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Cargo Theft - The Impact of Criminal Activities in the South American Supply Chain

A Facilitated Panel Discussion with Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and INTERPOL

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An Overview of the Challenge

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- Trends that describe current cargo theft parameters:
  - Most targeted commodities by cargo thieves are high value products easy to sell on the black market.
  - In some countries a rise in thefts of ‘high demand’ products is reported when they are no longer widely available.
  - Driver collusion continues to be a common threat for trucking companies.
  - Local law enforcement agencies (LLEA) report they lack sufficient personnel and funding.
  - Many cargo thieves pose as police officers.

Options to Reduce Risk

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- Add delay in packaging/containerization of cargo
- Improve Information Security
- Use Reliable Transporters
- Operations in Warehousing & Distribution Centers
- Routing, scheduled fuel stops, and time schedule considerations
- Electronic Tracking Devices

Discuss the Physical Security Environment

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- What's different or changing in your country regarding the cargo theft statistics you are encountering?

- Are you seeing changes in what cargo is being stolen or by whom?

Discuss the Physical Security Environment - Continued

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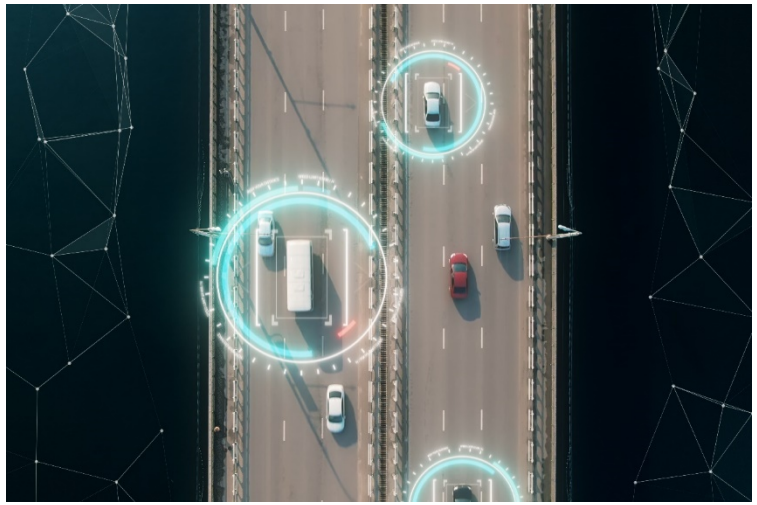
- Are there indications that the organized gangs stealing cargo are evolving into regional organizations rather than national-level groups?

- Are there indications that emerging technology is enhancing the abilities of cargo thieves?



Discuss the Physical Security Environment - Continued

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- What sorts of useful conclusions can we draw from these statistics?

- What options are available that are likely to be successful?

Discuss the Physical Security Environment - Continued

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- What type of resources are at our disposal: additional logistics personnel, police or military response, funding, or something else?

- How can we forecast the need for additional resources in the future?

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Questions?