



## NSVRP 6 Policy Points to Raise Awareness and Promote Measures to Reduce the Theft of Catalytic Converters

After having explored the issue of catalytic converter theft, IAATI produced a resolution that includes a six-point framework to assist legislators and policymakers with developing effective catalytic converter anti-theft legislation. These six points form the basis for coming up with real and practical solutions to catalytic converter theft. The six points also form the backbone for IAATI's model legislative language, which will help legislators and policymakers pass laws that provide Law Enforcement with the tools needed to investigate and prosecute catalytic converter theft.

NSVRP's six policy points for effective catalytic converter anti-theft legislation are as follows:

1. *Identify with certainty the person selling the Catalytic Converter;*
2. *Identify with certainty the vehicle from which the Catalytic Converter was removed;*
3. *Require a traceable payment and prohibit cash transactions;*
4. *Require records of Catalytic Converter transactions be maintained and made accessible to Law Enforcement upon request;*
5. *The penalty for not meeting the above requirements needs to be a sufficient deterrent.*

*While not an anti-theft policy point the NSVRP 6<sup>th</sup> policy point recognizes that the US EPA has a process to encourage the use of retested EPA program compliant original OEM used converters that pass testing protocols established and reconfirmed by the USEPA so that vehicles with stolen, missing or non-functioning converters can be more cost effectively be repaired so as to promote the maximum protection of the environment.*

6. *The Environmental Protection Agency (or an equivalent official entity with appropriate jurisdiction) governs what specific Catalytic Converters can be sold in that market. If requirements 1 – 4 above are satisfied, theft is not considered an issue*

The National Salvage Vehicle Reporting Program (NSVRP) is a not-for-profit 501 (C) (3). The organization was founded to support law enforcement and to promote and support efforts to advance the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS). NSVRP's mission is to support initiatives to control auto-theft and title abuse. NSVRP's Board of Directors consists of representatives of major law enforcement groups. The US Department of Justice has applauded NSVRP for developing reporting standards for NMVTIS reporting and has strongly encouraged the operator to adopt these standards as suggested voluntary compliance standards. NSVRP has been recognized both by the Department of Justice and the FBI for 'Exceptional Service in the Public Interest' for its public policy efforts.

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