

Louisiana Sheriffs Host Investment Scam Seminars for Law Enforcement Officers

Outreach program gives Law Enforcement support to assist defrauded investors

(August 31, 2015) – The Securities Division of the Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions (OFI) is offering a new outreach program to educate Louisiana law enforcement about investment fraud awareness and how to report investment fraud scams. The free two-hour program is available to all law enforcement agencies in Louisiana through OFI's Training Program Manager, Nancy Boudreaux. Several seminars have already been delivered to personnel at Sheriff's Offices in different Louisiana parishes. With the Sheriff's approval, this seminar qualifies for 2.0 hours of Elective Credits for attendees. A different one-hour program on the red flags of investment scams for senior *Triads* or *S.A.L.T.* groups is also available.

The Office of Financial Institutions recognizes the importance of training law enforcement officers and prosecutors how to report securities fraud, a crime that is often difficult to detect or understand. *Securities 101 for Louisiana Law Enforcement* is designed to assist law enforcement professionals in identifying securities fraud and addressing investor complaints. Through this outreach effort, OFI hopes to enhance the strong working relationship between Louisiana law enforcement and the Office of Financial Institutions.

Designed for use by law enforcement officers and district attorneys, the program offers an overview of popular investment scams involving "securities" that are commonly used to defraud investors; training for law enforcement personnel who receive complaints from defrauded investors; victim profiles and groups targeted for fraud; "red flag" tactics that indicate fraud; and free resources available to help Louisiana investors.

The program was produced by the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), of which OFI is an active member. The program also has been endorsed by the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C).

For more investor protection information, or to request a free speaker on investment fraud awareness for groups and conferences, please visit OFI's website at www.ofi.la.gov/SecuritiesInvestorEd.htm or contact the *Investor Education* department of OFI toll-free at 1-877-516-3653.