

## **FAN OUT MESSAGE**

### **This is a fan out message from the Stony Plain and District Crime Prevention Association**

**Sadly in recent weeks several fire departments in the province, and their communities, have been the subject of fraudulent fundraising activities. Individuals have been calling residents of the communities and identifying themselves as a member of the local fire department. The caller would then advise the resident that they were conducting fundraising efforts for the fire department and seeking cash donations. In all reported instances, the fire departments mentioned were not conducting any fundraising and they do not raise funds in this manner. The fire departments involved have notified the RCMP and/or Municipal Police and I understand investigations are ongoing.**

**As this is not an isolated situation the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) believes that passing this notice along to all fire departments in the province may provide the opportunity for you to create some community awareness of the situation and prevent your residents, and your good name, from being exploited. The OFC would also remind fire departments that if you will be conducting any fund raising actives you should ensure that you develop messaging to disseminate in advance within your community which creates awareness of those activities for your residents and local media. This messaging should provide contact information so that anyone having any questions or concerns can contact and discuss them with fire department officials.**

**The same advice also applies to Search and Rescue Groups within Alberta. The purpose of this message is to make residents aware of potential suspicious activity in their area. Please be aware of your surroundings and report suspicious vehicles and or people immediately.**

**Stony Plain/Spruce Grove RCMP remind you not to make it easy for thieves. Ensure your vehicle doors are locked and valuable items are removed.**

**The Spruce Grove / Stony Plain Drug Section Information Tip Line is 780-968-7212. Anyone with drug information is asked to call and leave a message.**

**If you have any information on this crime please contact the Stony Plain RCMP at**

**(780)968-7267**

**or call Crime Stoppers at**

**1(800)222-8477 (TIPS)**

**by text the keyword TIP205 (TIP250 for Edmonton Metro)**

**& your Tip to CRIMES (274637)**