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HOT OFF THE PRESS

Highlights for the March issue:

- 25 Years of Membership
- Vehicle Crimes Conference updates-Golf Tournament
- Heavy Equipment Award Winners
- IACP Updates
- Award Nominations Wanted

If you have award recognitions, articles or case write ups that you would like shared, Please send to:

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iaati.org/ab

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iaatiaus.org

European Branch
eb-iaati.org

Latin American Branch
iaatilatam.org

Southern African Branch
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United Kingdom Branch
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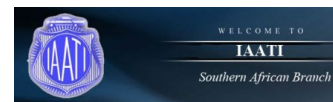
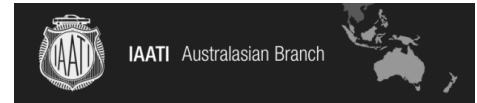
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COMING SOON!



MEMBER NEWS

Just a reminder!!!

2020 dues are NOW due

Go to the website and renew today!!



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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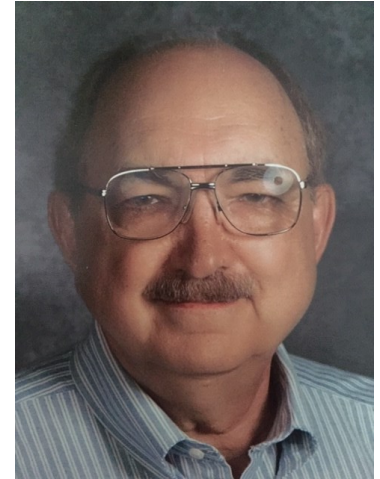
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John Abounader
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25 Years.....or more

We are very excited to honor those who have been members for 25 or more years. We appreciate all the dedication and time given to the organization and the mission. Please check out some of the many who have been on this journey and see what they have been so dedicated. This of course is not even close to being everyone.



Those with no picture:

[Gary Labb](#) | [Phil Googin](#) | [Skip Copeland](#) | [Bob Hasbrouck](#) | [Michael Tower](#)

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 February 2020. Again welcome!

Brian Ames -SE Chapter	Hannes van der Walt-SA Branch
Radain Tufa-EU Branch	Nazreen Smith-SA Branch
Giulia Gargano-EU Branch	Jacob Payne-SA Branch
Charles Chadsey-NE Chapter	Eduard Stander-SA Branch
Tim Allen-AU Branch	Dewald Slabbert-SA Branch
Sean Woodard-NE Chapter	Jerry Moeng-SA Branch
Jarrett Laws-SE Chapter	Faheem Abramjee -SA Branch
James Contreras , CPP-NE Chapter	Vuyisile Nokwe-SA Branch
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Teresa de Kamper-SA Branch	Jed Navaratine-NE Chapter
Gerhard Becker-SA Branch	

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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send an email to
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To become a speaker,
go to the following link and fill out the form:

[Speaker Online Registration Form](#)



Vehicle Crime Conference Information-Chicago



Attention all golfers and non-golfers, come play under the lights, and experience a night of fun at Golf Center Des Plaines. IAATI will be hosting a Par 3 Tournament 9 hole course August 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm. This will be a shotgun start. You don't have to be an experienced golfer to play this course. The holes range from 80 - 200 yards. There will be prizes for the winning team, and Closest-To-The-Pin for women and men. The teams will consist of 4 players and teams can be co-ed. No Mulligans! Pick your team, and sign up below. The cut-off date will be July 1, 2020. The price is \$25.00 per person. We need a minimum of 32 players (8 teams) for this event. We will match up single players with teams if needed.

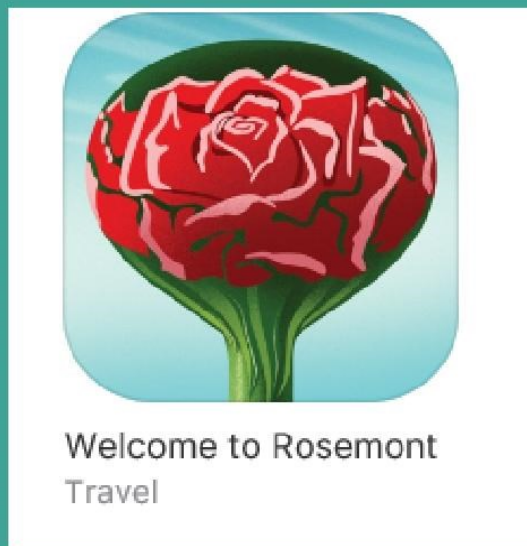
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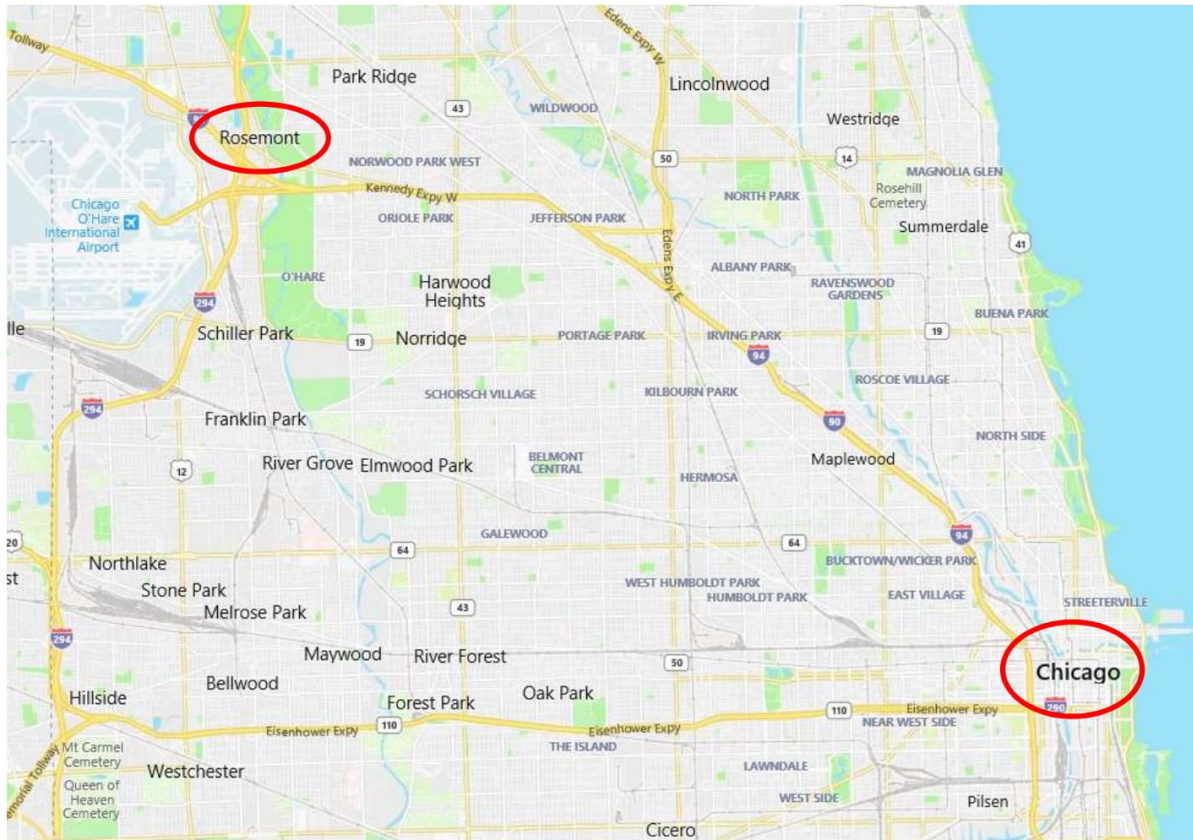
APP Invite Code: This will be emailed to you once you register and the APP goes live for the Conference.

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

Vehicle Crime 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

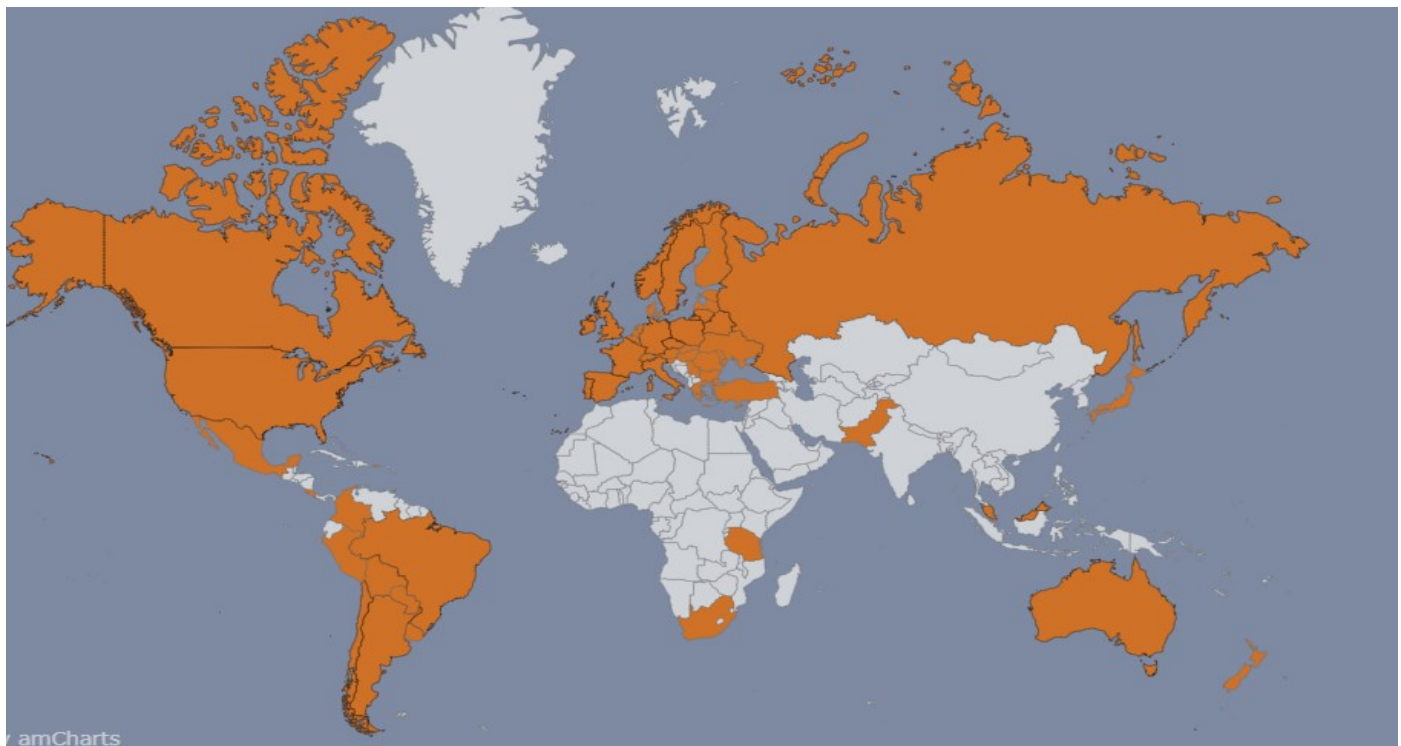
Where in the World? By Paul Thomas

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 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 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 Updates



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.

More than 75% of crimes committed each year involve motor vehicles. The IACP Vehicle Crimes Committee recently developed a comprehensive educational toolkit for vehicle crimes investigations. The toolkit, along with the corresponding reference and resource guide and presentation, provides law enforcement agencies with the information they need to enhance their response to vehicle-related crimes.

The mission of this IACP working group is to create a best practices guideline for law enforcement agencies that do not have a dedicated vehicle crimes investigator. The material here-in will provide them with the resources necessary to better investigate vehicle related crime. The IACP Vehicle Crimes Committee has created a concise and comprehensive "Educational Toolkit for Vehicle Crimes Investigation".

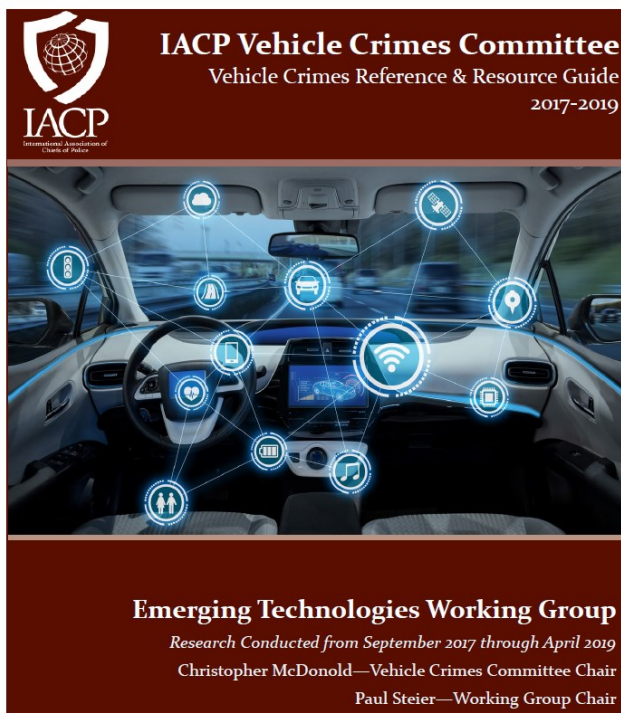
Educational Toolkit for Vehicle Crimes



Educational Toolkit on Vehicle Crimes for Law Enforcement Agencies

IACP Vehicle Crime Committee

Shaping the Future of the Policing Profession™



IACP-continued

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



Awards & Recognition

We want to congratulate Detectives Jeff Hanneson and Trevor Wuerch. They are the Heavy Equipment Award winners with the past year. They were unable to receive the award and be recognized in Scotland so we are now.



For more of the story [CLICK HERE](#).

IAMI

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 IAMI Executive Board. Our very own Tony Spires was voted in as President and Nathan McGanty as 2nd Vice President.



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.

Awards Nominations

Raymond W. Dreher Award **Committee Seeks Submissions for 2020** Submitted by Past President Denny Roske

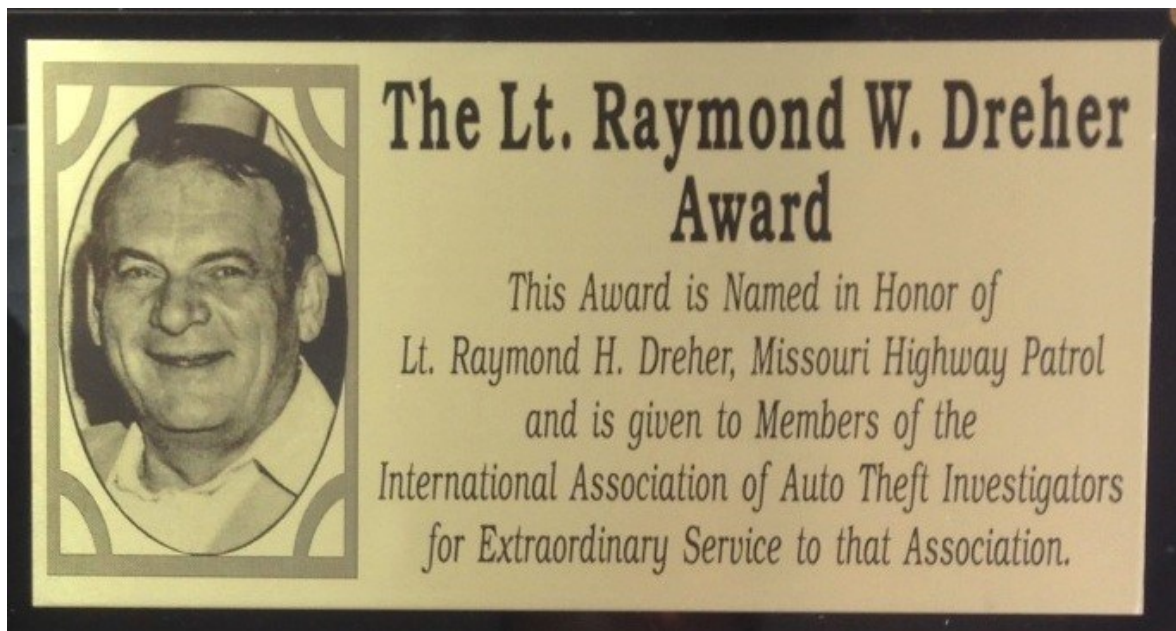
The Raymond W. Dreher Award was created in 1984 as IAATI's most prestigious award, is presented in memory of the late Lt. Ray Dreher of the Missouri Highway Patrol, and IAATI's 16th President. While not necessarily a yearly award, this is given as recognition for IAATI's most active and dedicated members who have distinguished themselves by service to the Association. It is only awarded to those giving of themselves far and above what is expected and required of membership. There are no other requirements for the award, except hard work and dedication to IAATI with an international focus.

Nominations may include, but not limited to: number of years as an IAATI member, board positions held, committees assigned to, International Seminars attended, instructor at Seminars, or other contributions towards the betterment of IAATI.

This year's award, if one is awarded, will be presented at the Annual Seminar in Chicago, Illinois August 2nd – 7th 2020.

The closing date for submissions is May 1, 2020.

Submissions shall be sent to IAATI's Executive Director, John Abounader at: jvabounader@iaati.org



Awards Nominations



2020 INSURANCE INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Are you an Insurance Investigator, or work with one?

Then you can nominate yourself or a colleague for the 2020 IAATI Insurance Investigator of the Year Award.

This award was created in 2014 in order to recognize and honour insurance professionals (individual or group) for their outstanding contribution in the area of vehicle crime investigation or insurance fraud investigation. Nominations for this award may come from any source and should include details of the case, which supports the nomination.

A 'How to nominate' brochure outlining the judging criteria and submission tips can be downloaded from:

<https://www.iaati.org/awards/insurance2020>

Nominations must be submitted by **May 1, 2020** to Mark Pollard at mpollard@iaati.org

Call for Nominations

Awards Nominations

Award of Merit Committee Seeks Award Submissions for 2020 Submitted by Co Chair Barbara Rambo

The 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.

I would like to request that any or all awards that are nominated at a branch/chapter conference be submitted for consideration to the merit awards committee. We as a committee are committed to the process of reviewing these nominations and are honored to acknowledge the exceptional work being undertaken by our law enforcement.

Here is your opportunity to get that person/department you know that deserves to be given a moment of praise and send their story to us today!

Submissions can be sent to Barbara Rambo and John Abounader before May 1st, 2019:

Brambo@iaati.org
jvabounader@iaati.org

Training Opportunities

2020 & 2021 Vehicle Crimes 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	Continuous	www.NICBTraining.org (NICB) on line training web site, click on: courses
2020		
Vehicle Finance Fraud Conference Mesa, Arizona	April 14th-15th	Rusty Russell drussell@nicb.org
CATI Conference Colorado Springs, Colorado	April 19th-23rd	Joni Tangeman JTangeman@arapahoegov.com
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***
AZPOST Continuing Education Credit**

Hotel Reservations
Aquarius Casino Resort
1900 S. Casino Drive
Laughlin, NV 89029
800 662 5825
Standard Room: \$52.00 plus tax
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: _____
Business Phone: _____ Business Email: _____
Registration Fee Enclosed:
_____ \$295 _____ \$35 guest banquet ticket _____ Instructor / Vendor _____

Detach this portion and return with payment to: 2020 AATIA Laughlin Seminar, PO Box 39721, Phoenix AZ, 85069

Training Opportunities continued



46th SEIAATI Vehicle Crimes Conference

Training Topics

Special Guest Speaker-TBD

- Basic Auto Theft
- Heavy Equipment Identification
- Marine Investigations
- Insurance Fraud
- And more.....
- Each day with offer up to 3 blocks of instruction to choose from.

We are pleased to invite you to our 46th Annual Vehicle Crimes Conference which will be held in Savannah, Georgia from June 7-11, 2020. There will be 4 days of intensive training in the area of Auto Theft, Marine/Vessel Investigations and more.

The Desoto

15 East Liberty Street
Savannah, GA 31401

Reservations: 800-239-5118 or go to www.seiaati.com to book your room.

Use GROUP Code: AAT

Rates: Single \$149.00 plus tax

Parking is \$24.00 a day.

Reservations must be made by May 6, 2020

Local Airports: Savannah/Hilton Head International (SAV)- See website for shuttle information.

[Online Conference Registration](http://www.seiaati.org)

Includes:

- Sunday Night Welcome Reception
- Wednesday Night Banquet
- Nightly Networking Suite

www.seiaati.org

Fees (Prior to May 6, 2020)

\$250.00-Members \$295.00-Non Members (includes Membership)

Late Registration (After May 6, 2020)

\$300.00-Members \$355.00-Non Members (includes Membership)



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...

Baltimore man convicted on charges related to armed carjacking ring in Maryland. February 21, 2020, <https://foxbaltimore.com/> reports that the accused was found guilty of multiple charges including armed carjacking and participating in a theft scheme of over \$100,000.

Cops recover stolen cars, seek more victims in multi-state crime spree based in N.J. February 6, 2020, <https://www.nj.com/> reports that investigators recovered 5 stolen vehicles, drugs, guns, and arrested two men in a string of crimes from New Jersey to Pennsylvania.

Ex-cop convicted in bribery scheme can't escape paying \$653K in restitution, U.S. courts says. March 6, 2020, <https://www.pennlive.com/> reports that a retired cop used an inside track to boost his stolen vehicle recovery business.

Police Launch Campaign to Show How Scooter Theft Enables Other Crimes. February 12, 2020, <https://www.visordown.com/> reports that the Metropolitan Police have released a PSA showing the importance of securing your scooter and that stolen scooters are used for other crimes.

Internal HPD memo shows auto theft crimes increased 20% in January. February 25, 2020, <https://www.click2houston.com/> reports that a internal Houston Police memo stated that Auto Theft was up 20%.

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](#)