



# FIREFIGHTERS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



Dear Steve McMahan:

Thank you for your generous support in helping the Firefighters Charitable Foundation. This letter is to kindly remind you that we are counting on the \$20 pledge you generously made on 06/08/2011 to support our organization.

Your donation will make a real difference; we appreciate your support, and are looking forward to receiving your pledge. Your contribution makes possible:

- Direct assistance to anyone in a fire or disaster, including funding for emergency food, housing, and specialized equipment
- Grants to Volunteer Fire Departments for education and equipment
- Support for numerous Children's Burn Camps, providing supplies and materials
- Pay the cost of the fund drive
- Fire agencies with Fire Safety/Prevention education

We have enclosed an envelope and pledge slip for you to mail back your check. It is important that you enclose the pledge slip with your check, as this will insure your donation gets credited and no further reminder notices will be sent.

If you have already sent in your donation, please accept my sincere apologies as I realize our correspondence may have crossed in the mail. Thank you again for your kind support.

Sincerely Yours,

Frank Tepedino  
President

P.S. An additional gift of just \$2 to your original pledge will help raise additional funds. Please help by checking the box on the pledge slip.

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## Is the Firefighters Charitable Foundation a scam?

I have been getting solicitation calls like crazy and I'm trying to get them to put me on their do not call list. I just got a call from this fire fighters organization and when I started asking all sorts of questions like what is the direct mailing address for this organization, the telemarketer got a little freaked out and I told him to put me on their do not call list. He got off the line pretty quick! I googled this organization and found a lot about it possibly being a scam?? Any experience with this one? Is it really a scam?

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They're not quite a scam, but they're not quite ethical either.

First of all, they don't represent the firefighters - any firefighters.

Second, while they DO actually contribute monies to the charity they list, it's like 1%. The rest goes to the foundation itself, which isn't a not-for-profit. Yes, that's right, these places exist solely to make money by making you THINK they're an actual charity.

Even a poorly run, not-for-profit organization, like those "[Feed The Children!](#)" ones averages 30%.

They won't hide any details, and will obey all laws - which is the only reason they can still exist.

However they're using the word "firefighters" to trick people into thinking it's their actual local firefighters, and the word "Charitable" to make you think they're doing actual charity work. To be honest you'd do the actual charity more good by simply mailing a buck to them than going through these fake bozos.

There are tons of these fake charities. All of them use some mixture of charity, association, foundation, firefighter, [fire marshal](#), fire chief, policemen, cops, sheriff, deputy, etc. This allows them to quickly shut down and setup a new "company" quickly just in case they slip up.

The real police and firemen hate these guys because they basically have to compete with these scumbags whenever they want to do actual charity work.

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