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BE ALERT FOR 'SANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT' SCAM

Sanford NC – June 24, 2016 – The Sanford Fire Department warns all businesses and residents to be on alert for a new telephone scam.

Two local businesses have reported that they received phone calls from a person claiming to operate on behalf of the Sanford Fire Department. In one instance, the caller said he was operating on behalf of the department's wellness program. In another instance, the caller said he was fundraising to purchase whiteboards for the department. During both calls, the person asked for credit card information.

Important: The Sanford Fire Department does not call businesses or residents to solicit credit card or other financial information. This is a scam. Anyone who receives this type of call is asked to hang up without providing any personal or financial details.

If you aren't sure whether the caller is legitimate, hang up and call the Sanford Fire Department directly at 919-777-1501.

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