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**DATE:** 02/05/2014  
**NATURE OF INCIDENT:** Information on Questionable Fundraising Group  
**CASE NO.:**  
**INCIDENT DATE :**02/05/2014  
**INCIDENT TIME:**  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Duluth, MN  
**SUBJECT:** Information on Questionable Fundraising Group  
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Over the past few days the Duluth Police Department has had citizens bringing in questionable fliers that they have received from an organization called the Police Protective Fund. The *Police Protective Fund* claims it is a legitimate charitable organization – exempting it from the restrictions of the state and federal “Do Not Call” lists – though it is on the very edge of the definitions of “legitimate” and “charitable”. According to reports, more than 90% of the donations taken in by this organization are skimmed by overhead, administrative, and fundraising costs.

The Duluth Police Department and other local police departments have never heard of the group, let alone received any of the donations sent to the *Police Protective Fund* on their behalf. Some of these same citizens that received the fliers had expressed to us that they would like to be able to donate to the Duluth Police Department. Please keep in mind there are many good, established local organizations to donate to.