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General business and banking personnel, as well as law enforcement officers, are encouraged to attend a Counterfeit Detection Seminar March 10 in Imperial. Sponsored by Mid-Plains Community College, the seminar will feature John Gutsmedl, Resident Agent in Charge of the U.S. Secret Service in Omaha.

Two sessions, both free and covering the same information, will be held at Lied Imperial Public Library. The sessions are from 1:30-3 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m.

Gutsmedl will discuss the detection of counterfeit currency, money orders, commercial cashier's checks, traveler's checks, credit cards and identification.

He will provide hands-on exercises involving ultra-violet light, paper quality and using a microscope or magnifying glass in detection.

MPCC Imperial Campus Coordinator Brenda Ledall said counterfeit detection is a timely topic. "I do think it's a problem and it could be potentially more of a problem in rural areas," she noted.

Ledall said no pre-registration is needed.