The Reston District Police Station is experiencing an increase in reports of solicitors in neighborhoods. Some of these solicitors are not legitimate. The police department would like to provide some information on the laws surrounding solicitation.

There are two types of solicitors:

- Solicitors who offer merchandise for sale door-to-door or from a temporary stand
- Solicitors who solicit charitable donations for a civic or charitable organization

Rules of solicitation:

- May not solicit in any area that is clearly posted “No Peddlers or Solicitors”
- May operate only between the hours of 9:00 am and 8:00 pm
- Must present solicitor’s license to any customer who asks to see it
- Must provide his/her name, name of the company and the nature of the solicitation to any customer when asked
- Must be truthful when stating the purpose of the solicitation
- Must provide a detailed, written receipt for any goods sold when asked by the customer
- Must leave when asked

What to do if you believe a person is soliciting illegally:

- Call the police immediately using the non-emergency number
- Give the police a description of the solicitor and which way the person is traveling
- Once the police arrive, speak with the officers to give them any other information they may require

Numbers to call:
- Non-emergency - 703-691-2131
- Crime Solvers - 1-866-411-TIPS (8477)

For more information about solicitors in Fairfax County visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dcccp for the Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection.

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