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County Begins Skimmer Detection Response Program

Cumberland County, Pa. - The Cumberland County Weights & Measures office will begin a new initiative this week in response to the credit card skimmers found on local fuel pumps. The Skimmer Detection Response (SDR) initiative will provide another level of security for the public.

The County's Weights & Measures office will conduct random, countywide inspections of fuel stations to look for skimming devices. The office will also advise fuel station owners on how to detect a skimming device and what steps should be taken if a device is found. Weights & Measures will provide all their findings to local and state police, as well as the United States Secret Service.

Skimmers are designed to record credit card information and can be found most commonly on fuel pumps and ATMs. These devices can be installed both externally and internally on the payment station. When paying for fuel using a credit or debit card, inspection the pump first to see if any seals on the front panel of the pump have been broken. In you find a seal which says "void," don't use that pump and inform the station manager. Also, be on the lookout for card readers that look different than the surrounding pumps and try to use pumps that are within view of the station attendant.

Weights & Measures officials at the state, county and city levels enforce weights and measures requirements by conducting thousands of inspections every day. SDR is a Cumberland County initiative to protect and maintain the integrity of the measurement system and the marketplace.

For more information on Cumberland County's Weights & Measures office, visit www.ccpa.net/wm or call (717) 240-6539.

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