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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

StopMetalsTheft.org

In June, ISRI launched a new web site in the fight against metals theft. The site, StopMetalsTheft.org, provides law enforcement, prosecutors, and the recycling industry, with online tools to aid in the effort. The site's home page also offers recently published news articles highlighting metals theft.

For law enforcement, there is a *Glossary of Common Materials Processed by Recycling Companies*. The glossary will aid in metals identification by defining industry terminology in layman's terms. Along with the definitions are photographs of metals to further assist in identification. The law enforcement tab also identifies the current members of the Law Enforcement Advisory Council and offers links to ScrapTheftAlert.com and *BOLO News*.

In addition to the information available to law enforcement, the prosecutor tab provides a link to specific state laws and other metals theft resources on a state-by-state basis. A list of "Frequently Asked Questions" regarding the fight against metals theft is also available.

For recyclers, the site offers several versions of compliance posters made available by ISRI and a poster of common Regulated Items. Also available to recyclers is a list of best practices to avoid being victimized by metals theft. The list, *Recommended Practices and Procedures for Minimizing the Risk of Purchasing Stolen Materials*, helps recyclers avoid the financial risk and penalties of inadvertently purchasing stolen materials.

The site will be updated on a continual basis.



Reader Poll

When presenting a metals' theft for prosecution, which value does the prosecutor rely on?

- A. Value of the scrap materials
- B. Replacement value
- C. Damages and loss of revenue
- D. Combination of the above

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

VOTE

Last month we asked readers, "With the exception of the ScrapTheftAlert.com link, have you ever referred to the www.ISRI.org website for information regarding the recycling industry or metals theft?"

Here are the results:

ScrapTheftAlert.com

Registered users of ScrapTheftAlert.com are reminded to provide feedback on posted alerts. The feedback emails are sent out 14 days after an alert is posted. This is the only means ISRI has to gauge the effectiveness of the site. While not every alert results in a success story, many users indicate the site nonetheless keeps metals theft in the public eye and raises awareness among law enforcement.

Yes	100%
No	0%
Not Sure	0%

In the News

[Scrap Metal Thefts on the Rise](#)
PBS NewsHour, July 12, 2014

[Oklahomans Help Police Crack Down on Metal Thieves](#)
KOCO, July 10, 2014

[Hit by Metal Theft, Industries Band Together in Texas](#)
The Dallas Morning News, July 14, 2014

Questions?

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