

NASTF Vehicle security Committee, Minutes 5-14-14

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Bob Stewart convened the meeting at 11:04am (ET).

Hensley led a discussion on the past action items: VSP Login confusion with nastf.org appears to be significantly eliminated according to Potter following implementation of text instructions on the login page. Hensley reported progress on instruction pages written to educate locksmiths with OEM website processes.

Lowell presented an update of VSP Registry statistics, reporting a current total of 1,906 active LSIDs. A surge in VSP growth this year may be attributed to mentions by instructors and also new restrictions on key codes in franchise dealerships.

Hensley presented the NICB report on behalf of Ivan Blackman who was unable to be on the call. The report informed the committee of criminal vehicle thefts with links to at least one LSID. In addition to an ongoing investigation, the VSC co-chairs, NICB, Lowell and Potter have already begun collaborating on several elements including the VSP application process, D-1 Form audit activity, NICB reporting and the SDRM interface. On the possibility that SDRM may be modified to prevent the sharing of LSIDs, Hensley established a task force to work with Potter and Lowell, appointing Brady Adams, Bob Bechmann and Jim Parrie. The Committee also insisted on improvements to prevent the practice of code-forwarding by an LSID holder and the practice by some code brokers of harvesting LSIDs in their online purchase system.

Potter alerted the VSC to failures in the MBUSA TRP process caused by VSPs not correctly completing the steps in the required process. Selke confirmed that a significant share of TRP purchase attempts is user error. Lowell asked Selke to clarify three elements of the TRP: (1) a claim that the types of keys being shipped to VSPs is not the customer-replacement key, as intended. (2) an understanding that there are to be seven TRP parts available to VSPs through the online purchase process, not just the five that are currently displayed, and (3) there appears to be two options at startechinfo.com in the TRP purchase process: one is the online interactive form generating email purchase approvals and the other a printed form not involving MBUSA but submitable to the franchise dealer. Selke volunteered to investigate these questions and report his findings to Potter.

Norris reported that Canada now has 40 VSPs.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm (ET)

The next meeting of the VSC will be a conference call on Wednesday, August 13 at 11am (ET)/8am (PT).

