

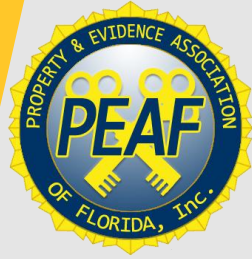


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NEWSLETTER

The purpose of the Property Evidence Association of Florida, Inc. (P.E.A.F.) is to promote education and professionalism of the property and evidence function within the State of Florida.

PEAF NEWS

*Record Breaking Attendance at the 2011
PEAF Conference*

The 2011 PEAF Conference in Orlando had a record breaking attendance with 87 participants who had all around positive feedback. With it being our 10th Anniversary, it was a big celebration with lots of door prizes, Vendors sponsoring our lunches, and very informative training. All the participants also received a CD copy of Joe Latta's Property and Evidence by The Book.

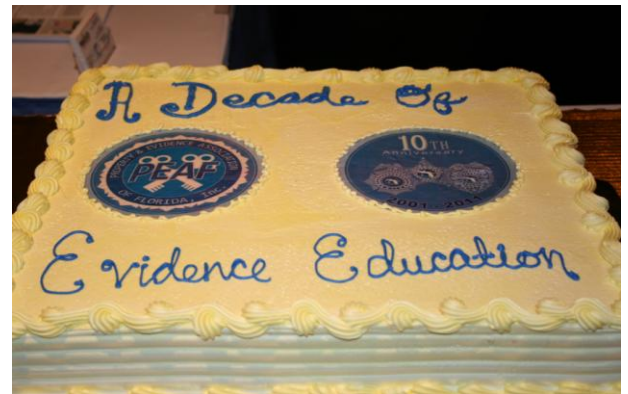
Some of the training covered during the conference included: Packaging Evidence for Shipping and Storage, DNA Evidence Packaging, Recognizing Counterfeit Currency, Purging and Disposal of Evidence, Narcotics Trends/Update focusing on The "Pill Mill" Epidemic in Florida, Ethics pertaining to Law Enforcement and the Storage of Sexual Assault Kits for Non-Reporting Victims.

A lot of our participants have even requested copies of the

presentations as a result of such informative topics. Since some of the presentations are not available to do this, we will be covering some of those topics in our training section of our Newsletters starting with this one.

One of the topics brought up in our open discussion was the desire of many members to have a PEAF Certification Program. This idea was met with a lot of support. Pam Schmidt, our Conference Coordinator, will be responsible for the Education and Certification Process. She is currently working with members of PEAF who volunteered to assist in this process. If you have previous experience or want to volunteer as well, please contact Pam at pschmidt@northportpd.com.

The Board has already started planning next year's PEAF conference, so stay tuned as more details come.



Training Time

Recognizing Counterfeit Currency

This year at our 2011 PEAFF Conference we were very fortunate to have Special Agent Steven Knapp, United States Secret Service, speak about Counterfeit money.

He started by informing us that there has been a delay in the circulation of the new \$100 bill. There were some problems with the bills coming off of the equipment and they do not have a set date at this time as to when those will be released.

He went on to discuss some of the common techniques that modern counterfeiters are using.

1. They are simply using a laser jet printer and photocopying the money. In this case, you would see currency with identical serial numbers.
2. They will bleach out one dollar bills and copy the new bill onto the bleached currency.
3. The old printing machines are not being used as much now as they are very expensive for the counterfeiter.

There are several things to look for when establishing if currency is legitimate or counterfeit. Legitimate currency has the following:

1. 1996 and 2004 style currency has a watermark in the bill that is visible from either side when held in the air.
2. The 1996 style currency has color shifting ink. (refer to the website to see which ones have which ink)
3. Genuine currency has a clear polyester thread embedded vertically in the paper called a Security thread. It glows a unique color when held under an Ultraviolet light.
4. Serial Numbers. The first letter of the serial number corresponds to the series year. (See website for more details)
5. Federal Reserve Indicators. 1996 and 2004 style currency have a letter-number combination which identifies one of the 12 issuing Federal Reserve Banks. This letter-number combination appears beneath the serial number on the left.



6. Check Letter / Quadrant Number
7. Face Plate Number
8. Series Year
9. Back Plate Number which is found on the reverse right hand side of the note.

Some common differences between a genuine note and a counterfeit note are as follows:

Portrait

The genuine portrait appears lifelike and stands out distinctly from the background. The counterfeit portrait is usually lifeless and flat. Details merge into the background which is often too dark or mottled.

Federal Reserve and Treasury Seals

On a genuine bill, the saw-tooth points of the Federal Reserve and Treasury seals are clear, distinct, and sharp. The counterfeit seals may have uneven, blunt, or broken saw-tooth points.

Border

The fine lines in the border of a genuine bill are clear and unbroken. On the counterfeit, the lines in the outer margin and scrollwork may be blurred and indistinct.

Serial Numbers

Genuine serial numbers have a distinctive style and are evenly spaced. The serial numbers are printed in the same ink color as the Treasury Seal. On a counterfeit, the serial numbers may differ in color or shade of ink from the Treasury seal. The numbers may not be uniformly spaced or aligned.

Paper

Genuine currency paper has tiny red and blue fibers embedded throughout. Often counterfeiters try to simulate these fibers by printing tiny red and blue lines on their paper. Close inspection reveals, however, that on the counterfeit note the lines are printed on the surface, not embedded in the paper. It is illegal to reproduce the distinctive paper used in the manufacturing of United States currency.

All of this information and more can be found on the following websites. These are valuable resources to help in identifying counterfeit bills as well as many other money questions such as how to replace mutilated currency.

www.secretservice.gov

www.moneyfactory.gov

www.newmoney.gov



2011 Conference..... Thank you Medtech Forensics, Inc.

Calendar of Events

CERTIFICATION / EDUCATION MEETING (MEETING WITH UCF)

TENTATIVELY MAY 21ST AT
ORLANDO SUN RESORT
TIME: TBA

BOARD MEETING

TENTATIVELY MAY 22ND AT
ORLANDO SUN RESORT
TIME: TBA

CHAPTER 2 SPONSORED PEAFF CRUISE TO THE BAHAMAS

PLACE: FROM PORT CANAVERAL
TIME: 11/04/2011

3 day Bahamas cruise. Go to [www. PEAFF.net](http://www.PEAF.net) Home Page for more details.

2012 CONFERENCE

PLACE: ORLANDO SUN RESORT
TIME: FEB. 22-24

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If you have news in your Chapter, Training to pass on or any PEAFF Event that you would like to see in the quarterly Newsletter, Please contact Lara Hoechst at lhoechst@seminolesheriff.org or any other Board Member.