



CARGO LOSSES

“A big rig that was parked near Edinger Avenue and Brookhurst Street was reported stolen. A trailer that was attached to the vehicle reportedly contained about 200 flat-screen televisions and was also stolen. A loss amount has not been determined.”

From the October 9, 2007 Orange County Register.

Even in reasonably “safe” regions of California, truck and cargo thefts are occurring at an alarmingly increasing rate.

In 2005, the Federal Bureau of Investigation estimated that around \$12 to \$20 billion worth of cargo and equipment are stolen every year in the country.

With expensive goods (electronics, cards, etc.) being transported on the road everyday and trucks becoming increasingly pricier, thefts that target trucks and tractors are not bound to slow down anytime soon. The only solution is to take preventive measures to protect the truck, trailer and the cargo.

Here are some basic tips your insured’s should follow to ensure they will not fall prey to the many truck thieves that lurk around parking lots:

1. Never leave keys inside the ignition or anywhere in the cab.
2. Do not leave a running tractor unattended. Doing this is like giving crooks an open invitation to rob you and drive away with the vehicle
3. Put protective bars on the passenger side window, as this according to reports is the side that most thieves enter the vehicle from.
4. GPS units can be used to track stolen tractors and trailers.
5. Wireless trailer alarms and systems can keep cargo safe.

SGD, Inc, and its subsidiary, Specialized Investigations, can help our clients investigate and determine the legitimacy of these losses.

We verify that all steps were taken to prevent the loss from occurring.

We will verify the insured, shipper and receiver records, as the loss dictates.

We will determine if there are financial indicators that might trigger concern.

Of course, since the majority of losses are legitimate, our experienced cargo team will provide you with the correct adjustment to resolve the loss and we will do this in a timely fashion.

If the loss includes salvage, we will get you the best recovery possible. We have salvors used to truck, trailer and cargo disposition. These salvors work with us to move the remaining salvage as quickly as possible.

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