

NASTF Vehicle Security Committee Meeting
By Conference Call, Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Ivan Blackman
Charlie Gorman
Jim Hetchler
David Lowell
John Norris
Jim Parrie
Allen Pennebaker
Tommy Rex

Jerry Riedel
Jim Von Ehr
Skip Potter, Exec Director

Absent:
Bob Stewart, Co-chair
Claude Hensley, Co-chair

Potter convened the meeting at 11:10am (ET).

No old business or discussion about past action items were presented.

The Committee was informed that the VSC report presented by Hensley during the NASTF Fall 2014 General Meeting, November 5 in Las Vegas was recorded and is available for viewing on the NASTF YouTube Channel. ([View from 1:45:20 to 1:53](#))

Lowell updated the VSC on the record growth this year of 763 new NASTF Vehicle Security Professionals (695 primaries and 68 sub-accounts as of 11/14/14). Also, Lowell reported the renewal rate of 78% remains consistent. Further, Lowell informed the VSC that he has been asked and will meet with officials at the state of Alabama concerning new legislation relating to their locksmith licensing requirements. NASTF marketing visits at locksmith events in 2015 are planned for: Feb 21-Texas Locksmiths, March 5-8-VISION/Kansas City, March 18-Alabama Locksmiths, and May 1 & 2 – Just Cars

Blackman presented the NICB report indicating that out of a YTD total of 3,146,555 USA vehicle thefts, 105 NASTF VSPs have been implicated in 268 key code transactions this year where a vehicle theft was reported up to 7-days before or after that transaction. For perspective on this statistic, Blackman also related that four OEMs (Toyota, GM, Nissan & Subaru) each report their franchise dealer transactions through the SDRM database and in the same period, 488 dealership code transactions were related to those thefts. Lowell confirmed that all 105 VSPs had been promptly audited and suspended when notified by NICB. Additional NASTF VSP audit practices implemented in June 2014 and a crackdown by OEMs on their franchise transactions have already cut the number of code brokers able to operate unregulated which can knowingly or unknowingly involve a VSP in a vehicle theft.

Potter reminded the VSC that continual improvement (kaizen) in the VSP Registry process and operation is a responsibility of the members of the VSC and those committee members should forward their concerns, issues and suggestions to co-chairs or staff.

Norris reported continued interest in the Canadian VSP program with growth expected.

Reidel asked in new business for NASTF to review the practice at Helm of displaying, publicly, the LSID # and name on code purchase orders. Lowell was asked to also discover with VW (that apparently uses Helm) if LSID# and Registry passcodes are being actively validated against the Registry or if they are using snapshot files that may not reflect the most recent updates of passcodes and members to the Registry.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35am (ET)