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National Weights and Measures Week runs through this Friday

Franklin County Auditor's Office responsible for ensuring accurate meters, scales

COLUMBUS, Ohio (**March 1, 2010**) – Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo today announced the start of National Weights and Measures Week.

The goal of Weights and Measures Week is to build awareness among consumers and businesses of their role in commerce and to recognize the important community service performed by the Franklin County Auditor's Office.

“Our weights and measures inspectors work to protect Franklin County's economy and system of commerce for both consumers and merchants,” Mingo said. “Everyone has a direct financial stake in knowing all transactions are fair.”

Weights and Measures inspectors inspect any weighing or measuring device that is used in commercial transactions. Some of the devices inspected and tested are fuel meters, retail devices, price verification systems (U.P.C. scanners), packages (such as deli foods, meat and/or food that is packaged), mulch, firewood, taxi meters and more. Each device is inspected at least once a year. The inspectors work to protect consumers and merchants by ensuring that the weighing and measuring devices are correct and accurate.

After a device has been inspected and tested and found accurate, the Weights and Measures inspectors place an official approval and/or security seal on scales and pumps to affirm that the equipment was tested and found to be accurate. Security seals are applied to adjusting mechanisms to prevent tampering between inspections.

“Any location that has a scanning system must be inspected for accuracy,” Mingo said. “Our officials randomly pull items from the shelves and ensure that they are ringing up the correct price at the register.”

Every year, officials from the Franklin County Auditor's Office make more than 8,500 inspections throughout the county.

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