

Behind the Badge Foundation does not utilize telephone solicitations.

IF YOU RECEIVE A TELEPHONE CALL ASKING FOR MONEY TO HELP FAMILIES OF LINE OF DUTY DEATH, THE CALL IS **NOT SPONSORED BY BEHIND THE BADGE FOUNDATION.**

TIPS AND RESOURCES

1. Check out charities before you give.
 - Secretary of State's Office: Confirm a charity is registered and review its financial records at www.secstate.wa.gov/charities or call toll-free 1-800-332-4483. The office also publishes an annual report showing how much money commercial fundraisers give to their charitable clients and how much they keep.
2. If you believe you are a victim of charity fraud, please contact the Attorney General's Consumer Resource Center between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays at 1-800-551-4636 or file a complaint online at www.atg.wa.gov.
3. Ask the solicitor the *exact name* of the organization for which they are soliciting.
4. Ask what state the solicitor is calling from.
5. Only give to familiar organizations and those you trust.
6. Ask exactly how your money will be used
7. Pay by check and protect your personal information.
8. Maintain records of your contributions. If a donation is "tax deductible," you can deduct your contribution on your federal income tax return. Tax exempt simply means the organization doesn't have to pay taxes.

To remove your name from mailing lists and telemarketing lists:

Contact the Direct Marketing Association's opt-out service at www.dmachoice.org. Register for the national Do Not Call list at www.donotcall.gov or 1-888-382-1222. Individuals with dementia or other cognitive impairments may be particularly vulnerable to solicitations, so caretakers should remove them from these lists.