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“Beware of Fraudulent Fire Inspectors”

The City of Huntington Beach Fire Department wants to be certain that business owners are cautious when faced with unsolicited inspections. The Fire Department has reason to believe that an individual wearing official-looking clothing is conducting inspections and demanding payment for their inspection. The individual will typically enter a business stating they represent the state or local fire department to conduct a “fire marshal” inspection. After the fraudulent inspection is conducted, an official-looking inspection report will be provided, and the business will be asked to pay for the services in cash or check directly to the individual.

Fire inspections in Huntington Beach are conducted by uniformed Huntington Beach Fire Department personnel who wear badges and carry department identification cards. They will never ask for money or present an invoice at the time of inspection.

If you are approached by someone you suspect is a non-Fire Department employee who tells you they were sent by the “Fire Marshal” or the “Fire Department” to conduct an inspection, please call police immediately at 714-960-8811. If the person leaves before police arrive, please attempt to get a suspect and vehicle description if possible.

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