

Nomination form for the Bank of Canada Law Enforcement Award of Excellence for Counterfeit Deterrence. It was submitted by  
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Actions of nominee were determined...: Barb Dewtie Pictou County RCMP  
Crime Prevention Coordinator and Cpl. John Currie of the Pictou County  
District RCMP partnered together after 15 incidents of counterfeit

bills being passed in the last year in Pictou. They felt the need to arrange two workshops for the Pictou and area Business Community and Shiretown merchants. They knew in most cases it is the bank's employees who spot the phoney money after it has been accepted and deposited by the businesses, therefore Barb & John felt they had to create education & awareness within the business community, their staff and summer students because that was where the most need appeared to be with seasonal businesses and young and new staff. The chairwoman for the Pictou Business Committee spoke in appreciation of the team for hosting such an informative and educational workshop because for small businesses with tight profit margins, losing \$20 or \$50 due to bogus bills can hurt.

event, investigation, etc...: Barb Dewtie & Cpl. Currie thought the best approach was to address the problem through education and prevention. They arranged the two seminars/workshops, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, to allow time for all employees and Business owners to attend this very important information session. Barb Contacted Mr. Allan Paquet from the office of the Atlantic Bank of Canada to help them present currency education with some hands on participation. Barb & John felt people have a better understanding of information if they have a visual of the information so they joined forces in hosting this event. The local Braeside Inn when approached by this team saw the need and benefits of hosting such a workshop, and quickly agreed to provide the space/location for this initiative. The team worked together to hand deliver all the invitations to all businesses in the Shiretown and area. On April 20, 2005 over 100 people attended these workshops leaving with information and knowledge to help prepare for their busy season ahead.

How nominee demonstrated creativity, etc...: Business owners and frontline workers as well as summer student employees were put to the test of identifying fake bills. They had the opportunity to touch, feel and see the differences between genuine and counterfeit notes. They were then given the correct information and knowledge they will need to help them identify counterfeit money before they become a victim. Barb expressed this was a proactive approach in working towards reducing the passing of counterfeit bills. The business community and frontline workers who handle the money learned the information on the security features and identifying markings of Canadian bank notes.

Cpl. Currie then added when faced with the possibility of counterfeit money being passed, remember "safety First", never confront people trying to pass a suspicious bill. They should contact the RCMP and try to provide a physical description of the suspect(s) and a possible licence plate number. It was felt by Barb & John with the media attention they received from this it was a great deterrent for anyone thinking this would be a good place to pass counterfeit bills and with young staff educated and aware they will not be fooled by these counterfeit notes either.

Additional comments: Creation and/or implementation of an effective anti-counterfeiting prevention program: Awareness, education and available tools are all being used in the business community to help them help themselves.

Development of investigative or administrative efficiencies and/or effectiveness: many RCMP and Crime Prevention members attended these sessions as well to heighten their awareness for future information sessions.

Promotion of public confidence in Canada's bank notes: The Business Community expressed their appreciation for this information as they felt it allows them to be more aware and confident in handling any future incidents of a suspicious nature, as well the summer students & younger/newer staff felt better prepared for their job and at ease on contacting the RCMP if need be and most important the safety of the employees has been brought to the attention of all.

Encouragement of police personnel to become interested in anti-counterfeiting actions in their law enforcement agency or within their community: Many officers and Crime Prevention members agree this was ongoing education that must not end and we should be prepared to offer this type of workshop each year with all the new additions of security features of legitimate currency.

Although this may not sound large scale it is significant in our small area.

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