

News about Kentucky's Major Scrap Recycling Industry

Metals Theft is focus of new Kentucky effort and alliance



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A diverse group of business, industry and public agency leaders is joining forces to reduce the metals theft problem in the Bluegrass.

This follows the goals set out in a successful change to state law in 2012 had a provision for a Metals Theft Working Group.

Members of the group include:

Christopher Bedell, VP and General Counsel, River Metals Recycling

Morgan Sprague, attorney, Kentucky State Police

Steve Levetan, Pull-a-part of Louisville, Ilc

Chris Nolan, MMLK, representing AT&T

Jason Keller, Time Warner Cable

Pat Melton, Sheriff, Franklin County

Bob Babbage, Babbage Cofounder

Representing scrap recycling, major companies which use metals in manufacturing and service, along with state and local law enforcement, the group will share best practices and proven solutions to continue and reduce metals theft.

“This is an important step in the progress we have made in combating metals theft. The scrap recycling industry has worked constantly to make sure every possible prevention step is taken,” said Rep. Tanya Pullin, (D-South Shore).

“Law enforcement works closely with the scrap recyclers as well as companies impacted to limit the chance for theft and property damage,” Pullin added. Pullin led efforts for the new law and large coalition involved with the changes. She chairs the chairs the House committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety.

“This is a great example of bipartisan cooperation and a unified front by business and law enforcement,” said Rep. Sal Santoro, (R-Florence). Santoro served as a career state police trooper before being elected to the House.

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