

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT Public Information Office

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*****PUBLIC ALERT****

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False Solicitations

"The San Francisco Fire Department does not engage in any form of solicitation at any time."

The San Francisco Fire Department has recently received reports from San Francisco residents of phone calls being made to their homes by a male who is misrepresenting himself as a San Francisco Firefighter, soliciting money for various causes.

"Most of the reports to the Department have been made by elderly women who are noticeably upset by what the man has said to them", said the Fire Department Public Information Officer. "This is a serious issue. This man threatens that if they don't donate money he will come to inspect their homes and they will have to pay fines."

The San Francisco Fire Department does not engage in any form of solicitation at any time. "Our recommendation is not to engage in a conversation with this person and to hang up. If there is some sort of a threat made, a police report should be filed."

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