found "no evidence that realignment has so far had an impact on violent crime rates," but it did find "a noticeable rise in motor vehicle thefts." Based on what happened in other states, the PPIC report concludes realignment increased the auto theft rate by about 17%.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/political/la-me-ff-policy-center-links-auto-thefts-to-california-prison-shift-20150519-story.html>



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NICB: As Vehicle Thefts Decline, Thieves Target Components

Wheels and Tires Disappear in the Motor City

DES PLAINES, Ill. – June 18, 2015 /PR Newswire/

While car thefts are declining across the country, the thefts of some parts and accessories are proving to be a lucrative business for professional thieves. In the Detroit area, it's become a huge problem that's costing consumers, insurance companies, car dealers and car rental companies.

"We hear all this good news about auto theft being down in Michigan, but unfortunately, what's replaced that is component theft," said Terri Miller, executive director of Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (HEAT). "Because it's harder to steal an entire vehicle these days, they're stealing the parts. The tires and rims are not marked and they are very, very marketable."

Organized crime rings are targeting newer vehicles parked in neighborhoods, in parking lots, even at dealer lots - anywhere they can quickly jack the car up, remove the wheels, and leave it sitting on blocks. Rental car companies have been particularly hard hit with hundreds of newer model cars targeted. In some cases, thieves break the window, pop the hood and disable the gear shift to put the car in neutral. They then use another vehicle to push the car away to a nearby empty garage or lot where they can safely strip it.

According to Michigan State Police Detective Lieutenant Ray Collins of the Southeast Auto Theft Team (SEATT), the person stealing the tires and rims may be paid \$150 to \$400 for their work but more money is made by the middle man who resells the stolen property to smaller tire dealers or collision repair shops for \$700 to \$900. The repair shop may then install those tires and rims on a car and bill an insurance company for \$1,200 or \$1,300. And an insurance company has likely already paid a claim for those same stolen tires and rims.

Unless a thief is literally caught in the act, trying to prove a theft is frustrating for law enforcement. One lengthy investigation led officers to recover some 240 tires and rims from shops that were allegedly reselling them. But tracking them back to the owners will be difficult since tires and rims are not marked with any identification records.

"I encourage people to put some kind of identifying mark on their tires and rims," said Collins. "If they report them stolen, we may be able to tie them back to the victims if we recover them." Some manufacturers are working on technology to help track these parts when they are stolen, but there's no immediate solution on the horizon.

For more information, watch this video: . <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBoapw420CE>



Cars up on blocks, missing their tires and rims, are a frequent sight in the Detroit area.



Some of the 240 tires and rims recovered by law enforcement following a lengthy theft investigation.

Source: <http://www.multivu.com/players/English/7523153-nicb-detroit-wheel-tire-theft/>

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

This issue's Sponsor Spotlight focuses on OnStar, a Gold Corporate Partner for IAATI's upcoming 2015 Seminar in Phoenix.



OnStar is excited to share their public safety e-Newsletter containing content specifically for law enforcement officers, fire fighters, emergency medical service and 9-1-1/public safety answering point personnel. The e-Newsletter is distributed three to four times per year and contains current and new information about OnStar's emergency services, available training materials and other public safety-related content that can help you on the job. You are invited to sign up to receive future issues here: www.onstaremergencyservices.com/

With more and more OnStar-equipped/subscribed vehicles on the road, the e-Newsletter and training are valuable ways to stay up to date with OnStar's connected vehicle technology. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Contact information:

Email: EmergencyServices@onstar.com

For emergency assistance regarding an incident involving an OnStar-equipped/subscribed vehicle, please use our public safety number, 866-866-5006, to reach the OnStar Call Center Emergency and Stolen Vehicle Assistance Teams.

For more information about OnStar's emergency services and training materials, please visit the OnStar Public Safety website at www.onstar.com/publicsafety

A screenshot of the OnStar Public Safety website. The header features the OnStar logo and navigation links for "FAQS" and "CONTACT US". The main banner area has the title "ONSTAR AND THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY" and a "Choose Situation" dropdown menu. Below the banner, there are three featured sections: "Interested in OnStar public safety training?", "As an enhancement to Emergency Services, OnStar provides EMD.", and "ONSTAR IN ACTION". At the bottom, there is a "STOLEN VEHICLE ASSISTANCE" section and a "SIGN UP" button for the newsletter. The footer includes a "Stay updated" message and a "Privacy Statement" link.

ODDS & ENDS

Law Enforcement Contact info for U-Haul, Budget, Ryder, Penske, Enterprise.

Law Enforcement Personnel:

The site <http://www.truckrentalsecurity.com> provides Truck Rental Security contact information for Law Enforcement personnel. This site may not be used for any solicitation purpose. All efforts have been made to provide accurate and current information.

The professional men and women in Truck Rental Security are interested in the investigation, apprehension and prosecution of those committing crimes against their respective companies. Most are former law enforcement who act as a liaison between their management team and the Criminal Justice system. Many are members of IAATI, IAFCI, ASIS and other professional organizations. You will find Truck Rental Security personnel very cooperative and will work with you once your identity has been verified.

This site will detail each individual company policies on subpoena compliance and all other law enforcement requests.



The History of the Police Car - All Hail the Black and White

Source: <http://www.carinsurancecalculatoronline.com/police-car-history/>

Those members interested in the history of police cars in should visit this website as it provides a great overview of Police cars in America from 1899 through to today's vehicles in an easy to read infographic format .

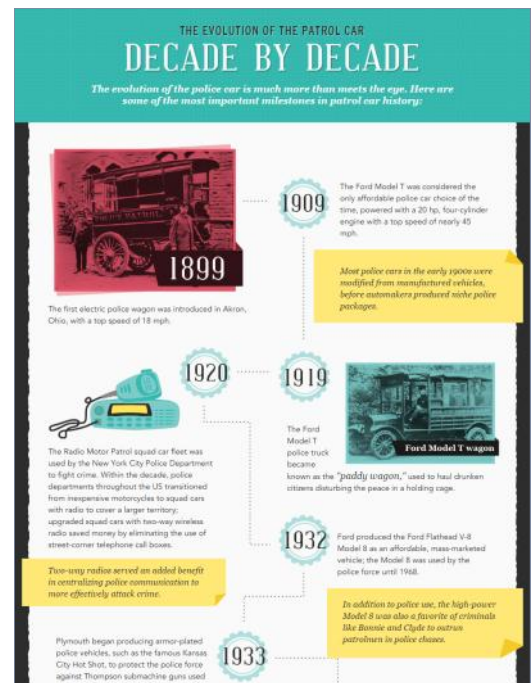
A police car is a vehicle that most of us take for granted. In fact, you may not appreciate the true purpose of a patrol car until you're in need of help.

A police car is driven by the police force during daily patrol and in response to emergency calls. For this reason, a police car must be reliable, fast, and well-made. A speedy response to an accident or crime scene is critical to save a life.

The first electric-powered patrol wagon used for police squads was invented in 1899 by the Akron Police Department. This squad car was much-needed to streamline police transportation and organize law enforcement response. The early patrol wagon was powered by electricity at speeds up to 18 mph; it was able to travel roughly 30 miles before recharging the battery.

To continue reading the full article:

<http://www.carinsurancecalculatoronline.com/police-car-history/>



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IAATI Conferences and Training Seminars



63rd International Seminar	August 9 – 14, 2015	Phoenix, Arizona, USA	rspallinger@iaati.org
Western States Auto Theft Inv.	October 5 – 7, 2015	South Lake Tahoe, Nevada, USA	wsati.org/2015conference.html
South Central Regional Chapter	October 20 – 23, 2015	South Padre Island, Texas, USA	bskinner4309@gmail.com
European Branch Seminar	October 21 – 23, 2015	Riga, Latvia	akn@forsikringopension.dk
South African Branch Seminar	October 28 – 30, 2015	Weesgerus Police Resort	dnel@tracker.co.za

Other Conferences and Educational tools

The **International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI)** have released their June—August 2015 issue of their *Review* Newsletter. To download a copy click on the following link <http://www.datatag.co/iami/mobile/index.html#p=1>



The **National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB)** continually offers a wide range of free training on their website. For more information visit www.nicbtraining.org



National White Collar Crime Centre NW3C: Online Salvage Vehicle Auction Fraud is now available as a webinar



Keep up to date with equipment theft. Check out NER's newsletter, **The Equipment Theft Quarterly**



Microsoft Office Training RECOVERI from South Africa has generously put together a basic and advanced MS office Training Program, and IAATI has entered the information into the File Library. Click here for more information.



ATPA Do you want to learn more about an ATPA? Interested in starting an ATPA? Then visit IAATI's ATPA Committee website for more information. www.combatautotheft.org

National Cargo Theft Summit. October 20 –21st, 2015, Memphis, Tennessee
Contact Mary Aftanas-Baumann: maftanas@nicb.org (see page 24 for more details)



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NMVTIS Law Enforcement Guide

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance have completed a NMVTIS Law Enforcement Guide tri-fold to use for educating and training Law Enforcement Investigators. The guide provides the Law Enforcement Investigator with valuable information on NMVTIS including:

- How Law Enforcement obtains access to NMVTIS;
- Types of businesses required to report to NMVTIS;
- How the businesses report to NMVTIS;
- How to verify a business is registered to report to NMVTIS;
- Explains the penalties for a business not reporting to NMVTIS;
- Provides information for the NMVTIS data consolidators; and
- Provides the information on how to report an NMVTIS violator.

AAMVA has made the guide available for viewing or downloading from the Law Enforcement section of the vehicle history.gov website. The new NMVTIS guide will be a new tool that should help IAATI members educate themselves and train their own agency's officers on this federally mandated program.



To View or Download the guide, click this link: http://www.vehiclehistory.gov/nmvtis_law_enforcement.html

NER—Equipment Theft Quarterly

Second Quarter—June 2015

One of the ways NER shares information is through their newsletter, the Equipment Theft Quarterly.

Past issues have included articles on stolen and recovered equipment, training events, theft-related news, theft-prevention tips, "red flags," etc. Please take a look at this newsletter and share it with others in the business.

In this issue:

- United Rentals/ 3VR CrimeDEX Partnership
- 2016 ARA Insurance Services/NER Award Nominations
- Cop's Corner: Summer Theft Prevention
- Industry Theft Prevention Tips for Summer
- *NEW* Meet the NER Team Interview

Visit NER's [News & Events page](#) for updated industry information



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NER—July 4th Holiday Equipment Crime Awareness

Independence Day means summer is already in full swing. Like NER, that also probably means you are busier than ever, so we will get to the point:

- Historically, this week is one of the most active for equipment crimes all year.
- Equipment will be stolen nationwide, possibly in your area.
- A little effort from owners and Law Enforcement can put the brakes on thefts before they occur.
- Awareness is the simplest, most effective step to take. Make sure security and the potential for theft are on people's minds this week.
- See the below for some theft prevention ideas and red flags for attempted thefts.

We sincerely wish all of our clients and Law Enforcement partners a safe and enjoyable holiday in celebration of this great nation.

Equipment Crime Warning Signs

NER asks both Law Enforcement and the Industry to be watchful of rental facilities, dealerships, farms and construction sites for activity that seems out of place:

- Trucks parked at rental yards and dealerships that do not belong to the company- especially box vans, U-hauls and enclosed race-car hauler type trailers.
- Vehicles parked in vacant lots and parking lots adjoining closed industry businesses, especially with occupants loitering in the area.
- Gates left open at industry facilities when it's clear the facility is shut down.
- Late night or early morning activity inside a yard, construction site, farm or store throughout the holiday.
- Heavily and hastily loaded transport trucks on roadways throughout the holiday.

Law Enforcement personnel are encouraged to verify ownership or rental status on any equipment in transit as it may be an undiscovered theft. Contact NICB 24 hours a day for access to NER's equipment ownership registration and fleet records- 800-447-6282. **Industry personnel** are encouraged to contact local Law Enforcement (911) about any suspicious activity; being in the industry you know when something does not seem right - don't let it go.

Law Enforcement

- Talk to the Patrol units working the holiday- be sure they are aware of the heightened equipment theft threat.
- Be sure Patrol and Dispatch have a fundamental understanding of how to spot an equipment theft, and how to contact NICB for assistance at 800-447-6282.
- NICB can provide NER's equipment ownership registration information on machines, including most rental equipment.
- NER maintains emergency contact information for owners, fleets and rental companies whose equipment is registered with NER.
- NCIC cannot confirm a machine is NOT STOLEN- Contact NICB for NER ownership registration on any suspicious machine that comes back negative for theft, and verify its status with the owner.

Industry

- Ensure alarms and lighting are all operating properly.
- If you are getting a high number of false alarms, thieves may be testing your responsiveness; watch for vehicles "casing" your property. Contact local Police.

To continue reading the full article: <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=1cc1ad57-a1b1-4593-b60a-9901664ba30a&c=c75ba1c0-32fe-11e3-a74d-d4ae529ce120&ch=c84eb450-32fe-11e3-a7e3-d4ae529ce120>

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National Cargo Theft Summit
Tuesday, October 20, – Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Summit Location:
Memphis Cook Convention Center
255 North Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103



Collaboration is Key
National Strategy Update



The National Cargo Theft Task Force is joining resources with the Midwest Cargo Theft Task Force, Georgia Bureau of Investigation Major Theft Unit and the Memphis Cargo Theft Task Force which includes Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi, in an effort to provide the utmost information regarding cargo theft.

Who Should Attend

- Law Enforcement Administrators and Investigators
- Regional Cargo Theft Task Force Members
- Insurance Industry Personnel
- Government Security Professionals
- Transportation/Logistics Personnel
- Manufacturer Personnel
- Distributor Personnel

Registration Fees:

Non Law Enforcement \$250.00
Law Enforcement \$50.00

VENDOR SPACE AVAILABLE

The registration fees will be divided among the regional task forces to support their efforts in combating cargo theft. The Summit is sponsored by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB).

Cargo Theft Summit:

This summit will feature leading cargo crime authorities from across the country. Law enforcement and private sector speakers will explain the national strategy, patterns and practices of cargo thieves, recent investigative case studies, and how to combat cargo theft.

Hotel Information:

Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel
250 North Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103

Reservations can be made by:

Calling: (800) 325-3535 or Online

Reference the below group codes for the special room rate:

National Cargo Theft Summit – Room Block

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1505215924&key=2D4DE8CE>

Reservations must be secured by **Friday, September 25, 2015** to receive the special room rate of \$129/per night plus tax

Training materials and lunch will be provided.

The Summit will start with registration at 8:00 a.m., opening remarks at 8:45 a.m.

Dress code is business casual.

Registration Fees:

Non Law Enforcement \$250.00
Law Enforcement \$50.00

Conference Registration may be completed online when utilizing a credit card for payment at: WWW.NICB.ORG

Attendees Must Register and Provide Payment
Prior to the Summit

2015 National Cargo Theft Summit Tuesday, October 20 – Wednesday 21, 2015 Registration Form

Name: _____
Position / Title: _____
Organization: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Telephone: () _____
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\$50.00 Law Enforcement

Please make checks or money orders payable to:
National Insurance Crime Bureau

Or online when utilizing a credit card for payment at: WWW.NICB.ORG

RETURN REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Melissa Sullivan, Field Operations
National Insurance Crime Bureau
1111 E. Touhy Ave, Suite 400
Des Plaines, IL 60018

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NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT

For additional information, please contact:

Sergeant Barry Clark, Shelby County Sheriff
Barry.Clark@Shelby-sheriff.org or (901) 508.0466

Mary Aftanas, National Insurance Crime Bureau
maftanas@nicb.org or (847) 544.7021

2015 National Cargo Theft Summit

Vendor Form Space is Limited

Vendor Fee: \$450.00 includes

- 1 Person registration
- Skirted table & 2 chairs

If you require Electric there is an extra fee of \$110.00

Name: _____

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