



RLPA

The Retail Loss Prevention Association of the Carolinas
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The Retail Loss Prevention Association of the Carolinas (RLPA) is a professional organization to provide those working in retail loss prevention networking opportunities, a forum to share case evidence, and to gain insight on loss prevention issues facing retail companies.

RLPA's Members

There are over **100 RLPA members** representing companies from all sectors of retail including grocery, pharmacy, home improvement, apparel, jewelry, variety and mass merchants. The membership is diverse with company vice-presidents, directors, regional supervisors, auditors and investigators.

Monthly Meetings

RLPA meets the **last Friday of every quarter for two hours**. The meetings that will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina will be held at the headquarters of the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association. Each meeting is divided into three segments.

1. **Continuing Education:** A 45-minute, interactive presentation on a select topic that is transferable to attendees' careers and to their respective company's operations is presented by RLPA members, law enforcement, vendors and other state agencies. Past presentations include **Robbery Prevention, Convicting Those who Commit Fraud, Warehouse and Distribution Security, CHECK 21, the Latest Retail Security Technology** and How to **Reduce Shrink**.
2. **Information Sharing:** There is a common saying amongst loss prevention professionals: "If they are hitting me, then they are hitting the guy next door too." This 45-minute segment is an interactive exchange of information amongst the various retail companies to provide "**missing links**" to each other to aid in the **investigation of open cases**. Everything from actual counterfeit checks, fraudulent credit card numbers, photos, digital video and interview statements are all **exchanged** in an effort to **work together** to get criminals.
3. **Networking:** RLPA meetings give members the opportunity to visit with other loss prevention professionals and presenters to discuss **recent trends**, share detailed criminal activity, learn about new technologies, **potential jobs** and **become connected**.

Leadership Opportunities

RLPA provides leadership opportunities for retail loss prevention professionals. There are several committees on which members can choose to serve and there are also officer positions to which members may be elected. RLPA provides its members opportunities to **grow as leaders in Loss Prevention** and the association creates an environment where employees **take ownership** in improving themselves in their profession.

RLPA in 2009

The members of RLPA are never satisfied with their accomplishments. That's why RLPA wants to continue to grow, provide more services to its members and be the **leader in curbing retail crime in the Carolinas**. RLPA's strategic plan for 2009 includes traveling to Salisbury and Charlotte to reach out to the Retail Loss Professionals located in South Carolina. Exciting topics presented at RLPA in 2009 will include:

- Responding to Internal Theft in the Current Economic Environment
- Disaster Response and
- Organized Retail Crime (E-fencing Investigations)

How to Join RLPA

RLPA offers those working in retail loss prevention a professional opportunity to make a **small, yet significant investment in their career**. Those interested in joining should complete the attached membership application to become part of RLPA.

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