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CVFD Urges Resident to be Cautious about Donation Requests

The Chino Valley Fire District is alerting the public about solicitors claiming to represent an organization collecting funds for firefighters and their families.

If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to collect funds for firefighters and their families, know that we as your Fire District do not solicit these types of donations. The Chino Valley Fire Foundation, a non-profit organization formed by our fire personnel to fund community programs, does not make phone calls to residents seeking donations. Donations to the Chino Valley Fire Foundation can be made on our official Chino Valley Fire District website or during outreach events specifically designed and promoted as Chino Valley Fire Foundation fundraising events.

The Fire District encourages you to take the following precautions to ensure that your donation will benefit the people, organization, or community you want to help.

- Ask fund-raisers for identification. Many states require paid fund-raisers to identify themselves as such and to name the organization for which they're soliciting.
- Ask how your contribution will be used. Ask what percentage of your contribution will go to the fire or police organization, department, or program. Also ask if your contribution will be used locally. Get written information.
- Call the organization or your local police or fire department to verify a fund-raiser's claim to be collecting on behalf of the organization or department. If the claim cannot be verified, report the solicitation to your local law enforcement officials.

To learn more about the Chino Valley Fire Foundation, visit www.cvifd.org/firefoundation.

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