

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

## Cooperation in Fighting Metals Theft

February's edition of *BOLO News* highlighted the cooperative efforts among police, local business owners, and scrap metal recyclers in the Tucson, AZ area. Citing police and city officials, Tucson media reported a dramatic drop in metals theft from a high in 2012. Cooperation between Arizona recyclers and the Pima County Metal Theft Task Force has been key to the reduction in metals theft, as the following case will illustrate.

On March 5, 2015, the Tucson Police Department issued an alert through the [ScrapTheftAlert.com](http://ScrapTheftAlert.com) system reporting the theft of 14 commercial aluminum condenser coils from a vacant business. The loss attributed to material stolen and the resulting damage was estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000. The Department's Metal Theft Unit handled the investigation, identified a suspect, and made the arrest. According to the city's news release, "Through the cooperation and relationship established with the local area recycling businesses, a suspect was identified."

Collaboration among law enforcement, recyclers, and community leaders is crucial in the fight against metals theft. And, as this case demonstrates, recyclers are *Part of the Solution*.

## ScrapTheftAlert Success Story

Two defendants were convicted in February of this year as the result of an investigation conducted by the Shakopee, MN, Police Department, for the theft of stainless steel tubes valued at over \$24,000 from an area business. A local recycler responded to the Scrap Theft Alert submitted by the department on 2/19/2013. The success of the investigation is attributed to ScrapTheftAlert.com and the MN Crime Alert Network.

As a reminder, the ScrapTheftAlert.com site is supported by ISRI members. Registration and use of the site is free to users, including law enforcement. To date, the site has 19,282 registered users of which over 8,000 are law enforcement.

## Law Enforcement Outreach

ISRI continues its efforts to improve cooperation between the recycling industry and law enforcement. ISRI recently hosted a booth at the Western States Sheriffs' Association Conference held in Las Vegas, March 17-18. ISRI will also participate in the following national events:



## Reader Poll

Will you be attending any of the national law enforcement events cited in this edition of *BOLO News*?

- A.) Yes
- B.) No
- C.) Not Sure

[VOTE](#)

Last month we asked readers, "Have you ever investigated a theft or burglary occurring at a scrap recycling yard?"

Here are the results:

Yes	76%
No	24%

- June 26 – July 1: National Sheriffs' Association Conference, Baltimore, MD
- July 11 – 14: FBI National Academy Associates Annual Training Conference, Seattle, WA
- August 9 – 11: Fraternal Order of Police National Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.
- October 24 – 27: International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

Please stop by the ISRI booth to discuss your departments' efforts to fight metals theft and learn of ISRI's efforts to work with law enforcement.

## In the News

[San Bernardino School Police Arrest Two Men Suspected of Metal Theft](#)

*The Sun*, April 7, 2015

[Husband, Wife Charged with Stealing, Selling SAWS Water Meters](#)

KSAT.com, April 1, 2015

[5 Charged for Copper Theft at Local Substations](#)

WCNC.com, April 1, 2015

## Questions?

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