November 14, 1994

PRESS RELEASE

On August 22, 1994, Ethics Commission Staff Attorney Brenda M. Bergeron filed a complaint (Docket No. 94-4) against William Halstead, the fire chief at Fairfield Hills Hospital in Newtown, Connecticut. The complaint alleges that Mr. Halstead impaired his independence of judgment with regard to his state job, in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(b), by preparing a bid specification for a new fire truck at Fairfield Hills Hospital while he was also employed part-time by Connecticut Fire Apparatus Sales and Service, Inc., the exclusive sales agent in Connecticut for Emergency One fire trucks.

On November 14, 1994, the Ethics Commission released a Stipulation and Order in settlement of this matter. Under the settlement, the Commission found that Mr. Halstead had violated the Code of Ethics for Public Officials as alleged, and Mr. Halstead agreed to pay a civil penalty of $500.00.

Copies of the Stipulation and Order and Complaint are attached.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:

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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

DOCKET NUMBER 94-4

IN THE MATTER OF A

COMPLAINT AGAINST

WILLIAM HALSTEAD

) STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

) 97 ELM STREET (REAR)

) HARTFORD, CT 06106

) November 4, 1994

STIPULATION AND ORDER


2. The Respondent states that at the request and full knowledge of his past and present supervisor, he did participate in the Fairfield Hills Hospital fire truck bid process while also working part time for Connecticut Fire Apparatus. The Respondent also states that at no time was there any intent to violate the Code of Ethics.

3. The Respondent waives any rights he may have under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§1-80, 1-82, 1-82a, 1-87 and 1-88, including the right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and agrees with the Commission to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-177(c).

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-177(c), the State Ethics Commission and the Respondent William Halstead, agree to settle this matter in the manner described below:

1. The Ethics Commission orders, and the Respondent agrees to pay to the Commission, a civil penalty of $500.00 within thirty days, and henceforth to commit no further violations of the Code of Ethics.

[Signature]
RESPONDENT

[Signature]
CHAIRMAN
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

DATE
Nov. 8, 1994

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