

**WESTERN STATES
AUTO THEFT
INVESTIGATORS**

52nd ANNUAL TRAINING SEMINAR



Bally's Lake Tahoe Resort

South Lake Tahoe - Stateline, Nevada

October 12th - October 14th

2026

Sunday - October 11, 2026

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration - Bally's Conference Reception

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Hosted Reception & Networking - Hospitality Suite

Monday - October 12, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Late Registration - Bally's Convention Center Foyer

Evergreen A & B

10:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. Opening Ceremony: Presentation of Colors
Invocation, Introductions and Seminar
Overview

Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. Driving Changes - How AI has Upended
Investigations

Joe Stephenson - Lemieux & Associates

3:30 p.m. - 5:20 p.m. The Use of Synthetic identities & Entities
to Commit Insurance Fraud

Steve Lenderman - Lemieux & Quantexa

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Information Sharing and Networking
Hospitality Suite

Tuesday - October 13, 2026

Evergreen A & B

8:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Science Based Interviews -Part 1
Joe Preciado - Savage Training Group

Break

10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Science Based Interviews -Part 2
Joe Preciado - Savage Training Group

Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Open Source Intelligence in Investigations
Michèle Stuart - JAG Investigations INC.

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Wednesday Morning - October 14, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Evergreen A	Organized Retail Theft Mike Diehl – California Highway Patrol
Evergreen B	Facial Recognition Technology Blanca Rodriguez - Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Evergreen C	Connected Vehicles Kipp Loving - Reviver JD Decker - NV DMV Enforcement
Evergreen D	Traffic Collisions—Staged Accidents Lee Adamson - Department of Insurance

Break

10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Evergreen A	General Motors Vehicle Security George Baker - General Motors
Evergreen B	Vehicle Arson Investigations - Don't Get Burned Steven Poe - Fire Cause Analysis
Evergreen C	Vehicle Fraud Investigation Kipp Loving - Reviver JD Decker - NV DMV Enforcement
Evergreen D	Leadership Course Brandon Shipwash - California Highway Patrol

Lunch Break

Wednesday Afternoon - October 14, 2026

1:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Evergreen A GPS Tracker Investigations
Jimmy Eberhart – 3si Trackers

Evergreen B DealerTrack Thefts
Robert Foster - Cox Enterprises

Evergreen C Vehicle Infotainment
A.G. Speake—Vehicle4ensics

Evergreen D Vehicle Containment & Undercover Rescue
Matt Harden & Chris McGiboney
Optempo Training Group

Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

Evergreen A Odometer Fraud
David Chin—U.S. Department of Transportation

Evergreen B Street Racing & Sideshows
Cosimo Bruno - California Highway Patrol

Evergreen C Ford Vehicle Security Demonstration
Adam Smith & Kristen “KJ” Jones - Ford Security

Evergreen D Auto Finance Fraud in Auto Theft
Jim Vogler - Ally Financial

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Banquet Reception & Awards Ceremony