

Statewide Appeal Inc.
American Association of State Troopers
Common Questions

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1. What is the AAST

The American Association of State Troopers was formed back in 1989 to bring state police officers and Highway Patrol Troopers together with programs and benefits to improve the quality of their lives. Membership is open to all active and retired Pennsylvania State troopers. In fact, the AAST is a national organization with over 6,180 member law enforcement officers from 49 states across the country being represented. Pennsylvania has the largest membership, serving over 750 men and women... *can the AAST count on your support?*

2. What is the Money Used For

Your support will help to provide vital benefits and services for Pennsylvania members of the AAST and their families...in fact, the American Association of State Troopers provides it's members with a full coverage life insurance policy...and the association has also established a scholarship foundation, to award grants to the children of member troopers each year...in fact, the organization also provides brotherhood gifts and assistance for members involved in a catastrophic event, and an in the line of duty death benefit... *can the AAST count on your support?*

3. Does This Support Local Law Enforcement

No, the American Association of State Troopers is a national organization that provides programs and services to over 6,180 active and retired law enforcement officers in 49 states across the country. Your support will also benefit over 750 Pennsylvania State Police members both active and retired, who belong to the AAST. In fact, your donation will not be limited to just one area because the Pennsylvania membership includes state police officers throughout the state... *can the AAST count on your support?*

4. Where is the National Headquarters

The AAST is a national law enforcement organization that serves state troopers in 49 states including Pennsylvania. Their headquarters is located in Tallahassee, Florida at 1949 Raymond Diehl Road. The president of the AAST is Tommy Moore, who served 30 years as a state trooper...and the national board of directors is made up of active and retired state police officers throughout the country... *can the AAST count on your support?*

5. Is this Tax-Deductible / Do Taxes Pay for This

Contributions to the AAST are not tax deductible because of federal tax laws, however, the association is registered by the IRS as a non-profit organization and AAST has complete control over all funds raised...In fact, your support will provide programs and services above and beyond what the state provides...and since AAST doesn't receive any state or federal funding, they rely on citizens just like yourself to support their programs.. *can the AAST count on your support?*

6. What Percentage of Contribution goes to AAST

By Contract, the American Association of State Troopers receives 17% of the gross funds collected...the remaining portion of the funds are used by StateWide Appeal to cover ALL fundraising expenses such as payroll, printing and postage, telephone bills, and office rents...**(REFER TO #2 ABOVE)**

7. Are you a Police Officer / Whom Do You Work For

NO...I work for Statewide Appeal Inc. who handles all sales and distribution of the supporter packets. However AAST is the sole sponsor of the campaign... all checks are made payable to the AAST and they control all funds raised... *can the AAST count on your support?*

8. Where Do I mail My Check

The contributions are mailed to the AAST processing center at 7228 Baptist Road, private mail box 400 in Bethel Park, PA 15102... *can the AAST count on your support?*

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AAST Fundraising Office: 1-800-310-1911 AAST Headquarters: 1-800.708.AAST

9. Is AAST Legitimate

The AAST has been registered and bonded with all government agencies required by law. AAST's registration Number with the State Bureau of Charitable Organizations in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is 32396. All checks are made payable to the AAST and they have full and complete control over all funds raised... *can the AAST count on your support?*

10. Send Information or Literature to Read

The reason we call you personally each year is to make sure you want to participate in AAST's campaign...this helps reduce tremendous amounts of printing and postage costs. Before mailing the supporter envelope to you, AAST needs a firm commitment on a level of support... *can the AAST count on your support?*

11. How often will I have to Contribute

All AAST supporters are called only twice a year...you will be contacted in about 6 months to update you on the associations' newest projects and of course to request your contribution. Right now I'm just calling to request your support for the AAST's current campaign ... *can the AAST count on your support?*

12. How Did You Get My Phone Number

I'm calling you from a database that contains many of the available listings in your area...in fact, the computer dials some unlisted numbers because it calls all of the numbers in each prefix in numerical order...AAST's goal of course is to reach out to every concerned citizen in your area that will stand behind over 750 Pennsylvania State Trooper members of the AAST... *can the AAST count on your support?*

13. Where are you calling from

I'm calling you from San Antonio, TX. In fact, AAST is a national organization serving over 6,180 member state police and highway patrol officers throughout the country. Pennsylvania holds the largest membership with over 750 members. Your check of course is made payable to the AAST.... *can they count on your support this year?*

14. Is This for Pennsylvania State Troopers Only

No, AAST is a national law enforcement organization; the Pennsylvania Membership makes up the largest portion of this, with over 750 members being represented...Therefore, a majority of the proceeds that the AAST receives from the Pennsylvania fundraising drive will be used for programs and services in Pennsylvania. ... *can the AAST count on your support?*

15. Do You Have My Mailing Address

While we do have many of the available listings in your area it is almost impossible to keep our lists 100% up to date...I can assure you that AAST does not sell the names and addresses of it's supporters to protect them from fraud and junk mail. This policy benefits you because it protects your privacy and respects your decision to stand behind the AAST... *can the AAST count on your support?*

16. Do I Get a Sticker or Decal

Yes, enclosed with your supporter materials is a supporter sticker for your vehicle. Your support does not entitle you to any legal privileges or immunities, although the American Association of State Troopers sincerely thanks you for your support... *can the AAST count on your support?*