

Welcome to this edition of BOLO News. BOLO News is a monthly newsletter for law enforcement subscribers of ScrapTheftAlert.com to share success stories and other information that may be pertinent in the ongoing fight against metals theft.

Headlines

Recycling Yards: Targets for Burglaries and Armed Robberies

Scrap metal recycling yard operators are often victims of crime. Yards are targeted for burglaries and thefts for the valuable scrap metal taken in each day. Thieves have been known to steal scrap at night and return to the same yard the next day to sell back the stolen metal. While this may be seen as a property crime and even "the cost of doing business," operators and their employees, as with other cash businesses, are often times victims of violent armed robberies, a number of which have resulted in shots fired and victims injured.

Recycling yard operators are warned to take precautions and be vigilant, especially when opening and closing for the day; times when they might be most vulnerable. Law enforcement can be cautioned that scrap metal recycling is largely a cash business. Cash and valuable scrap metal, the objective of an April armed robbery in New Jersey, puts operators, their employees, and customers at risk for armed robbery.

Metals Theft Training Available

In addition to the law enforcement tools accessible at www.ScrapTheftAlert.com and www.StopMetalsTheft.org, ISRI provides metals theft training and education at law enforcement venues across the country. While not a "how to" in investigating metals theft, information is provided regarding yard operations, metals identification, state statutes, the impact of metals theft, and ISRI resources and cooperation between the recycling industry and law enforcement. For more information about the training, contact ISRI's Director of Law Enforcement Outreach [Brady Mills](#) at (202) 662-8500.

Feedback Needed...

Please continue to provide feedback subsequent to submitting alerts through ScrapTheftAlert.com. Feedback emails are sent 14 days after the submission of an alert. The feedback is necessary for ISRI to track the effectiveness of the system and make any required improvements. Thank you for your assistance.

Success Story

On July 17, 2014, an officer with the Lakewood, CO, Police Department, issued an alert in reference to the theft of a bronze baseball themed statue valued at \$5,000. Employees at ISRI Member Action Recycling in Wheat Ridge, CO, recognized the item



Reader Poll

What topics or information would you like to see more of in this newsletter?

- A. Metals Identification
- B. ISRI Assets
- C. Recycler Responsibilities
- D. State Statute information
- E. Law Enforcement-Recycler Collaborative Efforts

(Results will be revealed in the September issue of BOLO News.)

VOTE

Last month we asked readers, "When presenting a metals' theft for prosecution, which value does the prosecutor rely on?"

Here are the results:

Combination of the above	68%
Replacement value	18%

as one they turned away earlier in the week. Action Recycling was able to provide police with video of the attempted transaction, resulting in an arrest and recovery of the statue.

Follow @StopMetalsTheft on Twitter

In connection with our recent efforts to aid in the fight against scrap industry thefts, including the recent formation and redesign of the websites StopMetalsTheft.org and ScrapTheftAlert.com, ISRI has launched the Twitter account @StopMetalsTheft. Following @StopMetalsTheft or searching the hashtag #ScrapTheftAlert provides access to the same alerts posted on ScrapTheftAlert.com. Be sure to let fellow law enforcement know about these services available for use in the effort to combat theft in the scrap recycling industry. Also, don't forget to follow ISRI on Twitter @ISRI.

Value of the scrap materials	14%
Damages and loss of revenue	0%

In the News

[City Offers Rewards for Tips on Toledo's Scrap Metal Thieves](#)
NBC24.com, August 14, 2014

[DeKalb County Police, School District Officials Partner to Confront Copper Thieves](#)
Daily Journal, August 7, 2014

[Copper Theft Leads to Baltimore, Arundel Power Outages](#)
The Baltimore Sun, August 3, 2014

Questions?

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