

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

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Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 2:41 PM
To: Burns, Jeffrey M. LT - (MDFR)
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Subject: Outside employment (INQ 13-196)

Lt. Burns,

You asked if leaving your position as a fire investigator with the County Fire Investigations Bureau and transferring to the County's Fire Operations to work on a rescue or fire truck would cure potential conflicts with your proposed outside employment as a private fire investigator.

You would like to engage in outside employment with private attorneys and insurance companies as a fire investigator in counties other than Miami-Dade County. In a previous ethics opinion, INQ 13-132, we found that fire investigators employed by the County would have conflicting outside employment if they worked as fire investigators for private attorneys and insurance companies. *See* the County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (j).

Because your duties in fire operations would be significantly different from the duties of a private fire investigator, your proposed transfer within the County would likely eliminate the conflicts described in our previous ethics opinion. As with all outside employment, however, you would be required to obtain permission from your new supervisor before engaging in private work. *See* the County Code at Sec. 2-11 (c).

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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From: Burns, Jeffrey M. LT - (MDFR)
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 2:03 PM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: Outside employment (INQ 13-132)

Hi Victoria,

I am writing to you in reference to the above INQ 13-132. On June 10, 2013, it was determined that my request for outside employment was perceived to be a possible conflict of interest based on the fact that I am a current MDFR Fire Investigator and I would be conducting work for private employers that is similar to the work I do for the county.

If I were to leave the Fire Investigations Bureau and work on a Rescue or Fire truck as a Fire/Rescue Lieutenant would that still be perceived as a conflict of interest? I am only asking so that if I leave this Bureau and return to Fire Operations, I may reapply, and all outside employment would still be done outside of Dade County.

Thank you for your time in advance,

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