

**\*\*\*\*\* TAX SEASON \*\*\*\*\***

**Historically we see an increase in the amount of FRAUD during this time of year, as a reminder use caution.**

- Use caution when cashing checks from Tax Refund Agencies
  - Call Maker to verify check
  - Google search phone number / maker name / bank
- Know your customer
- Have checks endorsed at your teller window
- If check is payable to more than one individual, make sure they are both present and sign the check in front of you
- If possible use the Treasury Check Information System (TCIS) to verify check issue amount <https://tcva.fms.treas.gov>
- Refer to US Treasury Check Security Features [http://www.fms.treas.gov/checkclaims/check\\_security\\_2008.pdf](http://www.fms.treas.gov/checkclaims/check_security_2008.pdf)
- Watch the micro line on checks
- Encourage customers to receive Tax Refund checks through SecureCheck
- Mobile Deposit Fraud, has the check been deposited electronically?