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Inyo Sheriff Hosts Skimmer Training for Law Enforcement

INDEPENDENCE, CA. March 12, 2019 – the Inyo County Sheriff's Office hosted a Skimmer Training for local law enforcement at the administrative facility in Independence. The training was provided by Special Investigators Matt Alexander and Jaimie Quiroz from California Department of Food and Agriculture's Division of Measurement Standards, and Inyo County Weights and Measurements Director, Nate Reade.

The training covered several topics intended to help local law enforcement agencies identify signs of credit card skimming devices and what to do if they are found. A sharp increase in credit card skimming through devices installed at gas pumps and other locations has been noted both locally as well as throughout the State of California.

After the presentation and training, the local Independence Shell Station allowed the group to have a hands-on experience and open up and examine the gas pumps. No skimmers were located.

Agencies participating in the training include: Inyo Sheriff, Bishop PD, Ridgecrest PD, and CHP.

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