

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.

ISRI's Las Vegas Convention Puts Spotlight on Materials Theft

The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) recently held its annual convention in Las Vegas from April 6 through 10. Numerous workshops and seminars were held during the week. Of particular interest pertaining to law enforcement were the meetings of the Law Enforcement Advisory Council (LEAC) and Materials Theft Task Force (MTTF) and the workshops, Enforcement Solutions to Materials Theft and Prosecuting Materials Theft.

Law Enforcement Advisory Council Activities

This was the second meeting of the LEAC, the first being in January 2014 in Washington, DC. The LEAC, made up of law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and security personnel, continued to push for training and outreach between the recycling industry and law enforcement on the issue of metals theft. Specific goals for training opportunities for law enforcement were agreed upon and LEAC members were advised of ISRI's efforts to expand outreach. These efforts include articles that will appear in future issues of *The Police Chief* magazine, published by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and *Sheriff Magazine*, published by the National Sheriff's Association. Additional efforts appear below.

Materials Theft Task Force Activities

The MTTF workshop was well attended and well received. Recyclers were advised of several upcoming initiatives undertaken to improve the working relationship between the recycling industry and law enforcement. ISRI will be presenting a metals theft workshop at the National Sheriff Association's annual conference to be held in Ft. Worth, TX, June 20-25. The workshop will be held from 11:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, June 21. In addition, ISRI will be hosting a booth in the exhibit hall on Monday and Tuesday, June 23-24. In addition, ISRI will be hosting a booth at the IACP's annual conference on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, October 26 -28, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL.

Materials Theft Workshops

The Enforcement Solutions to Materials Theft workshop introduced recyclers to electronic surveillance equipment used when deploying "bait" property. These tools can be highly effective for those recyclers interested in working with law enforcement to catch metals

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Reader Poll

Have you ever attended a training session dedicated solely to metals theft? (Results will be revealed in the May issue of *BOLO News*.)

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Last month we asked readers **"In your jurisdiction, approximately how many metals theft arrests are associated with other felonies?"** Here are the results:

0-25%	40%
26-50%	20%
51-75%	20%
76-100%	20%

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thieves.

Those in law enforcement understand the difficulty in successfully prosecuting metals theft cases. This was the subject of the Prosecuting Materials Theft: What It Takes to Build a Case workshop. Recyclers were advised of ways to assist law enforcement in building successful cases against materials thieves. Effective means of identifying suspects and stolen materials were among the topics discussed. Both of these workshops were videotaped and will be made available in the coming weeks.

These meetings and workshops reinforce the recycling industry's commitment to fight metals theft. ISRI and member recyclers understand the need to work with law enforcement in fighting this crime.

Investigators: Natural Gas Causes House Explosion, Scrap Metal Theft Suspected
ABC22, April 22, 2014

Steel Recycler's Call Leads to Arrest
The Spokesman-Review, April 22, 2014

Copper Theft a Big Loss
The Tri-Cities Now, April 18, 2014

Idaho Utility Customers Get Hit by Copper Wire Thefts
KTVB, April 8, 2014

Questions?

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