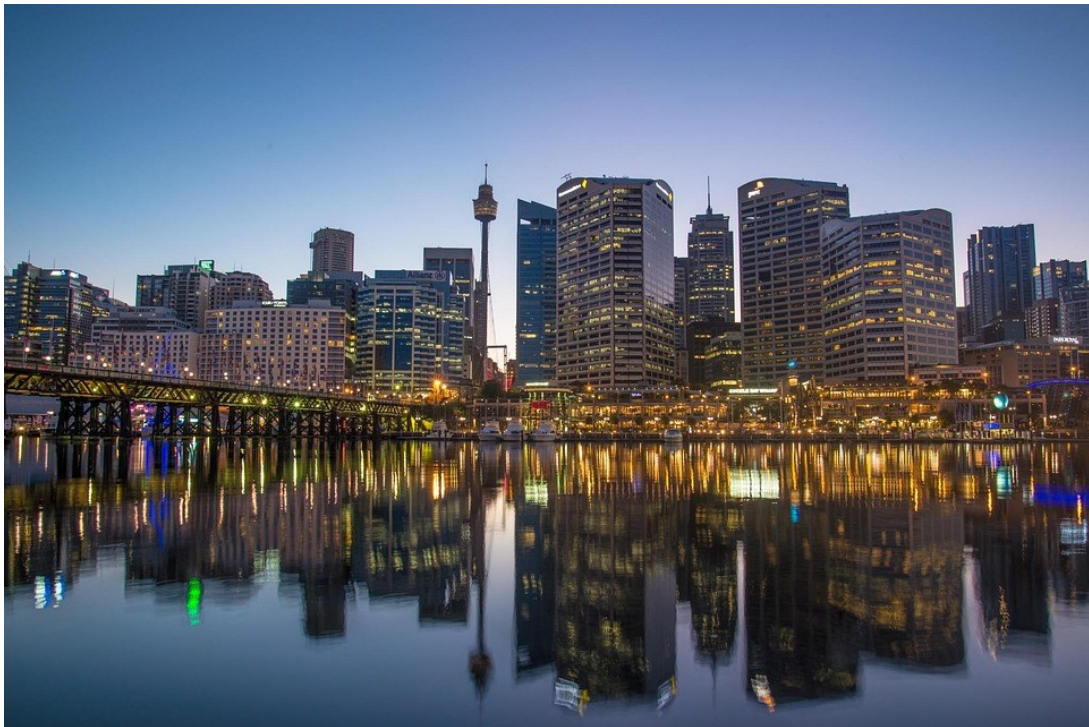




Vehicle Crime Detection,  
Investigation & Prevention

# 2023 Vehicle Crime Conference

Sydney  
20<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2023



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## Conference Partners:

The Australasian Branch of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) is a non-profit organisation. Without the ongoing support of seminar partners each year it would not be possible for the branch to hold the high quality training seminars that the branch is renowned for. The branch is forever grateful for the support of its seminars partners. The branch would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the following 2023 Conference Partners:

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## Invitation

On behalf of the IAATI Australasian Branch I extend a warm welcome to all attendees at our 2023 Annual Conference in Sydney, New South Wales.

This is our first annual conference since COVID and we embarked on the planning for this event with some concerns. We know most organisations are currently under financial and staffing stress, and we were unsure what the response to this conference would receive. However as 2023 represents the 30th anniversary of the formation of the Australasian Branch of IAATI, we were keen to hold some form of conference. I am extremely pleased to report that we have received wonderful support from our members and from our corporate sponsors, who have enabled us to keep our registration fees as low as possible.

I particularly wish to thank IAG who have also provided these facilities free of charge over the next two days.

Based on the response to this conference I am confident that the Australasian Branch can continue to develop our

plans for more annual conferences and other types of training events as the Branch rebuilds after COVID.

One again thank you all for participating in this conference and I encourage you to interact with our speakers, fellow delegates and sponsors so you can achieve the maximum benefits from this event.



**Warren Stevenson,**  
Australasian Branch President, IAATI

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## IAATI's 71st International Vehicle Crimes Training Conference

10-15 September 2023, Honolulu, Hawaii

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort

Each year IAATI hosts an International Vehicle Crime Conference involving hundreds of delegates and expert speakers from all around the world. It is always a wonderful opportunity to meet professionals from around the globe, collaborate and network with the experts. You will learn from the leading experts on current and new trends, preventative methods, investigative techniques with hands on training, detections of schemes and case studies.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:** A full week of specialized training for vehicle theft investigators, public safety officials, prosecutors, trafficking personnel, document crime detectives, crime analysts, insurance industry special investigators, law enforcement and government officials. All levels attending.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration includes full week of instruction 8am to 5pm: general sessions and breakouts, after hours networking events, President's welcome ALOHA reception and Mahalo Farewell Banquet..

Conference Registration: \$US 575 for IAATI members or \$US 675 for non-members

Special Room rates at the Hilton Resort start @ \$US 259 plus taxes / night and are available from Sept. 5th – Sept. 18th.

Bring your family to relax and play at the lovely Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort

Hawaiian Airlines is pleased to offer all IAATI members a 5% off discount on all transpacific web fares!

For all details of the seminar program, accommodation, registration and Hawaiian Airlines discount visit: [iaati.org](http://iaati.org) or contact : Paul Thomas, [pthomas@iaati.org](mailto:pthomas@iaati.org)





## About IAATI

The International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (I.A.A.T.I.) is a non-profit organisation established in America in 1952. Membership is made up of representatives from police services (investigators, analysts, and forensic staff), insurers, private investigators, vehicle registration authorities, vehicle manufacturers and others with a legitimate interest in vehicle theft investigation, prevention and education. It has members over 50 countries.

The Australasian Branch of IAATI was established in 1993 when a group of far sighted and dedicated vehicle theft investigators met in Canberra to commit their time on a voluntary basis to establish a forum for like-minded individuals. Their aim was to increase each other's skills and knowledge by sharing information and establishing a network of colleagues that could assist when needed.

During the last 30 years we have seen the:

- rise and fall of specialist motor vehicle investigative units within Police Services;
- increased focus by registration authorities and the establishment and further refinement of written off vehicle registers and inspection programs;
- establishment of state based and more recently a national vehicle encumbrance registers;
- establishment and recent closure of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council;
- introduction and refinement of engine immobilisers;
- introduction of microdots and self-voiding labels to assist in component identification, changes by manufacturers in the method of application and location of primary and secondary identifiers;
- use of automated number plate reading technology;
- use of keyless entry systems;
- increased use of internet and mobile communication systems by both offenders and investigators;
- rise of new ethnic based offender groups;
- increased export of stolen vehicles and parts;
- rise and fall of scrap metal prices and the corresponding targeting of older vehicles;
- increased focus of offenders on light commercial and 4WD vehicles;
- increased use of technology and identity fraud; and
- increased sophistication in fraudulent theft, accident and injury claims.

Over this time a professional car thief's toolkit has evolved from a basic screwdriver to a handheld electronic diagnosis tool to interrogate the vehicle's entire computer and security systems and the use of computers to create false identities or to provide an avenue for selling of the vehicle. As a result investigators also have needed to update their tools, skills and knowledge, and this is where IAATI has played an important role.

Throughout the last 30 years IAATI's Australasian Branch has been the peak body providing relevant and high quality training throughout Australian and New Zealand. Our branch conferences have helped train and educate thousands of investigators and motor crime specialists and this year's Annual Training conference will be no exception.

## Who should attend IAATI conferences

- Police investigators, intelligence analysts and scientific staff
- Insurance - fraud & investigation staff, claims & underwriting Managers, Intelligence analysts
- Private investigators
- Vehicle registration authorities - Inspectors and policy makers
- Motor Trades
- Policy makers
- Vehicle Manufacturers
- Forensic Locksmiths
- Crime prevention and fraud specialists
- Academics and researchers



## Conference Program (May be subject to changes)

### Tuesday 20th June

- 8.30 am **Registration Desk opens**
- 9:00 am **Opening — Warren Stevenson**, Australasian Branch President –Welcoming Address
- 9:10 am **Keynote Speaker: Det. Tommy Burke**, New York Police Department (retired) - *“New York’s Auto Crime Trends, Issues and initiatives to address them” (subject to change)*
- 10.30 am Morning Tea
- 10.50 am **Keynote Speaker: Det. Tommy Burke, (continued)**
- 11.30 am **Donna Camkin**, Fraud Intelligence Analyst, Insurance Australia Group - *“A case study of a fraud syndicate”*
- 12.15 pm Lunch
- 12.45 pm **Det. Sen. Sgt Peter Ziser**, Queensland Police - *“Project Viper”*
- 2.30 pm **Jacqui McGrath**, Fraud Intelligence Analyst, Insurance Australia Group - *“Vehicle Theft Intelligence”*
- 3.00 pm Afternoon Tea
- 3.15 pm **John Dimos & Scott Williams**, Victoria Police - *“Operation SHAPES —Theft of hire cars and 4wd’s and exported to Egypt”*
- 3:55 pm **Ben LeMere**, Berla Corporation - *“Vehicle Digital Forensics”*
- 4:40 pm 2023 Annual General Meeting and Investigation of the Year Award Presentation
- 5.15 pm **Networking Session** - drinks and food provided

### Wednesday 21st June

- 8.30 am **Mark George & Nigel McDonald**, Accident Investigation Services Pty Ltd - *“Accident Reconstruction evolution and reconstruction of CCTV/VIDEO footage .”*
- 9:45 am **Det. Insp. Callum McNeill**, New Zealand Police
- 10.30 am Morning Tea
- 10.50 am **Det. Tommy Burke**, New York Police Department (retired) - *“Vehicle Photography”*
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 1.00 pm **Manuela Metz**, National Assistance Contact Centre Manager, Assist Australia - *“Vehicle Tracking”*
- 1.15 pm **Tim Rossanis**, Managing Director, and **Josh Hrvatin**, Turo Australia - *“Stolen vehicles within the hire car industry”*
- 2.00 pm **Chris Loane**, Managing Director, Vendor Management Australia
- 2.45 pm **Det. Sgt Emma Wells**, Motor Unit, State Crime Command, NSW Police Force and Forensic Officer **Andrew Reed** - *“Strike Force Swete - the supply of stolen vehicles within organised crime networks.”*
- 3.30 pm **Close**