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*The Premier Copper Theft Training Company in the US*

## Media Release

Metal Theft Training and Consultants, LLC is a San Francisco, CA based company that trains law enforcement and the private sector nationwide how to combat all forms of metal theft. Copper theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States, and is now being called an epidemic crime. Scrap copper prices have skyrocketed in the past few years due to increased growth in countries like China, India, and South Korea, with no indication of slowing down. The US Department of Energy estimates that copper theft costs US consumers billions of dollars each year. They estimate that for every \$100 a copper thief gets for their stolen copper, it cost the utility company \$5,000 to repair. The problem is so severe that the FBI has stated, "copper thieves are threatening critical US infrastructure". Copper theft is in the news every single day nationwide. Police departments, prosecutors, businesses, local and state governments are struggling to educate their personnel quickly in an effort to prevent, investigate, and prosecute criminals who are committing this crime. Copper theft is widely known as a methamphetamine crime, and it is estimated that over 90% of suspects who steal copper do so in order to support their addiction. Yesterday's burglars have transformed into today's copper thieves.

Metal Theft Training and Consultants, LLC was founded in January 2012. Prior to our existence law enforcement and businesses would collectively share information amongst themselves within small settings in attempt to get a handle of this new crime. We are the first law enforcement training company in the US that focuses on teaching police officers, prosecutors, code enforcement, crime analysts, private sector companies, community groups, and utility investigators how to deal with this unique crime. We also provide industry specific training to companies who desire to reduce their losses related to copper theft. We have quickly become the national leader for providing this critical training to our nation's law enforcement agencies. We have provided training to over 2,000 students and been hosted by local, state, and federal agencies. These agencies include DEA, Orange County CA Fusion Center, US Coast Guard, Baltimore County MD Police Department, Tucson Police Department, Port of Seattle Police, San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center, and dozens of others. Copper is stolen for its extrinsic value. Evidence disappears quickly, as it is sold to recyclers which makes prosecution challenging. Numerous states nationwide have passed new laws in recent years in an attempt to deal with this new epidemic crime. Our expert copper theft instructors are proud to have worked with several states in their quest to have effective metal laws.

Metal Theft Training and Consultants, LLC instructors are metal theft experts, actively working in the field. Our instructors are POST certified and have a passion for teaching fellow officers and prosecutors how to apprehend copper thieves and successfully prosecute this crime in their jurisdictions. We also teach the private sector how to work with law enforcement in their efforts to reduce their losses. Copper thefts account for 96% of all metal thefts. If it has to do with the theft of a copper, chances are we have dealt with it. We have also developed metal theft programs for our respective law enforcement agencies.

In addition to dealing with all types of metal thieves, ranging from the single opportunistic suspect to the well organized criminal gang. We teach law enforcement how to be educated and effective when dealing with metal recyclers, prosecutors, police administrations, contractors, news organizations, local and state governments, and the victim who is looking for answers regarding what their law enforcement agency is doing to stop copper theft. Our students are able to give credibility to their investigations and reports by adding our certificate of training credentials to their cases.

We offer a one day 8-hour copper theft seminar and a 2 ½ day advanced seminar nationwide to law enforcement agencies. We also provide seminars for private sector entities such as security guard companies, contractors, utility companies, and community groups. We have also been asked to provide copper theft presentations at venues such as the International Association of Chiefs of Police National Conference in Philadelphia, the Leads Online Convention in New Orleans, and the California Crime Prevention Association Annual Convention in Los Angeles. We have been featured in numerous media stories around the nation. There are four critical components to battling copper theft; Education, Networking, Using Effective Technology, and Intelligence Led Policing.

Our instructors have been used as expert witnesses for court actions, both criminal and civil. We will show your agency how to re-organize your current resources and specialize in consulting work for complex cases. We also provide training to agencies who desire to either build or expand on their own metal theft policies or programs. We are firm believers that technology such as GPS can be utilized very effectively to apprehend and prosecute metal thieves, which will reduce losses to businesses, governments, and citizens. Our seminars are intense, interactive, and filled with critical information that addresses all aspects of copper theft. It includes but is not limited to; effective law enforcement tools, GPS, Leads Online, Scrap Theft Alert, types of copper, why/how it is stripped and burned, single suspect vs. organized gangs, criminal vs. civil prosecution, sting operations, developing task forces, building relationships with legitimate recyclers, tools used by copper thieves, the narcotic connection (over 90% are drug users), local and state metal theft laws, and effective networking. We use proven and effective learning tools such as copper samples, selective news reports, excellent videos (such as a scrapper showing how he strips copper before selling), pictures and videos of copper arrests and sting operations, and examples of copper theft reports. Our students leave our training educated, confident, and ready to make an immediate impact on copper theft in their community. We promote that education and networking is the key to reducing copper theft.

Lt. Terence Alling is a Federal Police Officer in San Francisco, CA and has worked hundreds of copper theft cases, to include the planning and execution of dozens of sting operations involving metal recyclers throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. In early 2012 he led a multi-agency sting operation which resulted in the arrest of two copper theft gang members responsible for over \$500,000 in copper thefts. He is the owner and lead instructor for Metal Theft Training and Consultants, LLC.

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