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FRAUD FIRE PROTECTION SCAMS

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SCAM ONE: Employees of fraudulent fire protection companies enter open businesses and lead victims and employees to believe there exists a contract or work order to perform an inspection at the location. Using statements such as “we work with the fire dept”, “we took over your old company”, “we are your company”, the fake inspectors seek to gain an employee signature (front desk or warehouse) to appear legitimate despite there being no contract or scheduled inspection. The suspects work under numerous company names: **AMG, BLUE LINE FIRE PROTECTION, CA DRYWALL EXPERTS, DILIGENT FIRE, DISTRICT FIRE, GAMBOA FIRE, LIFELINE, RED CIRCLE FIRE, YOR PROTECTION**, billing victims within a few days of the visit, typically for less than \$500.

SCAM TWO: Another active fire protection scam that has hit Torrance businesses involves fraudulent billing on behalf of **TFD** wherein suspects mail invoices for bogus fire inspections to businesses. The invoice indicates “**Annual State Required Fire Safety Equipment Inspection**” with an amount in the area of \$413.11.

If a business did not request a private company to inspect its fire equipment, it can refuse services from the soliciting company. Advise them not to sign any contracts provided by these companies – if they sign a contract or waiver, the company will attempt to bill for their fraudulent services.

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