

2026 June 16-19

CHOP SHOP INVESTIGATIONS & CRIMINAL SOPHISTICATION

- VIN SWITCHING THIEVES & SECONDARY IDENTIFICATION

with... Field Exercises

FOR AUTO THEFT INVESTIGATORS - PATROL - SUPERVISORS – PROSECUTORS

COMMERCE CITY, CO.

Four-day Chop Shop and Vehicle Theft Investigations training course

Presented by **LCI SERVICES**

Date: **June 16th-19th, 2026** (Tuesday-Friday) Time 0800-1700

Hosted by: **Commerce City PD** and **CATI**

Location: **Eagle Pointe Recreation Center**

6060 East Parkway Drive, Commerce City, CO. 80022

Cost: FREE – CATI-sponsored tuition if Colorado LE



ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO 30



Attendees will come together - on the third 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 Four-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 **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 two days of this course will be utilized during field operations.

TWO – THREE PERSONS PER (BRING) UNMARKED UNIT.
BINOCULARS REQUIRED PER UNIT.

Field worksheets and lunch for the one field exercise day will be provided.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ONLINE REGISTRATION:

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TRAINING SCHEDULE

DAY-1

TUESDAY

0730-0800: CHECK-IN / REGISTRATION
0800-0830: INTRODUCTION
0830-1200: 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 / TAPE LIFTS

DAY-2

WEDNESDAY

0800-1200: CHOP SHOP INVESTIGATIONS
& CRIMINAL SOPHISTICATIONS
LUNCH
1300-1600: CHOP SHOP INVESTIGATIONS CONT'D.
1600-1700: FIELD OPERATIONS BRIEFING / EQUIP. / FORMS

DAY-3

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-4

FRIDAY

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

