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POSSIBLE SCAM ALERT-IRS FILE SERVICES

Today I received numerous phone calls and questions from Ohio Lions and clubs regarding email notices reminding not for profits, to including Lions clubs, of past due IRS 990-N card file reminder notices.

These parties provide immediate IRS file services assistance to include accounting and financial assistance.

The file service charge for the 990-N electronic process in many cases comes with a fee ranging from $59.95 to $149.95.

In some cases, the 990-N card file never takes place.

Additionally, credit card information is procedured which often leads to other credit card charges.

The opportunity to purchase online information to include names, email addresses or even EIN# (Employer Identification Number) is predominate and accessible.

While many of these may be so called “legitimate” operations.

The likelihood is that many are fraud operations that can lead to financial informational breach and personal information security issues.

It is important to note that the IRS 990-N card file process can be accomplished directly on the IRS website at **no fee or cost.**

The IRS has a “Report Fraud” section to include tax fraud or scam reporting, directly on its website at www.irs.gov.

Also, the Ohio Attorney General has a toll-free fraud alert telephone number at **1-800-282-0515.**

Your district Compliance representative, along with myself, can assist with any additional questions or concerns.

It is important today to maintain current cybersecurity measures and to stay informed on the latest cyber security alters.

Keeping our software up to date to include its operating systems, applications and all of our electronic devices is important.

Scammers use people and organizations as “money mules” often with little care or concern.

I wanted to get this out to our Ohio Lions and clubs immediately.

Thank you,

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