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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 11:09 AM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: INQ - Virginia Harris, Firefighters Local 1403

Ms. Harris inquired whether it was prohibited under the Ethics Code for the President of the Firefighters Local to give a gift of a basket of flowers to a County Commissioner (value approx. \$40) for the holidays. I informed her that under State Law, Section 112.3148(4), the gift could not exceed \$100 since the union president is considered a lobbyist/principal who is limited to a gift in that amount. Also, I informed her that while the gift is not prohibited under the County Ethics Code, assuming that there is no quid pro quo or other connection to any county action by the Commissioner, it is the policy of this agency to discourage such gifts.

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