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Date:	**January 7th 2013**
Released By:	**Lt. Kevin Lucero – Search & Rescue**
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RE:	**Butte County Search and Rescue Annual Fundraiser**

The Butte County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue Unit, an all volunteer unit of the Sheriff's Office, is currently conducting a phone solicitation within Butte County for funds and donations with the help of Debbie Foster and her company starting January 2, 2013 and continuing through May, 2013. Debbie Foster runs her phone solicitation business out of 2530 Zanella Way #B in Chico. This address or Search & Rescue's own mailing address of P.O. Box 542, Chico, CA 95927 are the only two legitimate locations to send donations.

Search & Rescue relies entirely on fundraisers, grant acquisition and private donations to fund itself and its services each year. The unit is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation and therefore is tax deductible. Search & Rescue relies on these and other fund raisers and donations to purchase and maintain search & rescue equipment and vehicles, continued training for it's volunteer officers and to provide search & rescue services to the citizens of Butte County.

Butte County Sheriff's Search & Rescue is one of the busiest units in California and commits thousands of hours per year conducting SAR operations within Butte County. Search & Rescue also responds to other counties and cities upon a mutual aid request for help.

The officers of Search & Rescue, who are all volunteers, are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days per year and respond to many types of incidents including searches for lost or missing persons, technical/over-the-edge rescues, swift water and dive rescues, mountain and remote area rescues and more. These volunteer officers take time away from work, home, family and friends to respond to these emergencies.

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Search & Rescue has a number of vehicles and large pieces of equipment that it uses on SAR calls. These donations help purchase and maintain critical equipment including two rescue vehicles, two command vehicles, two snowmobiles, two off-road utility ATVs, a tracked Argo, two jet boats, two personal watercraft and one inflatable boat. In addition, Search & Rescue

uses and maintains a large technical/over-the-edge rescue and swift water rescue equipment cache along with radio communications and pager needs.

If the public should have any concern over a phone or mail solicitation on behalf of Search & Rescue or would like more information regarding Search & Rescue, please call 895-6577, leave a voice mail and a SAR officer will return your call as soon as possible.

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