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### **PRESS RELEASE**

On, Monday, 08/13/2007, the Holliston Police Department received fifteen to twenty (15-20) calls concerning phone solicitations by an organization identifying itself as the Disable Police Officers Foundation requesting donations by check. Callers stated the funds were to help disabled police officers and their families. Further investigation has shown that this organization is under investigation by the Attorney General's Office. Thus far, the communities of Gardner, Mattapoisett, Attleboro, Somerset, Norton, and Holliston have been solicited. It is unknown where this operation originates from, who is behind it, or where the monies collected end up.

The organization is registered as a Political Action Committee but not as a charitable organization. Neither the Holliston Police Department nor any other law enforcement agency, which we know of, has any relationship with this organization. The Attorney General's Office states that several "runners" for this group have been arrested on outstanding warrants. The contact person at the Attorney General's Office is Sandra Cardone, (617)727-2200 ext. 2116.

Until this issue is resolved, we would advise the community not to contribute to this organization, and if you have already contributed, cancel the check that you used. If a "runner" arrives to pick up a check, please call the Holliston Police Department immediately and do not engage in any verbal interaction. If there are any concerns or questions regarding phone solicitors at any time, residents should contact the Holliston Police Department for information on how to proceed. Any fund raising conducted by the Holliston Police Department Union is done so under State Law and Attorney General Guidelines. All legitimate fundraisers by this department will be posted on our department website at [www.hollistonpolice.com](http://www.hollistonpolice.com)

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Holliston Police Department, (508)429-1212.