

2026 FEBRUARY 9-13 / PALM SPRINGS, CA

CHOP SHOP INVESTIGATIONS & CRIMINAL SOPHISTICATION - VIN SWITCHING THIEVES & SECONDARY IDENTIFICATION with... Field Exercises

FOR AUTO THEFT INVESTIGATORS - PATROL - SUPERVISORS - PROSECUTORS

PALM SPRINGS, CA

Five-day Chop Shop and Vehicle Theft Investigations training course

Presented by **LCI SERVICES**

Date: **February 9-13, 2026** (Monday-Friday) Time: 0800-1700

Location: **Palm Springs Police Department**

200 S. Civic Dr., Palm Springs, CA. 92262

Cost: \$615.00 (early bird fee) when received by Jan. 9, 2026



ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO 35



Attendees will come together - on the fourth day - as the **R.A.T.C.A.T.T.'s task force.** The classroom will be moved into the field to locate and identify potential chop shops - utilizing the training provided in the classroom during the previous two days. Field worksheets will be provided, later analyzed, and turned over to the local auto theft unit or task force for follow-up investigation. Attendees will be notified of any positive results from the field exercises.

This Five-Day course will provide the necessary tools and impact training to successfully identify chop shops and document important information/evidence, investigate individuals and criminal groups involved with chop shop and VIN switching activities.

With special emphasis on:

Beginning and completing an investigation - Initial Sources - Visual Indicators - Surveillance Techniques - Legal Entry - Scene Processing & Organization - Gathering Necessary Evidence - Appropriate Criminal Charges with Special Enhancements - The Four Levels of Criminal Sophistication - Organized Criminal Groups - Methods and Trends - Search Warrants for Chop Shops - Fraudulent Documents - VIN Switching with Current Trends & Methods, Sport Bike Thefts (Trends, Methods, Cultures, and Clubs)
And ... Working Together as a Task Force!

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THIS COURSE WILL HAVE STRICT GUIDELINES DURING FIELD EXERCISES.
CERTAIN TECHNIQUES AND INFORMATION PROVIDED DURING THE FIRST THREE DAYS
OF THIS COURSE WILL BE UTILIZED DURING FIELD OPERATIONS.

FIELD WORK SHEETS AND LUNCH FOR FIELD EXERCISE DAY WILL BE PROVIDED.

**THIS CLASS WILL LEARN TO LOCATE, IDENTIFY, DOCUMENT, AND INVESTIGATE CHOP SHOPS ...
WHILE WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM!**

TRAINING SCHEDULE

DAY-1 MONDAY

0730-0800: CHECK-IN / REGISTRATION
0800-0830: INTRODUCTION
0830-1200: SPORT BIKE THEFTS – METHODS & TRENDS

LUNCH

1300-1700: SPORT BIKE THEFTS – CULTURES & CLUBS

DAY-2 TUESDAY

0800-1200: VIN SWITCHING - CURRENT TRENDS
AND METHODS / VEH I.D.

LUNCH

1300-1700: FIELD EXERCISE IN TOW YARD (bring coveralls or older clothes to change in)
CHECKING VEH SECONDARY ID's

DAY-3 WEDNESDAY

0800-1200: CHOP SHOP INVESTIGATIONS
& CRIMINAL SOPHISTICATIONS

LUNCH

1300-1600: CHOP SHOP INVESTIGATIONS CONT'D.

1600-1700: FIELD OPERATIONS BRIEFING / EQUIP. / FORMS

DAY-4 THURSDAY

0800-1200: FIELD OPERATIONS - LOCATE AND IDENTIFY CHOP SHOPS

LUNCH

1300-1530: FIELD OPERATIONS - LOCATE AND IDENTIFY CHOP SHOPS

1530-1630: SAFETY CHECK / FIELD DEBRIEF

DAY-5 FRIDAY

0800-1230: CLASSROOM DISCUSSION – DEBRIEF LOC'S. (Bring cell phone connector for photos)
COLLECT WORK SHEETS – CLOSING, CRITIQUES – CERTIFICATES

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TWO (2) PERSONS PER (BRING) UNMARKED UNIT. BINOCULARS REQUIRED PER UNIT

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, please contact: **Tim Lewis - LCI SERVICES**

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Register Online: LCIServices.com

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REGISTRATION FORM

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DETACH AND MAIL TO LCI SERVICES

LAW ENFORCEMENT ONLY

I WILL BE ATTENDING the "Chop Shop Investigations & Criminal Sophistication Course" held on February 9-13, 2026 at **Palm Springs PD in California**

[] COST: \$615 when early bird payment is received by January 9th, 2026

[] COST: \$645 when payment is received after January 9th, 2026

Please mail the registration form with a check (if method of payment) made out to **LCI SERVICES**. Mail to: **LCI SERVICES, 29910 Murrieta Hot Springs Rd. #G433, Murrieta, CA. 92563**

Att: "Chop Shop Investigations"

We also accept credit card payment by phone or PayPal online.

PLEASE complete the entire form to assist us with registration and notification of any sudden changes.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME _____ RANK/TITLE _____

AGENCY _____ AGENCY ADD _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

YEARS WITH AGENCY _____ DIRECT PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

FEE ENCLOSED / PAID BY: [] CHECK [] MONEY ORDER [] CREDIT CARD [] PAYPAL

TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE MUST BE RECEIVED IN ADVANCE FOR PROPER PLANNING. BRING IDENTIFICATION TO BE CHECKED AT THE DOOR. NO ONE OTHER THAN APPROVED ATTENDEES WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE TRAINING ROOM. IN THE EVENT A CANCELLATION IS REQUESTED FOUR WEEKS (28 DAYS) PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THIS TRAINING COURSE DATE, THE AMOUNT WILL BE REFUNDED LESS A \$150.00 DOLLAR SERVICE, PROCESSING, AND MATERIALS FEE. NO REFUNDS THEREAFTER. LCI SERVICES THANKS YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS CLASS.

*Payment is due by check-in on the first morning of the class. Late Payments not received within 30 days of the first day of the class will receive a 20% interest fee.