

## POULSBO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **PHONE SCAMS**

**Poulsbo, WA:** Over the past few weeks, the Poulsbo Police Department has received several reports from the community reporting regarding telephone solicitation scams. The caller identification number shows (360) 779-3113, which is the main number to our department. The callers are requesting "donations" for a variety of causes on behalf of law enforcement. These calls are indeed scams. The Poulsbo Police Department does not participate in telephone solicitations, nor do we have any program that requests "donations" from the community.

Unfortunately, telephone solicitation scams are very common and well-intended people are frequently victimized. The Poulsbo Police Department, along with all other law enforcement agencies, urge you to carefully research any type of solicitation for donation and report suspected scams. Guard your personal information, especially when dealing with people over the phone or internet and verify that the source of the solicitation is legitimate. For more information and tips related to phone scams, please contact the Poulsbo Police Department or visit the Federal Trade Commission website at: <a href="https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0076-phone-scams">https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0076-phone-scams</a>