# **Exhibit Synopsis**

# USPS Scrambled Indicia Issues-1997-2004 on First Day Covers

#### **Theme**

This exhibit shows one of the many ways the USPS used to thwart counterfeiters from reproducing United States stamps from 1997-2004.

## **Scope**

Exhibit coverage includes detail close-ups of de-scrambled indicia images with their respective locations indicated with arrows on each stamp image.

### **Technical Philatelic Elements**

The exhibit describes how to use and where to locate the scrambled security indicia on each stamp using the special dedicated Decoder lens.

## **Highlights**

Included in the exhibit are the three different packaging formats marketed by the USPS all with original decoders included.

\*Please note that all of these packaged Decoder len's are now very hard to acquire on the secondary market.