



# SUCCESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP BOLO NEWS



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Welcome to the eighth edition of BOLO News. For those of you who have recently signed up for Scrap Theft Alert, BOLO News is a short newsletter that I distribute to LEO users from time to time discussing issues or information related to the system. For those of you who have been signed up for a while, my apologies for the delay since the last newsletter. Let's get started.

### NEW SCRAP THEFT ALERT STAFF ADDED

Because Scrap Theft Alert activity has greatly increased, ISRI has added Katherine Guyton to help keep up with the demand. Like me, Katherine is based in Florida. She assists with alerts, soliciting success stories, and helps with the day to day operations of Scrap Theft Alert. If you need to contact her, you may reach her at 352-433-2478 or by email at [katherineguyton@isri.org](mailto:katherineguyton@isri.org).

### ARE YOU REQUIRED TO USE SCRAP THEFT ALERT?

Is your jurisdiction required to use ScrapTheftAlert.com? If you're in Colorado, Michigan, or New Mexico, take a look. The laws in these states – as well as laws in local jurisdictions in many other states -- references ScrapTheftAlert.com as a tool for law enforcement in the deterrence of material theft. It actually makes pretty good sense. It's a fast, easy, and free way for law enforcement to issue BOLO's on missing material.

### SUCCESS STORIES

In future editions, I'll list some of the success stories we have received so far. Law enforcement and recyclers are doing a great job working together as you can tell from the above statistics. I would encourage everyone to pass Scrap Theft Alert information to your fellow investigators, patrol officers, and analysts.

#### PASADENA, MD

On 08-03-12, Officer Laura Dohoney of the Anne Arundel County Police Department issued a Scrap Theft Alert in reference to the theft of steel beams from a school construction site in Pasadena, MD. The theft occurred on 08-01-12 and the value of the material was approximately \$2000.00. On 08-03-12, after the alert was broadcast, Baltimore Scrap contacted the Anne Arundel County Police Department and notified them of two suspects who had attempted to sell the material described in the alert at their facility. Employees of Baltimore Scrap tried to keep the suspects at the facility until police arrived, however, the suspects left. Police were given information on the suspects, and police were able to conduct a traffic stop of the suspects. They were subsequently arrested for this incident and the stolen property was recovered. Chief Larry Tolliver sent a congratulatory letter to the employees of Baltimore Scrap. Great job by employees at Baltimore Scrap and the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

#### PORTAGE, MI

**Below is a letter distributed by Security Director Joel Squadrito of Steel Dynamics in reference to a recent theft alert issued on 09-13-12.;**

"I wanted to congratulate Ronnie Bontrager and his non-ferrous buyer Tim Pelmeas, on spotting the described load of stolen brass fittings on 09-23-12. They received an ISRI Scrap Theft Alert on 09-13-12 and as always, Ronnie posted the alert for his crew to review. The load came in from a commercial account that morning. They recognized it and took

immediate action in a police and professional manner; exactly how they were trained to do. They made the proper notifications to Management and Corporate Security. They then worked cooperatively with M&M Cores and the Portage Police Department.

The Portage Police Department detective is very pleased that they will be able to follow this up, and apprehend the thief as well as return the \$15,000.00 in stolen brass to the rightful owner.

This is an example of how beneficial the ISRI Scrap Theft Alert program is, along with our training, cooperation and communication. Great Work!!!!”

Joel Squadrito, Corporate Security Director, Steel Dynamics, Inc.

## **UPDATED SCRAP THEFT ALERT STATISTICS**

**Here are some updated Scrap Theft Alert stats since I get asked often how many users are signed up, number of alerts, and so forth. Scrap Theft Alert came on-line in Mid-December of 2008, and the below numbers reflect that.**

<b>Total Number of Registered Users as of Today:</b>	<b>14,892</b>
<b>Total Number of Registered Law Enforcement Users:</b>	<b>5,758</b>
<b>Total Number of Alerts Issued:</b>	<b>9,331</b>
<b>Total Number of Alerts Issued in 2008:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total Number of Alerts Issued in 2009:</b>	<b>668</b>
<b>Total Number of Alerts Issued in 2010:</b>	<b>2,065</b>
<b>Total Number of Alerts Issued in 2011:</b>	<b>3,679</b>
<b>Total Number of Alerts Issued in 2012 (through Sept. 25)</b>	<b>2,893</b>

Of course, the numbers listed above change nearly hourly as more users sign up and more alerts are submitted. As you can see, the numbers have increased significantly each year. This could either be an actual increase in the number of thefts, or more people are becoming familiar with and using Scrap Theft Alert, or both. Additionally, we receive success stories often. The number of arrests/warrants based on Scrap Theft Alert success stories as well as recovered property is impressive. If any of you have any Scrap Theft Alert success stories to share, please let me know. Each success story is posted on ISRI's main site at [www.isri.org/theft](http://www.isri.org/theft).