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Media Advisory

Arizona Registrar of Contractors Warns Fire Victims to Beware of Unlicensed Contractor Scams

After fires and other disasters, contractor scam artists often seek to take advantage of vulnerable populations. These scam artists frequently solicit door-to-door, offering to do work at an unbeatable price with leftover material. They often press for cash payments before beginning any work. Property owners should be aware of the following tips before paying for construction work.

Tips on hiring a contractor:

- Consult the Arizona Registrar of Contractors, www.azroc.gov, to ensure the contractor is properly licensed.
- Verify the employment of the individual by calling the company phone number listed on the ROC website.
- Write down the person's license plate and driver's license numbers.
- Ask for written estimates from at least three contractors.
- Request a list of references, and checking them before agreeing to hire anyone.
- Make sure the scope of the project, the price and any other relevant terms are spelled out in a written contract.
- Avoid contractors who require large upfront payments.
- Never allow yourself to be hurried into making a decision. No reputable contractor will pressure you into a quick hiring decision.

Other tips about hiring qualified contractors can be found at www.azroc.gov.

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