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## **OAG releases tool to fight scamming phone calls**

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AUSTIN - There's a new tool available to help you determine if those dinner time phone calls are from fake law enforcement support groups.

After receiving reports of scams or misleading phone calls, the Office of the Attorney General launched a new database Wednesday that lets Texans check the validity of groups making fund raising calls on behalf of law enforcement groups.

"Each year, many generous Texans provide financial support to organizations that purport to benefit peace officers and their families," Attorney General Greg Abbott said. "The online resource...ensures contributors have easy access to these organizations' financial information. As a result, Texans can make informed decisions and determine the percentage of their dollars that will actually benefit peace officers."

The Texans can visit the tool online at [www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer/letsa/index.php](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer/letsa/index.php)