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Advisory Opinion from March 19, 2012

The Commission reviewed a request at a meeting on March 9, 2012 regarding a gift being received from a grocery store for a county paramedic who acted as a citizen, not as an employee, in assisting someone in a medical emergency while shopping in the grocery store.

The Commission determined that from the information provided, it would not be a violation. The Commission could not find that the gift was from a prohibit source as prohibited by the Ethics Law, as defined in § 8-12 (A). Further, the gift was a "unsolicited gift" for which the paramedic was rewarded for doing a good deed while off-duty, as permitted under § 8-12 (C), as the Commission could not conclude that it was intended to impair the impartiality and independent judgment of the county employee.

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