

The Ethics Commission
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The Commission considered the facts provided regarding service as the County Risk Manager and service as president of a volunteer county fire department, and whether this relationship created a Conflict of Interest of the County Public Ethics Law.

The Commission determined that paid employment as the County Risk Manager and the duties that would be performed in that position do create an appearance of a conflict of interest with the duties as President of a County fire department, under the County Public Ethics Law, specifically §8-11 A (3) and/or (7). It appears that the duties are similarly related and inter-related, an example being the workman's compensation insurance claims. The Commission determined that recusal as the Risk Manager from any matters of the (named) Fire Company and from any matter of any other County Fire Department, would be sufficient to cure the violation.