

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CARGO THEFT TRENDS



Over the last 5 years CargoNet® has reported a rise in reported theft incidents reported to our command center during the Thanksgiving holiday. We have provided a snapshot of the events including theft by state, day of the week, commodity type, location type, theft type and loss value from the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to the Monday after Thanksgiving.

163 TOTAL CARGO & VEHICLE
THEFTS REPORTED

TOP 3 TARGETED STATES



1. TEXAS



2. CALIFORNIA



3. FLORIDA

AVERAGE LOSS
VALUE



\$132,929

ESTIMATED TOTAL
LOSS VALUE



TOP TARGETED
COMMODITY



1. FOOD & BEVERAGE

TOP TARGETED
LOCATION TYPE



1. PARKING LOTS

SOURCE: CARGONET, A VERISK BUSINESS

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SECURITY TIPS & BEST PRACTICES



Supply Chain Fraud Security Tips

- ☐ Cargo thieves enjoy the holidays because shipping volume of desirable goods increases, as does demand. Freight brokers should be extra diligent during the holiday season as fictitious pickups increase.
- ☐ End of day transactions should have strict vetting processes; a second look by a supervisor prior to tendering a load to a carrier may prevent a theft.
- ☐ A trucker that is willing to take an undesirable load for a lower rate than the industry standard may be setting you up for a theft.
- ☐ Fuel advance, hostage load, and line haul scams also increase a few days before a holiday. Prior to issuing the fuel advance, confirm with the shipper that the load was picked up by calling them. Do not accept incoming calls from a shipper trying to tell you the driver is there – it could be the scammers spoofing the phone number of the shipper.

In Transit Cargo Security Tips

- ☐ Make sure that both security managers and drivers have accurate license plate, VIN, and descriptive information for tractors, trailers, containers, and container chassis. Police agencies will need this information to open an investigation in the event of an incident. Drivers should keep this information on them so they quickly reference it if their truck is stolen.
- ☐ Secure all trailers (loaded and unloaded) with high-security ISO 17712 compliant barrier seals in combination with hardened padlocks. Utilize king pin locks for unattached trailers.
- ☐ Secure all tractors with high-security locking devices, such as, air-cuff and steering column locks.
- ☐ Remind the drivers to arrive at point of pick up; well rested, showered, fed and with a full tank of fuel.
- ☐ Avoid having loaded trailers sit unattended when employees are not present.

Warehouse/Distribution Center Security Tips

- ☐ Check to make sure the entire facility is in good working order. This should include lighting, back-up generators, alarm system(s), surveillance equipment, perimeter fencing and any other type of barrier.
- ☐ Remove keys from all facility equipment and place them in a secure location, especially motorized pallet jacks and forklifts.
- ☐ Never treat any alarm signal as a “false alarm”. When targeting warehouse locations, cargo thieves tend to trip facility alarm systems multiple times before breaking-in to give law enforcement and facility managers the impression that the alarm system is malfunctioning.
- ☐ Encourage documentation and reporting of all suspicious activity that occurs in and around a facility to security personnel and the CargoNet Command Center. This information can be critical to law enforcement in the event of a cargo theft incident.
- ☐ Ask local police agencies to make routine checks of facilities during holiday down time.

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