



***TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL
FOR TAX ADMINISTRATION***

AND

TAX PREPARER PROFESSIONALS

***Partners in Protecting the Federal Tax
System***





Working Together to Protect Federal Tax Administration

- Discuss TIGTA and our Role of safeguarding the integrity, and promoting the efficiency, of America's tax system
- Discuss Practitioner's Role in Reporting IRS Employee and Practitioner Misconduct
- Current Issues Involving Tax Professionals





*Treasury Inspector General
for Tax Administration*

Office of Audit (OA)

- Aligned with IRS Business Units
- Review IRS Policy, Processes, Programs
- Improve Federal Tax Administration





Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration

Office of Investigations (OI)

- 400 Special Agents & Support Staff
- Office at Major IRS Locations
- Oversight of IRS Programs & Employees (85,000 employees)





Partnership Members

- Tax Professionals
- Office of Professional Responsibility
- IRS Criminal Investigations
- TIGTA
- Taxpayers





Practitioner Role in Protecting Federal Tax Administration

- Practice within established professional and administrative guidelines
- Report misconduct by IRS employees
- Report misconduct by unscrupulous tax practitioners
- Report other crimes impacting tax administration





Types of Offenses Committed by Practitioners

- Impersonation/False POAs
- Theft of taxpayer refunds/remittances (IRS-CI)
- Misrepresentation & Overstatement of Qualifications
- Bribe, Threats & Assaults
- False Returns and documentation – Tax Fraud (IRS–CI)





TIGTA Investigative Priorities

- Impersonations: \$80 million in reported losses by 1.5 million contacts; thousands of victims
- Identity Theft
- Threats/Assaults
- Bribe
- IRS Employee Misconduct
- Tax Preparer Misconduct





Due Diligence by Tax Professionals

IRS requires the information per CFR section 1.6695-2T (b)(2)(i)(A) & (B);


Obtained and retained for 3 years per Pub 4687 Refundable Credit Due Diligence and a requirement to retain the Forms 8878 & 8879 for the same time frame in Pub 1345 E-file Handbook.

Electronic Return Originator (ERO) inspection, these substantiating documents, notes, records and recordings must be available to illustrate the due diligence requirements were adhered to involving the four refundable credits that generate so many fraud cases.





Report Fraud, Waste, or Abuse

- You may request confidentiality
 - Call our Hotline at 1-800-366-4484
 - Write to: TIGTA, P.O. Box 589,
Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C.,
20044-0589
 - Visit TIGTA's web site at www.tigta.gov
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