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District Attorney Nola Tedesco Foulston advises citizens of important information relating to stimulus tax rebate checks which will be issued by the IRS in May of 2008.

As part of an economic stimulus package, most Americans will receive some form of what is being called a "stimulus payment," "tax rebate" or "refund." In short, if you earned \$3,000 or more in 2007 or you received under Title II of the Social Security Act or certain railroad retirement benefits, you qualify to receive a rebate. Persons who receive only Supplemental Security Income (SSI) will not receive a rebate.

A single taxpayer with an adjusted gross income (AGI) more than \$3,000 but less than \$75,000 will receive a rebate of \$600. Joint filers with an AGI less than \$150,000 will receive \$1200. A filer with one or more dependent children will receive \$300 per child. Persons who paid no income taxes but earned more than \$3,000 will receive \$300 for an individual or \$600 for couples. The same is true for persons who paid no income tax but received benefits as a veteran or Social Security. Single taxpayers earning over \$75,000 and couples earning more than \$150,000 will receive rebate checks but for lesser amounts.

In order to receive the rebate, you must file a tax return by April 15th. It will be sent out automatically to qualifying tax filers. Retirees or others who don't normally file a tax return must do so. If you earned \$3,000 or more but are not obligated to pay taxes in 2007, you must still file a tax return in order to receive the rebate.

For more assistance with your taxes, consider obtaining assistance from the following:

- The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides help to low and moderate income taxpayers. Call 1-800-906-9887.
- Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax help to people age 60 and older. For more information on TCE call 1-800-829-1040.
- AARP offers the Tax-Aide counseling program. To find an AARP Tax Aide site call 1-888-227-7669.

At present we are unaware of any scams which might seek to cause confusion about the rebate checks. For updates on the rebate checks and to protect yourself from other frauds and scams, check out [sedgwickcounty.org/da](http://sedgwickcounty.org/da).

For more information, contact Sharon Werner, Chief Attorney, Consumer  
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