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## IAATI is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania bound!



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### Proposed Change to the IAATI Constitution & By-Laws

Please review a proposed change to

#### ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP SECTION 1. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

of the IAATI Constitution & By-Laws on page 3 of this issue of Auto Theft Today.

This proposed change to our constitution and by-laws will be voted on at our AGM (Annual General Assembly) on the Thursday of our Pittsburgh seminar in August.

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

Interested in becoming an IAATI Board member or Committee member? The IAATI nominating Committee is currently accepting applicants to fill the nomination slate that will be presented for a

vote during the IAATI conference this August in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information about the various IAATI committees, please visit the website. For anyone interested in serving, details are available on page 4 of this publication.



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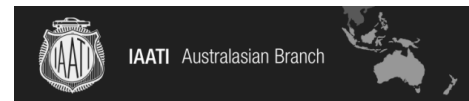
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## IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

### Branches:

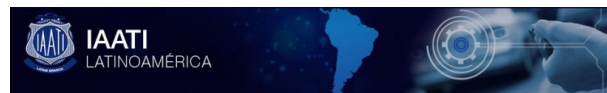
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[iaatiaus.org](http://iaatiaus.org)



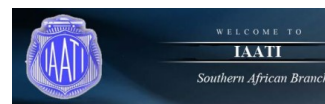
European Branch  
[eb-iaati.org](http://eb-iaati.org)



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



Southern African Branch  
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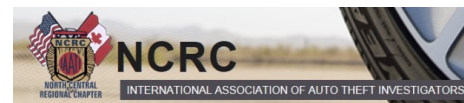


United Kingdom Branch  
<http://www.iaati.org.uk/>



### Chapters (North America/Canada)

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



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



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



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



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



# MEMBER NEWS—proposed change to the IAATI Constitution & By-Laws

## ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP SECTION 1. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Any representative of any duly authorized law enforcement agency, employed full time with peace officers powers; administrators and agents employed full time in a governmental motor vehicle registration function or a governmental vehicle regulatory function; administrators and special agents of the National Automobile Theft Bureau or the Insurance Crime Prevention Bureau of Canada, **National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC), the Oficina Coordinadora de Riegos Asegurados (OCRA), or a similarly structured organization subsidized by the insurance industry or established under a government instrument or industry association with the focus on motor vehicle related crimes and other international insurance similarly funded organizations which are designated as “not for profit”;** employees and representatives from any Attorney General’s office and/or Justice Department who are or have been engaged with a focus on **motor vehicle related crimes**; or any person honorably retired from one of the foregoing agencies, provided that such person possesses the other qualifications for membership and is not less than eighteen years of age. Membership shall be granted at the discretion of the Executive Board. Applications of persons denied membership shall be returned to the person applying with a letter of explanation.

Motion to accept proposed change to CBL, and set up for vote in SA: William Johnson  
Second: Bill Biondo      Motion passed.

## E-NEWSLETTER UPDATES

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

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

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

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

# IAATI UPDATES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Auto Theft Today - Publication deadline

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

## Board Members and Committee Members wanted!

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

When submitting your email, please including the following information:

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

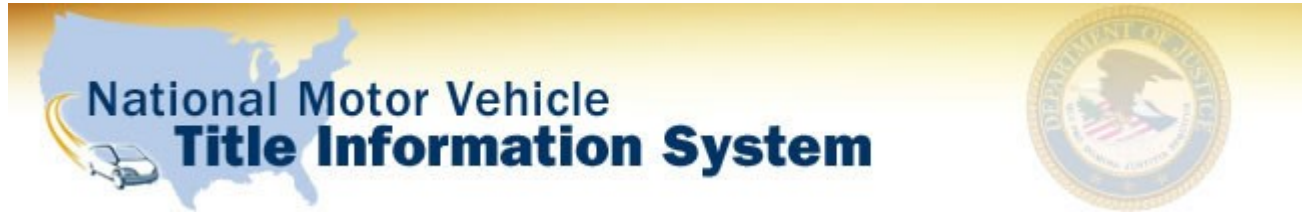






# NMVTIS

## 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...

**Q&A: Why police agencies need to collect better data on vehicle crimes** May 27, 2018, According to [Pursuit Response](#), when it comes to high-risk vehicle events, research shows that almost 20% of pursuits are initiated in response to suspected auto thefts. [1] Officers face challenging decisions regarding whether or not to pursue based upon policy, training and public safety factors. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) recently released its Vehicle Crimes Auto Theft Educational Awareness Report, which details the broad scope of vehicle-related crimes and the relationship between vehicle crime and subsequent violent crime.

**Beware dangerous 'flood cars' that can look like new** May 31, 2018, [today.com](#) reports: beware dangerous 'flood cars' that can look like new.

**Has Auto Loan Fraud Replaced Car Theft In The US?** May 13, 2018, [FrankonFraud.com](#) asks, so have the crooks given up on cars? Not a chance. They have just found far easier ways to get ahold of cars than breaking windows and jimmying the locks.

**Phoenix-area raids result in 17 arrests, recovery of 24 stolen vehicles** June 13, 2018, [KTAR.com](#) reports that Arizona law enforcement officials recovered 24 stolen vehicles and made 17 arrests in the Phoenix area in two operations this month.

**Man tries to sell stolen \$90K car on Craigslist** June 13, 2018, According to [wmcactionnews5.com](#), a Memphis man tried to sell a stolen hybrid supercar on Craigslist. Predictably, he got arrested.

**Nottinghamshire named UK's crime hotspot during first quarter, as cargo theft climbs nationally** June 13, 2018, [Motortransport.co.uk](#) reports that Thefts from lorries increased by 6.3% year-on-year in the first quarter of 2018 with 454 reported incidents, according to a new crime report. The state of security in the UK is laid bare in figures from the National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service (NAVVIS) and supply chain intelligence BSI Group covering January, February and March.

**Thieves target high-end SUVs in Ottawa's west end** June 15, 2018, [Cbc.ca](#) discusses the issues occurring in certain neighborhoods where high end vehicles have been repeatedly stolen from driveways, with some families facing several vehicles being stolen.

**Tractor-trailer carrying BMW vehicles stolen from Columbia Flying J** June 16, 2018, According to [wistv.com](#), a tractor-trailer that was carrying BMW vehicles was stolen from a Flying J gas station on Fairfield Road on June 10.

**Winnipeg—Police See Spike in Vehicles Stolen with Keys Inside** June 16, 2018, the [Winnipeg News Chrisd.ca](#), reports that Winnipeg police have a simple message for vehicle owners: don't leave your ride running with the keys inside.

**CRIME REPORT: Thieves continue to find easy pickings in unlocked cars** June 15, 2018, The [BrentwoodHomePage.com](#) reports that between June 7 and June 12 the Brentwood Police Department's weekly crime analysis showed that suspects broke into 14 cars in Brentwood.

**Social Media Being Used To Fight Crime** June 16, 2018, [the Emissourian.com](#) reports that for some time now, law enforcement agencies have been utilizing social media to help identify crooks, share information and warn residents of potential crimes in their area. But there also are citizen-run social media pages that give residents an avenue to seek information about crimes that have been committed or dangers in the community.