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CARI PROFILE

WHAT IS CARI?

The Colorado Association of Robbery Investigators (CARI) is a tax exempt, non-profit, 501(c)(3), organization (Tax ID # 841089440) that was originally formed in 1972 as the Metro Denver Robbery Intelligence Group to promote better communications among metro area robbery details and began meeting once a month to exchange offense, pattern and suspect information. In 1988 the organization's name was changed to its current name in an effort to spread membership statewide.

Investigators are considered members simply by attending monthly meetings and/or the annual training conference. CARI does not charge members annual dues to fund its operation. This is important in that CARI encourages as many investigators and private security representatives to be involved as possible. CARI's only sources of income are conference registration fees and donations from private sponsors.

WHAT DOES CARI DO?

- CARI organizes monthly meetings for robbery investigators and private security representatives from Front Range law enforcement agencies and businesses. These meetings provide a forum for exchange of information that otherwise might not be communicated to other investigators, i.e.: serial robber case information, arrested suspects and intelligence information.

The meetings also serve to foster working relationships between police investigators and private security representatives, increasing the reach and resources of each individual investigator as well as keeping the private sector informed. No information is held back.

Investigators from all Metro Denver law enforcement agencies, most Front Range agencies, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the State Division of Parole as well as security representatives from banks, jewelers, armored truck companies, grocery stores, fast food restaurants and convenience stores regularly attend the meetings.

- CARI organizes and hosts the annual Western Robbery Conference. The Western Robbery Conference is a training conference that is open to all law enforcement personnel as well as qualified private security representatives. The Conference consists of two and one half days of dynamic classroom instruction provided by experienced law enforcement personnel.

Topics for the 2007 Western Robbery Conference included:

1. Bank Robbery Trends and New Investigative Techniques;
2. North Hollywood Bank of America Shootout & Investigation;
3. Serial Robbery Investigation & Post Arrest Investigative Techniques;
4. DNA Evidence in Robbery Investigations;
5. "Can't We All Just Get Along?" The Criminal Defense Perspective;
6. The Craig Pritchert/Nova Guthrie Bank Robbery Investigation.

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Social functions are included to encourage class member interaction and development of professional contacts. The conference is instrumental in building the necessary cross-jurisdictional camaraderie needed to investigate suspects that travel not only from city to city, but from state to state.

Recent conferences have included representatives from agencies throughout Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Oregon, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New Jersey, Texas, Utah, Wyoming, Australia and Canada. Representatives of the Western Canadian Robbery Conference and the Eastern Armed Robbery Conference have also attended.

CARI maintains a website, coloradorobbery.org, for the use of CARI members and the general public. The website provides conference information, a directory of CARI members, robbery prevention advice, photos of wanted persons, hidden camera photos, other information of interest to CARI members and links to other law enforcement agencies and resources.

WHAT CARI IS NOT:

- CARI is not a fraternal organization.
- CARI is not an employee organization or union.
- CARI is not a political organization or lobbying group;
- CARI does not endorse political candidates or become involved in political campaigns in any way;
- CARI is not a social event.
- Board members and conference organizers are not paid nor is their time compensated for.

The sole purpose of CARI is to provide training, information and professional contacts to its members to further the battle against armed robbery.