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KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department has received calls asking about the legitimacy of telephone solicitors who call on behalf of the Idaho Sheriff's Association. The Idaho Sheriff's Association has hired a private solicitation company to solicit funds for their programs.

However, Kootenai County Sheriff, Rocky Watson recommends that donors donate locally to the many opportunities where the money will stay and be used in Kootenai County. The Sheriff's Department has eight non-profit funds that citizens can donate to. They are:

**Kootenai County Sheriff's K-9 Fund
Kootenai County Search and Rescue
Kootenai County Sheriff's Posse
Kootenai County Sheriff's Auxiliary
Kootenai County D.A.R.E. Program
Kootenai County Citizens on Patrol Program
Kootenai County Volunteer Chaplains Program
Kootenai County Christmas Crusade Program**

Donations for any of these programs can be mailed to or dropped off at the Sheriff's Department at:

5500 Government Way / P.O. Box 9000
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83816-9000

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