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IAATI—a global focus & global reach

Vehicle related crime is a global problem and 2016 is already demonstrating how far IAATI has come as a leader and active partner in tackling this issue throughout all parts of the world.

A clear example of this is IAATI's involvement at the 2nd Interpol Global Conference on Vehicle Crime in Bangkok, Thailand in February. IAATI partnered with Interpol to fund the conference and had a strong presence during the 3 day event. Hosted by the Interpol National Central Bureau in Bangkok and the Royal Thai Police the conference focused on a range of topics including the impact of the illicit spare part trade, links between terrorism and vehicle crime as well as the significance of cybercrime for organized car trafficking. The conference also provided participants with opportunities to network, gather new ideas and learn about innovative measures to combat global vehicle crime. The event was a great success and I welcome the many new members from all around the world who have joined IAATI following the Interpol Conference.

On the other side of the world, our Latin American Branch will be hosting its inaugural Annual Training Seminar in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 9-11 March. The Latin American Branch is a highly professional and well organized Branch who have come a long way in a few years. Their first annual seminar is sure to be a very special event and I encourage you to attend.

2016 also marks the launch of a new exchange program between the European and Australasian Branches. Under the program negotiated by the branches, a lucky European member will be heading to Australia for their Annual Training Seminar in April, and in September, an Australasian Branch member will attend the European Seminar in Spain.

As the upcoming events listed on pages 47 and 48 demonstrates, there are numerous training opportunities scheduled throughout the world. Not all of these events will be IAATI hosted training, but you can be sure that nearly all will involve significant contributions by IAATI members. So while vehicle crime is a global problem, I see a bright future as IAATI's global network continues to expand and help educate and assist investigators all around the world.

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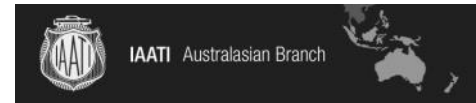


IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

Branches:

Australasian Branch

iaatiaus.org



European Branch

eb-iaati.org



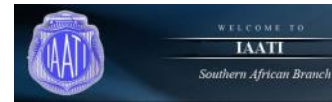
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iaatilatam.org



Southern African Branch

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United Kingdom Branch

<http://www.iaati.org.uk/>



Chapters (North America/Canada)

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North East Regional Chapter

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South Central Regional Chapter

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Western Regional Chapter

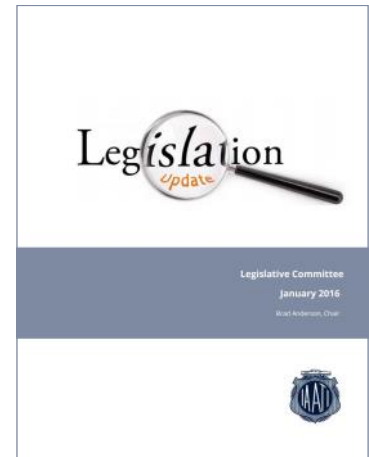
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- The **Legislative Committee**, chaired by Brad Anderson, maintains a list of legislation that has been proposed or introduced and relates to vehicles or vehicle crimes. The list includes information provided by members from around the world and is very extensive.

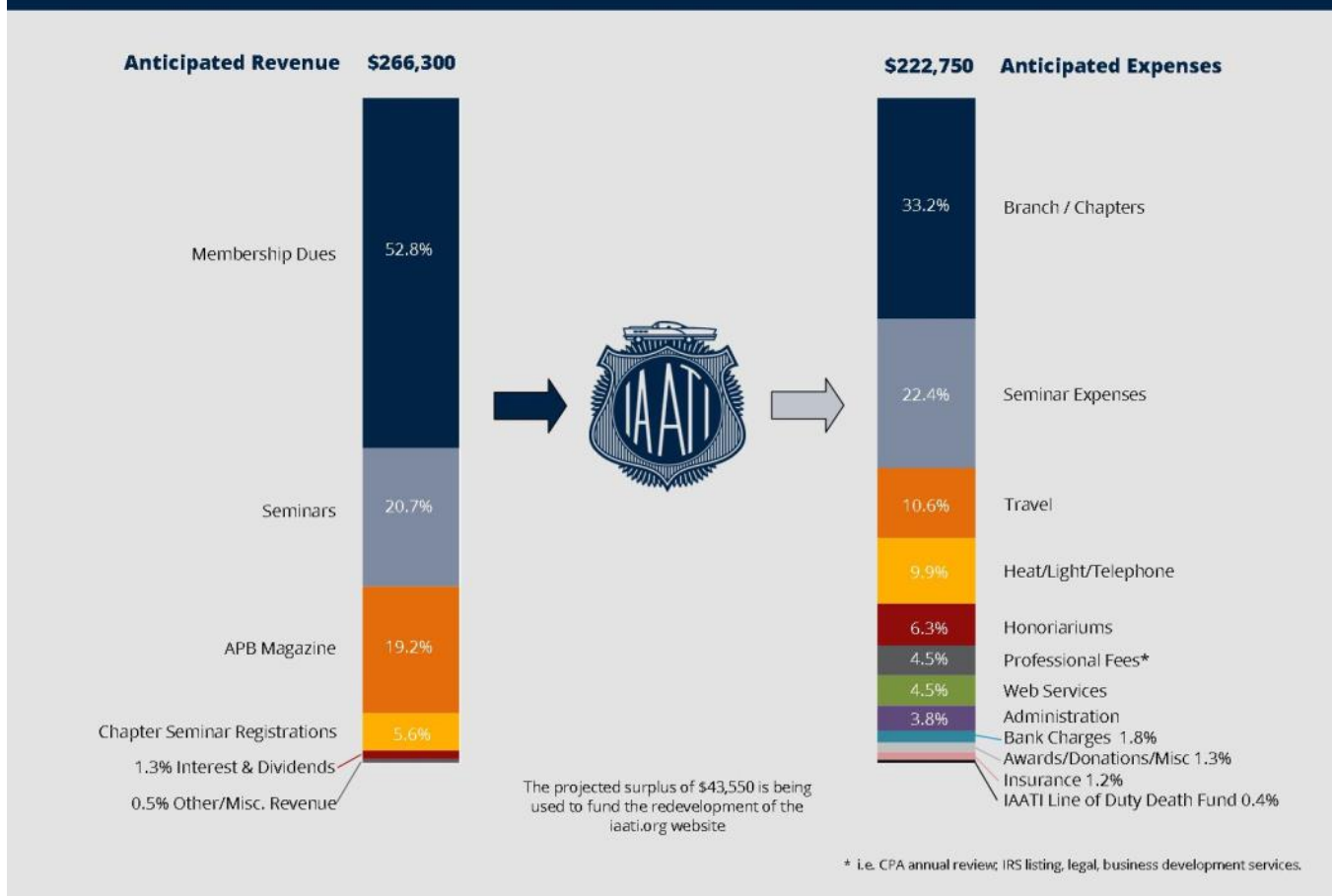
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- The **Education and Training Committee** is continuing with providing an outline for a one to two day IAATI training course for areas not currently represented in IAATI. We continue to progress on updating and improving the certification test although this will be a long term operation.

- The **Finance Committee**, has released the following infographic showing how IAATI's revenue is generated and how funds are used to support its Branches and Chapters and provide training.

IAATI 2015/16 Budget



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- The **Certification Committee** and **Training Committee** are working together to update the certification study material and the test questions. Education and Training Committee Chairman; Bill Johnson, has taken the lead role in reviewing the test and updating questions/answers to insure they are correct. Bill Johnson is also working on the certification certificates that are presented to the members.

Committee goals include:

1. Review and update study guide for certification test,
2. Determine if the certification test questions matches the updated material,
3. Produce updated test questions that reflect any new material
4. Redesign of IAATI Certification certificates, and
5. Develop materials for title, sub-leasing and other fraudulent activities related to motor vehicle crimes and test questions.

- **NMVTIS Committee** chair, Chris McDonold, reported:

The NMVTIS Advisory Board met on September 24, 2015. The main focus of the meeting was to talk about the financial stability of the NMVTIS Program. Mr. David Lewis, Senior Policy Advisor, provided an overview of the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool (LEAT). He provided an overview of numbers and types of users from the tool's inception in 2009 to the present, and noted that 3,108 of those users fall under the definition of law enforcement.

Mr. Lewis noted that identifying users, usernames, and passwords for online systems is pretty intensive, and that BJA is aware of two law enforcement secure but unclassified networks that already vet law enforcement: the FBI's LEO, which is now called LEEP, and the Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS). Both of these systems were developed using federal funds to identify and verify law enforcement officers. BJA requested that these systems allow the LEAT to ride on their backbone, thus keeping costs low.

Mr. Lewis noted that the number of searches doubled between the first and second years of usage. Currently, there are users from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Canada, representing more than 1,658 agencies, and some agencies have multiple users. Individual users break out as 609 from federal agencies, 680 from state agencies, and 1,700-plus from local, tribe, or territorial agencies. Ninety-eight failed to provide agency types.

It was also noted that the LEAT is getting a facelift and educational Webinars will begin in the coming months. The new version is very user-friendly, and everything included has resulted from recommendations from the field. The new version has increased search capabilities, as well as some new data sources, and BJA is close to getting the NCIC theft file engaged as a part of the system.

The system also includes a new VIN analyzer that will provide officers with a little more information. The LEAT is built on existing platforms using NIEM, the national standard, and also uses Web service-oriented architecture.

The 2014 Annual Report for NMVTIS can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

http://www.vehiclehistory.gov/pdfs/NMVTIS_2014_AR%20online-3-2FINAL.pdf

- **Information Technology Committee**

Work on the Association's new website is progressing well. The Committee has been working closely with our contracted website developer and based on our design specification, the developer has produced a set of wireframe designs. These are essentially screen blueprints that represent the skeletal framework of the website and form the basis for the coding of the site. We will have more news for you in the next issue but the early signs are that the new website will be a truly professional and easy to navigate site.

The Association is also making some minor changes to its seminar app for Apple and Android devices. These changes should be completed next month.

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- **Awards Committee:**

2016 Award of Merit

The IAATI Award of Merit was created in 1992 in order to honor a person, group, department or company in recognition for outstanding contribution in the area of vehicle theft investigation or prevention.

The award committee will accept submissions until May 1, 2016, which is the cut-off date. Submissions should include the person or agencies involved, time frame and details of the investigation, number of people charged or convicted, number of vehicles recovered, or program involved, and if applicable, photos.

The Award of Merit will be presented at the Annual IAATI Training Seminar during the opening ceremonies on Aug. 8, 2016 in Murfreesboro (Nashville), Tennessee. If the intended recipient is not in attendance, the award shall be presented by a member of the board at a later date. While this award is intended to be an annual award, nothing requires such, nor precluded more than one yearly award if deemed appropriate.

Submissions shall be sent to Denny Roske, award chair: iaatidenny@aol.com



2016 Insurance Investigation of the Year Award

Do you know of, or have you been involved in, an outstanding Insurance Investigation? If so the 2016 Awards Committee would like to hear from you.

What makes an outstanding insurance investigation?

An outstanding insurance investigation doesn't necessary mean a big investigation, nor does it have to involve a large number of vehicles, multiple offenders or save the insurer a large amount of money. It may involve these elements or it may simply involve a single investigator and/or a single theft.

The Awards committee is seeking nominations from around the world for the most outstanding vehicle related insurance investigation of the year. So what is IAATI looking for when evaluating the nominations? The judging panel consider a number of factors when accessing the nominations including:

- The complexity of the case.
- The hurdles that the investigator(s) had to overcome in gathering evidence,
- The level of ingenuity demonstrated and by the investigators and their ability to problem solve.
- The degree of persistence demonstrated by the investigator(s).
- The amount of interagency cooperation and networks that the investigators had to establish.

So if you have been part of, or know of, a really outstanding insurance investigation then please nomination it for the 2016 IAATI Insurance Investigator of the Year Award and ensure the investigators get the recognition that they deserve.

The IAATI Insurance Investigator of the Year Award was created in 2014 in order to recognize and honor insurance professionals (individual or group) for his or her outstanding contribution in the area of vehicle theft investigation or insurance fraud investigation. Nominations for the this award may come from any source and should include details of case which supports the nomination.

The closing date for nominations is **1 May 2016**. All nominations should be sent to the Executive Director, PO Box 223, Clinton, NY 13323-0223 or emailed to both executivedirector@iaati.org and bradanderson@iaati.org

Winners will be announced that the 2016 International Seminar in Murfreesboro, Tennessee in August.

Now the only question is — where will the winning nomination come from?

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

- The **Site Selection Committee**, have secured our location for the 2018 seminar to be hosted by the NERC. It will be held at the Pittsburgh Sheraton at Station Square in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 2-11, 2018. Mark the dates in your diary now.
- The **Membership Committee**, wish to remind members that all memberships were due as of 1 January 2016. Members who fail to renew by the 31 March 2016 will become non-financial and will lose access to the member benefits. See page 9 for more details.
- The **Constitution By-laws and SOP Committee**, announce the following proposed changes:



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL IAATI MEMBERS

Proposed Changes to our Constitution & By-laws.

Our constitution requires that all members be given 90 days' notice in order to review any proposed changes to our Constitution & By-laws. Changes to our Constitution can only be done at our AGM (Annual General Meeting) on the Thursday afternoon (August 11, 2016) of our annual seminar. The proposed changes below will therefore be voted on by the members in attendance at our Murfreesboro Seminar. It should be noted that the proposed amendments were approved by the Executive Board during a conference call vote on January 21, 2016.

Proposed Motion 1:

Article 3 Section 4 to read:

SECTION 4. DIRECTORS. Ten Directors shall be elected by the membership to represent the Association. Their divergent geographical locations shall be a consideration for their nomination. Four of the elected members may be Affiliate members.

(This motion increases the number of elected Directors from 8 to 10 and increases the number of potential Affiliate members in that group from two to four.)

Proposed Motion 2:

Article 4 Section 12 to read:

SECTION 12: ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS. The President may appoint Associate Directors who shall assist in the functioning of the Association in their assigned region.

(This motion changes the wording from regional representatives to Associate Directors.)

Proposed Motion 3:

Article 4 Section 11 to read:

SECTION 11. DIRECTORS. 10 Directors shall assist the Executive Board and its committees in the purpose of the Association.

(This motion amends other sections of the Constitution so they read with Motion 1, if Motion 1 is passed)

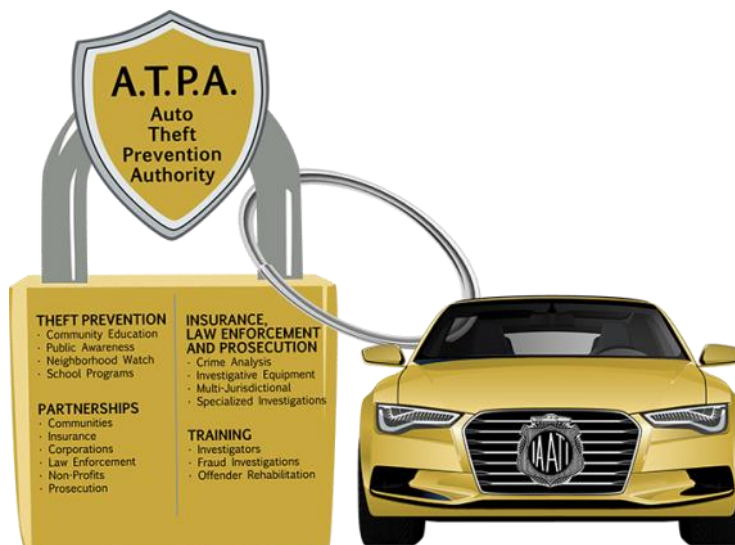
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- **ATPA Committee** - Chair, Reg Phillips

ATPA Committee's 2015 Accomplishments

With the cooperation from all the ATPA's across North America, the ATPA Committee has forged an ATPA Best Practice "standard" to provide administrative, operational and financial benchmarks for current and newly formed ATPA's. These Best Practices were developed to establish a general understanding of ATPA business principles and intended to dynamically encourage applicable and practical professional standards of conduct among the various ATPA organizations.

The creation of these Best Practices recognized that each individual ATPA varies from one another. The identity and topography of each ATPA's environment due to their individual complexities in history, organizational structure, statutory regulations and social, political, and even economic influences has created diverse operations. Our process reflected this reality and we have incorporated each ATPA's information on a general level only with none specifically. It is therefore, important to note these Best Practices are not intended to be used as a universal policies or unilateral procedures regarding the administration or operation of an ATPA.



Forging the Best Practices has demonstrated a unique success by the IAATI ATPA Committee as it has demonstrated a combined effort never before seen, that being a 100% input from all the North America ATPA jurisdictions. This unified input simultaneously captured significant importance and demonstrates the high value perceived in these efforts!

Distinguished Efforts: After many hours and extra heavy lifting by Colorado's ATPA Director Robert Force, the mountain of statistical data was not only organized into the final Best Practices as we see it but also ratified with a greater than 98% acceptance by ATPA Committee. Well done Robert!

Further Results

This product provides an important foundation for the IAATI ATPA Committee by:

- Enhancing internal communication within the Committee,
- Facilitating IAATI goals in the development of professional standards,
- Creating an information sharing environment for unilateral ATPA support, and
- Centralizing ATPA's international effort in combating auto theft and crimes

ATPA Best Practices

1. "Established auto theft prevention authorities have demonstrated a standing history of efficiency in the administration of program results."
2. "Established auto theft prevention authorities use statistical and informational data to demonstrate the efficiency of the program."
3. "Established auto theft prevention authorities use funding sources to support the projects, programs and/or grants for auto theft reduction."
4. "Established auto theft prevention authorities use budgetary processes for administered funds."
5. "Established auto theft prevention authorities provide reporting on the use revenue, expenditure and balance reports regarding the ATPA administration and projects."

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6. "Established ATPAs perform quality assurance of project and financial reviews for grant programs."
7. "ATPAs believe the ATPA revenue and/or programs are secure when there are internal evaluation and risk assessments performed for the ATPA projects and programs."
8. "Auto theft prevention authorities provide assistance and funding to a variety of projects and programs to reduce the incidence of auto theft and/or related vehicle crimes."
9. "Auto theft prevention authorities should provide positive working relationships with funded projects and programs to reduce the incidence of auto theft and/or related vehicle crimes."
10. "Established auto theft prevention authorities provide a grant program to reduce the incidence of auto theft and/or related vehicle crimes."
11. "Established auto theft prevention authorities provide grant programs to law enforcement with expectations of reporting requirements."
12. "Established auto theft prevention authorities provide grant programs to prosecution projects with expectations of reporting requirements."
13. "Established auto theft prevention authorities provide grant programs to public education and prevention projects with expectations of reporting requirements."
14. "Established auto theft prevention authorities provide grant programs to training programs projects with expectations of reporting requirements."

ATPA 2016 Strategic Objectives

The overlying objective of the ATPA Committee for 2016 remains how to strengthen the tools needed to demonstrate both the fiscal benefit and social responsibility in keeping a strong ATPA established for each jurisdiction.

The utilization of our new Best Practice "standard" therefore, is our focus going forward. With the cooperation of the IAATI ATPA Committee members, we intend to forge deeper into the individual operational components of the individual ATPA's operations and objectives. It is our hope that through the pooling of our resources we will be able to identify the highest professional standards of conduct, strengthen and encourage leadership within each individual ATPA, enhance the value and effectiveness of individual ATPAs and eliminate factors that interfere with the ATPA's ability to fight against auto theft and auto crimes.

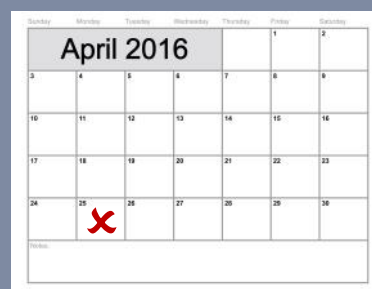
2016's To-Do List

Our new year will begin with a conference call to discuss:

1. The benefits of, elevating effectiveness and the lessons learned in the effective application of our various ATPA programs (e.g., training, LPRs, bait cars, anti-theft solutions, public education campaigns, supporting multiagency task forces, pole cameras, trackers, etc.)
2. To engagement in a conversation regarding how ATPA's use data to assess auto theft efforts and auto crime programs in their jurisdiction including the identification of any data gaps or dysfunction?

May Issue of Auto Theft Today — Publication deadline

The next issue of Auto Theft Today will be released in the second week of May 2016. If you have any articles, photographs, member news, or anything else you would like included in the next issue please email it to: PThomas@iaati.org by **Monday 25th April, 2016**

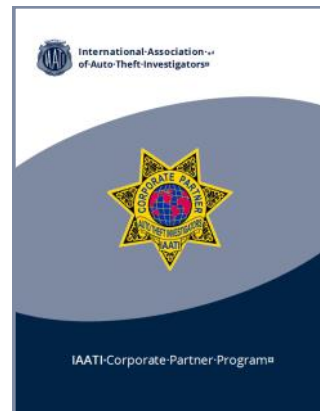


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- The **Marketing Committee** has released its latest **Corporate Partnership brochure**. The Corporate Partner Program offers companies the unique opportunity to:
 - support IAATI's activities in the development and education of professionals involved in the fight against vehicle crime
 - assist with the provision of face to face and on-line training,
 - facilitate the development of local, national and international networks across agencies and industries.

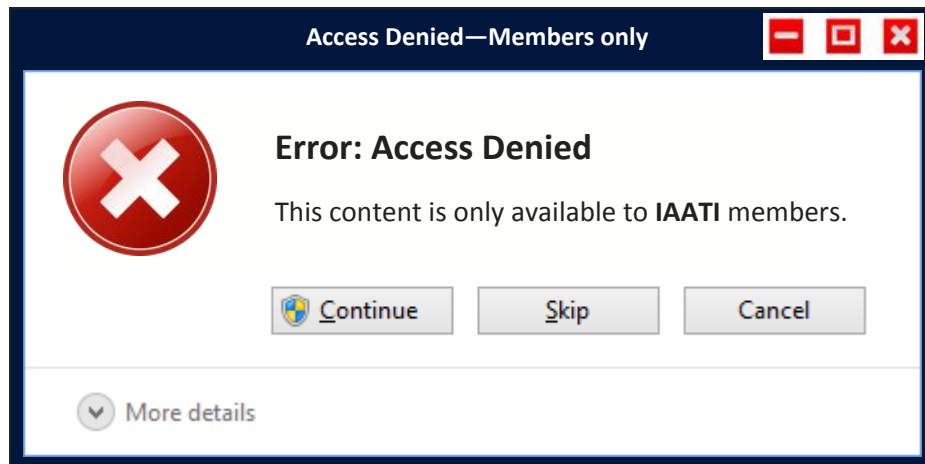
In addition the Corporate Partner program also offers opportunities for you to forge special relationships with IAATI members and create a dialogue with the membership through an array of marketing and promotional elements.

IAATI relies heavily on the generous support of our Corporate Partners so please consider partnering with us. For full details download the brochure by clicking on the image on the right [or using this link](#):



	Diamond	Platinum	Gold	Silver
Package Costs (\$US)	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$2,500
General Advertising/Promotional Benefits				
Use of IAATI Corporate Partner Logo	✓			
One email blast to the entire membership sent by IAATI on your behalf	✓			
Advertising on IAATI website (includes placement of logo and link to website and link to your company website)	12 months	6 months	6 months	3 months
Inclusion of company profile in <i>Auto Theft Today</i>	✓	✓		
Opportunity to have any company specific training material (videos, publications, PowerPoint presentations, reference guides, links to website tools, etc.) included in the Member's only area of the IAATI file library.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Annual International Training Seminar Benefits				
Seminar Banquet Sponsor	✓			
Break Sponsor		✓		
Complimentary tickets to the Annual Training Seminar	4	3	3	2
Complimentary tickets to the President's Reception	4	3	3	2
Complimentary tickets to the Seminar Banquet Dinner	4	3	3	2
Exhibitor Booth 8 x 10	✓ Double booth	✓	✓	✓
Electricity to exhibitor booth	✓	✓	✓	✓
Signage	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wi-fi	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo and contact information published in seminar handbook	✓	✓	✓	✓
Inclusion of company logo and links to your website in the IAATI Mobile Seminar App	✓	✓	✓	✓
Entry to nightly networking Hospitality events	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunity to present to the delegates during the 'Sponsors Presentations' session	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunity to include promotional material in Seminar delegates registration packs	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Don't let this happen to you!

Your 2016 IAATI membership is now due for renewal. IAATI membership is an investment in your career. When you join IAATI you are joining a community of professionals working to share their knowledge and ensure we can all live in safer communities. We recognise it is essential that our members and the sector are equipped with the knowledge, networks and support to achieve success for themselves, their organisation and their profession.

Renew your membership before the 31 March 2016 to avoid losing access to:

- A worldwide network of valuable contacts that are willing and able to assist you with your investigations.
- APB magazine (3 issues per year in both hard and electronic copy)
- Auto Theft Today (6 downloadable issues per year)
- Access to 11 IAATI Annual Training seminars around the world plus other IAATI sponsored events.
- IAATI's File Library containing a wealth of information and training material, past issue of IAATI publications, selected seminar presentations etc.
- IAATI's Certification program
- An updated and user friendly, one stop website (Coming soon in early 2016!)
- Recognition through the IAATI Awards Program
- There is also the opportunity for member exchanges between branches and chapters to allow members to attend a training seminars outside their region and to learn about new trends and methodologies elsewhere in the world.

To renew your membership before it lapses either:

- visit the website http://iaati.org/m_member_renewal.asp
- [download the membership form by clicking here](#) , or
- Contact your local branch or chapter.

Note: Members of some branches are unable to register via the current international website and should register via their local branch website.

**Membership renewals are due now
and will lapse if unpaid by**



BRANCH & CHAPTER NEWS

Latin American Branch:

- **1st Annual Training Seminar**

On the 9th, 10th and 11th March 2016, in the city of Tigre, Buenos Aires, Argentina, the Latin American The Branch is hosting the 1st Annual Training Seminar since its creation, back in 2012.

The most important event of the Branch so far, will count among its speakers with experts in the investigation and prevention of auto theft and related crimes, coming from Brazil, Colombia, Uruguay, Paraguay, Mexico, and from the Argentinian public and private sectors.

Located right next to the Parana River, a beautiful spot of Buenos Aires province, the site chosen for such an important occasion, promises to exceed all expectations.

For registration and more information, write to: info@iaatilatam.org

Tigre is a small town outside of Buenos Aires with a maze of rivers and channels that for more than 100 years has been a favorite weekend getaway for 'Portenos', the inhabitants of Buenos Aires.



- Over recent months the branch's board members have been busy. Some of their key activities include:
 - The Branch President, Daniel Beck attended the main event of the Argentinian Federal Police, at the Ministry of Security, on 2nd November, where he gave awards on behalf of IAATI Latin American Branch for outstanding acts of service.
 - Several members of the Latin American Board participated on November 10, of the Fourth International Seminar on Public Security, organized by the Metropolitan Observatory of Public Security, at the Public Security Institute and School, University Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina. The main topic was "Online Security: Analysis of the regulatory, investigative and operational framework". They also discussed legal, procedural and technical aspects - research; the relationship between operators and web security services; Also, it was the perfect opportunity to present the " National Network of Public Security Observatories ".
 - On November 11th, the Branch was invited by the Ministry of Security of the Province of Buenos Aires, to provide training -as in previous occasions-, to detectives from the Superintendency of Judicial Investigations of Buenos Aires Provincial Police.
 - Representing our Branch, President Daniel Beck, Vice President Irene Molinari, the Executive Director Professor Agustin Patelli, presented IAATI LatAm and exchanged knowledge with 47 detectives. In addition , experts from the Engineering Department of Car Security SA (Lo Jack System), a benefactor of the Branch, also participated in the meeting.

Submitted by Branch President Daniel Beck

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European Branch:

- IAATI EB will carry out a basic vehicle crime training dedicated to the Hellas Police (Greece) on April 2016. Training will take place at Hellas Police Academy in Athens. IAATI European Branch will support Greece police by sending four trainers. Trainers are coming from Swedish Insurance Industry (Larmtjänst), Finnish Border Guard and Finnish Police.
- The European Branch is also planning to arrange training in Moldova next year for their national Law Enforcement Agencies and a similar request has been received from Bulgaria.
- The next European Branch annual seminar will take place on 28th - 30th of September 2016 in Spain (Estepona/ Málaga) at the Atalaya Park Golf & Holiday Resort (www.atalaya-park.es). A Branch board meeting is planned for early in March and further details regarding the seminar will be available from the European branch website as soon as they are available.



Submitted by European Branch President Jari Tiainen

Western Regional Chapter:

- The WRC is coordinating with the Western States Auto Theft Association (WSATI) Hawaii Chapter, in planning the "Auto Theft by Fraudulent Methods Seminar", to be held March 16-17, 2016 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Seminar will immediately precede the 2016 International Auto Show at the Hawaii Convention Center. Attendees will be allowed to enter the Convention Center before the public on March 18th, and inspect new model year vehicles for VIN/parts labeling training. WRC Board assisted WSATI Hawaii President Wendell Takata with instructor selection and seminar support. For more information visit:
- The WRC is also coordinating with the WSATI Southern Chapter, for the planning of their annual Auto Theft Training Seminar, to be held October 17-20th, 2016 in San Diego, California. The WRC will be holding their Annual Membership Meeting at the Seminar, and assist WSATI Southern Chapter with training and Seminar logistics. WSATI Southern Chapter President Brian Yori and his Board, has agreed to include IAATI membership fees in their registration costs for attendees to support WRC - IAATI. http://www.wsati.org/2016conference_begin.html
- The San Diego County Auto Theft Advisory Committee is planning their 26th Annual Auto Theft Recovery Officer of the Year Awards for March 16, 2016 in San Diego, CA. These awards honor one uniformed patrol officer from each law enforcement agency in the County, for their auto theft enforcement actions in the previous year. The Orange County Auto Theft Advisory Committee is also planning their Auto Theft Officer of the Year Awards for May 2016 in Irvine, CA. The WRC has provided financial support for these events in 2015, and WRC President Dennis Frias will be participating in the planning of the Orange County event.

Submitted by WRC President Dennis Frias

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Australasian Branch:

- The Australasian Branch's **2016 Annual Seminar** is only 7 weeks away and there is still time to register. Furthermore, if you register before the 18th March you can also claim the early bird discounted prices.

The Australasian Branch Seminar is being held at the Langham Hotel in Melbourne, during the 18-20 April, 2016. The first two days will include classroom presentations, a networking session with free drinks and canapés on Monday night and our formal Seminar Dinner and Awards Presentations on Tuesday Night.

Wednesday will be a day of off-site visit to the Docklands precinct, where we will tour Kangan Institute's Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) - the largest and most advanced automotive training facility in the southern hemisphere. We will also have a couple of other classes and demonstrations including a presentation by Ford Australia on their vehicle's security systems.

While at the Docklands we will also visit Lindsay Fox's Private Classic Car Museum which is located next door to ACE.

For all the latest information about the seminar visit: <https://iaatiaus.org/seminars/upcoming-seminars/>

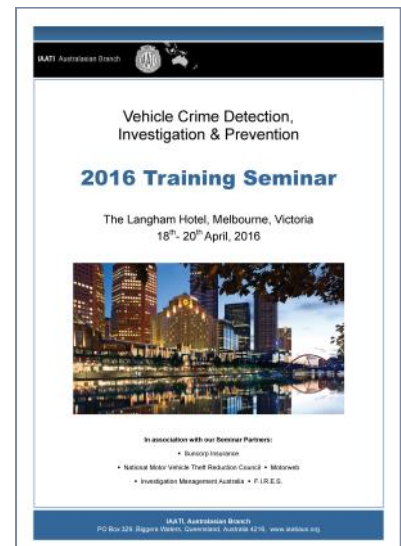
Or click the following links:

To view the seminar program - [click here \(seminar program\)](#)

To view the speaker biographies - [click here \(speaker biographies\)](#)

To download the registration brochure - [click here \(registration brochure\)](#)

For more information please contact Australasian Branch Vice President, Mark Pollard at mpollard@iaatiaus.org



- **Australasian Branch Member Exchange Program and Travel Scholarship.**

The Australasian Branch Committee recognises that its geographic isolation can sometimes be a barrier for its members to keep abreast of current international trends. While the Committee strives to invite international experts to its Annual Training Seminars it is not always possible to arrange such visits.

With these factors in mind the Australasian Branch is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement with IAATI's European Branch to establish a member exchange program in 2016. Under the program one financial member from each branch will be provided a free registration to attend the other branch's 2016 Annual Training Seminar.

In addition the Australasian Branch have established a travel scholarship to assist the chosen Australasian Branch member with their travel and accommodation costs to Europe. Australasian Branch financial members are invited to apply for the exchange program and travel scholarship.

Full details of the program, the conditions, and how to apply are contained in the 'Call for Applications' brochure. The closing date for nominations is **29 April 2016**.

To download the brochure click on the image to the right or follow this link: https://www.iaatiaus.org/images/uploads/documents/Seminars/2016_Seminar_Melbourne/IAATI_Exchange_Program_2016_Call_for_Applications.pdf



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Southern African Branch:

- Planning and preparation for our annual SAB training seminar which will again be held end October 2016 at the usual venue, the South African Police Resort & Conference Centre Weesgerus in the Limpopo Province.
- Work on the branch website will commence this year once the International website has been launched. In the meantime the South African Branch's social media forums and sharing of info has led to numerous arrests. The Branch's "Facebook" page (IAATI Southern Africa) is growing with 164 members and their Twitter account is steadily gaining followers (#IAATISAB).
- In addition the Branch is working hard towards ensuring a successful hosting of the 65th IAATI Annual Training Seminar in Cape Town South Africa in 2017. The venue for the seminar is the African Pride Crystal Towers Hotel and Spa which overlooks the Grand Canal and is within South Africa's premier shopping, entertainment and lifestyle destination, Century City.

As a taste of what to expect in 2017, here are some photographs of the venue:



- Over the last few months the South African Branch has been increasing its profile via a number of articles that have been published in Servamus— a community based Safety and Security Magazine.

Servamus has evolved over the years as was originally founded as the South African Police Magazine. The publishers of Servamus have kindly allowed us to reproduce two of the recent articles and they have been included on pages 56-59 of this issue of Auto Theft Today.

BRANCH & CHAPTER NEWS

North Central Regional Chapter:

- The NCRC's 2016 Annual Training Seminar is being on the 2-5th May, in Des Moines, Iowa. The venue will be the Embassy Suite by Hilton Des Moines Downtown and the Chapter has negotiated a special IAATI accommodation rate of \$139 /night (complimentary breakfast and Evening Manager Reception included). The hotel registration cutoff date is April 11, 2016. This promises to be a great event and you are encouraged to **see pages 49 & 50 for more details** and a copy of the registration form.
- The Chapter reminds all NCRC members nominations for the chapter awards close 1st April . Details of each of the awards, and who to submit your nominations to can be found on the NCRC website: <http://www.ncrc-iaati.org/>
- NCRC wishes to acknowledge the support of its sponsors:



South East Regional Chapter:

- In 2016 the South East Chapter is hosting IAATI's International Seminar in Murfreesboro, Tennessee during the 7-12 August. The international Seminar is IAATI's premier event each year and attracts 200-3000 delegates. Members are encourage to start planning their travel arrangement now as this is a not to be missed event. More details about the International Seminar are included on **pages 16-18**, and further updates will be available on the website when they are available.
- SERC's awards program includes the Lojack Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Award of Merit. If you know of an individual or group that has done an outstanding job with a case or gone above and beyond for the Chapter the please nominate them for an SERC Award. Nominations must be received by 6/15/16. Visit <http://seiaati.squarespace.com/awards/> for more details.

North East Regional Chapter:

- The chapter is planning several free regional training opportunities for 2016. The first event is co-sponsored with NICB and the Ohio State Highway Patrol and will be held on March 8-9th, 2016, Columbus, Ohio. Chapter President Tommy Burke is also planning an additional training event in New York.
- The 2016 NERC Annual Seminar is set for 10-12th May at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre in Ottawa, Canada. We are in the process of implementing online seminar registrations through our website.
- An for those members looking to ensure they don't miss out on the NERC's 2017 Annual Seminar, you can set aside the 16-18th May at the Marriott Sable Oaks in Portland Maine.

UK Branch:

- The UK Branch's 2016 National Vehicle Crime Conference is being held on the 8th and 9th June at Holywell Park, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3GR Please **see pages 51 & 52** of this issue of Auto Theft Today for more details.

64th INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

This year's International Seminar will be held in **Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 7-12 August, 2016** and the Seminar Committee, is developing an exciting program for all delegates. Presenters for the training classes are almost finalised, social events are being organized and registrations are now open via the IAATI website.

2016 Conference Class Update: (Classes Subject to Change)

- Basic Vehicle Identification
- Basic Auto Theft Investigations – Captain Mark Stanford Tennessee Highway Patrol Investigations
- ATV Identification - Special Agent Kenny Mash NICB
- NICB Overview - Special Agent Kenny Mash NICB
- Chop Shop Investigations—Captain Mark Stanford Tennessee Highway Patrol Investigations
- GPS Decryption
- Statement Analysis
- Odometer Fraud– David Sparks National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration (not confirmed)
- Cargo Theft and Container ID
- Terrorism
- Vessel Identification and HIN restoration – Sergeant Ben Thomas and Sergeant Tony Spires South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
- Vehicle Born IEDs
- ROCIC
- Rental Car Theft
- Vehicle Arson Beyond Origin and Cause
- NMVTIS and Title Fraud
- Cell Phone Analysis
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- Murfreesboro's Motto: Creating a better quality of life.
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- The world's largest cedar bucket is in Murfreesboro, capable of holding 1,566 gallons. That's 16,704 cans of Coke, enough to last 45 years at one can a day.
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- The name "Tennessee" originated from the old Yuchi Indian word, "Tana-see," meaning "The Meeting Place."



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SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

This issue's Sponsor Spotlight focuses on Regula Forensics

Case study of using Magneto-Optical Visualization during Bike Week in Daytona, FL

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The devices, utilizing method of magneto-optical imaging (MOI), have been deployed all over the world and have been thoroughly tested in various environments. In the US the main interest in Regula Model 7505M/7515M lays mostly with its ability to aid with forensic examination of partially or completely obliterated serial numbers, such as VINs and/or Firearm Serial Numbers (FSNs). In other words it is being used as forensic tool when time of the analysis is important, but not decisive factor.

When we received an invitation to participate in Biketoberfest and Bike Week in Daytona, Florida from Investigator Joel Hernandez (Volusia Co. Auto Theft Unit) we treated it as an opportunity to elevate field inspection efforts to a forensic level analysis. Upon examining over hundred bikes, we would like to share two cases, which, in our opinion, are most demonstrative of the MOV functionality in field.

Case 1. "Old Bike"

We saw many motorcycles on which corroded VIN plate has been primed and painted over to the level that VIN is no longer visible. The simple magnetic scan allows for retrieving VIN information and making decision of further course of action in 1-3 minutes. It is quite common for older motorcycles (hence the name of case).

Case 2. Altered VIN on Harley-Davidson.

One of the inspection teams has seized Harley-Davidson motorcycle. It was obvious that original VIN was completely obliterated and fake VIN was stamped onto different place on the frame. Furthermore, fake VIN did not comply with Harley-Davidson's standards of VIN stamping.

The electro-magneto-optical or eddy current examination of area where true VIN should be located revealed partial VIN information, which was in correlation with serial number on motorcycle's engine block. The total examination consisted of 4 scans and took about 10 minutes. It did not require full or partial disassembly of the motorcycle. The recovered VIN information was checked with NICB database and it was concluded that this motorcycle was reported stolen for insurance claim. With the permission of Special Agent Todd Blair (NICB) and Investigator Joel Hernandez we share information on the result of investigation.

Investigator Joel Hernandez: *In reference to the Harley Davidson from GA, that investigation concluded with the gentleman being arrested in GA for insurance fraud and filing a false police report, in addition to our charges for possession of vehicle with altered VIN.*



Use of MOI during Bike Week



Optical and MO images from "Old Bike" Case



Altered VIN on Harley-Davidson

Optical, magnetic and eddy - current images of the true VIN location

IN THE NEWS

How high-tech car theft became a billion-dollar Canadian racket

Selena Ross, The Globe and Mail January 15, 2016

The dismantling of a Greater Toronto Area car-theft ring reveals a sophisticated operation that stole hundreds of vehicles worth \$30-million – often right off owners’ driveways.

In the middle of the night, in a Hamilton suburb, a young man walks up a driveway, turns a key in the door of a parked Acura and quietly gets into the driver’s seat.

He doesn’t start the car, instead reaching into his bag to pull out something that looks a bit like an oversized vintage Nintendo controller, 13-by-30 centimetres with a bright blue rubber border.

With a USB cable, he plugs it into the car’s diagnostic system and punches some buttons. Then, trying the key, he hears the engine come to life. He backs out and drives away. Before the sun rises, he does the same with four more cars – and in that way, in less than a year, 500 cars in and around the GTA worth \$30-million are silently taken.

“They never think they’re going to get caught, because this isn’t a violent crime,” said Toronto police Staff Inspector Mike Earl, who helped bust the car-theft ring in the GTA last year – a more sophisticated scheme than police had seen before. “They’re flying under the radar because they’re doing these things at three, four o’clock in the morning.” The cars, he said, are “already maybe in a shipping container before they’re even reported stolen.”

Forget hot-wiring: It’s a new day for the old crime of stealing cars.

Today’s thieves exploit the vulnerabilities of modern automotive technology, bypassing security systems in a matter of seconds.

And the cars’ hapless owners aren’t the only victims: Black-market proceeds from North American car-theft rings, such as the one Staff Insp. Earl helped dismantle – in which most of the vehicles were shipped to Ghana and Nigeria and sold for half their original price – are often used to fund organized crime or even terrorism overseas.

It’s more than a billion-dollar-a-year business in Canada alone, experts say. In some cases, the cars in the Toronto caper had been promised to black-market buyers long before they even reached the city, Staff Insp. Earl said. “This information is being obtained before it’s even sold to a person,” he said. “Before it’s even delivered to the dealership.”

The crime ring relied on a network of insiders. Three of the accused men worked at shipping yards – one in Concord, the other in east-end Toronto – where they had a few moments alone in brand-new cars that were on their way to dealers, police said. While driving a luxury vehicle off a rail container and parking it, the employees just needed to snap a photo of its key fob and make sure to copy the vehicle identification number (VIN) as well as the key code.

With all the information they need to cut a new key for the car, it was simply a question of waiting until someone took it home. A fourth member of the racket – allegedly a woman who worked at Service Ontario in Pickering – would notify them when someone registered a car with one of the stolen VINs. A conspiring locksmith would cut a new key. Then, with the hand-held electronic device that would allow them to program the key, the thieves would pick up the car at its new address.



An example of a new vehicle’s key tag with identifying information, from a police report.

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Police believe there were at least 24 members of the ring. Eighteen were arrested, including the four insiders, with six still wanted. "It was like a company, almost," Staff Insp. Earl said. "You have your thieves, you have your brokers, you have your information-gatherers."

While still before the courts, the case has laid bare vulnerabilities across the system. Service Ontario takes breaches of customer privacy seriously and "recently implemented increased security practices and procedures," said spokeswoman Anne-Marie Flanagan. A spokesman for CN Rail, which owns one of the offloading facilities where the vehicle information was stolen, said the company co-operated fully with police but would not say whether it had changed its security measures after the bust.

Although they had special access, none of the people involved was a tech whiz. The key programmer they used, made by a Chinese company and able to reprogram keys for almost all makes of cars, is for sale on Amazon for \$700 (U.S.)

The bigger issue is that, as cars have become more electronic than mechanical, their manufacturers fail to build strong accompanying safeguards, said Paul Kleinschnitz, general manager of cybersecurity in North America for engineering company UL LLC. "The unfortunate truth is the vulnerabilities and the means to expose them are pretty simple."

Craig Smith, a Seattle-based "reverse engineer" who wrote a book called *The Car Hacker's Handbook*, said it ought to be easy for car manufacturers to build in technology that would at least alert owners to illegal key duplication, if not prevent it.

But car companies aren't used to thinking from the perspective of hackers, he said. "They're not used to the constant hammering that, say, a Web server would have," he said. "Right now, they're transitioning to considering themselves a software company. They're going to be attacked in a very similar manner."

Investigators at the Insurance Bureau of Canada are following the changes closely. For years, car thefts in Canada had been decreasing, dropping 62 per cent from 2003 to 2013. But the number of thefts suddenly went up 1 per cent from 2013 to 2014, said Richard Dubin of the insurance bureau. That increase came along with something else Canadian border officials had noticed for years – that more luxury cars were being stolen.

"Fewer vehicles were being stolen, but what we were seeing at the port is that they were going after the higher-end type vehicles – more expensive," said Mr. Dubin. "So in the end, the dollar amount could have been just as high or higher." Canadians pay for the problem in insurance premium hikes, he said.

There are also implications for international security. Vehicle theft in Canada has long been a moneymaker for organized crime – but the criminals and their sophistication have changed. In 2006, Statistics Canada said the main groups responsible were Eastern European, "aboriginal-based" and street gangs.

In the 2015 ring, investigators say there is a clear link with the Black Axe, a crime organization that originated in Nigeria and which Toronto Police revealed last year had put down roots in Canada. The group has been linked with fraud in Canada and with violent crime elsewhere.

The destination for the cars has often been West Africa in recent years, Mr. Dubin said. A lot of the stolen vehicles were SUVs, especially ones with four-wheel drive, he said, and experts believe that's appealing partly because it's suitable for West African terrain, assuming the region is a distribution point.

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"We're talking probably well over \$1-billion a year in Canada" in stolen cars, he said. "Our concern is the money is so large, it's not only funding organized crime, that it could very well be funding terrorism in other countries."

In a study from 2014, Interpol found that stolen cars were used in terrorist operations, even as car bombs, and also as a means of funding them. The thefts were also "often linked" to human trafficking and the illicit drug and weapons trades.

In the Toronto ring, police checking for some of the stolen luxury cars found the name of a man who had already been linked with the Black Axe on a Canadian fraud case, Staff Insp. Earl said. The ring was responsible for 10 per cent of car thefts in the GTA last year, he said. But its efficiency also made it a target for police.

"We knew that these cars were being stolen at an alarming rate, so they weren't just being joy-rided, and they weren't being recovered, so we knew they were going somewhere," he said. "It was a matter of following the cars, following the money, and it leads to the bigger organization at the end of the day."









Source: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/toronto/how-high-tech-car-theft-became-a-billion-dollar-canadianracket/article28226997/>

<h2>HOW THE CARS WERE STOLEN, EXPLAINED IN 10 STEPS</h2>	
 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. After arriving by ship at Canadian ports, cars were transported, usually by rail, to Toronto.	 <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. They arrived at two shipyards. Each of the shipyards allegedly had at least one corrupt employee who, during a few moments unloading and parking a luxury car, would record its Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and key code. At first they stole a key, police say. But the information was on the key tag, and they ultimately started simply taking photos to record it.

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 <p>3. Cars went to dealerships all over the GTA. They were mostly Lexus and Acura SUVs</p>	 <p>4. Consumers bought the cars and then registered them at Service Ontario, providing the VIN and their address. According to police, an employee at Service Ontario in Pickering tipped off the crime bosses when the SUVs whose VINs had been stolen were registered. She allegedly provided a home address for each.</p>
 <p>5. A locksmith cut a key for each targeted vehicle using the key code stolen from the shipyard. The keys would allow thieves to get inside the car and disable the alarm, but not to start the car.</p>	 <p>6. Thieves received a “laundry list” of homes across the GTA to visit each night. Once inside the car, police believe, they programmed the key with handheld device that can be bought online for less than \$1,000. When plugged into vehicles’ diagnostic system, it can program keys to start the car.</p>
 <p>7. The stolen vehicles were taken to a clearing-house where their GPS locating devices were disabled. A few were taken to chop shops. Some others were sold online immediately.</p>	 <p>8. Most of the cars were brought to one of three local shipping companies that police say agreed to hide the black-market exports within their legitimate stock.</p>
 <p>9. The vehicles were loaded into tractor-trailers and driven to ports in Montreal and Halifax</p>	 <p>10. They were shipped to Ghana and Nigeria, where they were sold to new buyers for around half their price, or roughly \$35,000. Police say some vehicles were paid for by black-market</p>

IN THE NEWS

Australia: Vehicle Theft - The Canary in the Mine?

By Ray Carroll, Australian Crime Prevention Council, Newsletter, November 2015

Despite numerous studies undertaken over the past twenty years that attempt to better understand the reasons for rising or declining crime trends, relating trends to specific social and economic influences remains inherently problematic. The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics sums up this dilemma by acknowledging that despite the temptation to offer an authoritative explanation for each major crime trend, "in many instances it is simply impossible to state with any assurance why a particular trend has appeared."

Notwithstanding the limitations in establishing direct cause and effect in crime trends, the very significant decline in motor vehicle theft, and indeed other types of property crime, since its peak at the turn of the century unarguably has been driven by changes in the underlying social and economic conditions that have been unfolding during that time.

Cars are stolen for a very diverse range of reasons. Currently around 7 in 10 stolen cars are used for short term purposes and subsequently abandoned by the thief. The remaining 3 in 10 are never found and are assumed to have been stolen for profit through various means of illegal disposal.

Because of these different motivations; short term use and profit, one may conclude that changes in social or economic factors could be expected to impact the trend in either category differently.

History shows us that this is actually the case. Since its 2001 peak, annual short term car theft in Australia has decreased by 74 percent, from 114,500 to 29,850 while profit motivated theft has only decreased by 30 percent, from 15,350 to 10,750. The net impact of these different rates of decline is demonstrated when expressed as a percentage of total theft. In 2001 the unrecovered rate for stolen cars was 12 percent while in 2015 it is now 26 per cent.

The NMVTRC's strategic responses to profit motivated theft are underpinned by the proposition that profit motivated thieves mostly make rational decisions whereby they weigh up the level of effort and risk of carrying out their activity versus the monetary reward. It follows that if you can increase the effort and risk while decreasing the potential profits, then at least some of these profit motivated thieves will turn their attention elsewhere. Of course, as one avenue for illegal disposal is closed off, determined thieves will look for alternate avenues, but many of these avenues can be anticipated and solutions sought.

Responding to the motivations for short term theft is somewhat more difficult. While the reduction in short term theft over the past fifteen years has been impressive, the rate of decline has been slowing since around 2010 and since then has been characterised by a much higher degree of volatility. The result is that there are now some very significant variations in the trends across the states and territories. At the national level short term theft has declined by 12 percent over the past five years. This decline has largely been driven by a very large fall in New South Wales of 31 percent, supported by a significant fall in South Australia of 37 percent.

These falls have been offset by increases in Western Australia of 27 percent, Queensland of 10 percent and Victoria of 2 percent. The smaller jurisdictions have had mixed results, however their relatively small theft numbers have little impact on the national totals.



Ray Carroll is a member of the Executive of Australian Crime Prevention Council and the Executive Director of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) which is a joint initiative of Australia's States and Territories and the Insurance Industry.

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These very significant differences in vehicle theft trends across jurisdictions raise some interesting questions as to why this might be the case. While there are some very minor differences in the average age of the state and territory vehicle fleets, the vehicle mix and therefore in-built security levels are fairly homogenous. Similarly, reporting rates are universally high for motor vehicle theft and one cannot see any great differences in policing responses to vehicle theft across the jurisdictions. Something far more subtle must be occurring.

We understand that cars stolen for short term use are used for transport, thrills or commission of another crime; or as is often the case, a combination of these purposes.

The list of crimes which may involve a stolen car is a long one. Robberies, burglaries, drug dealing, assaults and many other crimes where transport that cannot be readily traced back to the offender is required. While anecdotally there is a high incidence of stolen car use in the commission of other crime, attempts to draw statistical relationships from the reported crime data is almost impossible because of the very low clearance rate of not only car theft but most other property crime offences.

While improved vehicle security has undoubtedly played an important role in the reduction of vehicle theft, most of its impact has been at the lower end opportunistic theft that most often involves an impulsive decision to take a car for transport, joyriding and vandalism. An offender who has made a decision to steal a car for a pre-determined purpose, particularly the commission of another crime where the car is simply a means to an end, is far more likely to search out a way of overcoming the security barrier. This can involve simply taking one of the more than three million unsecured cars still on Australian roads, or as recent trends have shown, stealing the owner's keys in order to steal the car.

While the use of violence is still relatively rare in vehicle theft, police and insurers report that in growing numbers, homes are being targeted as a means of obtaining keys and transponders. In many instances this occurs when the occupants are at home, which significantly increases the risk of a physical confrontation. This trend presents a very real threat to our reliance on immobilisation technology and in balancing traditional advice on maintaining secure key practices with the priority of ensuring personal safety.

Arrest data indicates that short term car theft is dominated by young males between the ages of 16 and 24, the same age group where the unemployment rates in many parts of Australia are reaching alarming levels. It is well understood that the more young people become disengaged from participation in mainstream society the more likely they are to become involved in substance abuse and anti-social behaviors. It may well be that short term car theft is the canary in the mine and will be an early indicator of increasing disengagement by young people as transport is central to much of this undesirable activity.

Public and political debate around the incidence of crime is most often focused on police, courts and penalties, ignoring the fact that traditional criminal justice responses have no real impact on the underlying social and economic drivers of crime. However, during economic downturns reduced revenue flows to government and industry tends to focus attention even more keenly on cost reduction and core business objectives. In this environment, crime reduction proposals that require non-justice regulatory intervention, improved industry practices or targeted social programs are more likely to be resisted due the pursuit of productivity objectives.

Paradoxically, this reduced capacity for stakeholder participation due to economic constraints makes implementation of crime prevention strategies that much harder to sustain in periods when economic downturn is itself a contributor to rising crime rates.

Source: http://www.crime-prevention-intl.org/fileadmin/user_upload/bulletin/ACPC_NEWSLETTER_2015.pdf

IN THE NEWS

USA: Feds Say Fiat Chrysler Uconnect Radios Were The Only Ones Vulnerable To Hackers (This Time)

Richard Read, The Car Connection, 11 January, 2016

Last summer, two good-guy hackers wrote some very clever code that allowed them to take control of a Jeep Cherokee. After an extensive investigation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has determined that the vulnerabilities those hackers exploited are found only on Fiat Chrysler Automobiles with Uconnect infotainment systems.

Or rather, they were found on the Uconnect system. FCA recalled nearly 1.5 million vehicles two days after the Cherokee story broke to update that software.

As you might remember, the Jeep hack was just the first in a series of headline-grabbing news items that sparked a minor freakout across Planet Earth. "Now that our cars are connected to networks," drivers wondered, "what happens when bad guys and gals attack those networks?"

NHTSA had some concerns, too. Mostly importantly, it wanted to determine where Uconnect's vulnerabilities lay. Were they written into the Uconnect software? Were they holes in the wireless network, powered by FCA's partner, Sprint? Or could the problems be hardware-related?

To answer those questions, the agency looked at some 30 complaints "alleging incidents of theft from a vehicle or anomalous performance that the owner alleged were caused by, or may have been

caused by, remote hacking". The vast majority -- 26 to be precise -- were filed after the Jeep Cherokee story was published.

NHTSA says that three of the complaints on file described engine stalls, and one included allegations of unintended acceleration. The others focused on issues that weren't critical to vehicle safety, like a car's radio or A/C system.

Most importantly, none described a loss of ability to steer or apply brakes, as hackers Charlie Miller and Chris Valasek had done on the Jeep Cherokee. That led investigators to believe that the 30 complaints on file probably weren't an indication that the vehicles had been hacked -- at least not exploiting the vulnerabilities that Miller and Valasek had identified.

Even better, third-party tests revealed that those vulnerabilities had been fully addressed by FCA and Sprint, which had hardened both Uconnect software and the related network. That means that the problem wasn't rooted in the radio hardware, which was manufactured by Harmon International and installed on models sold by Audi, Bentley, and Volkswagen.

And so, NHTSA has ended its investigation -- at least for this instance of hacking. But as our vehicles become increasingly connected to networks large and small, expect problems and probes to proliferate.

Source: http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1101822_feds-say-fiat-chrysler-uconnect-radios-were-the-only-ones-vulnerable-to-hackers-this-time#src=10065



Chrysler's DriveUconnect website for Uconnect owners

IN THE NEWS

USA: Coin vehicle theft technique spreads through social media

Andy Devine, Waaytv.com, January 10, 2016

Can something as simple as a quarter give criminals access to your vehicle and the valuables inside?

It's something that's been circulating around social media lately. The articles being shared on Facebook say a quarter can disable your automatic locks on your vehicle. It's a warning to look out for coins jammed into your vehicle door handle. The articles say it's a sign a thief is staking out your vehicle to break into it.

Automotive technicians say while there's a possibility this could work, it's highly unlikely. Landers McLarty Chevrolet Service Director Greg Parde says the goal is to disable the locking system that many vehicles have.

"Delay locking is just the computer system looking for all the doors being closed before it locks all the doors," Parde said.

Parde says the idea is to wedge the handle open enough with a coin to trick the vehicle's computer system into thinking the door is still open, therefore preventing the doors from locking when you press the lock button.

"It's going to have to see that that door is ajar and in most vehicles that's not going to be accomplished by an eighth of an inch in that door handle," Parde said.

Parde says if you want to make sure a criminal hasn't done this to your vehicle you don't have to constantly check your doors. He says you just have to lock your doors and if you hear that chirp and see the lights flash, that means you're safe.

"We checked about six different types of vehicles and it didn't work on any," Parde said.

Source: http://www.waaytv.com/appnews/coin-vehicle-theft-technique-spreads-through-social-media/article_bd03c936-b818-11e5-a3e7-2b88372940dd.html



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IN THE NEWS

USA: CargoNet's 2015 Cargo Theft Trend Analysis

By: American Journal of Transportation, Jan 20 2016

JERSEY CITY, N.J. - In 2015, the CargoNet® Command Center received and logged more than 1,500 incidents of cargo theft, heavy commercial vehicle theft, and identity theft of trucking companies in the United States and Canada. 881 incidents involved theft of cargo. CargoNet received a loss value on 53% of reported cargo thefts. \$98 million in cargo was stolen in those 470 thefts. The average cargo theft loss value per incident was \$187,490. If combined with the known loss value, we can estimate the value of stolen cargo in all 881 incidents to be \$175,303,399. CargoNet recorded 10 cargo thefts worth more than \$1 million this year.

California reported the most cargo thefts of any state or province. CargoNet recorded 158 theft incidents with a total loss value of \$18.7 million. Texas was close behind with 130 recorded theft incidents and \$12.2 million in cargo stolen. Texas was followed by Florida (98 thefts), Georgia (97 thefts), and New Jersey (80 thefts).

It's important to note that some states had noticeable increases or decreases in cargo theft from quarter to quarter. New Jersey is a good example of this. CargoNet had recorded 34 thefts in first-quarter 2015 for New Jersey, but by fourth-quarter 2015 the number had dropped to just 12 thefts. In contrast, thefts have increased in Tennessee each quarter.

In 2015, 49% of reported cargo theft incidents occurred between Friday and Sunday. Friday was the most common day for cargo theft: 21% of all cargo thefts occurred on Friday. Cargo theft also spiked briefly on Monday (16% of all cargo theft incidents). We took a closer look at our data, and it seems cargo theft groups prefer to steal Monday evening into Tuesday morning more than Sunday night into Monday morning. Wednesday was the least common day. Only 9% of cargo thefts occurred on a Wednesday.

Food and beverage items were again the most stolen commodity. Of the cargo theft incidents that CargoNet received, 28% involved theft of food and beverage cargo. This was significantly more than the next highest categories, electronics and household, each of which accounted for 13% of stolen items.

Source: <https://www.ajot.com/news/cargonets-2015-cargo-theft-trend-analysis>

USA Crime Statistics

The FBI have released their "Crime Statistics: Preliminary Semi-annual Uniform Crime Report, January - June, 2015" the data presented in the table below indicate the percent change in motor vehicle theft offenses known to law enforcement for the first 6 months of 2015 compared with those for the first half of 2014 by region.

Region	Violent Crime	Property Crime	Burglary	Motor Vehicle Theft
Total	+1.1%	-4.2%	-9.8%	+1.0%
Northeast	-3.2%	-8.0%	-15.4%	-3.6%
Midwest	+1.4%	-7.0%	-11.0%	-5.4%
South	+1.6%	-6.4%	-11.2%	-0.6%
West	+5.6%	+2.4%	-4.6%	+5.8%

IN THE NEWS

Australia: Thieves target Audis on Sydney's north shore

Sakia Mabin, The Sydney Morning Herald, January 20, 2016

A car-theft racket is targeting Audi owners in Sydney's north by breaking into the prestigious vehicles and stealing an emergency spare key the owners have left in the glove box.

Police said there had been 11 separate incidents within 24 hours in the city's northern suburbs of Audis being broken into, where thieves smash a window and then take the spare key.

Newer Audi models come equipped with a plastic spare key for emergency use. The key can be used to manually unlock the doors and start the car.

Harbourside crime manager, Detective Inspector Mike Birley, said the Audi-related thefts were becoming something of a trend

"It's easy for them to take the spare sets of keys from the cars and then potentially come and steal the cars later on," said Detective Inspector Birley.

He said the gang of thieves responsible for the break-ins were themselves driving around in a stolen Audi.

They were spotted last Thursday on the streets of Mosman at 7pm and police gave chase but the pursuit had to be halted due to safety concerns.

The "valet or service key" should never be left in a locked vehicle, said Audi spokesman, Shaun Cleary.

The Audi website warns customers that storing a spare key anywhere inside the vehicle is a security risk and that "there may also be insurance implications if your vehicle is stolen and it was discovered that a spare key was inside at the time."

Mr Cleary said that the safety and security of the company's customers are its top priority and Audi dealers are providing additional advice to their customers on how to ensure that their vehicle is safe.

Similar Audi-related thefts have also recently occurred in Melbourne and Britain.

Robert McDonald from NRMA Insurance said the spare key was designed to be used in emergency and should be kept in "your wallet or another secure location".

He said thieves were opportunistic and, in addition to removing spare sets of keys from inside the vehicle, motorists should follow a number of tips to protect their car from theft.

Mr McDonald recommended that motorists always lock their car when it is unattended, remove GPS devices from the windscreen and wipe off suction marks, remove visible loose change from inside the vehicle and use security devices such as steering wheel locks and immobilisers.

Source: <http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/thieves-target-audis-on-sydneys-north-shore-20160120-gm9sb3.html>



IN THE NEWS

Canada: Calgary licence plate thefts spike 80% over last year

By Colleen Underwood, CBC News, Jan 07, 2016

Plates are being sold for drugs, money or to facilitate more crimes, police say

Calgary police are warning drivers to make sure they have their own plate on the back of their vehicles because of a recent massive spike in vehicle license plate thefts. Police say plate thefts have skyrocketed by more than 80 per cent in 2015 compared to 2014. Staff Sgt. Kristie Verheul says the jump in plate thefts is consistent with an increase in stolen vehicles.

"Often what will happen is offenders will steal a vehicle, or have a vehicle that they are going to steal in mind, and then go and steal a plethora of plates to go on it so they can keep swapping the plates out to keep it fresh and drive that vehicle longer," said Verheul, who is in charge of the economic crimes unit.

The plate from Erin Linn's truck was recently stolen. But Linn hadn't noticed because the thief had swapped it out with a different plate. "It's a fairly new truck so I don't know the plate number," said Linn. "I would never have known if the cop didn't phone me right then and there."

Linn says she was at work one day last November when police called to say her truck had just been involved in a gas theft. She told them it wasn't possible, because her truck was parked outside. The officer asked her to run out and make sure her plate was attached. She did, and then she read it to him.

"And it wasn't our plate, it was a stolen plate. So they stole our plate, put a stolen one back on our truck, and then went and stole gas at a Co-op gas station."

Hot commodities

Calgary police say the plates are not only used to cover up the tracks of criminals, they are also being sold in exchange for money or drugs. Verheul says stolen trucks are also increasingly being sold on the black market.

"Traditionally those vehicles are used for transportation, just to get from point A to point B, or to facilitate other crimes. But there is a percentage of those vehicles that are unrecovered and we believe are linked to organized crime and being used to sell to other criminals or to transport across Canada or internationally," said Verheul.

She says stolen vehicles are worth anywhere from \$500 to \$2,000 depending on the type and whether they have keys. Verheul says they charged a group of individuals in a vehicle theft ring earlier in 2015, and she believes there are more crime rings out there.

"Overall the property crime increase has been happening for the last year or so, and it could be linked to the economy," said Verheul. "But I think it just is that vehicles and plates and other things are also being driven by the drug trade in our city and they are considered commodities."

Anti-theft screws

Verheul says police are looking at ways to work with resources from front line policing all the way up to the auto theft investigators. But she says they need people to report any suspicious behavior and to be diligent about checking on their plates.

"I'm way more vigilant now. I look at it daily, just to make sure that it's on and my plate," said Linn. She has also attached her new plate with anti-theft screws from a hardware store.

In Edmonton, police provide these screws for free. The screws require a special tool to install and remove. Calgary police say they plan to launch a similar initiative soon

Source: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/drivers-licence-plates-stolen-1.3392373>

IN THE NEWS

UK: 1980s Cars Are Most Likely to Get Stolen

Police call for theft awareness as Home Office figures show modern classics are more at risk

Shock new statistics from the Home Office reveal that rapidly appreciating 1980s classics are the most likely of all cars to be stolen. Vehicles from this decade collectively make up less than 2% of all vehicles on the road, but police say that if you own an '80s classic, you should take extra measures to protect it.

The sobering numbers backing up these findings were released in a new report published in January by the Home Office. The publication of these findings are aimed at reducing crimes against classic car owners, but highlight the problem. For instance, 98 car thefts in every 10,000 are against Vauxhall Novas.

The report outlined that vehicle theft offenders operating today are even more organised and capable than they were in the 1980s, something car crime adviser to the Federation of British Historic Vehicles, PC Simon Barrett, would agree with.

'Car crime in the 1980s was rampant and the problem hasn't gone away. I'm pleased the Home Office has done something,' he says. 'The sad news is that as these cars rise in value, they become more attractive to steal. We're trying to raise awareness so people can stop themselves becoming victims.'

The FBHVC had a stand at last year's NEC Classic Motor Show showing visitors the best ways to prevent classic car theft.

According to the Home Office report, '...newer cars make up a far higher proportion of stolen vehicles than older cars, but once this is adjusted for numbers of cars on the road, those vehicles that were made in the 1980s (before the second wave of vehicle security began) are still more likely to be stolen, even though they collectively make up less than 2% of vehicles on the road.

'In other words, it appears as though vehicle security may still be keeping theft rates down, with only a few offenders bypassing the security to steal newer vehicles, and some thieves still seeking out older cars with weaker security.'

Dan Keel, press officer for the Home Office, says: 'We've released the statistics to raise awareness within the classic car community so that something can be done about it.'

Source: <http://www.classiccarsforsale.co.uk/news/classic-car-news/1601/1980s-cars-are-most-likely-to-get-stolen/>

Most stolen 1980s classics:

Vauxhall Nova - 98 thefts per 10,000 vehicles

Ford Sierra - 78 thefts per 10,000 vehicles

Ford Escort MkII - 48 thefts per 10,000 vehicles

Peugeot 205 - 34 thefts per 10,000 vehicles

Peugeot 405 - 33 thefts per 10,000 vehicles

Shop Theft Method to Defeat Security Tags Exposed

Submitted by Denny Roske

An individual was arrested in Florida with a stack of powerful magnets in his pocket (approximately the size of a watch battery).

The suspect confessed to using the magnets to defeat security devices from numerous retail stores and he had learned how to do this from a YouTube video.

Additional information can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJENcL2Uaos>

IN THE NEWS

Australia: Cops reveal sneaky way they track thieves using tow trucks to steal cars on the M1

Jessica Elder, Gold Coast Bulletin, January 23, 2016

OLDER model cars left at the side of the Pacific Motorway as if broken down have been used as bait to catch six people pretending to be tow truck drivers.

Gold Coast police fitted the cars with hidden sophisticated GPS devices which raised the alarm as soon as the vehicles were moved. The sting followed a series of incidents when cars which had really broken down on the motorway were left by their owners, who later returned to find them gone.

Enterprising thieves posing as towies had taken the vehicles which were then stripped for parts.

What concerned police was the crimes were not being noticed by people, because they did not consider the fake tow trucks to be suspicious. Taskforce Latro boss Detective Senior Sergeant Mark Procter said the sneaky operation had wiped out car theft on the M1.

"In the last three months of 2015 we arrested six people and since then the thefts have stopped altogether," he said.

"It worked so well we are continuing the initiative, placing the gotcha cars in theft hot spots as they come to our attention."

Det Snr Sgt Procter said alleged thieves had been shocked to be picked up by police while they still had the stolen car on the back of the tow truck. "The drivers are always shocked to see us so quickly and they tell us they had a call from a 'guy' asking them to pick the car up," he said.

"It has stopped this type of car theft on the M1 completely, so we will move on to other areas — it really is like fishing for thieves."

The successful strategy comes as car thefts jumped to 1631 in 2015, from 1491 in 2014 but Det Snr Sgt Procter said he believed the numbers would fall in 2016.

"Taskforce Latro is expanding in 2016," he said. "It has had great success in the past 12 months and we are confident this will continue. Officers only target property-related crime and it is the first time the Gold Coast has had a team purely dedicated to this."

The taskforce also targeted an emerging trend of thieves breaking into homes to steal car keys.

RACQ executive manager for insurance communications Mike Sopinski said car keys were as valuable as cash or credit cards in a modern world. "Gold Coasters need to rethink their home security, with 40 per cent of break-ins over the past 12 months occurring while people were at home," he said.

"RACQ still covers insured cars stolen in this way but it is important people realise how valuable keys are to a criminal."

Det Snr Sgt Procter said people could no longer leave keys lying around.

"If you leave your car keys on the bench and you have a break-in, the chances are your car is going to get stolen," he said.

"With motoring advancements cars are harder to steal and keys are the prime target."

Source: <http://www.goldcoastbulletin.com.au/news/crime-court/cops-reveal-sneaky-way-they-track-thieves-using-tow-trucks-to-steal-cars-on-the-m1/news-story/3b6ab5994f0956a914a1866ff02e913e>

IN THE NEWS

Europe: Technology used for tachograph fraud is becoming more complex and sophisticated

TISPOL (European Traffic Police Network), 2 February 2016

Despite more stringent measures in European legislation to combat tachograph tampering, especially in the field of technology, the Dutch and Belgian traffic services currently detect an increasing number of technologically very refined manipulations. These manipulations of the tachograph systems are such that they can only be realized by technical experts.

Manipulated tachograph systems are used to enable drivers to be on the road for more hours than legally permitted. In short, drivers are moving while the tachographs registers rest periods. It goes without saying that these situations may have serious consequences for traffic safety.

Tired lorry drivers in traffic are undesirable.

Here are some examples of manipulations detected in the past few weeks.

Polish vehicle: if the standard pulse generator – the link between vehicle and tachograph – is disconnected, the tachograph does not receive a speed signal and registers a rest period. In principle, the disconnection is automatically reported in the tachograph, but installation of a so-called dummy in the system can manipulate this function and prevent the report.

Lithuanian vehicle: a dummy – a second pulse generator – operable by remote control had been installed. During a seven-week period, manipulations were detected in four of the same company's vehicles.

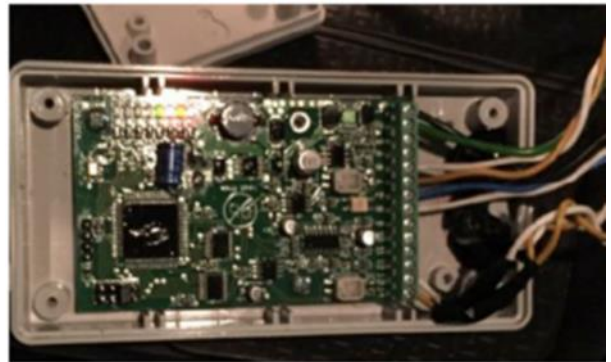
Portuguese vehicle: this vehicle was also fitted with a second pulse generator, which was activated via CanBus. Operation of the ignition lock and the accelerator activated the dummy. During the inspection it emerged that the driver was keeping a written log of the kilometres actually driven. The difference between the kilometres registered by the tachograph in the vehicle and the kilometres actually driven was no less than 22,700km.

Romanian vehicle: manipulated pulse generator (dummy included in the pulse generator), activated by remote control.

Dutch officers drove on the new A4 motorway and saw two men driving a truck. "I gave them a follow-me sign and did a roadside check on the parking. During the inspection I found out the tachograph registered rest for over 14 hours while driving.

"The passenger stated that the police in Germany said the tachograph needed to be repaired. He stated that the tachograph was broken. I asked both men to take a look at me again... Do you see a big red nose??? Do you see huge long shoes??? The answer in both cases was: "No." I shared my conclusion with both men: "That means I'm not Bozo The Clown!"

"After a brief and clear explanation of who I was, the driver spoke the truth to me. He showed me the remote control and stated that by using it he could register rest instead of driving in his tachograph. He showed me briefly how to use it. Striking was that the driver also switched on a button on the dashboard. The driver stated that he didn't know why, but that this switch was necessary to make the device work properly. The button which was used, is normally intended to switch on or off the light box on top of the car.



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"After this we went to the Volvo garage, to find out what was built in and where it was built in. Three hours later we found out this: In the wiring inside the A-pillar at the passenger side of the truck was a chip (receiver) built in that reacted to the remote control. This chip was put in the wire that transmits the speed signal from the transmitter to the tachograph. In this manner, the signal was interrupted. It in fact works in the same way as using a magnet on the transmitter. When using a magnet, and this chip, an error code is generated in the motor management system.

"The error code is generated because the tachograph indicates rest/no driving and ABS indicates driving/moving. By turning the switch on the dashboard, the ABS was put offline. This means that both the ABS, as well as the tachograph indicate and register that the vehicle is not driving/moving. So therefore there is no error code generated in the motor management system. The mechanic told me that this is called the Hungarian method."

Source: <https://www.tispol.org/content/2016/02/02/07/31/technology-used-tachograph-fraud-becoming-more-complex-and-sophisticated-0>

Netherlands: Motorcycle thefts rise as auto thefts fall

Janene Pieters, NL Times, 25 January 2016

The number of car thefts dropped by 5.8 percent last year compared to 2014, but the number of motorcycle and scooter theft increased by more than 5 percent, according to figures from the foundation for tackling vehicle crime AVc.

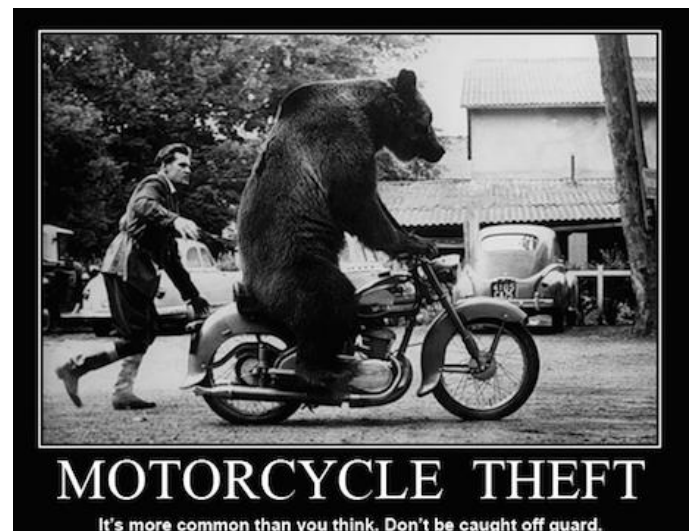
The total number of vehicle theft dropped by 4.8 percent compared to the previous year, amounting to less than 30 thousand stolen vehicles for the first time in years. "A nice milestone", according to AVc director Titus Visser. The foundation is a collaborative group that includes the police, judiciary, insurance companies and car dealers.

The foundation noticed a remarkable decline in the theft of new cars (-14 percent), and partly attributes this to better alarm systems in newer cars. "Thieves now focus more on passenger cars that are between 4 to 8 years old", according to Visser. The number of thefts in this category increased by 16 percent.

Thieves were also more focused on scooters and motorcycles last year. According to the foundation, this is partly due to the nice weather - if there are more motorcycles on the roads, more are also stolen. They are also easier to steal and to hide.

Only 37.4 percent of stolen vehicles were recovered last year, compared to 39.6 percent in 2014. In the coming years the foundation will therefore focus more on recovering stolen vehicles.

Source: <http://www.nltimes.nl/2016/01/25/motorcycle-thefts-rise-as-auto-thefts-fall/>



IN THE NEWS

USA: Driverless Cars May Herald 'The End Of Auto Insurance'

Amy Danise, Forbes, 19 January 2016

Self-driving cars, such as the fleet Google has been operating for several years, are still mostly a curiosity. But it seems inevitable that they will become a significant part of the nation's transportation infrastructure in the near future.

And that could mean a huge downsizing of the auto insurance industry, as the frequency of accidents declines and liability shifts from the driver to the vehicle's software or automaker. It could also greatly reduce what we pay for car insurance.

Among auto insurers, State Farm is taking the lead in realigning its services with this new landscape. Consider:

- General Motors recently announced that it has partnered with ride-sharing company Lyft in a \$500 million plan to create an "on-demand" network of self-driving cars. Uber has also been outspoken in its plan to rely increasingly on autonomous cars.
- Ford has announced plans to triple its research fleet of self-driving Fusion Hybrid cars (from 10 to 30), boosting speculation that it plans its own autonomous car.
- Google says its fleet of self-driving cars has logged more than 1 million miles since 2009 with only 12 minor accidents — none of them the fault of the vehicles.

Self-driving cars are not yet commercially available, but autonomous-car technology, such as crash-avoidance systems, is making its way into models from many automakers including Mercedes-Benz, Volvo and Tesla. Research and consulting firm Celent, in a recent report on "the end of auto insurance," projects that within 20 to 30 years, more than 50% of cars on the road will be autonomous.

KPMG, an advisory and research firm, predicts that these trends mean that within 25 years the personal auto insurance industry could shrink to less than 40% of its current size. If cars are self-driving, perhaps owners will only need to buy car insurance policies that cover car theft and non-crash damage such as hail and floods.



State Farm considers a new role

One possibility could be for the insurance giant to reinvent itself as a "life management company," as the company put it in a patent application recently published by the U.S. Patent Office.

State Farm's patent application, "Aggregation and Correlation of Data for Life Management Purposes," describes how the company could analyze data about a customer's vehicles, home and personal health, find patterns and offer "personalized recommendations, insurance discounts, and other added values or services that the individual can use to better manage and improve his or her life."

To that end, State Farm would collect data about:

- Your home, including security systems, environmental conditions, energy use and home automation.
- Your vehicle, including use of the vehicle and your physical and mental state while driving.
- Your health, including weight, blood pressure, sleeping patterns and fitness activities as reported by "wearable, implantable, ingestible, or hand-held personal health sensors."

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State Farm could use the data to send you advice, alerts, coupons or discounts on insurance or other goods and services, according to the patent application.

In one example given in the application, State Farm's system might determine you are not sleeping well and correlate that with information that shows your home gets cold at night. The system would suggest that you raise the temperature to sleep more soundly.

Or your personal health metrics might show a high level of stress. The State Farm system might be aware of a recent break-in affecting your home or vehicle and recommend extra security measures to give you more peace of mind.

In response to an inquiry from NerdWallet about the patent application, a State Farm spokesperson said the insurer "takes the privacy of our customers seriously. We do not sell customer information, and we do not allow those who are doing business on our behalf to use our customer information for their own marketing purposes."

The spokesperson declined to comment specifically on the patent, beyond saying the company is "actively innovating in a number of areas."

Transforming into a life-management advisor could play to State Farm's strengths:

- State Farm has a vast customer base. At the end of 2014 it had 82 million customer accounts, including auto, home, health and life insurance policies and banking accounts.
- The company also is adept at analyzing huge amounts of data about people, cars, homes, health, pets, weather and much more. It processes about 35,000 claims a day.
- State Farm has a lot of money. The mutual company had a net worth of \$80 billion at the end of 2014, a year in which its subsidiaries generated \$4.2 billion in net income on \$71.2 billion in revenue. (2015 figures are not yet available.) The company can afford to test new ideas and technologies.

State Farm isn't the only insurance company eyeing a future in which its expertise in risk assessment is harnessed to provide recommendations and advice to consumers. Travelers, for example, recently applied to patent a device that offers specific suggestions for managing errands and other travel. Customers would be able to see a map of "risk zone" data for places they want to go, such as stores, restaurants and roads. They could then plan the day "with an eye toward how 'risky' such endeavors may be," according to the patent application.

Products and systems described in patent applications may never make it to the consumer. But State Farm's "life management" patent application fits a pattern for the company. Applications published over the past several years show that State Farm sees a promising future in consumer-data analysis that could allow it to calculate scores for customer behavior, change customers' daily habits through advice, recommend products and target advertisements based on where you drive.

Auto insurers must adjust to disruption

Donald Light, Celent's director of North America property/casualty insurance, predicts that as self-driving cars gain momentum, auto insurers will go out of business if they can't reduce their cost structures — the massive buildings, the armies of agents, the computer systems.

He said auto insurers will have to ask themselves, "Am I OK with being a smaller company? Have I adjusted my cost structure so I survive being smaller?"

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Light says it's unlikely companies that depend on auto insurance premiums will be able to make up the difference by shifting to selling other types of insurance. "There aren't other kinds of insurance lying in the street waiting to be written," he says.

Few auto insurance companies have taken serious action to prepare for the gutting of their business, according to a June 2015 KPMG survey. Most senior insurance executives believe that any change will happen far in the future, or not at all, according to the survey.

Almost one-third (32%) say the companies they work for have "done nothing" to prepare for the advent of driverless cars. In addition, 23% say they have little or no understanding of driverless cars and only 6% say they have an operational plan to deal with "the end of auto insurance."

Shifting into new business lines is a possible tactic, says Light, "but I doubt it solves the cost-structure problem," he says.

For example, say you currently pay \$800 a year for car insurance.

"What's it worth to me to have a personal life manager? It's not worth \$800 a year to me. Maybe it's worth \$100 a year to me. Revenue goes down in a material way," he says. "Companies need to accept this reality earlier rather than later."

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/amydanise/2016/01/19/driverless-cars-may-herald-the-end-of-auto-insurance/#2715e4857a0b1dc572ea6d98>

More Novel Ways of Securing Your Vehicle



IN THE NEWS

UK: Keyless entry opens commercial vehicle doors to thieves

From: Commercial Fleet, 05/01/2016

The police have warned commercial fleet operators of an increase in 'keyless' vehicle theft affecting vans, with Ford Transit, Ford Transit Connect and Mercedes-Benz Sprinters most at risk of being stolen.

The warning came from superintendent Paul Keasey of West Midlands Police, head of the UK's Central Motorway Police Group, speaking at the National Light Commercial Vehicle Workshop.

Keasey said keyless vehicle theft was a national issue, with London as the worst affected.

He said: "The technology is no longer just in the higher end of the market, it's used by all producers of vans, and vans are using it because it's the new gimmick. The fact criminals want to do something with it is something we need to be much more aware of as we move forward."

Some criminals are bypassing manufacturers' security software by purchasing legitimate equipment normally used by garages.

This technology is readily available online to anybody – including car thieves.

One national fleet manager told delegates his business has had a small number of vans stolen in the past, taken by thieves using such equipment.

He said: "I must admit, when we first heard of it we thought it was people just taking the Mick. When we saw the devices coming up for sale on internet auction sites, we started to believe it.

"I think the biggest issue for us is the after-effect. You can resolve the loss of equipment or vehicles relatively easily, but it's the loss of customer appointments and disappointed customers which affect us the most."

Laura Parker, commercial vehicle specialist at Ford of Britain, said: "The problem is exacerbated by the purchase and supply of equipment used for vehicle thefts being unregulated.

"Ford is working with partners including the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), the police, independent vehicle security experts Thatcham and others to ascertain the extent of the problem and to develop preventative measures collectively across the industry."

Mercedes-Benz, another one of the manufacturers affected, told Commercial Fleet that it was working with the police, insurer research facility Thatcham and its dealer network to boost the levels of theft prevention.

"We have recently upgraded our ordering process for theft-relevant parts, including vehicle keys and, while this has caused some inconvenience to our customers, it is part of our ongoing commitment to security," said a spokeswoman.

"We also have a range of products available designed to act as a deterrent to vehicle theft. For example, our onboard diagnosis guard has been developed to shield the onboard diagnostic port, preventing unauthorised access.

"In addition, we offer an electronic control unit bracket, which adds further security to the vehicle ECU, as well as an ignition switch guard, which encases the ignition switch housing.

"Both products are designed to prevent unauthorised component removal."



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UK: Keyless entry opens commercial vehicle doors to thieves (continued)

Keasey advised van operators to consider more traditional forms of security, such as fitting steering wheel, gear knob and handbrake locks.

However, Mark Cartwright, head of vans at the FTA, expressed caution when securing vans against thieves. "You can get to the stage where you put so much security equipment on a vehicle, that if a thief does get in, they wreck the vehicle in doing so," he said.

"If they're determined enough, they will get in."

Parker added: "Ford has recently launched a new security product programme in conjunction with Trade Vehicle Locks, an industry-leading supplier of security products to the automotive industry, to help van owners and operators enhance the security of their vehicles."

Among its new products launched in response to the rise in theft are an OBD port immobiliser and an OBD port protector kit.

The protection kit is a Thatcham-compliant steel casing to physically prevent access to the port in Transits produced from 2006-2014, priced £123.31, and current generation Transit and Transit Customs, priced £110.81.

Source: <http://www.commercialfleet.org/news/latest-news/2016/01/05/keyless-entry-opens-commercial-vehicle-doors-to-thieves>

UK: Man jailed for payment protection insurance fraud

IFED Press Release, 7 January 2016



A 28-year-old man has been jailed for more than three years after he attempted to defraud two insurance companies, claiming £97,824 for lost income for a job he never had due to an illness he falsely claimed to be suffering from.

As a result of the investigation by the Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department, part of the City of London Police, Mark Downes (29/07/1987) of Dover, Kent was sentenced to a total of three years and four months' imprisonment on Tuesday, 5 January at the Old Bailey having previously pleaded guilty to four counts of fraud by false representation and eight counts of possessing articles for use in fraud. He received three years in relation to the articles for use in fraud offences and two years for the fraud by false representation offences to be served concurrently and an additional four months after a suspended sentence was triggered in relation to a previous fraud offence to be served consecutively.

Between January 2012 and April 2013 Downes opened four income protection insurance policies; two with Cardif Pinnacle and two with Shepherds Friendly, although both the Shepherds Friendly policies were closed shortly after they were opened due to non-payment of direct debits.

When he opened the different policies, Downes claimed that he was employed by haulage company 'Kaatee Transport', stating he was a driver on some of the policy application forms and a manager on others.

On 28 March 2012, Downes then made claims against both Cardif Pinnacle policies stating that he had been unable to work since 25 January 2012 due to having the medical condition 'ulcerative colitis'. One of the claims was immediately rejected due to the illness pre-dating the start date of the policy.

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IN THE NEWS

UK: Man jailed for payment protection insurance fraud (continued)

The other claim was progressed, but suspicious that it was a false claim, Cardif Pinnacle initiated its own investigation and found various inconsistencies in the documentation and claim details provided by Downes. Believing it to be a fraudulent claim, the case was passed on to the City of London Police's Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department to investigate.

Detectives discovered that the medical notes and letters had been forged and when they contacted the doctor whom allegedly signed the medical notes, he had no knowledge of them and stated that they had been poorly written, were not of a professional standard and contained many basic errors and mistakes that a doctor would not make.

The addresses on correspondence Downes supplied - supposedly from his doctor's surgery and from Kaatee Transport - were checked and detectives discovered the addresses were linked to 'virtual offices' that Downes had set up himself and had no links to any medical or haulage companies. In some of the letters the same address had been listed for both the haulage company and the doctor's surgery, before subsequent letters were seemingly corrected to show different addresses. When officers tracked down the genuine offices for Kaatee Transport in the Netherlands, the company confirmed that Downes had only worked for them as a driver between March 2008 and April 2008 and was no longer employed by them.

Further enquiries also led detectives to discover the cancelled Shepherds Friendly policies Downes had applied for using similar false information in relation to his occupation - albeit the policies were cancelled before any claims could be made against them.

Downes was arrested on 12 July 2013 and charged on 3 March 2014 with the above offences. After failing to appear at the City of London Magistrates' Court on multiple occasions, a further arrest warrant was issued and he was re-arrested on 15 August 2015 and remanded in custody until his eventual conviction and sentencing.

Detective Constable Jamie Kirk, from the City of London Police's Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department said: "Downes opened these four income protection policies with the sole intention of falsely claiming against them for his own profit. Thanks to the vigilance of the staff at Cardif Pinnacle and Shepherds Friendly, we have then been able to establish the full extent of his fraud and deceit. This sentence should serve as a stark warning to others thinking of doing similar that claims are checked and those making false claims will be prosecuted."

Source: <https://www.cityoflondon.police.uk/advice-and-support/fraud-and-economic-crime/ifed/ifed-news/Pages/Man-jailed-for-payment-protection-insurance-fraud.aspx>

IFED

The Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department (IFED) is a specialist police unit dedicated to tackling insurance fraud across England and Wales. Funded by members of the Association of British Insurers and Lloyd's of London, and hosted by the City of London Police, the team acts with operational independence while working closely with the insurance industry.

Since the launch of IFED in January 2012, the unit's investigations have seen a number of insurance fraudsters brought to justice including a husband and wife who made sham insurance claims for real and non-existent pets. Find out more information about the IFED. Follow IFED on twitter @CityPoliceIFED.

The City of London Police is responsible for policing the City's business district, the 'Square Mile' in the historical centre of London. In addition, it holds national responsibility for Economic Crime and under this remit is host to Action Fraud (the national fraud and cybercrime reporting service), the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau, the Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department and the Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit. The City of London continues to be one of the safest urban areas in the country.

IN THE NEWS

UK: Nine arrested following joint force vehicle theft operation

Brighouse Echo, 22 January 2016

West Yorkshire Police and Lancashire Constabulary have made a number of arrests and seized a vast amount of vehicle components following a joint proactive policing operation.

Officers from both Forces executed warrants at two premises in Lancashire on January 13 suspected of being involved in the theft of motor vehicles from across the North of England.

Two sites were identified as being the potential location for stolen vehicles to be brought to, where they are alleged to have been broken up in to component parts and sold on.

West Yorkshire Police traced vehicles stolen from Leeds, Bradford, Kirklees, Calderdale and Wakefield to Lancashire as part of their intelligence gathering.

Specialist officers from both Forces have been conducting extensive searches of the sites resulting in the seizure of a huge number of nearly new vehicle engines, doors, vehicle panels and other constituent parts, suspected of being from stolen vehicles, chiefly from the Yorkshire and Humber region.



Alongside the vehicle components seized, a large number of horses were also found at the location, including three horses that had died. Officers are continuing to liaise with the RSPCA.

The sites present challenges and have required the involvement of the Environment Agency and RSPCA working towards enforcement.

The intricacies of accurately identifying vehicle components and attributing them to stolen vehicles has been brought about by the specialist work of police vehicle examiners working with specialists from the automotive industry.

There has been a continuing trend of keyless vehicle thefts across the Force since 2010, with the 478 Ford Transit Vans vehicles being reported stolen between January 1 2015 and December 11 2015 alone, with an estimated value in excess of £7.5m.

The theft of Ford Transit Vans across the Yorkshire and Humber region accounts for forty percent of all vehicles stolen, with the make and model being the most stolen vehicle across the UK.

Chief Superintendent Pat Casserly of West Yorkshire Police Protective Services Operations said; "This planned proactive policing operation has been as a direct result of extensive dedicated work of West Yorkshire Officers across the border with colleagues in Lancashire.



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IN THE NEWS

UK: Nine arrested following joint force vehicle theft operation (continued)

“Transit Van thefts have continued to be an issue in West Yorkshire, with 478 vehicles being stolen in an 11 month period last year. Operations like the one this week demonstrate our ongoing commitment to tackling this issue.

“The scale and organisation of the sites have been quite remarkable as this appears to be a well organised, systematic and efficient process to deconstruct vehicles, categorise them and move them on for sale.

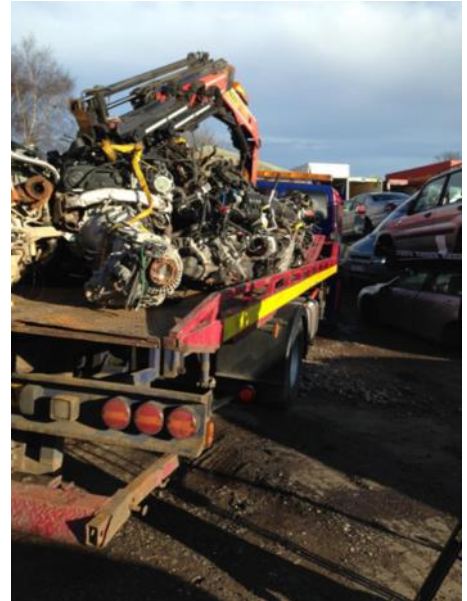
“Whilst collectively these incidents result in high value crime, we must remember that each theft has very human consequences. These types of vehicles are often owned and utilised by small businesses and for some, the theft of a vehicle can result in the loss of contracts and future work. Proactive operations such as these help prevent other vehicle owners from potentially becoming future victims of crime.

“Criminals often have the misconception that travelling across county borders makes their crimes more difficult to detect and investigate. Whilst this can provide challenges to investigators, it by no means prevents officers dedicating themselves to locating those who commit offences, investigating their crimes and bringing them to justice.”

A 39-year-old woman from Blackburn has been arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to steal motor vehicles and burglary, has been questioned and released on police bail pending further enquiries.

A total of nine people have been arrested, questioned and released on police bail. Two of those, a 50-year-old man and 45-year-old man have been released from police bail and will have no further action taken against them at this time

Source: <http://www.brighthouseecho.co.uk/news/local/nine-arrested-following-joint-force-vehicle-theft-operation-1-7691198#ixzz3yD2gfrBO>



Inaugural LATAM Branch Annual Seminar

Latin American Branch President, Daniel Beck invites IAATI members to attend and celebrate the Latin American Branch's first annual Training Seminar in March.

The Latin American Branch has established strong working partnerships with Law Enforcement, government agencies, registration authorities, academic institutions, insurers, and companies involved in the prevention, detection, and investigation of vehicle related crimes.

The Latin American Board promise to deliver a very professional and educational seminar filled with renowned Latin American hospitality. For more information contact Daniel and his team at info@iaatilatam.org

LATAM 1st Annual Training Seminar

9 – 11 March, 2016

Buenos Aires,
Argentina

IN THE NEWS

Canada: Hall of Shame - ICBC reveals top fraud files of 2015

CBC News, 21 January 2016

False claims run the gamut from not being able to do the dishes to riding a bus involved in an accident

Insurance fraud is no laughing matter but you can't help but see the humour — and audacity — in a man who used a car accident as an excuse to get out of doing the dishes, claiming his injuries were so severe he was unable to do the most simple household chores.

When he was subsequently busted lifting box after heavy box of flooring tiles at his work, the man was convicted of fraud and fined \$1,500.

That story tops ICBC's just-released list of fraudulent claims entitled: Hall of Shame: The Top 6 Fraud Files of 2015. Other cases that made the cut:



ICBC is hoping to raise awareness about car insurance

Double Dipper: A Vancouver woman claims she could not return to work because of her collision-related injuries. Investigators discovered she continued to work at her job, thus collecting two paycheques — one from ICBC and one from her employer. She is fined \$1,750 and handed a one year driving suspension after being convicted of exaggerating her injuries.

Mother-son act: A Vancouver Island woman reports her Audi stolen from work. The woman claims her sons, who both had access to the car, were at home that day. But when the car is found crashed and abandoned in the Lower Mainland police gathered witness testimony and video evidence from BC Ferries pegging one of the sons to the crash scene. The mother is fined \$2,300, the son \$1,150, and both are convicted of providing false statements. The son's licence was suspended at the time of the accident so he receives an additional sentence of 90 days in jail.

Dash cam undoing: A Lower Mainland man presents ICBC with dash cam footage of another car side-swiping him as evidence to support his accident claim. Problem is, the video also reveals the man was a passenger at the time of the crash, and that his car was actually being driven by an unlicensed driver. His claim is denied.

Key fob fumble: A Fraser Valley man reports his BMW missing from his driveway at 2 a.m. The car is discovered burnt out at a nearby park. The man claims his keys weren't stolen which ends up being the non-lie that leads police to determine he had in fact destroyed his own car. As it turns out, BMW technology records every time a car's key fob is used. The man claimed he was sleeping the night of the theft, but police determined his fob had been used just after midnight. His claim is denied.

Jump-in Johnny: A man files a claim with ICBC insisting he was injured while riding a bus that struck a parked fire truck. Security cameras at the bus terminal prove that the man arrived on scene after the crash. He is fined and ordered to spend a night in jail.

ICBC says it opened 7,500 fraud investigations in 2015. They estimate fraud costs every B.C. driver over \$100 on their insurance fees every year, and that 10 to 20 per cent of auto insurance claims contain an element of fraud or exaggeration.

Source: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/hall-of-shame-icbc-reveals-top-fraud-files-of-2015-1.3332652?cmp=rss>

IN THE NEWS

USA: Five Florida Residents Arrested in Connection to \$1.2M Cargo Theft Ring

Kelsey Seidler, Loss Prevention Media, February 11, 2016

A recent cargo theft investigation led to the arrest of five Florida residents.

Five residents of Miami-Dade County in Florida have recently been arrested in connection with a statewide organized cargo theft ring. An investigation by the Florida Attorney General's Office, in conjunction with the Miami-Dade Police Department and local task forces, found that the suspects reportedly used a rental vehicle to travel outside Miami-Dade County in search of tractor-trailers that appeared easy to steal. After stealing the trucks, the suspects would then return to Miami to sell stolen merchandise on the black market.

Officials believe the suspects are guilty of involvement with seven separate cargo theft incidents, including thefts in Duval, Broward, Hillsborough, Orange, Palm Beach, and Polk counties. The most recent attempted theft took place in Jacksonville .

The suspects reportedly stole a truck containing tires worth \$100,000 and another truck with \$50,000 worth of sugar, among other items. Police told WJXT Jacksonville that the estimated value of the stolen merchandise totaled more than \$1.2 million.

Each of the five defendants arrested in connection with the theft ring—Juan Carlos Almaguer, Alcide Frahuela Casanova, Cecilio Guillen, Yanier Torres, and Julio Vega (pictured)—face first-degree felony charges, including conspiracy to commit racketeering and grand theft cargo.

Cargo trailer security should be a top priority for retailers, as cargo crime remains a serious problem. Thieves are apparently obtaining more lucrative shipments, too: according to third-quarter (July-September) 2015 cargo theft statistics collected by FreightWatch International, cargo theft incidents reflected a 7% increase in value over the previous quarter. Data show that Florida ranks as the third most active state for reported cargo thefts (after California and Texas, respectively). Food and drinks are classified as the most stolen product category. The CargoNet Command Center reported an average cargo theft loss value per incident of \$187,490 and more than \$175 million in total in 2015. For more information about last year's cargo theft trends, see "[CargoNet Releases 2015 Cargo Theft Trend Analysis.](#)"

Source: losspreventionmedia.com/insider/supply-chain-security/five-florida-residents-arrested-in-connection-to-1-2m-cargo-theft-ring/?mqsc=E3825950&utm_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm_medium=LPM%20List+LPM%20Insider+LPM%20Insider&utm_campaign=Insider%20Daily%20021116#



Julio Vega, one of the five residents arrested

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Des Moines, Iowa , USA

IN THE NEWS

Jamaica: Car cloning on the rise

Racquel Porter, Jamaica Observer.com, January 11, 2016

Toyota, Honda, Mitsubishi most commonly targeted, say cops

CAR stealing in Jamaica has expanded beyond scrapping for parts to a multimillion-dollar car-cloning operation that involves government workers and auto parts dealers, the Jamaica Observer has been informed.

And, according to a well-placed police source, there has been a surge in the racket over the past year, with an increasing number of cars being found to share the same chassis number, licence plate, title, registration number, fitness and licence disc numbers.

“People who have an old vehicle, or an old vehicle giving problem, steal a new vehicle and convert it to their old vehicle via the chassis number and engine number,” the source told the Observer.

“At times they purchase a crashed vehicle that has been written off by an insurance company, then steal a new vehicle and convert it to the vehicle that is crashed to legitimise the vehicle.”

He further explained: “There are times when vehicles are stolen and that vehicle that is stolen takes on the exact appearance, colour, chassis number, engine number, and same registration plate number of a vehicle that is up and running in another parish. These vehicles are normally used as taxis.”

Another police source added that the practice has become more frequent in St Catherine, Mandeville, St Ann, and St James.

The source alleged that tax office workers, auto parts dealers, licence plate makers, and mechanics are among those facilitating the practice.

“There is a person selling auto parts now who has never had a shipment come through the wharf,” the source said.

Last October the police established the Stolen Motor Vehicle Apprehension Recovery Team (SMART) to put a lid on the situation. The team has so far recovered 14 stolen motor vehicles and arrested and charged 16 people.

A total of 586 motor vehicles — including cars, trucks, buses, and bikes — were reported stolen in 2015, compared to 507 in 2014. Toyota Axion, Nissan Tiida, Toyota Hiace, Toyota Townace, Mitsubishi and Honda motor cars in grey, white and silver are the makes that have been featuring the most in the cloning.

Asked how vehicle owners can protect themselves, one of the sources said car security systems do little to deter criminals, and added that prospective car owners and police officers who are not aware of the racket are easily fooled.

“To how good they are at it, kill switch and alarms do not prevent them as long as they can find the switch,” the source said.

“The average police will stop your vehicle and just inspect documents and you go. It is hard to detect, in the night, that the chassis numbers that are not aligned. Everything would be intact and updated so they will let you go. Each company’s chassis number position is different; an ordinary man would not know how to detect it,” the said.

Source: http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Car-cloning-on-the-rise_48302

IN THE NEWS

Australia: Car keys - don't leave home without them

9 January 2016

New infographic reveals that thieves are breaking into homes to snatch car keys.

The federal government mandated engine immobilisers for new cars 15 years ago, and at the time it was hailed as a common sense move that would reduce car theft markedly, over time.

But a new infographic from comparethemarket.com.au reveals that motor vehicle theft remains above 50,000 units a year. The overall trend for theft has been on the decline, but the influence of universal immobiliser fitment hasn't been the panacea everyone expected back in 2001.

And why is that? Could it be that car thieves are now taking the easy way out? Breaking into homes to steal car keys left on benches or hooks – or elsewhere in plain sight. Then it's simply a matter of using a valid key to unlock the car, disable the immobiliser and start the engine. No special tools or hacking software required...

Apparently, according to the infographic, 52 per cent of car theft incidence takes place at the principal place of residence. Car-Safe, the organisation that provided the data for the infographic, says that many of those cases of car theft from the family home are preceded by a burglary. The thief breaks into the house, flogs the keys to the family car and disappears – possibly returning later to steal the car as well, if it's not at home at the time of the initial break-in.

The data also reveals that the street is only about half as risky as the driveway or garage at home. Instances of theft from the street account for around 27 per cent of the total. Business premises figure in 11 per cent of cases, and car parks, other outdoor spots and 'unknown' make up the balance.

Other points of interest from the graphic include the statistic that 69 per cent of vehicles are stolen for 'short-term' use. The remaining 31 per cent are stolen for profit.

The median age of vehicles stolen is 11 years, which more or less aligns with the median age for the national parc. Cars aged between five and nine years are the most popular age bracket for theft, at 22 per cent. Cars older than 20 years represent a much smaller percentage of total theft statistics, probably due to natural attrition reducing the numbers of vehicles that age remaining registered for the road.

Victoria is the state where vehicle theft is most common – at 28 per cent of all thefts. New South Wales is not far behind, on 26 per cent. But Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Logan – all in Queensland – take out the top three spots for vehicle theft by municipality.

Toyota's HiLux from 2005 to 2011 was the most popular target for theft last year. It was followed by Holden's VE Commodore, Nissan's N15 Pulsar, the VT Commodore and the VX Commodore, in that order. The majority of stolen vehicles – 69 per cent – were recovered, and 87 per cent of those were recovered within 30 days.

Source: <http://www.motoring.com.au/car-keys-dont-leave-home-without-them-100803/>



Click on the link at the end of the article to see the full infographic

TRAINING & TOOLS

Training is one of the most important areas that we as auto theft investigators need to continually seek out. With the trends in auto theft changing on a daily basis, we need to stay on top of these new developments that can assist us with prevention, identification, investigation, and prosecution. If you know of any other auto theft courses that are being offered, please contact Denny Roske at: iaatidenny@aol.com

2016 Conferences and Training Seminars

National Insurance Crime Bureau	Continuous	on line training web site, click on: courses	www.NICBTraining.org
NERC / NICB / Ohio State Highway Patrol	March 8th—9th	Columbus, Ohio	Tommy Burke tburke@iaati.org
Latin American Branch 1st Annual Training Seminar	March 9th—11th	Buenos Aires , Argentina	Daniel Beck dbeck@iaati.org
International Assoc. of Marine Invest. Annual Seminar	March 13th - 16th	Knoxville, Tennessee	http://iamimarine.org/iami/
Cargo Theft Seminar	April 5th - 8th	Sunny Isles, Florida	Ross Holtz stu@mdpd.com
California Hwy. Patrol 40 hour Vehicle Theft class	April 11th - 15th	Los Angeles, California	Officer Bettini jbettini@chp.ca.gov
Colorado Auto Theft Investigators	April 18th - 21st	Grand Junction, Colorado	Bill Johnson william@arvada.org
Australasian Branch Annual Training Seminar	April 18th - 20th	Melbourne, Australia	Mark Pollard mpollard@iaatiaus.org
NICB Training Academy	May 2nd - 5th	St. Louis, Missouri	Melitta Kewitz mkewitz@nicb.org
North Central Regional Chapter	May 2nd - 5th	Des Moines, Iowa	Cheryl Zofkie czofkie@nicb.org
Vehicle Finance Fraud Conference - NICB/Ally	May 3rd - 4th	Addison, Illinois,	Ivan Blackman iblackman@nicb.org
Florida Auto Intelligence Unit Chapter	May 5th - 6th	To be determined, Florida	Sheri Taynor staynor@fatiu.org
North East Regional Chapter	May 9th - 12th	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	Trevor Archibald archibaldt@ottawapolice.ca
National Odometer & Title Fraud Enforcement Association	June 5th - 9th	Park City, Utah	Holly Mertz Holly.Mertz@iowa.gov
United Kingdom Branch	June 8th - 9th	Hollywell Park, Loughborough Leicestershire, UK	Ian Platt platt.ian@btinternet.com
64th Annual IAATI International & South East Chapter Seminar	Aug. 7th - 12th	Murfreesboro, Tennessee	Rusty Russell DRussell@nicb.org

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2016 Conferences and Training Seminars (Continued)

European Branch Annual Seminar	Sept. 28th – 30th	Estepona, Spain	Arne Knippel akn@forsikringogpension.dk
Miami Dade Auto Theft Symposium	Oct. 3rd – 7th	Miami, Florida, USA	Rosa Holtz rholtz@mdpd.com
South Central Regional Chapter	Oct. 25th – 28th	San Antonio, Texas	Bill Skinner bskinner4309@gmail.com
South African Branch Seminar	Oct. 26th – 28th	Weesgerus Police Resort Modimole, Limpopo	Daan Nel dnel@tracker.co.za

Other Educational tools

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



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



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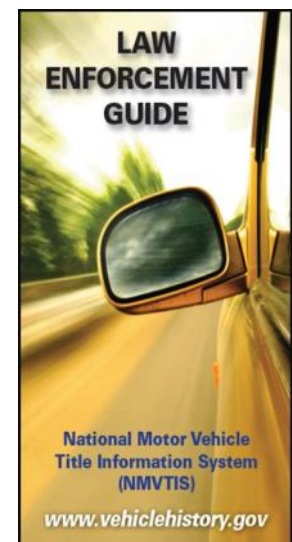


NMVTIS Law Enforcement Guide

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 NVMTIS 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 vehiclehistory.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

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2016 – Des Moines, IA

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Some of the classes to be offered (subject to change):

GM Vehicle Security

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Using Social Media in Investigations

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May 2nd through May 5th, 2016

Registration starts Monday, May 2nd at noon.
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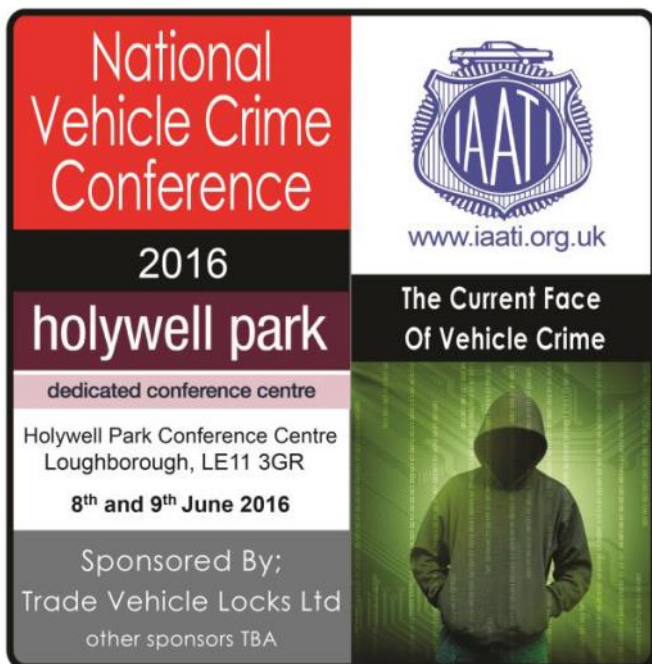
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International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (UK Branch) (I.A.A.T.I.)
2016 National Vehicle Crime Conference
Holywell Park, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3GR
8th & 9th, June 2016



I.A.A.T.I. partners with trusted organisations who are service providers in products, intelligence, opinion formers and a healthy cross section of key players from the motorcycle, road haulage, leisure, plant, and the insurance and motor industry as a whole. The Conference is being reformatted to include 'training / awareness presentations in the areas highlighted below.

I.A.A.T.I. UK will play host to the National Vehicle Crime Conference at the Holywell Park Conference Centre at Loughborough, on the 8th and 9th June 2016. This is a one day and a half event attracting senior practitioners, opinion formers, law enforcement, intuitive projects, vehicle examiners and a healthy cross section of key players from the plant, agricultural, haulage, leisure, salvage, I.T., insurance and motor manufacturer industries. This event, unlike previous Conferences, will focus on classroom Training (Awareness) sessions covering Electronic, Physical, Marking, insurance fraud and other aspects of vehicle crime.

Along with classroom training / awareness presentations, there will be keynote speakers from leading organisations across the sector. The event attracts up to 150 delegates and is the focus of both industry and media attention. A number of Sponsors will have exhibition stands, each bringing state-of-the-art solutions and best practice to the attention of delegates.

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- Delegate registration is available online at: http://www.iaati.org.uk/?page_id=2513
- Directions can be found on :- <http://www.holywell-park.co.uk/imago/directions>
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VEHICLE FINANCE FRAUD CONFERENCE

Tuesday, May 3 – Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Medinah Shriners

550 N. Shriners Drive, Addison, IL 60101

REGISTRATION COST:

NICB Members and Law Enforcement: **FREE**
Non NICB Members: **\$100.00**

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Hilton Garden Inn Addison
551 N. Swift Road, Addison, IL 60101

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The National Insurance Crime Bureau and Ally Financial will be hosting the **2016 Vehicle Finance Conference** to provide current trends and information in the field of investigating financial vehicle fraud.

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Phone—Reservations can be made by calling 630.691.0500.

Online—Visit the Hilton Garden Inn website and book your room. **Book Now»**

Price—Reference the group code “*Vehicle Finance Fraud Conference*” for the special room rate of \$124.00 plus tax.

Reservations must be secured by **Monday, April 18, 2016.**

Continental breakfasts, breaks and lunches will be provided.

HOW TO REGISTER

Online—Conference Registration may be completed online for NICB Members and Law Enforcement or NON NICB Members when utilizing a credit card for payment at: www.nicb.org.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

Ivan Blackman,
National Insurance Crime Bureau
iblackman@nicb.org | 847.544.7042.

Attendees Must Register and Provide Payment Prior to the Conference.



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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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RETURN REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK PAYMENT TO:

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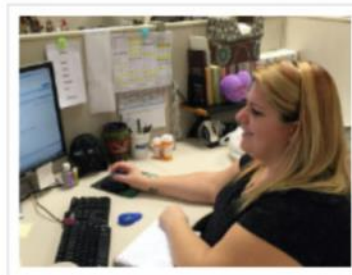
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Looking for a secondary VIN? NICB can help members of law enforcement

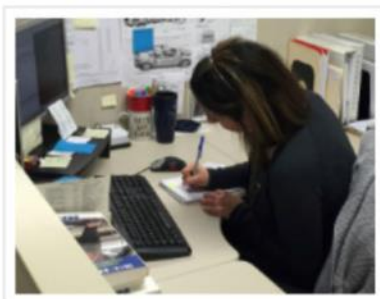
The National Insurance Crime Bureau's Investigative Assistance Group (IA Group) handles all incoming calls from law enforcement agencies. Requests typically include assistance in building a VIN (vehicle identification number), helping identify stolen or burned vehicles and searching for information on individuals and/or vehicles that may have been involved in major crimes.



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Any law enforcement officer can **call us for help at 800.447.6282**, ext. 7002. You will need to **provide your name, ORI code and a call-back phone number**. The IA Group is available from 7am to 7pm Central Time, Monday through Friday, and can also be reached via email at IA@nicb.org.

To learn more about NICB, visit www.NICB.org.

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Our South African Branch in Print

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serious about vehicle theft

By Kotie Geldenhuys

Cross-border vehicle crime is a worldwide problem. However, long gone are the days when someone stole a vehicle merely for their own use or to sell it to a third party, as criminals are becoming increasingly sophisticated. This results in many of the stolen or hijacked vehicles ending up in neighbouring countries. For this reason, law enforcement agencies - specifically vehicle crime investigators - must always try to be that proverbial step ahead of criminals. This can only be done through cooperation between such agencies and role-players in the vehicle industry.

The International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) was established in 1952 to improve communication and coordination among the growing number of professional vehicle crime investigators. Since its establishment, IAATI has grown significantly and it currently has more than 4900 international members, which includes representatives from law enforcement agencies as well as others with an interest in vehicle crime investigation, such as the insurance industry, vehicle manufacturers and vehicle rental agencies. These IAATI members represent more than 43 countries.

IAATI's South African Branch

The Southern African Branch (SAB) of IAATI was established in 1990, but its Charter was suspended in 1996 as a result of the phasing out of the vehicle crime investigation environment. In 2007, the SAB of IAATI was revived and Tinus Odendaal was elected as the first president of this branch. According to the current president of the SAB of IAATI, Daan Nel, this branch has approximately 250 members at present, which includes SAPS members from various policing units, members of the DPCI (the Hawks) and metro police members. The private sector has 16 different types of commercial entities involved, including tracking companies and the banking industry, and more than 90 different companies in these industries are represented at IAATI.

In order to be an active member of IAATI, each member has to pay a joining fee of R500 and an annual renewal membership fee of R400.

IAATI offers the following benefits to its members:

- An annual international training seminar that may be attended at the member's own cost, or paid for by the organisation to which the member belongs;
 - an annual SAB training seminar;
 - frequent international or local (SAB) training sessions on vehicle crime investigation or on matters relating to vehicle identification;
 - receipt of IAATI's quarterly APB magazine;
 - an electronic newsletter published every second month;
 - the contact details of all international members, which are made available to each member of IAATI SAB for networking purposes - the investigators who are members of IAATI often share information about vehicle crime trends and vehicle identification among them.
- IAATI SAB is a non-profit company (NPC) with a board consisting of 14 to 17 members from various industries and companies. Daan Nel says that although some of these companies are in competition with one another, they work together at IAATI to fight vehicle crime. It is common knowledge that the most effective weapon to combat vehicle-related crime is cooperation.

Awards

The IAATI SAB has three awards which are presented annually. These are as follows:

- The Investigator's Award is presented to a police member for outstanding performance as a vehicle crime investigator. S/he does not have to be an IAATI member. The award winner

receives a trophy and IAATI membership for a year, with all their expenses paid for attending the following year's IAATI annual training seminar. The first recipient of this award was Sgt Zwane from the Soweto Detective Services for the good sentences that were handed down due to his investigations. He attended the training in Rimini, Italy, in 2013. The second winner was W/O Barry Thyse who used microdot technology to identify stolen minibus taxis. He attended the training in Ft Worth, Texas, USA, in 2014. He managed to recover approximately 90 such minibuses. Last year's winner was Maj Aletta Pratt, who linked syndicates by looking at their modus operandi. She attended training in Phoenix, Arizona, USA.

- The Vehicle Crime Combating Award is awarded to an individual or an institution for outstanding performance in combating vehicle crime. The individual or the person receiving the award on behalf of the award-winning institution does not have to be an IAATI member. In addition to a trophy, the award winner receives IAATI membership for a year and all expenses are paid for the winner to attend the following IAATI SAB Annual Training Seminar. Previous winners include Tracker, the Western Cape War Room and the SAICB (South African Insurance Crime Bureau).

- The Director's Award is awarded to an IAATI member for rendering extraordinary service to the IAATI SAB. More than one IAATI member can receive this trophy. This trophy was first awarded in 2012 to Tinus Odendaal for his contribution in establishing the current SA Branch and thereafter to Gerda Beukes for her outstanding contribution to the administration of the branch and conferences. Daan Nel explained that this is a very special award and that if no-one meets the set criteria, the award is not given.

International conference

IAATI hosts an annual international training seminar and in August 2017, South Africa will host this seminar for the first time - an opportunity which comes along every ten years. Daan Nel urges all stakeholders and interested persons to make a note of this important event and make every effort to attend it.

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Servamus attended the 7th annual seminar of IAATI SAB, which was held from 28 to 30 October 2013 at Weesgerus in the Limpopo Province. This year's seminar was specifically focused on training. The AGM was held and the IAATI SAB Awards were awarded to worthy winners. Read more about this seminar in the December 2015 issue of **Servamus**.

IAATI SAB 7th annual training seminar

- Article and photos by Kotie Geldenhuys

Vehicle crime can have an impact on all of us, but sometimes we forget that it is a highly organised criminal activity affecting regions all over the world. Therefore, it is important for investigating officers and other role-players to study modus operandi and share best practices regularly. For this reason, the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) hosts an annual training seminar where investigators from all over the globe can learn from each other.

The activities of IAATI's South African Branch (SAB) are in line with their international counterparts and during its annual training seminar for South African investigators, experts in specific fields shared their knowledge with other investigators. Servamus recently attended IAATI SAB's 7th Annual Training Seminar, which was held at Weesgerus in Limpopo, together with approximately 200 investigators. IAATI's SAB President, Daan Nel, said that IAATI consists of people who want to share their knowledge and he added that the most effective weapons against vehicle crime are the partnerships between the SAPS and other role-players, such as insurance and tracking companies. Lt-Gen Vineshkumar Moonoo, the Divisional Commissioner of Detective Services, said that the SAPS gives its full support to IAATI. As vehicle-related crime is often closely involved in other crimes, as vehicles are used in the smuggling of drugs and other contraband or to execute robberies, for example, Lt-Gen Moonoo urged those present never to give up on the vehicle crime fight. Vehicle crime has become one of the most profitable crimes, he said. He reiterated that there is no such thing as a minor crime. "Crime is crime," Lt-Gen Moonoo said. He concluded by telling those present that, when they return to their offices, they had to share their newly gained knowledge with their colleagues.

Mr Hans Kooijman, the 1st Vice-President of IAATI, who represented the IAATI President at the SAB's annual training seminar, said that vehicle crime will never stop as criminals will always find new ways to commit their crimes, no matter what is being done to stop them. He is concerned about the fact that vehicle crime is very low on the priority list of a number of countries in the world. Mr Kooijman said that he cannot understand this attitude, as vehicle crime is

involved in many other crimes. He urged those present to share their experiences and knowledge with one another. "At the end of this training seminar, you will have more knowledge and friends," he said.

Three awards were presented during the seminar. The investigator's award was presented to D/W/O Daniel Coenraad Pretorius van der Bank from Cross Border Operations, Specific Crime Investigations, Detective Head Office. He received the award for an investigation he conducted focusing on transnational vehicle crime between South Africa, Swaziland and Mozambique. During his investigation, the leader, facilitators and drivers of a syndicate were identified. Two suspects, both of whom had numerous previous dealings with the SAPS and were well-known to vehicle crime investigators, were identified as the main facilitators in this investigation. However, they had only one conviction for a vehicle-related crime in South Africa between the two of them. This conviction occurred during 2013 when one of the suspects was fined for receiving stolen goods after having been arrested with a stolen Toyota Land Cruiser in Hluhluwe.

In February 2015, D/W/O Van der Bank received information about the suspects

and arrested one in Goba, Swaziland, with a stolen Toyota D4D Club cab. A Swaziland temporary import permit linked the suspect's partner to another stolen vehicle. Good observation skills that were used during a cross-border visit to Swaziland on 17 February 2015 led to the arrest of the other suspect, who was in possession of a stolen Toyota Fortuner. The vehicle, which was on its way to Mozambique, was confiscated close to the Goba Port of Entry (POE). It was found that one of the suspects, who was born in Swaziland, had falsely used five different names and dates of birth since 2000. He even used the name and date of birth of a relative who had passed on in order to obtain a false RSA passport.

D/W/O Van der Bank did everything within his ability to keep the two suspects in custody in Swaziland, but this was without any success, as both suspects received bail from the Swazi authorities.

After analysing all the available information and consulting various sources, D/W/O Van der Bank arrested the main suspect on 23 April 2015 at Emanguzi in KwaZulu-Natal. He was found in possession of a stolen Toyota Hilux D4D Club Cab. He was on his way to the

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Kosi Bay POE, where he was planning to enter into Mozambique. During the arrest, D/W/O Van der Bank confiscated documents which linked the suspect to the theft of another Toyota Hilux D4D in Brooklyn, Pretoria. The suspect was taken to Pretoria, where all his cases were centralised in the Pretoria magistrates' court. He is currently still in custody and awaiting trial. Another suspect was also arrested and is also still in custody.

The Vehicle Crime Combating Award was presented to Danie de Bruin from Tracker. He has been an instrumental driving force behind many successes. This investigator is always available when assistance is needed by the private sector, the SAICB, the SAPS, the DPCI, insurance companies and banks. One does not often see partnerships between the police and the private sector evolving spontaneously between the two spheres of investigation, without being forced or implemented from a higher level. Danie is extremely committed in combating of all forms of vehicle crime. During the past year, he was involved in more than 30 operations, many of them resulting in confrontations and even shootouts with armed and dangerous suspects. He constantly tries out new technology to stay abreast of crime syndicates.

The Director's Award was presented to Hannes Snyders from Standard Bank, who conducts fraud investigations. Hannes was presented with this award for his exceptional contribution to promoting IAATI by training SAPS members at the Ports of Entry in the basic identification and investigation of vehicle-related crime. On his own initiative, Hannes has presented the IAATI training to numerous SAPS members at POEs in Mpumalanga, Swaziland, the North West and the Northern Cape.

During the training seminar various interesting topics were discussed. These included training sessions on document fraud in vehicle crime, vehicle fire investigation, container investigation and cellphone-related investigations. Servamus will discuss some of these topics in future.

The delegates not only learned a lot from the presenters and each other, but they also had some fun, which included a potjiekos competition. The seminar was concluded with an AGM and all agreed that this was yet another well-organised event.

All members who may be interested in joining IAATI, or who would like further information, can contact Daan Nel via e-mail at: dnel@iaati.org. Remember that IAATI is for individual members and not for organisations per se.



D/W/O D C P van der Bank was awarded the investigator's award



The Vehicle Crime Combating Award was handed to Danie du Bruin



Hannes Snyders from Standard Bank received the Director's Award