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WOODBIDGE ISSUES CONSUMER ALERT

Residents & Businesses Reminded To Steer Clear of Suspect Charity Campaigns

Woodbridge Township -- Woodbridge Township Mayor John E. McCormac, Municipal Councilman Charles Kenny and the Woodbridge Police Department today issued a reminder to residents and businesses to fully investigate charitable fundraisers before giving money to solicitors claiming to represent Township fire departments and/or the police department.

According to Mayor McCormac and Councilman Kenny, township businesses and residents are being contacted by solicitors claiming to represent the New Jersey Deputy Fire Chiefs Association and/or related fire and police agencies. The solicitors request donations to aid in fire department programs to help area children. In fact, none of the nine Woodbridge Township fire departments are presently involved in fundraising activities, nor are they associated with the New Jersey Deputy Fire Chiefs Association.

“In many instances, professional fundraisers tug on the heart strings and good intentions of Township residents and businesses who wish to contribute to legitimate causes,” said Mayor McCormac. “We are reminding everyone to be very cautious and to fully check-out any phone solicitation before handing over any funds. Unfortunately, some disreputable organizations claiming to represent police and fire departments are seeking monies that will never find their way to legitimate purposes.”

Councilman Kenny reminded Township residents who receive suspicious solicitations or who wish to obtain information about legitimate charitable organizations to contact the State Division of Consumer Affairs at 973-504-6200.

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