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FTC Announces "Operation False Charity" Law Enforcement Sweep -- Agency Joined by 48 States in Bringing 76 Actions Against Fraudulent Solicitors Nationwide

The Federal Trade Commission is cracking down on bogus charities and warning consumers to ask questions before donating money. These days, we all want to make our giving count, and not send money to a scammer.

Today, the FTC and 48 states announced a nationwide sweep targeting scam artists who claimed to be raising money for military veterans, firefighters, and police officers. In reality, almost all of the money went to the fundraisers themselves.

Scam artists like these can be very compelling, so it's important for consumers to know the warning signs of a charity fraud. Check out www.ftc.gov/charityfraud for tips and information, and feel free to use any of our materials, including our newest consumer alert, [*Supporting the Troops: When Charities Solicit Donations on Behalf of Vets and Military Families*](#).

For more information, please read the press release at <http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2009/05/charityfraud.shtm>.