

## TRAVELERS SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS GROUP MARKS 15 YEARS

The Special Investigations Group has recovered more than

**\$65 million**  
in stolen goods



### HERE ARE SOME MILESTONES ALONG THE WAY

2005

**The Travelers Special Investigations Group (SIG) is formed**, with a mission to help customers recover stolen goods.

2007

**SIG connects with cargo theft task forces and law enforcement agencies**, working to identify crime rings, share intelligence and recover goods for customers.

2008

The “sting trailer” debuts, equipped with surveillance and tracking capabilities designed to help break up cargo theft rings once they have been identified. In 2009, the sting trailer helps uncover four warehouses full of stolen cargo in Illinois **worth an estimated \$1.8 million.**

2010

With leadership positions in industry groups, including the Southeast Transportation Security Council and the Transported Asset Protection Association, **Travelers takes a larger role in protecting the supply chain industry.**

2011

**SIG begins route analysis guidance**

for particular routes, including areas to avoid stopping, and providing customers with recommendations on securing loads, trailers and yards. Theft vulnerability assessments evaluate customers’ overall susceptibility to cargo theft.

2012

**SIG’s impact continues to push cargo theft further down the list as a leading cause of loss**, as prevention and recovery efforts have an impact and reduce theft losses for Travelers customers.

2013

**Travelers is repeatedly invited to speak to Congress** by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood as an expert on cargo theft. Scott Cornell visits with members of Congress on transportation and National Security committees.

2014

**SIG helps bust one of the first major pilferage theft cases, known as the I-40.**

The thieves had been hitting loads along Interstate 40 for more than a year. The bust draws greater attention to the impact on and the importance of reporting pilferage losses across the industry.

2015

SIG now has 10 full-time investigators across the country who bring experience in the transportation industry and are available 24/7/365.

**Travelers leads the insurance industry for dedication to recovering stolen goods.**

2017

**Travelers works with a task force after \$1.5 million wholesale of video game systems were stolen.**

SIG mobilizes task forces in Kentucky and Tennessee to recover the goods within three hours of theft notification.

2018

**SIG works closely with customers, preparing them to pass security audits**

conducted by manufacturing and shipping companies to maintain or secure new business.

2019

**SIG investigates losses in the Chicago area**

attributed to a cargo pilferage crew. A tip about a suspicious trailer parked near one of the storage units leads to the arrest of several individuals. **The investigation further reveals information about a local fencing organization** that is holding and moving much of the stolen cargo after the thefts. SIG shares information with the Midwest Cargo Security Council in hopes of identifying other theft victims.

2020

**SIG marks more than \$65 million in stolen goods recovered since 2011.**

The number of goods protected from theft due to preventative consultations regarding security procedures and theft risk assessments is likely far greater.

**Throughout the pandemic, SIG continues to provide critical intelligence and consultation to help customers get through unprecedented shifts in cargo theft.**

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