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Alert Resident Reports Scam Caller

Boulder City, NV – The Boulder City Fire Department (BCFD) says an alert resident reported a caller trying to solicit funds on behalf of BCFD on August 1, 2018. The BCFD and Police Department remind everyone that they **NEVER** attempt to raise money over the phone.

“When Boulder City Fire Department engages in fundraising efforts, you will actually see us in organized events,” said Division Chief Chuck Gebhart of the BCFD. “Whether it’s the ‘Fill the Boot’ Campaign, selling hot chocolate at a parade or one of our pancake breakfasts, you will know your donation is going to us. We never call residents asking for donations.”

“Some of the scams have become so sophisticated, the call looks like it originated from inside the community or even from the agency,” said City Manager Al Noyola. “These scams often prey on the elderly. Be sure you share this information with family, friends and neighbors who could be victims of such scams.”

According to the Federal Trade Commission:

- There were nearly 350,000 reports of Imposter Scams in 2017.
- Nearly one in five people reporting scams lost money –\$328 million was lost to phony charities, fake government officials, someone pretending to be a family member in need or in trouble, and people claiming to be tech support.
- Scammers mostly contacted victims by phone and most asked for money by wire transfer, while \$74 million in losses were charged to credit cards (which if reported in time can often be disputed with the bank).
- Based on reports per capita, the top states for fraud reports were Nevada, Florida, and Georgia.

If you receive a call asking for money, do not provide any personal information to the caller. You can report it to Boulder City Police Department online at <http://bcnv.org/FormCenter/Contact-Forms-3/Police-Department-65>.

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