

Day at the Capitol



Chamber members recently traveled to the Capitol to meet with their legislators. The group had lunch in the Capitol and met with **Rep. Paul Smith, Rep. Barry Loudermilk, Rep. Barbara Massey Reece, Rep. Bill Cummings,** and **Senator Preston Smith.**

The representatives discussed issues related to Transportation; Education; Economic Development; and Civil Justice Reform.

Thanks to the following that attended Day at the Capitol:

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Larry Madden, Georgia Pinhoti Trail Association, Inc.

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Counterfeit Money Seminar

On February 4, 2005, **John Glace, Criminal Investigator** for the **City of Rome Police Department**, spoke to members of the Small Business Action Council and their guests on how to identify counterfeit money. All of the participants of this meeting said that they found it to be very informative and encouraged other business professionals to contact the City of Rome Police Department for more information on counterfeiting in Rome.

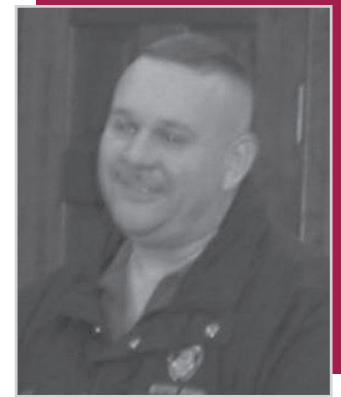
Some of the key points that Officer Glace made in how to identify counterfeit money were:

- (1) When you hold a bill up to the light the security thread on the left of the bill actually reads "USA TWENTY" and a small flag is visible along the thread on both sides of the note. This thread will glow green when held under an ultraviolet light.
- (2) On a 20 dollar bill, the number "20" in the lower right corner is printed in color shifting ink. When you tilt the note up and down the ink changes from copper to green.
- (3) When you hold a 20 dollar bill up to the light there is a watermark or faint image, similar to the large portrait of President Andrew Jackson. The image is part of the paper itself and can be seen from both sides of the bill.

If you suspect that you have received a counterfeit bill:

- Keep the bill from the passer.
- Delay the passer with some excuse if possible without putting yourself in danger.
- Contact the police.
- Observe the passer's description and that of any companion or vehicle.
- Handle the bill as little as possible, to preserve fingerprint evidence.
- Write the date and your initials on the unprinted edge on the front of the bill, place it in an envelope, and surrender it only to the police.

If you would like for Officer Glace to speak to your group, please contact him at the City of Rome Police Department. ■



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