

Media Advisory

Officials from Consumers Energy, Michigan State Police, the Small Business Association of Michigan and Better Business Bureau serving Western Michigan will warn the public and provide information about phone scams that this year have struck more than 1,000 small businesses served by Consumers Energy.

WHEN: Nov. 18 (Wednesday) at 10:30 a.m.

<u>WHERE</u>: Michigan State Police Headquarters, 333 S. Grand Avenue, Lansing (parking is available on Kalamazoo Street)

WHO (Participants):

- Capt. Christopher Stolicker, commander of the Michigan State Police Special Investigation Division
- Annette Gardiner, Consumers Energy vice president for shared services
- Rob Fowler, president and CEO of the Small Business Association of Michigan
- Phil Catlett, president and CEO of the West Michigan Better Business Bureau

Consumers Energy, Michigan State Police and prominent business organizations are encouraging Michigan business owners and residents to take steps to protect themselves from customer scams entering this holiday season.

Officials will discuss details of phone scams that have struck businesses across the state and have led to tens of thousands of dollars in payments being made to criminals. They'll also discuss steps that people can take to protect themselves.

Media representatives are invited to the news event, and to take photos or video. Officials will be available for additional interviews afterward.

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