

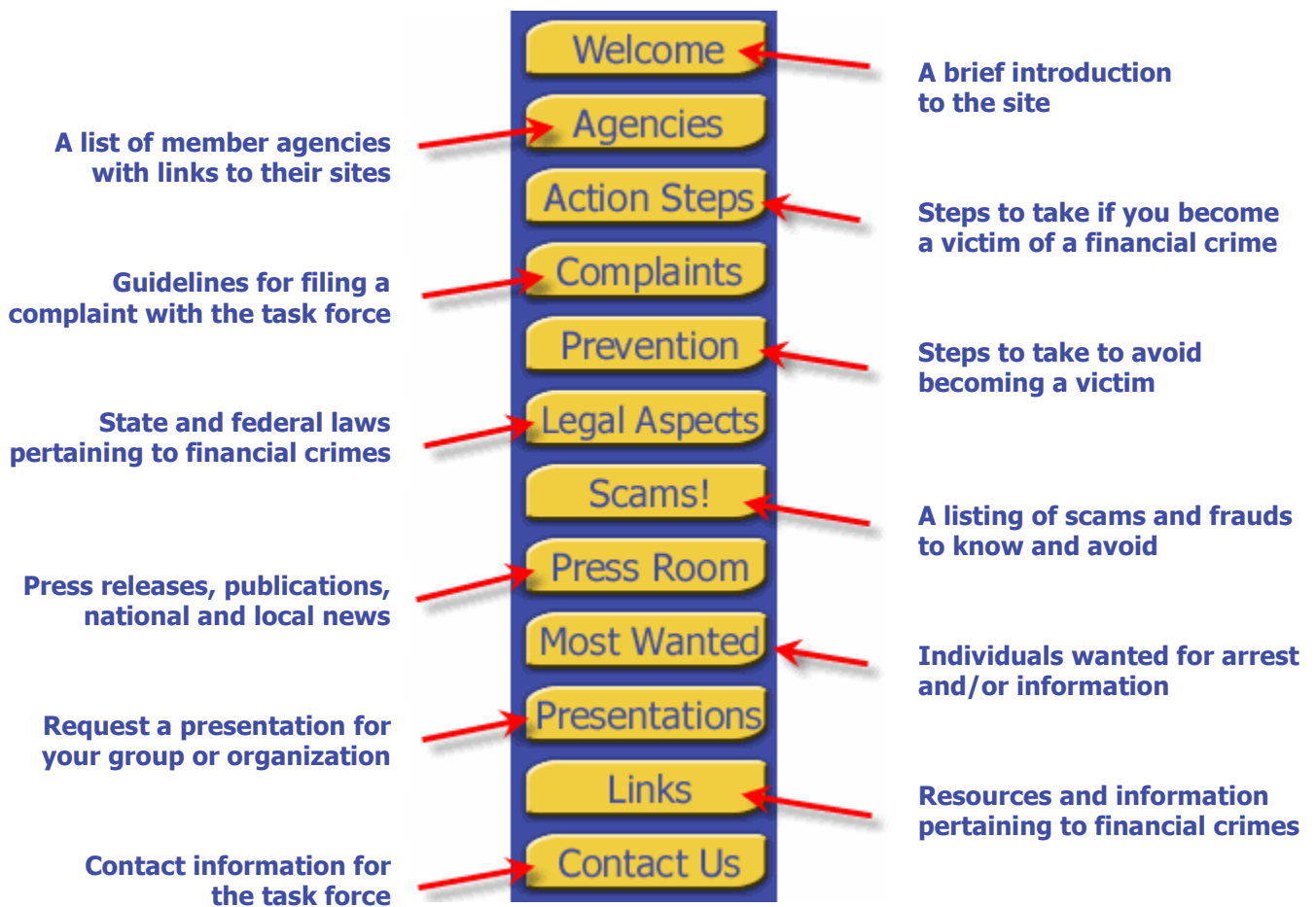


# Financial Crimes Task Force of Southwestern Pennsylvania

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Pennsylvania debuts new web site;

**[www.financialcrimestaskforce.com](http://www.financialcrimestaskforce.com)**

The site is aimed at educating the public and preventing consumers from becoming victims of financial crimes. Below is a summary of what the web-site has to offer.



Turn this flyer over for more information concerning the web site and the Financial Crimes Task Force of Southwestern Pennsylvania

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## **WELCOME**

In January of 1995, the Financial Crimes Task Force was formed to develop a cooperative effort with various federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, to address the growing problem of financial crime. The Financial Crimes Task Force has been charged with the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses involving split-deposit schemes, counterfeit checks, internet fraud, stolen government checks, identity thefts and identity take-overs within Southwestern Pennsylvania, placing an emphasis on organized activity. The task force is committed to aggressively investigating and prosecuting offenders of these financial crimes in state and federal courts.

## **IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM:**

1. Place a "fraud alert" on your credit report
2. Close all accounts that were opened fraudulently
3. Place an alert on all accounts not yet affected
4. Contact collection agencies
5. Contact agencies issuing you photo identification (drivers licenses, passports)
6. File a report with your hometown police
7. File a report with the Federal Trade Commission
8. Organize your course of action

You may also file a complaint with the Financial Crimes Task Force. A PDF form is available on the web site which can be downloaded, completed and mailed to the address below.

## **PREVENTATIVE STEPS:**

1. Order a copy of your credit report annually
2. Don't carry a copy of your social security card in your purse or wallet
3. Promptly remove mail from your mailbox
4. Pay attention to your credit card billing cycles
5. Keep an eye on your credit cards
6. Purchase a shredder
7. Be cautious of requests for information via the telephone or internet

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

In an effort to educate the public and raise awareness, the task force is available for presentations to groups and organizations throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania. The presentations can be tailored to accommodate your time and group size. Along with several multimedia pieces, the task force will distribute literature and brochures to your attendees. For more information or to schedule a presentation, send an e-mail to [presentations@financialcrimestaskforce.com](mailto:presentations@financialcrimestaskforce.com).

## **NEWSLETTER:**

The Financial Crimes Task Force newsletter is available on the web site for viewing and downloading. To subscribe, send an email request to [newsletter@financialcrimestaskforce.com](mailto:newsletter@financialcrimestaskforce.com). Please provide your name, business/agency name, mailing address and e-mail address. You will be placed onto our mailing list and notified when the newsletter has been posted to the web site.

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