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Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs Issues Warning on Unauthorized Fire Fighter Fundraising Group

PROVIDENCE (*February 12, 2009*) – The Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs (RIAFC) is warning Rhode Island residents about an unauthorized fundraising organization that is making calls to solicit support for a statewide fundraising drive. The calls are allegedly in support of local fire fighters, EMTs and other public safety entities.

The Neighborhood Outreach of Brooklyn, New York (1.888.775.7789) has been calling State residents and claiming to represent the Fire Fighter Support Foundation of Rhode Island.

The public should note that this group is not affiliated with any fire department in the State of Rhode Island, and if residents are contacted, they should call the Attorney General's office immediately.

The Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs is a professional organization dedicated to improving efficiency, preparedness and emergency response time, to educating the public about fire safety and to providing a support system for Rhode Island fire chiefs, fire fighters and emergency medical technicians in times of crisis.

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