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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Placer County Sheriff's Search and Rescue is conducting its annual fund raising efforts with the assistance of a telemarketing company. However, another group has been calling Placer County residents, asking for donations for Search and Rescue, but this group has no connection to the sheriff's entity.

Some donors have contacted the Sheriff's Office to say that an organization called "Search and Rescue Charities" is calling them and asking for donations. Some donors have been led to believe that this is for the Placer County Sheriff's Search and Rescue. The company is using an address on Bell Road in Auburn, which is a mailbox leased from a local mailbox company.

Telemarketers working on behalf of the Sheriff's Office will not ask for credit card information and donors will be sent a pre-addressed envelope. The envelope will clearly state "Placer County Sheriff's Search and Rescue," not "Search and Rescue Charities." Donations should only be sent to the following addresses: P.O. Box 4150, Auburn, CA, 95604 or P.O. Box 1710, Tahoe City, CA 96145.

Each year, Placer County Sheriff's Search and Rescue uses donations to purchase equipment for countywide searches. Sheriff's Search and Rescue volunteers donate thousands of hours each year to locate lost hikers, skiers and anyone else who may need assistance in Placer County's thousands of acres of wilderness.

For further information, contact Search and Rescue Community Services Officer Katrina Kane at (530) 889-7846.