Conference planned

RPD investigators take new measures

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The Louisiana Forgery and Fraud Investigator's Association will be holding their annual conference from Tuesday through May 2 at the Ruston Civic Center.

The 2014 LAFFIA Conference will be hosted by the current President Capt. Eric Hanna, of the Ruston Police Department. This year's corporate sponsor will be Community Trust Bank.

The LAFFIA was formed in 1966 as a means to combat financial crimes through intelligence exchanges between federal, state and local law enforcement along with private industry.

Law enforcement member organizations include the United States Secret Service, the FBI, Louisiana State Police and local law enforcement agencies from all of the 64 Louisiana parishes. Private industries are represented by investigators from banks throughout Louisiana and the nation, as well as Certified Fraud Examiners, major utilities, telecommunications companies, retail businesses and insurance companies.

Training will be presented by representatives of the Federal Reserve Bank, the United States Secret Service, Walmart Global Investigations, Louisiana Tech University's Computer Forensics Department, AT&T Corporate Security and the Ruston Police Department.

Topics to be covered are organized retail fraud, wire fraud, point of sale credit card hacking, network security, computer forensics and the investigation of cybercrimes.

Lance Hall, the Louisiana president of Community Trust Bank, will be addressing the members at a banquet scheduled for the evening of May 1.

All persons involved in law enforcement or private industry fraud and financial crime investigations are encouraged to become a member of the LAFFIA.

Those interested can contact Hanna can be reached at RPD's nonemergency number 255-4141.