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DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS

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In recent weeks, the Avon Police Department has received several telephone calls from citizens regarding door-to-door solicitors. The following information is provided to answer some frequently asked questions about door-to-door solicitors in Avon.

The Town of Avon requires door-to-door solicitors to obtain a permit through the Avon Police Department. Each individual who wishes to solicit must submit a completed *Itinerant Vendors, Hawkers, Peddlers and Solicitors* application and must be fingerprinted by an Avon Police Department Detective. A criminal history check and an Avon Police Department history check are also completed for each applicant. After these steps are concluded and the data is reviewed, if application requirements are met, a solicitor permit may be issued. Upon issuance of the permit, the solicitor is also given a copy of Avon Town Ordinance, Chapter 43 – *Peddlers, Solicitors and Closeout Sales*.

Per Avon Town Ordinance, a solicitor shall not enter upon any premises and ring the doorbell if a notice is posted or exhibited on the property prohibiting such behaviors. Avon Town Ordinance also states that no calls may be made at a residence between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. and that solicitors must immediately depart any residence when asked to do so by the occupant of said residence.

All solicitor permits are filed at the Avon Police Department and our Dispatchers have immediate access to copies of these permits. If you have any questions or concerns with solicitors, please contact the Avon Police Department at 860-409-4200.

For further information regarding this press release, please contact Lt. Kelly Walsh, Operations Commander and Public Information Officer at (860) 409-4241 or: kwash@avonct.gov.