



The New Jersey State PBA CONSUMER WARNING



The New Jersey State P.B.A. has been receiving an increased amount of complaints regarding the practices of **TELEMARKETERS** calling on behalf of Law Enforcement Groups.

THE N.J. STATE P.B.A. AND ALL OF ITS 360 LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS THROUGHOUT NEW JERSEY DO NOT UTILIZE TELEMARKETING SCHEMES FOR ANY PURPOSE WHATSOEVER.

The State P.B.A. is very proud of the relationship that we have built within our communities and will not betray the trust of our citizens by engaging in high pressure and inherently deceptive fund raising schemes.

Anyone receiving a suspicious or harassing telephone call from a telemarketer should make every effort to record the caller's name, phone number and name of the group they are calling on behalf of. The call should then be reported to the N.J. Division of Consumer Affairs Hotline.



Consumer Hotline (800) 242-5846





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Dear Sir or Madam,

We are sorry to hear that you had a bad experience with a caller who stated that he or she represented a Law Enforcement Organization from New Jersey.

Neither the New Jersey State PBA nor any of its local associations uses telemarketing as a means of fund raising.

Unfortunately, groups such as the Fraternal Order of Police and others have traditionally engaged in blanket telephone solicitations of the entire State regardless of whether or not they actually represent officers from the areas they call.

Sadly, these telemarketers most often use high pressure tactics designed to bully you out of your contribution and have no regard for the consequences of their actions.

The State PBA places great value on the positive relationship we have with the citizens of New Jersey. We also work vigorously to protect the reputation and credibility of Law Enforcement, even against the shameful actions of Law Enforcement groups who utilize telemarketing.

We urge all residents to decline requests for donations made by telemarketers. It is common knowledge that the majority of the money collected goes into the pockets of the telemarketers, not to the so-called charity. *Supporting the Police has nothing to do with making donations under duress.*

On behalf of the Law Enforcement Officers of New Jersey, I apologize for the inconvenience caused by the call you received. I wish to assure you that efforts are being pursued by the PBA to end telemarketing by groups chartered for the representation and benefit of law enforcement officers in New Jersey.

Residents should contact their local law enforcement agency if they feel that they have received a suspicious or harassing phone call from a telemarketer. Complaints regarding telemarketers may also be made to the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs at 800-242-5846.

Please feel free to contact the State PBA if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

John Hulse
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