

Residents in Waushara County have reported receiving questionnaires in the mail that have the appearance of being part of Census 2010. These questionnaires use the word Census, they ask similar questions and they look like an official document. At the end of the form they ask for a cash donation and/or your credit card number. This solicitation raises "red flags" and should cause a person to question whether this is a legitimate organization, a scam to part us with our hard earned cash or potential identity theft.

The information has been sent to Consumer Protection with a request seeking advice on these organizations. I have no information that this is an illegal operation at this time, but would caution residents about releasing their personal information to unknown organizations regardless of how good the cause appears to be.

It is important that you complete the Census 2010 questionnaire to ensure that each municipality receives their share of representation as well as Local, State and Federal support. That form will NOT ask for a monetary donation. It will NOT ask for your credit card number. It will NOT ask for your Social Security number. It will NOT ask for your bank account numbers.

If you have any questions or concerns contact your local law enforcement agency or the Waushara County Sheriff's Office at 920-787-3321.

Sheriff Peterson