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INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

The Fire Marshal's Office has been notified of scams being conducted in businesses throughout neighboring municipalities involving the inspection of fire extinguishers and fire alarm and protection systems. Typically the suspect(s) enter a business falsely claiming to be fire inspectors. He/she request anywhere from \$20 to \$200 CASH to inspect the fire extinguishers or fire alarm systems. They further state that the Township is going to shut down their business if they do not have this work completed. The Fire Marshal and Township Firefighters all wear official uniforms and carry photo identification cards. Secondly, no township employee will enter a business and demand CASH payment for service.

All business owners are encouraged to follow the below steps to prevent falling victim of these types of scams:

- Be familiar with the Township Fire Inspection Requirements and procedures.
- Educate all employees to minimize susceptibility to scams.
- Request identification from all service providers entering your business.
- Report all suspicious activity to law enforcement by calling 911.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the Fire Marshal's Office at the above number.

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