

Bad checks

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Bad checks impact negatively on local businesses and the community as a whole. Bad checks affect everyone in terms of higher consumer costs that must be passed on to offset losses, as well as the costs involved in enforcement and prosecution. The District Attorney's Office has instituted a "Bad Check Restitution Program" with two important goals in mind: First, to increase the accountability of those who pass bad checks, without increasing the administrative or financial burden to the taxpayers or the criminal justice system. Secondly, to return to victims that which is rightfully theirs.

This is being accomplished through a unique, cooperative effort combining private and public sector resources to educate businesses in preventative check acceptance measures, and which requires bad check offenders to complete a special eight-hour intervention class in addition to paying restitution.

In partnership with the 29 Palms Rotary and Chamber of Commerce a presentation of the San Bernardino Check Enforcement Program also known as Bad Check Program, will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 12PM at The Little Church of the Desert, 6079 Adobe Rd. Lunch is \$10.00, please RSVP at 367-3445.