Educational Toolkit on Vehicle Crimes for Law Enforcement Agencies

IACP Vehicle Crime Committee
Mission Statement

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 herein will provide them with the resources necessary to better investigate vehicle related crime. We have created a concise and comprehensive “Educational Toolkit for Vehicle Crimes Investigation”.
Have you considered the benefit of having a well trained vehicle expert as part of your organization? It will benefit your agency beyond the scope of just auto theft.

Studies show that motor vehicles are involved in more than 75 percent of the crimes committed every year in the United States.¹

¹ Gardner, Thomas and Terry Anderson. Criminal Evidence: Principles and Cases. 2015
The common theme in each of these infamous crimes is that each of these investigations are tied to vehicles, vehicle theft or vehicle identification. With the resources and data providers compiled in this presentation you will be better prepared to conduct investigations involving vehicles associated with crime.

Section I

Investigative Resources

Government Related
National Motor Vehicle Title Information System
Website: www.vehiclehistory.gov

The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) is designed to protect consumers from fraud and unsafe vehicles and to keep stolen vehicles from being resold. NMVTIS is also a tool that assists states and law enforcement in deterring and preventing title fraud and other crimes.

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Law Enforcement Access to NMVTIS

Law Enforcement agencies have two options to access the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Tool:
1. Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS)
2. Law Enforcement Online (LEO).

Law Enforcement access to NMVTIS data is available at no cost to law enforcement through the Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) and Law Enforcement Online (LEO) hosted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. If you are a law enforcement agent or investigator and would like to obtain instructions for accessing NMVTIS data, please email NMVTIS@usdoj.gov.
NICB Agents
A Force Multiplier in Fighting Fraud

NICB knows that relationships are key when investigating fraud and theft. For more than 100 years, they have planted deep roots with law enforcement organizations, public agencies and prosecutors who place unprecedented trust in their ability to detect, deter and stop insurance crimes. Their corporate headquarters are in Des Plaines, Ill., and they have field offices and investigators, known as Special Agents, in a number of locations.
Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice and Regulatory Agencies

Law Enforcement, criminal justice and regulatory agencies inquiring about access to NICB and insurance information should contact NICB Technical Support at 800.447.6282, ext. 7003 or techsupport@nicb.org.

National Insurance Crime Bureau
Website: www.nicb.org
On average, a car is stolen every 7 minutes in Canada.

IBC/BAC Website: http://www.ibc.ca/ns/auto/theft

Why Auto Theft Is a Serious Threat
Every year, people are injured or die as a result of auto theft. When it's in the hands of a thief, a stolen car is like a loaded gun. Vehicle thieves have absolutely no regard for public safety and the rules of the road.
Auto theft is not a victimless crime or just a property crime. Auto theft costs all Canadians millions per year, if one considers health care, court, policing, legal and out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles. Each year, IBC publishes a list of the Top 10 Most Stolen Cars in Canada which can be viewed on their website.
IBC/BAC Regional Investigative Services

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Port Coquitlam, British Columbia V3B 5Y9
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Fax: 403-255-9054

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Suite 501
Etobicoke, Ontario M8Z 1K2
Tel: 416-252-3441
Fax: 416-252-6940

Québec
2000 Peel Street
Bureau 530
Montréal, Québec H3A 2W5
Tel: 514-933-8953
Fax: 514-933-7814

Atlantic
1969 Upper Water Street
Suite 1706 Purdy’s Wharf
Tower II
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3R7
Tel: 902-429-2730
Fax: 902-422-5151

Canadian Police Information Center

This tool can be used by anyone to run a VIN through CPIC to see if it is reported stolen in Canada.

In the past non registered investigators had the ability to search by license plate. The current systems restrict searches to VIN based inquiries only.

Website:
http://www.cpic-cipc.ca/index-eng.htm
Repuve

Affords researchers the ability to inquire on the status of a vehicle by one of several categories. It is maintained by the Government of Mexico.

Website:
http://www2.repuve.gob.mx:8080/ciudadania/
Repuve results on a stolen and recovered vehicle

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Information provided by the Attorney General's Office

Please go to the Attorney General's Office of your entity.

Consultation made on April 17, 2019 at 12:31 PM (Central Zone: -05:00).
Taking into account the agreements of updates with the federal entities, it is recommended to consult this record again in 48 hours.

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NOTE: The information is provided thanks to the effort and collaboration of the Federal Authorities, Federal Entities and Mexico City; the SESNSP is solely responsible for managing and systematizing the information.

This consultation service is FREE in accordance with Article 6 of the Vehicle Public Registry Law.

WITH RECOVERY REPORT

The present vehicle had ROBO status. Currently it is RECOVERED according to the information provided by the insurance institutions based on Article 23, Fraction III, Section b of the Public Vehicle Registration Law, in the consultation conducted on April 17, 2019 at 12:31 PM (Central Zone: -05:00).

MESSAGE PROVIDED BY OCRA:

ROBO REPORT

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Consult another Auto  |  Export PDF
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia

Offers a complimentary copy of a Vehicle claims history report for any vehicle that has reported an insurance claim in British Columbia.

ICBC Vehicle Claims site: https://onlinebusiness.icbc.com/vdwqs/VDWQSServlet/FindVehicle
OCRA
(The Coordinated Office of Assured Risks, SC)
Stolen Vehicle information in Mexico

Website
http://www.ocra.com.mx/

OCRA Contact US Law Enforcement
Lic. Mario Crosswell
Director General
mcrosswell@ocra.com.mx
Oficinas Centrales
Tel: (01.55) 5662.8808
Recall information can be helpful in the course of vehicle fraud and theft investigations. Particularly with high end components such as airbags.

Website: www.safercar.gov
Results show no open recalls based on VIN Inquiry.
Law Enforcement Standing Committee

The Law Enforcement Standing Committee inspires collaboration between Law Enforcement and Driver/Motor Vehicle Administrators to improve highway and public safety. With goals to increase law enforcement participation in AAMVA conferences, working groups, and other initiatives by providing and promoting uniformity and consistency through the development of standards, model programs and best practices. The Committee also promotes the exchange of challenges and successes in implementing technologies, sharing information, and with other contemporary law enforcement issues.

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AAMVA Law Enforcement Website: https://www.aamva.org/law-enforcement/
**Stolen Motor Vehicle Database**
The INTERPOL Stolen Motor Vehicle (SMV) database is a vital tool in the fight against international vehicle theft and trafficking. It includes data on stolen cars, trucks, motorbikes, trailers, caravans, buses and their components.

**Cars stolen in Europe have been found as far away as South America and Australia.**
The database allows police in our member countries to run a check against a suspicious vehicle and find out instantly whether it has been reported as stolen. An international database of this nature is crucial as vehicles are often trafficked across national borders, sometimes ending up thousands of miles away from the location where they were stolen.

In 2018, around 143,000 motor vehicles worldwide were identified as stolen, thanks to the SMV database. Some 130 countries shared their national stolen vehicle data with us, and they carried out more than 256 million searches.

Visit the INTERPOL Website for additional Information:

[https://www.interpol.int/Crimes/Vehicle-crime/Fighting-vehicle-crime](https://www.interpol.int/Crimes/Vehicle-crime/Fighting-vehicle-crime)
Section II

Investigative Resources

Industry Related
The Vigilant Investigative Center (VIC) enables law enforcement personnel to accelerate their field and criminal investigations through access to facial recognition, automated license plate recognition (ALPR), ballistics analysis, gun crime mapping and video management technologies in one place. VIC also serves as a nationwide sharing platform for law enforcement and allows for integration of data sources. VIC will be an invaluable partner in any investigation, short of conducting your interviews and interrogations.

PLATESEARCH™
Locate vehicles to generate leads. Search for plates on your hotlist and receive alerts when the plate is spotted.
Law Enforcement Archival Reporting Network

LEARN

Is a paid service provided by Vigilant Solutions that will assist your agency in vehicle related investigations and more.

To participate in the LEARN Program visit:
ELSAG's ALPR solutions assist law enforcement with recovering stolen vehicles and license plates, securing large public venues such as sporting events, conventions and concerts, aiding homeland security tactics and tracking down criminals. More than 70% of crimes in the U.S. involve a vehicle. Having technology that's able to read up to 900 plates per minute, per ALPR camera helps officers to quickly identify criminals and keep your community safe.

Visit the Leonardo / ELSAG site here to learn more: https://www.leonardocompany-us.com/lpr
**Stolen Vehicle Recovery Assistance:**
- Provide Access to Appropriate Vehicle Related Data
- Provide Training on Mobile LPR Equipment
- Provide Training on Vehicle Identification
- Provide Expertise to Develop new Recovery Technologies

**Data Management Services:**
- Provide Access to Vehicle Lien Data
- Provide Access to Vehicle Impound Data
- Provide Access to Vehicle Export Data
- Provide Access to Vehicle Theft and Recovery Data
- Provide Data Analysis to Detect Anomalies

**Vehicle Theft and Fraud Threat Detection Services:**
- Provide Vehicle Theft Threat Assessments
- Provide Vehicle Fraud Threat Assessments
- Provide Vehicle Fraud Detection Training
- Provide Vehicle Theft Protection Analysis
- Provide Vehicle Fraud Protection Analysis

**Vehicle Insurance Asset Recovery Investigations:**
- Investigate Vehicle Purchases
- Investigate Exportation Procedures
- Liaison with U.S. Customs & Law Enforcement Agencies
- Secure Theft Reports
- Report Investigative Results

**National Vehicle Service**
The Vehicle Finance Industries link to Law Enforcement and Premier Control Services in North America
Chairman Jim Spiller is a former Indiana State Police Officer and a retired National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) executive. He began his law enforcement career in 1975.

As Chairman of National Vehicle Service (NVS) it is with great personal pride to articulate that the mission of NVS “to be widely recognized as the world leader in providing unique vehicle theft, vehicle fraud and asset protection solutions to the law enforcement community, vehicle finance, insurance and rental car industries.”

NVS incorporated in the state of Illinois with the sole purpose of assisting law enforcement, vehicle finance, insurance and rental car companies and the public in protecting vehicle assets. NVS’s service assistance is in response to current volatile economic market conditions in the United States that breed an increase in vehicle theft, vehicle fraud and theft by deception.
Police can use Locator to identify a vehicle’s legal owner or insurer. Locator also provides police with an easy way to contact legal owners of vehicles and get important vehicle-related information. Law enforcement can also use Locator's data in a forensic way to find evidence related to crimes under investigation, such as a vehicle's location or condition.

Website: https://www.locatortechnologies.com/index.html
Director of Law Enforcement Relations
Dennis Frias
Locator Technologies LLC
Direct: 626.926.4943
dennisfrias@locatortechnologies.com
National Salvage Vehicle Reporting Program

- Law enforcement support organization with members limited to representatives of Law Enforcement organizations.

- Recognized by DOJ as an independent 3rd party standards body for NMVTIS (Federal Register 2009).

- Both a policy advisory and an investigative support body at local and national level.

- Has MOUs with agencies. Independently initiates investigations and also provides support to various police agencies in support of investigations.

- Maintains data on salvage vehicle sales and can provide research on salvage vehicles.

NSVRP
80 Urban Street
Stamford, Connecticut
06905-3965

Phone: (203) 975-9889
Fax: (203) 975-9864
Website: https://nsvrp.org/
email: ADMINISTRATOR@NSVRP.ORG
Auto Data Direct

Website: https://www.add123.com

Follow this link to watch an informative video and learn more about their services: https://youtu.be/B5gMU9NwJhE
Auto Data Direct is an Approved NMVTIS Consolidator and NMVTIS Title History Provider.

Auto Data Direct also provides access to State DMV records for DPPA qualified companies.

Auto Data Direct (ADD) is an approved NMVTIS Consolidator providing accounts to salvage entities to enable them to report their involvement with junk, salvage, or insurance vehicles into the NMVTIS system as required under NVMTIS regulations. ADD is an approved NMVTIS History Provider. ADD's title check reports provide information from a vehicle's current title, including the vehicle’s brand history, title history, and any reported odometer readings. NMVTIS vehicle reports will also tell you if a vehicle has been reported as “salvage” or a total loss by an insurance company or a self-insuring organization, and lists reports from auto recyclers who may have handled the vehicle. DD also provides access to State DMV records for DPPA qualified companies that have a recognized need to verify ownership information on motor vehicles. For example, towing entities obtain a motor vehicle records in order to comply with their State’s laws relating to sending lien notices to vehicle owners and lien holders. All vehicle records obtained through ADD have a bar code and verification code on the top right, which can be used to verify the legitimacy of the record by scanning the bar code or checking the verification code at verify.add123.com.
Sample Vehicle Record

ADD vehicle records can be verified by scanning barcode or running the verification code at verify.add123.com
Over 5000 Agencies in the United States & Canada use CARFAX for Police

CARFAX is the most trusted and recognized name in the world when it comes to vehicle data. Using its unique and proprietary data sources CARFAX for Police provides access to billions of data facts regarding all vehicles manufactured since the inception of the 17 digit VIN in 1981.

120,000
Private & Public Sources

5 Million
New Pieces of Information Added Every Day

20+
Billion
Total Potential Leads

Website: www.carfaxforpolice.com
Increase Investigative Efficiency
CARFAX for Police Investigative Tools

- CARFAX For Police™
- CARFAX® Vehicle History Reports™
- CARFAX® Mobile Application
- VIN Alert™
- Crash Report Center™
- Partial License Plate Search

Shaping the Future of the Policing Profession℠
CARPROOF is now CARFAX Canada and they provide law enforcement in Canada and the United States with a unique Vehicle History Report that may have data from specific Canadian sources that can aid in vehicle crime investigations. This data may not be found on a CARFAX report run through traditional means in the US System.

Website: [www.carfax.ca](http://www.carfax.ca)
Stolen Vehicle Assistance
A Theft Alarm Notification can inform you if your car alarm goes off. Once you report your stolen vehicle to OnStar, Advisors can utilize GPS technology to locate your vehicle, alert authorities and, in some cases, remotely slow down your vehicle so thieves won’t get far. With Remote Ignition Block™ OnStar can also remotely prevent a thief from restarting your vehicle. If your vehicle is stolen, Advisors work with local authorities so you won’t be left alone.

First Responder OnStar Page:
Law Enforcement Working with LoJack

LoJack uses a proven and proprietary technology operating on a Radio Frequency allocated by the FCC for the recovery of stolen vehicles. When a vehicle equipped with a LoJack® system is stolen, the first step is to have the vehicle’s owner alert local law enforcement. Once officers record the theft in the national stolen vehicle database, a silent signal is automatically sent that activates the LoJack® system’s transceiver hidden in the stolen vehicle.

Bring LoJack to Your Department

“We are proud to work with nearly 2,000 law enforcement agencies across the US, and we are committed to helping law enforcement reduce the impact of crime in the community.”

PAT CLANCY Vice President of Law Enforcement, LoJack

Website LoJack Law Enforcement: https://www.lojack.com/for-law-enforcement
THE NATIONAL EQUIPMENT REGISTER

OVERVIEW
Heavy equipment connects a wide web of industries. When it’s stolen, these sectors share a common objective: to get it back. NER aids them in these efforts.
NER works to deter heavy equipment theft with three cutting-edge tools:
• **IRONwatch** is a no monthly fee GPS tracking system that can locate equipment in over 60 countries around the world.
• **HELPtech** is an ownership database used extensively by law enforcement to identify rightful owners and recover stolen equipment.
• **IRONcheck** provides a detailed history report that verifies your seller has provided accurate details and the equipment has not previously been stolen.

Each of our products is affordable and effective and has the potential to save you thousands in fines, fees, and stalled work costs. We partner with over 70 insurance agencies and companies that offer you incentives to invest in our services. Whether you’re buying, selling, or manufacturing heavy machinery, we provide the tools to help keep it safe.
START PREVENTING HEAVY EQUIPMENT THEFT AND REDUCING INSURANCE COSTS WITH...

IRONwatch
HELPtech
IRONcheck
REPORT a Theft

National Equipment Register Website:
https://www.ner.net/

Shaping the Future of the Policing Profession℠
Analysis of vehicle data will answer key questions for investigators and change the course of an investigation. Vehicle data can help determine:

**WHAT HAPPENED**
- Provide insight on the sequence of events that took place leading up to an incident
- Identify patterns of life and unusual events that happened around an incident
- Determine timelines of activity and establish a chain of significant events

**WHERE IT OCCURRED**
- Provide historical data to show where a vehicle was at specific times
- Identify areas frequently visited, new locations traveled, and future plan
- Determine how long particular locations were visited

**WHO WAS INVOLVED**
- Provide unique identifiers that tie individuals to a specific vehicle
- Identify known associates and establish communication patterns between them
- Determine who may have been present or aware of key information during an incident
CargoNet

Cargo theft prevention and recovery support

CargoNet was designed for law enforcement by law enforcement. Many law enforcement specialists contributed their valuable time and knowledge to help build a system that assists law enforcement agents in combating cargo theft.

- An intelligence center of cargo theft and trucking vehicle theft in the United States, Canada, and elsewhere.
- Most extensive database of cargo theft in the United States, supported by a team of Intelligence Analysts with supply chain crime expertise.
- Sign up to receive free access to the database and timely intelligence on recent cargo and trucking vehicle thefts at cargonet.com/lawenforcement

CargoNet services are FREE of charge to Law Enforcement
Law enforcement professionals can access CargoNet free of charge to:

- Upload cargo theft incidents individually or in batches by system-to-system feed or by email.
- Search the database for persons of interest, cargo, or vehicles.
- Analyze cargo theft trends.
- Carry out analysis to link common elements among multiple items, including people, incidents, events, or product serial numbers.
- Offer or participate in online or in-person investigative training.
- Receive theft alerts, bulletins, and news items.

Contact Info:
Phone: 1.888.595.CNET (2638)
Email: cargotheft@cargonet.com
www.cargonet.com/lawenforcement
Section III

Investigative Associations

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Working Groups
IACP Vehicle Crimes Committee

The Vehicle Crimes Committee studies, considers, and determines the various methods and means by which vehicle crimes are committed, including the make and type of vehicles most commonly stolen; surveys, investigates, and evaluates the techniques and methods employed by the police and other agencies in solving and reducing the incidence of vehicle crimes cases; and reports to this Association for the dissemination to all interested agencies all pertinent information and recommendations that will reduce the incidence of this major crime. For the purpose of these objectives, the term “vehicle” shall include highway transport vehicles, off-highway recreational vehicles, boats, industrial and farm equipment, aircraft, and all other forms of transportation not included herein.

For additional information visit:
https://www.theiacp.org/working-group/committee/vehicle-crimes-committee
IACP VCC Members

Is a group of professionals of varied expertise in vehicle related crime committed to assisting law enforcement agencies across the world with awareness programs, strategies, resources and outreach to assist in combating vehicle crimes worldwide.

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IAATI
The International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) was formed in 1952 in order to improve communication and coordination, among the growing family of professional auto theft investigators. It has become recognized as the peak industry body with members in over 71 countries. IAATI recognizes that our most effective weapon to combat the vehicle crimes is cooperation. IAATI has actively pursued this by providing its members with an array of experiences, training and resources in areas such as technical developments, trends, intelligence information and investigative assistance. Through IAATI we are able to pool our resources in order to achieve our common interests, and better serve our communities. IAATI is dedicated to developing and encouraging the highest professional standards of conduct among auto theft investigators, while providing an infrastructure for those dedicated individuals to broaden their knowledge and develop the crucial business networks with local and international colleagues.
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Fax: 315-883-1310

IAATI currently comprises of six Branches covering - Europe, UK, Southern Africa, Asia, Latin America and Australasia - along with five North American Chapters covering both the USA and Canada. Our Executive Office is in New York.
THE NATIONAL ODOMETER AND TITLE FRAUD ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION

The purpose of NOTFEA is to deter odometer, rebuilt/salvage, and other title fraud through: Promoting and encouraging cooperation and fostering a working relationship among law enforcement and consumer protection agencies, licensing and motor vehicle departments, the automotive industry (including manufacturers, dealers, leasing companies, and auctions), and individuals interested in deterring such fraud by developing a network of those persons and organizations; Training NOTFEA members and the public in the detection of altered and counterfeit titles; Developing and sharing investigative information and techniques, prosecutorial documents and techniques, and other educational materials among appropriate members; Monitoring legislation as well as industry and government policies that have an effect on such fraud; and Promoting public awareness of odometer and rebuilt/salvage fraud and its economic impact.

NOTFEA Board of Directors Web Page:
https://www.notfea.org/board-of-directors/
International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators

The IAFCI Mission
The association, a non-profit international organization, will provide services and an environment within which information about financial fraud, fraud investigation and fraud prevention methods can be collected, exchanged and taught for the common good of the financial payment industry and our global society.

Benefits of Membership
IAFCI gives our membership professionals the means to effectively communicate in a secure environment to promote the exchange of information in the never-ending effort to apprehend and prosecute financial crime law breakers.

Support@iafci.org | 916.939.5000
IAATI Auto Theft Prevention Authorities

Several states, provinces and countries have specialized Auto Theft Prevention Authorities that work with agencies to assist in funding and combatting auto theft and related crime.

Please Contact Reg Phillips for additional information.

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VRSS & Chair of ATPA
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W- 519.756.8536
Auto Theft Investigative Groups

Several states and provinces have their own specific group for vehicle crime investigations. Here is a sample of several of the state groups. Additional information can be researched online.
Task Force Information

Several large agencies and state/provincial police agencies have a regionalized Task Force that works to combat auto crime. They can provide a wealth of information to a new investigator and often facilitate affordable or no cost training. Research your state or region to learn what is available near you.
Section IV

Vehicle Research Sites & Web Links
Vehicle License Plate Research on the Internet

United States License Plate Identification Research Site:  
http://www.15q.net/index.html

Canada License Plate Identification Research Site:  
http://www.15q.net/canindex.html

Mexico License Plate Identification Research Site:  
http://www.15q.net/mexindex.html
VIN Decoder
Is a free website providing basic vehicle information. Here is an example of an Isuzu Trooper.

Free VIN Decoding Website:
https://en.vindecoder.pl/
AutoCheck

Allows users to get basic vehicle information on a vehicle of interest by license plate or VIN number at no initial cost.

AutoCheck Website: https://www.autocheck.com/vehiclehistory/?siteID=0
Has your agency ever been looking research a vehicle based on color? If so, Paint Scratch is a comprehensive research tool for your investigators. Designed to provide consumers with proper paint color matches it also serves the investigative needs of law enforcement as it has very detailed color data available on nearly every model of vehicle.

Website Link: https://www.paintscratch.com/
Section V

Links to Informational Material

Community Relations/Awareness & Law Enforcement Investigations
Did you know that 97% of car thieves are charged with additional crimes? Or that fraud steals $80 billion a year across all lines of insurance? Preventing auto theft and other vehicle crimes can prevent major crime in your neighborhood. Download the vehicle crimes poster to see how vehicle crime leads to other major crimes, and what you can do to help prevent vehicle crimes.

Click on the image to view several downloadable resources provided by the IACP...
Informational handouts provided by IBC for educational awareness on how to help protect yourself from being a victim of a vehicle related crime.

Click on the pamphlet to be connected to the download site...
Informational handouts provided by NICB for educational awareness on how to help protect yourself from being a victim of a vehicle related crimes.

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Law Enforcement & Vehicle Title Investigator Guide

The NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool (LEAT) allows access to NMVTIS data and other pertinent vehicle information at no cost through the Department of Justice Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) or the Federal Bureau of Investigation Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP). For instructions on how to access NMVTIS data through RISS, contact the RISS Center serving your jurisdiction. To see which RISS Center serves your state please go to https://www.riss.net/Default/Overview. If you do not have RISS access, you may obtain access to LEAT by obtaining a LEEP account. To obtain a LEEP account, apply online at https://www.cjis.gov/onlineapp/index.xhtml or call the FBI Support Center at (888) 334-4536

Click on the pamphlet to be connected to the download site...
Virginia State Police

The Help Eliminate Auto Theft program of the Virginia State Police provides extensive resources and information available for download or review on their website.

Click on the brochure to get connected to the Heat informational materials web page.
Auto Theft Today
IAATI's bi-monthly professional electronic newsletter

Click on the cover to get connected to the IAATI Newsletter page.
TheWeekInReview
Timely, brief and relevant—that’s why The Week In Review (TWIR) has become one of AAMVA’s most valued electronic publications. The newsletter contains current news briefs on topics impacting chief administrators and law enforcement officials. With a focus on federal legislation and regulations, it also highlights federal agency news, upcoming events, relevant studies and research, and more.

Click on the cover to get connected to the TWIR Weekly Newsletter page.

Shaping the Future of the Policing Profession℠
IACP Vehicle Crime Committee
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