

Chiefs: High-pressure pitches bilk public

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solicit money from residents and businesses.

"We do not receive any money from these organizations. We do not support or endorse any of these organizations. These are boiler-room operations. They hire firms to solicit, with a small percentage going back to the organization," Dwyer said.

FARMINGTON 'PUBLIC Safety director Frank Lauffoff agreed.

"They don't do any good for us. Many of these organizations are legitimate. But it's their tactics and techniques that are improper or cause people to call us."

Solicitations are coming from both state and national police organizations.

"Much of the information on the

national organizations is that someone in your family promised to donate this certain amount of money. Usually, the person is dead," Lauffoff said.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR the police organizations said there is absolutely no attempt to bilk residents or businesses. Money is used for the organization, charities or crime prevention programs. Youths hired on

an hourly wage are given scripts that do not include any attempt to convince residents they are donating for specific local police agencies, representatives said.

"We never imply or state the money goes for a specific agency," said Jim McGough, in charge of solicitations for the Michigan Professional Police Association. "Solicitors have to read a standard script. There is no reference or implication that it's local. We have strict monitoring."

Still, residents' complaints continue. Complaints include charges of harassment and use of profane language when residents hesitate or refuse to donate money. Residents also have complained about some of the organizations' so-called billing process, where they are told they or a family member promised to donate.

DWYER REFERRED to the Michigan Professional Police Association's use of billing for tickets to particular events as questionable.

"I think this is strictly something this organization uses for their own means."

But McGough said youths call residents or businesses first and inquire whether they are interested in buying tickets. They are required to make a second confirmation call. The bill for tickets is then mailed. Bill Chambers of the Troy-based Dale Corp., soliciting money for the Fraternal Order of Police, Southwest Oakland County, Lodge 128, said they, too, send out letters, called "gentle reminders."

"We don't do it to a large extent."

THE FOP represents southwest Oakland County and all the communities in the area, Chambers said. "No organization specifically represents Farmington Hills. But there are police organizations that have absolutely no Farmington Hills representation."

Chambers said complaints from police chiefs, such as Dwyer and Lauffoff, put a crimp in the solicitation program.

"Some police chiefs and a lot of people don't believe in fund-raisers these days. But we are trying to police our industry."

Youths hired by Dale Corp. are trained and given a standard script to read over the phone to residents and businesses, Chambers said.

Dwyer is angry with other police organizations, such as the Oakland County Deputy Sheriff's Association, that tell residents to call the Farmington Hills police or to use a code number to confirm the legitimacy of the organization or solicitation.

"When this first hit my desk, I thought, this is totally ridiculous. I have sent out an order to dispatchers that we are in no way involved in solicitations in the state of Michigan," Dwyer said.

File complaint if fund-raisers use the name of police group

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Like Lauffoff, Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer is asking residents or businesses to contact the police with complaints about solicitors, particularly those claiming to represent the local police agencies.

"They hire young kids to solicit these funds. There's a lot of sales pressure put on the residents. I've had residents call crying," Dwyer said. "I encourage residents to give

us enough information as far as solicitors go."

RESIDENTS in both cities are encouraged to provide police with as much information as possible on incidents of harassment or high-pressure sales. Residents may sign a complaint.

Farmington Hills residents are asked to call the crime prevention section at 478-9440. Farmington residents are asked to call the regular police number, 474-4700. Residents

should not call the 9-1-1 emergency number in either city with these complaints.

Dwyer also is working with the Farmington Hills Citizens Crime Advisory Committee to develop legislation to discourage and control organizations that are soliciting money.

Solicitations will be added to the topic list for the crime prevention section's public presentations. Materials about solicitation also will be available at the police department's annual open house, Dwyer said.

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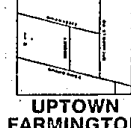
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