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Welcome to 2020! We won't say a new decade because with anything this is up for debate. We are moving full steam ahead with Chicago, as well as some great progress for the organization.

It would be an understatement to say a lot is going on because its much bigger than that. So hold on to your keys and lock those car doors. We are in for a great ride this year.

As always if you have any articles, special recognition, or trends to share please let us know at enews@iaati.org



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IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

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iaati.org/ab

Australasian Branch
iaatiaus.org

European Branch
eb-iaati.org

Latin American Branch
iaatilatam.org

Southern African Branch
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ncrc-iaati.org

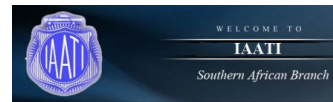
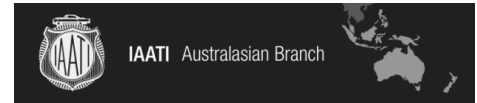
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MEMBER NEWS

Just a reminder!!!

2020 dues are NOW due

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WEBSITE UPDATE:

For photos and PowerPoint presentations from the IAATI conference in Glasgow, please log into www.iaati.org and go to the resources page.

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!

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

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

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In Memoriam



Jean-Claude Cloutier
IAATI President 1992-93



In December, we received sad news of the passing of one of our Past Presidents. Jean-Claude Cloutier passed away peacefully at the Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga, Ontario (Canada) on December 11, 2019 at the age of 85. Born April 10, 1934, in Montreal, Jean-Claude was the cherished husband of Huguette for 58 years and loving father of Daniel (Sue) and Raymond (Linda) and proud grandfather of Amanda, Adam, Ashley, and Zachary. He was pre-deceased by his only sister, Lisette.

Jean-Claude joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in 1955 and left in 1965 to join the Insurance Crime Prevention Bureau where he was appointed President in 1982 until his retirement in 1997. His remarkable list of accomplishments includes past President of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) and International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), a fellow of the Insurance Institute of Canada (FIIC) and a life member of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP). He was a proud member of the RCMP Veterans Association.

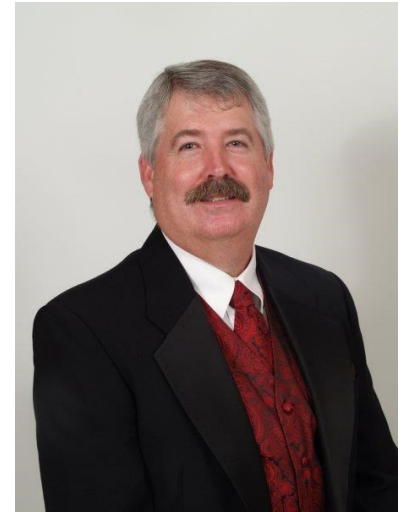
Jean-Claude was President of IAATI in 1992-93 but his contributions to our organization go far beyond that one year. In the years prior to his presidency and during the years following, he sat on and chaired many committees, committees whose work is still felt today. Just one example: it was Jean-Claude who brought to IAATI our first Code of Ethics.

Jean-Claude made many friends during his years within IAATI and those friendships included Jean-Claude's wife, Huguette. Jean-Claude and Huguette were a lovely couple and they were inseparable. The friendships they fostered within IAATI endure to this day.

Jean-Claude's legacy and influence within IAATI will be felt for decades to come. His contributions immense and long-lasting. Everyone who had the chance to know him and work with him, loved and respected him and will miss him dearly. The reader is encouraged to visit iaati.org and download the April 2015 issue of the APB where on page 30, you can read more about this remarkable person in an APB feature called Legends of IAATI.

In Memoriam

James Woods



James “Jim” Francis Woods, passed away at his home on Monday night, November 18th 2019, at the age of 59, after his 9 year battle with cancer. A native Texan raised in Houston, Jim attended Corpus Christi Catholic School Elementary. He graduated from Bellaire High School, class of 1979, and attended the University of Houston where he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. In 1984, Jim attended the Police Academy and graduated in the 121st class. During Jim’s downtime, he enjoyed dancing at the dance halls where he met his future wife Holly. Their friendship grew into love and they were married on October 10, 1987. In time, they would raise two beautiful daughters, Alexis and Victoria, who would go on to share their parents’ passion for life and serving others. Jim’s career as a police officer spanned more than three decades, including a long stint in the Auto Theft division resulting in numerous television appearances. Jim retired in 2016 and left the fight in Houston to wage his own war against cancer. He was able to check off many bucket list items, such as driving an RV up and down the East Coast, golfing at Pebble Beach, watching an Astros game at Yankee Stadium, and even visiting the Baseball Hall of Fame for Biggio’s Induction. Jim is survived by his wife of 32 years, Holly, children, Alexis and Victoria, parents, Jim and Kay, 7 siblings, and numerous nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Welcome New Members

We want to take the time and welcome our newest members to IAATI and their Chapter/Branch. The following are our new members for December 2019. Again welcome!

Janne Walgemoet -EU Branch

Gary Moore-UK Branch

Tom Wouters-EU Branch

Virginia Paliatsos-SC Chapter

Daniel Ames-NE Chapter

Dustin Tierney-NE Chapter

Rachel Horning-NE Chapter

Jeffrey Wilkins-SC Chapter

Michael McGrath-NE Chapter

Frank Piorreck-EU Branch

Claire Pater-WE Chapter

Eric Tucker-SC Chapter

Mark Schwendeman-NE Chapter

John Ioannou-AU Branch

Joseph Madonia-NC Chapter

Tyler Scicluna-NC Chapter

Kevin Dailey-NC Chapter

It's getting close!

IAATI ★ NCRC



68th Annual Training Seminar

Chicago

August 2-7, 2020

Westin O'Hare

Rosemont, IL

Hotel reservations are now open.
Click the arrow below to access the
hotel link.



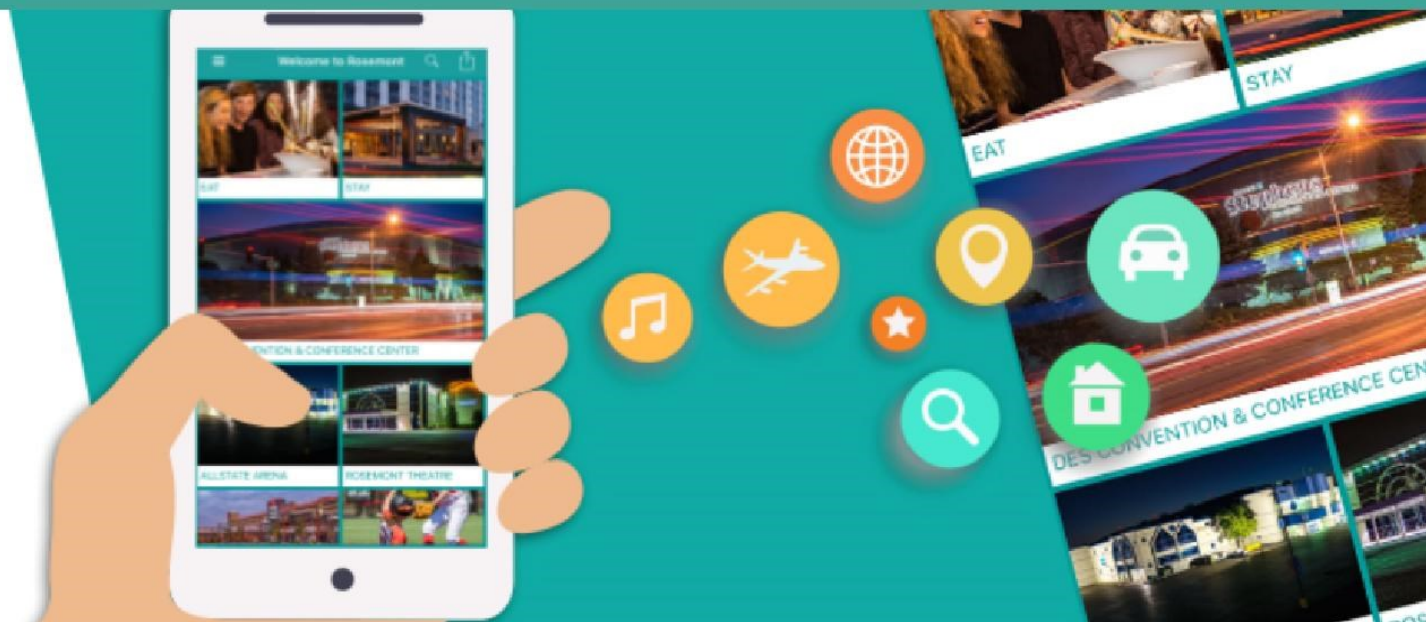


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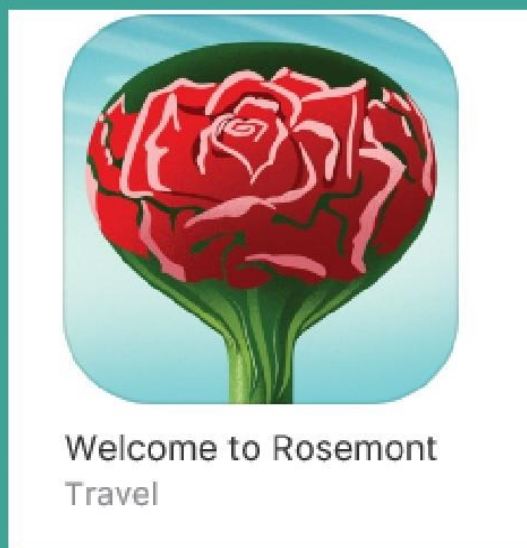
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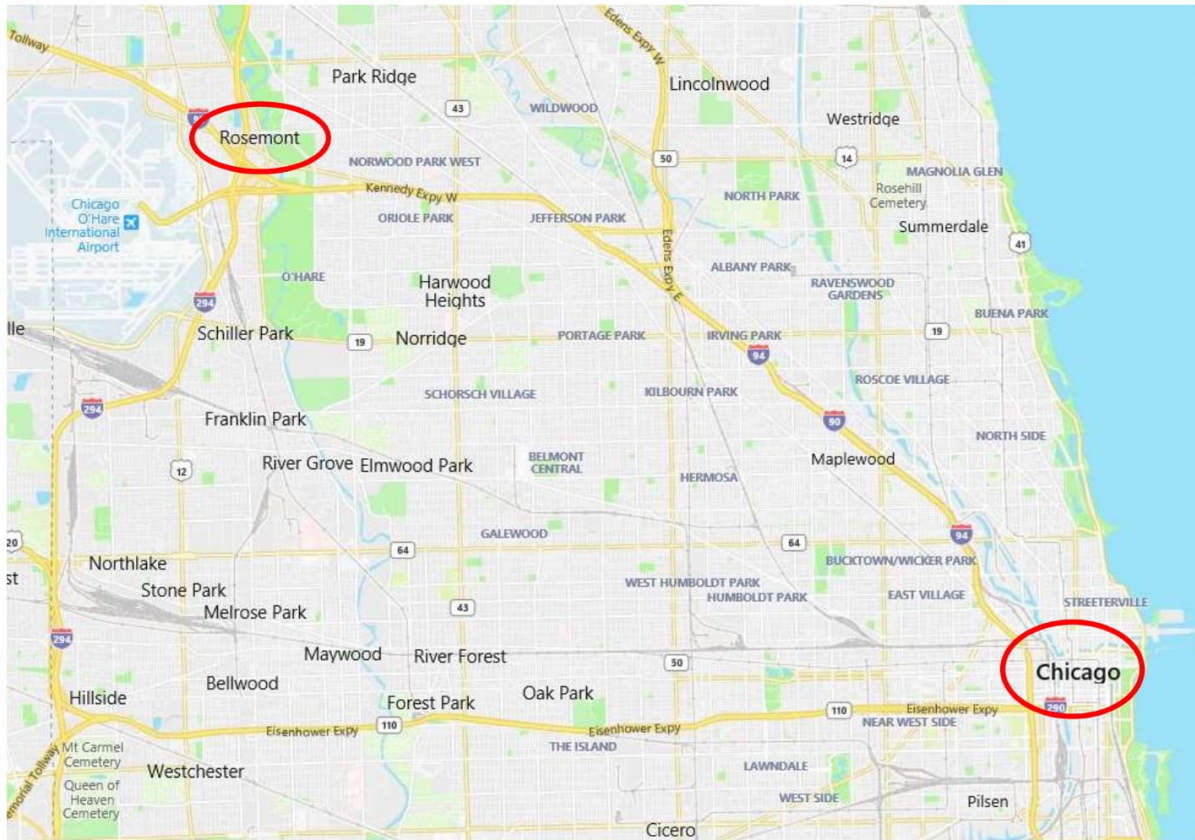
APP Invite Code: This will be emailed to you once you register and the APP goes live for the Conference.

You will be asked for an event invitation code after installing Whova

Conference Information-Chicago

Only 15 miles (24 km) to downtown Chicago, and next to O'Hare International Airport.

There are many entertainment options in Rosemont including a casino, outlet shopping mall, and even an indoor skydiving venue!



Mark your calendars now for this seminar, and stay a little longer to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Chicagoland area. For more information regarding tourism in Illinois:

www.rosemont.com

www.choosechicago.com

www.enjoyillinois.com

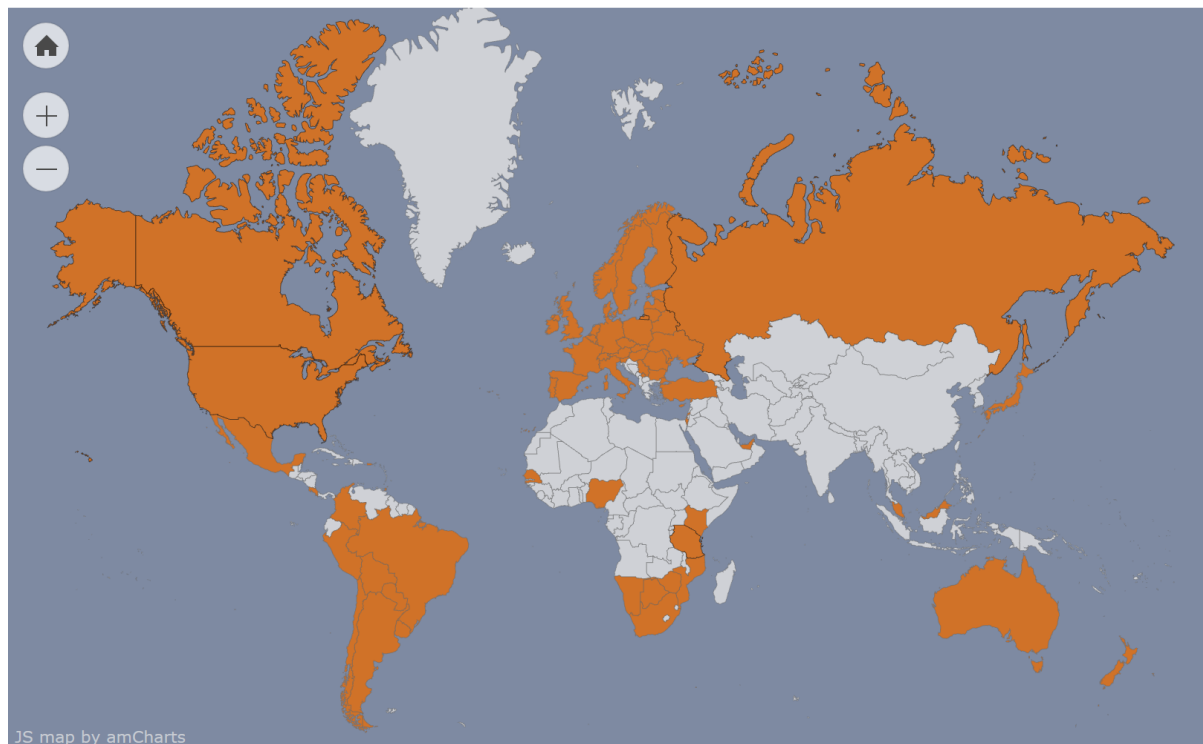
Where in the World? By Paul Thomas

Did you know that IAATI has members in Trinidad and Tobago? Well we do, we have two members based there - Martin and Robert.

Have you ever needed a contact in Belarus, Kenya or Malaysia? Yes, we also have members there as well.

In fact we have over 3,100 members in 66 countries throughout the world.

While IAATI is currently working to expand our membership base throughout Asia, you can see from the following map that we have members in most parts of the world. These are people you can turn to for assistance with your investigations.



To find details of an IAATI member in another country simply:

Go to our website www.iaati.org

1. Click the *Account* button in the header of the home page and log in.
2. Once you have logged in, click the *Search* button in the header.
3. An orange coloured panel will open where you can either search the entire site or search for members.
4. To search for members click the blue *Member Search* button.
The best way to search is to then click the '+ *Further options*' link. This will enable you to filter your search by a large number of data items including 'Home country'.

Alternatively, you can access this search feature from the Membership page of the website. Simply select 'Search members' from the submenu on the right side of the Membership page. Remember, as this tool is only available to financial members, you can only search for members once you have logged into your account.

As a quick guide to where we have members you can also visit the new interactive membership map on our website.

<https://www.iaati.org/membership>

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.

Board Members / Information - Please [click here](#) to view information on the IAATI website regarding current board members.

Vehicle Crimes Today - Publication deadline

The next issue of Vehicle Crimes Today will be released beginning of December. 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 25th of each month.

Board Members and Committee Members wanted!

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

When submitting your email, please including the following information:

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



IACP's Vehicle Crimes Committee has been busy for the last few years!

The committee continually works on multiple issues regarding vehicle related crimes. Currently work groups are focusing on rental vehicle thefts, emerging technology issues and creating a vehicle crimes toolkit for smaller agencies.

[Click here](#) to see what resources are available for your agency!



Awards & Recognition

If you know of any IAATI Member that has received any recognition please let us know so we can share the news. Email enews@iaati.org.



Awards Nominations

With a busy work life we rarely take time out to sit back and review our work or that of others. We rush to finish one job and then move straight on to the next. However it is important that we all occasionally take a moment and assess ours and our colleagues work, and then acknowledge those examples of outstanding achievement.

While all Chapters and Branches have their own local awards the International Board also manages a total of eight awards including:

- Raymond H. Dreher Memorial Award
- The IAATI Award of Merit
- IAATI President's Award
- IAATI Directors Award
- The IAATI Insurance Investigator of the Year Award
- IAATI Heavy Equipment Award
- IAATI Component Parts Markings Award
- NICB Award of Excellence

Nominations for all Awards close on 1st May each year, but you don't need to wait until then. Why not use some free time over the Christmas holidays to nominate someone and send it in.

Details on the criteria for each award and how to nominate can be found on the Awards Page of the website at <https://www.iaati.org/awards>

You Chapters also have awards available. Please reach out or look at their websites and see what is available and the due dates as they will all be different. It is important to recognize all the dedicated hard workers out there. Please take the few minutes and nominate these important people.

Training Opportunities

2019 & 2020 Auto Theft Training Seminars

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 me at: nmcganty@seiaati.org. IAATI will also post course announcements on our web site & the IAATI e-news during the year. Always check the IAATI web site for training information at: iaati.org. The following auto theft training courses are being offered at this time:

TRAINING LOCATION	DATE	CONTACT INFO.
National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) on line training web site, click on: courses	Continuous	www.NICBTraining.org
2020		
Australasian Branch Seminar Melbourne, Australia	April 20th – 22nd	Mark Pollard mpollard@iaati.org
North East Regional Chapter Middletown, Rhode Island	June 1st – 4th	Kim Hormann KHormann@PlymouthRock.com
South East Regional Chapter Savannah, GA	June 7th – 11th	Julio Valcarcel Julio.valcarcel@seiaati.org
AATIA/AATA/WSATI Conference Laughlin, NV	June 8th– 12th	Nancy Temporado ntemporado@azdps.gov
NICB Fraud Academy New Orleans, LA	June 8th-10th	https://www.nicb.org
2020 International Seminar & North Central Chapter Chicago, Illinois	August 2nd – 7th	Barb Rambo brambo@nicb.org
South Central Regional Chapter San Marcos, Texas	Oct. 13th – 18th	Michelle Snyder M3Editor@outlook.com

Future Seminars

2021 69th Seminar: Denver, Colorado, USA

Training Opportunities continued



AUTO THEFT TRAINING SEMINAR JUNE 8 - 12, 2020

Seminar Registration is Monday, June 8, 3pm - 6pm
Classes: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

The Arizona Auto Theft Investigator's Association (AATIA), Arizona Automobile Theft Authority (AATA) and the Western States Auto Theft Investigators Southern Nevada Chapter are teaming together to present a training seminar for investigators of Auto Theft Crime. The seminar will foster a spirit of cooperation and communication by encouraging an open exchange of information and technical data among the participants and by providing practical training. The seminar will be hosted by Bullhead City Police Department.

CLASSES:

Basic & Advanced Vehicle Theft, Metal Theft, Business Inspections/Search Warrants, Trailer Identification, Mexican Vehicle ID, Case Study/Use of Informants, ATV/Sportbike/Harley Davidson Identification, M/C Theft Trends, Sportbike Clubs, Boat Identification, Acid Restoration, Corvette Identification, ISO/NICB, LeadsOnline, CarMax Asset Protection, Credit Fraud, Shelby Mustang History, Social Media, Forensic Locksmith, Cell Phone Telemetry, and EDR/CDR (Berla)

*****Classes subject to change***
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1900 S. Casino Drive
Laughlin, NV 89029
800 662 5825
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Room Rate includes \$10.00 Resort Fee
***Use Group Code: GRAUTO**

Training Grants possibly available beginning January 2020: Arizona Automobile Theft Authority
<https://aata.az.gov/grants>

Questions? Nancy Temporado ntemporado@azdps.gov 602-223-2364

Name: _____
Position/Title: _____ Agency: _____
Business Address: _____
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Detach this portion and return with payment to: 2020 AATIA Laughlin Seminar, PO Box 39721, Phoenix AZ, 85069

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...

Catalytic converter thefts up tenfold in 2019. December 31, 2019, <https://uk.motor1.com/> reports that according to a leading insurer thefts increased from just 9 in January 2019 to 79 in October 2019.

'A switcheroo with the keys': B.C. man warns about emerging trend in car thefts. December 16, 2019, <https://globalnews.ca/> reports the a man was selling a vehicle on Craigslist. A couple came and test drove the vehicle and switched keys stealing it hours later.

Police seeking driver after pursuit involving stolen Volvo: Juvenile passenger dies at hospital. December 31, 2019, <https://www.wavy.com/> reports a vehicle occupied by four juveniles fled in a stolen vehicle from police. Vehicle crashed and one of the juvenile passengers died.

10 charged for suspected roles in auto insurance fraud ring. December 6 2019, <https://fox5sandiego.com/> reports that 10 people bought damaged vehicles and staged vehicle thefts collecting more than \$500,000 in fraudulent claims.

2 L.A. Men Sentenced for \$4 Million Luxury Car Sublease Scam. December 6, 2019, <https://ktla.com/> reports that two men were sentenced to prison related to a luxury car sublease and theft scam that netted \$4 million dollars.

Tools for your Toolbox

Here you will find publications that could be used as a tool for the trade. If you have anything you would like to share here please email it to enews@iaati.org.

- [NCTFF-National Cargo Theft Prevention Task Force](#)
- [VEHICLE RENTAL/LEASING INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS: A FORCE MULTIPLIER](#)
- [TSA Rental Truck Brochure](#)
- [NHTSA "Preventing Auto Theft" Video](#) (Please use and share)
- [NHTSA "Protecting Your Vehicle from Theft" social graphics](#) (Please use and share)
- [Car Rental Security Contacts](#)
- [FBI Auto Theft Training Video](#)