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March forward!

This time of year typically signals the beginning of the IAATI busy season as training seminars start up. The Australasian Branch kicks things off as we speak! Please visit the IAATI website for all of the upcoming training event information.



There is still time to “Reward a Colleague”. Until March 31st, tell a co-worker or business partner what IAATI is all about by giving them a free 2018 membership. For more information, please check out page 6 or visit the website and go to the reward a colleague section. It only takes a few minutes to share a wealth of information.

August will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars and book your travel plans to join us in downtown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the IAATI 2018 International Training Seminar. More information can be found on page 5 of Auto Theft Today or the IAATI website. Hope to see you there!



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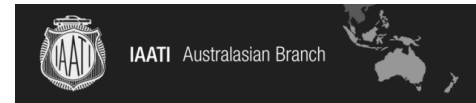
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IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

Branches:

Australasian Branch
iaatiaus.org



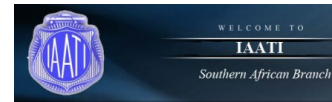
European Branch
eb-iaati.org



Latin American Branch
iaatilatam.org



Southern African Branch
iaatisab.co.za

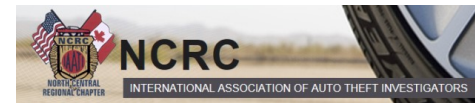


United Kingdom Branch
<http://www.iaati.org.uk/>



Chapters (North America/Canada)

North Central Regional Chapter
ncrc-iaati.org



North East Regional Chapter
neiaati.org



South Central Regional Chapter
tavti.org



South East Regional Chapter
seiaati.org



Western Regional Chapter
wrciaati.org



MEMBER NEWS

The newly elected 2018-2019 International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI) board was just sworn in this past week in Norfolk, Virginia during their annual conference. IAATI maintains a great working relationship with IAMI. In fact, several Southeast Chapter IAATI members are on the board!



Rusty Russell was sworn in as President, Tony Spires as First Vice-President and Nathan McGanty as a director! Congratulations!

E-NEWSLETTER UPDATES

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

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

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

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

IAATI UPDATES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Auto Theft Today - Publication deadline

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

AWARDS SUBMISSIONS - Please [click here](#) to read about the various awards given and to submit your nominations.

IAATI offers 12 awards each year. Submitting your colleagues and peers for nominations for awards is a great way to recognize exceptional efforts from around the world. It only takes a few minutes to type up a recommendation and email it in. Recognizing the hard work and many hours put in to investigations and discovering new ways to address auto theft issues should be important to each and every member; awards can also be considered another teaching method, which allows the association to share everyone's successes. Please take a few minutes when you hear of a great job done, a complex case cracked, criminals arrested, or new technology being used to solve crimes, tell everyone!



AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE DUE MAY 1st, 2018!

Please submit your nominations via email to executivedirector@iaati.org.





International Association of Auto Theft Investigators International Training Seminar

Save the Date: August 5 -10, 2018

300 W Station Square Drive • Pittsburgh, PA 15219 • United States • 412-261-1000

Join us for an unprecedented training and networking opportunity held at the beautiful *Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square.*

***Four Days of
Training including
hands on workshops
for only \$300***

Reserve your room here:
\$130/night

Topics and training blocks include:

- The growing element of cargo theft and its implications
- Social media and technology updates including new resources for investigation
- Classes for stronger investigative teams
- Hands-on displays and live demonstrations of techniques and positive identification of vehicles and construction equipment
- Meet new private sector partners dedicated to our mission and review new products available
- Expert networking and resource building with speakers and co-attendees
- International colleagues and presenters



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Pennsylvania Auto Theft Preventor Authority



Register Today: iaati.org/events



International Association of Auto Theft Investigators



Reward a colleague and you too may be rewarded

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

All you have to do is:

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

Applications close **31 March 2018**.

Why are we doing this?

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

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

Conditions:

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

NMVTIS

What is NMVTIS you ask?



According to the website, The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) is, among other things, a tool that assists local, state, and federal law enforcement in investigating, deterring, and preventing vehicle-related crimes.

Please [visit the website](#) to learn more about [NMVTIS and its Benefits to Law Enforcement](#).

IN THE NEWS...

\$1M cargo theft ring 'took everything they could get their hands on'

March 14, 2018, The [New Jersey Real Time News](#) reports the New Jersey State Police dismantled a million dollar cargo theft ring operating up and down the New Jersey Turnpike.

New Zealand's most stolen cars revealed

March 14, 2018, According to the [News Hub](#), the article discusses New Zealand's top stolen car list.

Metro police: 81 percent of stolen vehicles taken with keys inside

March 14, 2018, [WKRN.COM](#) in Nashville, Tennessee reports that many of the stolen vehicles were left running with the keys inside.

Luxury cars stolen from Sydney car lover's home

March 14, 2018, An article on [9 news.com.au](#) tells about a group of teenagers arrested after they broke into a home and stole luxury cars.

Houston police honor K-9 officer that died last month

March 7, 2018, [Clicktohouston.com](#) reports that K9 Rony died as a result of injuries sustained while chasing a car thief. IAATI/TAVTI past president Tommy Hansen presented the Houston Police Department with a plaque honoring K9 Rony's sacrifice in the battle against vehicle crimes.

Fraud Files: 34 Mercedes-Benz's Seized at the Port of Los Angeles

February 23, 2018, This [NICB](#) article and video details how Customs and Border Protection and California Highway Patrol officers intercepted numerous vehicles intending to be shipped overseas.

Hartford Police Say Man Drove Stolen Car to Court To Face Stolen Car Charge

March 7, 2018, The [Hartford Courant](#) reports a Hartford man due in court to answer a charge of stealing a car apparently stole a car to get to court.

Tracking device leads police to armed carjacking suspects

February 20, 2018, A [clicktohouston.com](#) article explains how police were able to track suspects of a carjacking; the victim's vehicle was equipped with Onstar.

Criminals in Albuquerque Using Stolen Cars for Other Crimes

March 11, 2018, [USNews.com](#) reports that criminals are using stolen cars while committing a host of other crimes ranging from armed robberies to drive-by gang shootings.

Harrisburg police will take keys from unattended, running cars

March 8, 2018, [ABC27.com](#) in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania reports that Harrisburg police are taking a new approach to cracking down on "puffing."

Nearly 5,000 Cargo Thefts in Europe, Middle East, Africa in 2017

March 5, 2018, [Transport Topics.com](#) reports that the top five countries for incidents were the United Kingdom with 1,533, Germany with 1,070, Belgium with 665, the Netherlands with 579 and South Africa with 172.