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U S Postal Inspectors and Wayne County Sheriffs Host FREE Document Shredding Event Wednesday, March 6, 2013

DETROIT, MI – The United States Postal Inspection Service is partnering with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office to celebrate the 15th annual National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) March 3-9, 2013. During NCPW, groups nationwide share tips and information that help consumers protect their privacy, manage money and debt, avoid identity theft, and avoid frauds and scams.

This law enforcement partnership will sponsor a **FREE** "Shred-it-Day" document shredding event on **Wednesday, March 6, 2013** from **10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**, on **W. Hancock Street adjacent to the Sheriff's headquarters at 4747 Woodward Avenue** (2 blocks south of Warren) in Detroit. It is the perfect time to shred those old paper documents and correspondence – for FREE!

Residential customers may bring up to four (4) boxes of personal identification information to be shredded at no cost. PAPER ONLY (mail, bills, credit card statements, tax documents etc...). **Metal, plastic or other objects mixed in will not be accepted.**

No mail or documents will be accepted from businesses.

Customers who wish to drop off their documents for shredding will be directed to enter the shredding area on W. Hancock St. at Woodward. They should have their paper items stored in boxes or containers and be ready for quick drive-up and drop-off. They will then proceed west on W. Hancock St. towards Cass. This will allow for an efficient flow for those who wish to participate.

“We invite our postal customers the opportunity to protect themselves from all types of financial crimes by participating in Shred-it-Day as part of the National Consumer Protection Week,” says E.C. Woodson, U.S. Postal Inspector in Charge of the Detroit Division. “Citizens have an opportunity to destroy sensitive documents that are no longer needed and is one of the simplest ways to empower and protect from identity theft and other financial crimes.”

Postal Inspectors offer their special thanks to the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office for partnering with this shredding event and for helping to raise awareness during NCPW.

“Knowing how to protect your personal information and your identity is critical in today’s world,” said Wayne County Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon. “My office is pleased to join forces with the U.S. Postal Service and Postal Inspection Service to help our citizens protect themselves from all kinds of consumer-related crimes.”

The Postal Service is promoting free resources to help people protect their privacy, manage money and debt, avoid identity theft, understand credit and mortgages, and steer clear of frauds and scams. For more information visit www.deliveringtrust.com.

To read, view, download and order multiple copies of educational materials; to check out a calendar of events nationwide; and, to find out how you can host an event, go to www.ncpw.gov. The website’s blog features posts from consumer experts nationwide, and allows consumers to connect directly with them about a variety of consumer protection resources.

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