

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

## New Video Aims to Help Local Law Enforcement Combat Metals Theft



ISRI, with the assistance and participation of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), and the Anne Arundel County (MD) Police Department (AACO PD), produced a 6:19 video to assist law enforcement in the fight against metals theft. The video, "*Fighting Metals Theft: Perspectives from Law Enforcement and Industry*," features interviews with NSA Executive Director Jonathan Thompson, IACP 1st Vice President Terrence Cunningham, Chief of the Wellesley (MA) Police Department, and Chief Timothy Altomare, AACO PD.

The video takes an inside look at the creation of the AACO PD metals theft unit and the success it has had; in part by working cooperatively with area recyclers. Also highlighted are the dangers metals theft pose on communities as well as threats against critical infrastructure.

ISRI's Law Enforcement Advisory Council (LEAC), made up of senior law enforcement officers, corporate security personnel, and prosecutors helped guide the project with expert advice. ISRI member recycler Atlantic Recycling Group also assisted and participated with the video. While not all departments have the resources to form a metals theft unit, communication between investigators and recyclers, a key point of the video, can help reduce theft.

The video is being distributed through the NSA and IACP networks, social media, and at ISRI.org.



### Reader Poll

Does your department have a unit or officer specializing in investigating metals theft?

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

**VOTE**

Last month we asked readers, "Have you had a metals theft case declined based solely on the value of the stolen material?"

Here are the results:

Yes	47%
No	40%
Not Sure	13%

### In the News

## ScrapTheftAlert Reaches Milestone Figure

The [ScrapTheftAlert.com](http://ScrapTheftAlert.com) (STA) system reached a milestone in August by crossing the 20,000 registered users' threshold. The system, established by ISRI members to assist law enforcement in fighting metals theft, has proven to be an effective tool since its inception in 2008. Its growing use is a testament to it being an effective tool for law enforcement in the ongoing fight against metals theft.

## Look for ISRI at Upcoming Law Enforcement Gatherings

### IACP Annual Conference and Exposition

October 24-27, Chicago, IL

Look for ISRI on the exhibit show floor at booth 4855.

### Ohio Leads Country in Insurance Claims for Copper Theft

*The Blade*, September 9, 2015

### Former City Landfill Worker Pleads Guilty in Scrap Metal Theft Scheme

*The Baltimore Sun*, September 4, 2015

### Wellesley Police Chief Cunningham Makes Appearance in Heavy Metal Video

*The Swellesley Report*, September 2, 2015

## Questions?

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