

December 22, 2000
Re: IO-00-196

You inquired whether you may accept \$500 from the Fraternal Order of Police, Anne Arundel County Lodge #70 in exchange for placing the FOP logo and a public safety message on your race car. The ethics commission advises that since this is a form of advertising, and it since it is purchased for an adequate and legal consideration, your question does not raise any ethics issues under §3-106 of the Public Ethics Law. Therefore, you may accept the \$500 in exchange for permitting the FOP to advertise its organization and its message on your race car.

Thank you for your inquiry and please drive safely!

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Dawson
Executive Director