

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# CITY OF PALMDALE

## *NEWS RELEASE*

CONTACT: John Mlynar  
PHONE: 661/267-5115  
DATE: March 1, 2016

City of Palmdale to Host Free Seminars for National Consumer Protection Week

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s neighborhood services department two free workshops designed to arm the community with the knowledge and tools to safeguard against scams and thefts as part of National Consumer Protection Week.

The first workshop, titled “Identity Theft and Scams, Schemes and Cons,” will be held on Monday, March 7. Participants will be taught how identity theft occurs, how to minimize individual risk and what to do if one becomes a victim of identity theft. Additional information will cover the many different types of scams out there, how to identify them and how to avoid them.

The second workshop, “Internet Scams and Online Safety,” will be held on Wednesday, March 9 and will discuss how crooks use computers to steal personal information and how to protect your computer.

Both workshops will be held in the Palmdale City Council Chamber at 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B beginning at 7 pm. They are free and open to the public.

“Scam artists around the world defraud millions of people each year,” warns Palmdale Crime Prevention Officer Kery German. “They use the phone, postal mail, and the internet to trick people into sending money or giving out personal information. I once took a call from one of our residents who lost \$50,000 in a lottery scam! Many people say ‘I would never fall for that’ or ‘That would never happen to me,’ but you’d be surprised at how convincing these scam artists are. These workshops will give residents the information they need to protect themselves and their finances.”

For more information please call the crime prevention office at 661/267-5170.

Communications Department • 38300 Sierra Highway • Palmdale, CA 93550  
[www.cityofpalmdale.org](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org)