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Public Service Announcement

From The Chief's Desk

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Subject: Scam Artists

During these past few months' we have observed an increase in calls for service from residents in regards to telephone calls requesting personal information like social security numbers, dates of birth and driver's license numbers.

These scam artists are stating they are from different government agencies, Social Security Office, IRS, or a Law Enforcement Agency. They are demanding personal information to avoid arrest or financial garnishments. These agencies will **NOT** call you on the telephone and ask you to identify yourself. You would receive an official letter asking you to call them, or they would talk with you in person at your home.

The other scam that is being used is concerning the "*Publisher's Clearing House*", your credit card, student loan forgiveness, warranty on your vehicle, or utility company wanting to give a better rate. Again, legitimate companies will not ask you to provide your full personal information.

We have also seen some impersonators going to door-to-door. Any company that arrives at your door step for any type of service will have obvious markings on the vehicle as well as identification that is easily visible. There is also a strict a Village Ordinance against door-to-door sales from private companies. (Ordinance 7-3-9 on the Village of Bosque Farms website)

Should you have any questions as to the legitimacy of the people you are speaking with, you should hang up the telephone and call them back at the number you have on your latest statement form that company. Should the impersonator be on your property, shut and lock your door and call police immediately.

I hope this information is helpful to safeguard yours and your family members information.

Andrew Owen
Interim Chief of Police