

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing with special concern to contributors to the Fraternal Order of Police, D.C. Lodge #1, and to supporters who choose to purchase advertisements in the *Simulcast*.

We are concerned about the many organizations that solicit funds from citizens and businesses in the District of Columbia by vaguely implying that they are associated with the “Fraternal Order of Police” or that they represent the police and/or the police unions in Washington D.C., or the Metropolitan Police Department.

Currently, The Fraternal Order of Police, D.C. Lodge #1 is comprised of forty-three Law Enforcement Agencies, who are headquartered in the District of Columbia. The Fraternal Order of Police represents sixteen of these agencies for labor negotiations. The lodge also assists agencies in gaining fair labor representation and sponsors social activities for the officers and their families.

We support programs like Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and the Safe Driving Campaign, as well as providing assistance and support to those families, whose spouse has been injured or killed, and in times of other tragedies. This includes supporting benefits for the families of officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

All those who contribute to our fundraiser or publication will receive a decal that certifies you have contributed to the Fraternal Order of Police, and which makes others aware that you are proud to support local law enforcement.

I greatly appreciate any assistance provided to our organization, as do our members locally and across the nation.

Fraternally,

Marcello N. Muzzatti  
President