

SECONDHAND MERCHANDISE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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LOCATION: CROWN PAWN
130 EAST 3300 SOUTH
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84115
October 2, 2013
8:00am

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Katsanevas, representative from pawnshop industry
Brad Jenkins, representative from pawnshop industry
Mike Malay, representative from pawnshop industry
Boyd Clark, representative from secondhand merchandise dealers industry
Dave Fadel, representative from secondhand merchandise dealers industry
Richard Jorgensen, representative of the Utah Municipal Prosecutors Association
Mike Millard, representative from law enforcement that works with pawnshops and SHMs
Tracy Vanroosendaal, representative of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association
Brad Smith, representative from general law enforcement
Staci Larsen, representative from coin dealers
Leena Kumar, representative from Central Database

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Holly Cocco, representative of Statewide Association of Prosecutors
Dennis Harris, representative of Utah Sheriff's Association
Vacant board position, representative from secondhand merchandise dealers industry

DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

Glen Minson, Investigator
Mike Palumbo, Division Chief Investigator

GUESTS:

Kari Roberts, Salt Lake Pawn Technician

The October 2, 2013 meeting of the Secondhand Merchandise Advisory Board (Board) began at 8:09am with Chairman of the Board, Mike Katsanevas, conducting the meeting. The chairman called the meeting to order.

Agenda Items:

1. BOARD DISCUSSION AND PROPOSAL OF "BEST PRACTICES" FOR PAWNSHOPS AND SECONDHAND MERCHANTS

Chairman Katsanevas addressed a letter from Representative Seeling to the Board requesting "best practices" recommended by the Board for the pawn and secondhand merchant industry. Rep. Seelig also requested information regarding standardized property descriptions in the

database, a list of the software programs compatible with the database, and info regarding gold buyers in the state.

Katsanevas provided two documents to the Board. The first document was the letter from Rep. Seelig. The second document was a list of best practices published by the National Pawnbrokers Association. Katsanevas explained the background of the request from Rep. Seelig.

Board members discussed best practices recommendation related to compliance by a pawnshop or secondhand merchant with state and federal standards regarding truth in lending and red flag requirements.

Board members discussed best practices recommendation related to the use of a standardized instruction letter regarding the steps original victims should take upon discovering their item is located in a pawnshop or secondhand merchant.

Board members discussed a best practices recommendation that pawnshops and secondhand merchants use a standardized form for pawn tickets and secondhand merchant tickets.

Board members discussed a best practice recommendation requiring that businesses ask two specific questions regarding ownership of the items pawned or sold to a pawnshop or secondhand merchant. Those questions involved how long the seller of the item had previously owned the item and where they obtained the item from.

The Board addressed standardized codes for property in the central database. The Board members indicated that the central database description codes should be consistent with NCIC codes. Board member Millard raised concerns regarding the absence of uniform data entry into the description field by pawnshops and secondhand merchants. The Board members discussed the issue that inconsistent descriptions and abbreviations make finding the items in the central database problematic at times. The Board discussed a best practice to eliminate abbreviations for the name of the manufacturer and model when entering an item description into the Central Database.

The Board reviewed the compatible list of software programs with the central database.

The Board voted on the proposed best practices to be presented to Rep. Seeling. The proposed best practices voted upon included all of the best practices discussed in the meeting with the exception of the requirement for a business to ask two specific questions to the seller of an item regarding ownership details. The vote passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.