

October 30, 2002

Re: IO-02-136

You inquired whether a private entity may employ six uniformed officers to provide security at an charity event sponsored by Toy Run, Inc. The event will include the limited sale of beer pursuant to a beer license obtained by Toy Run, Inc. for the one day event.

Enclosed are two previous opinions outlining the ethics commission's position on this issue. For the reasons set forth in the opinions, the commission advised that uniformed officers may not be employed to provide security for an employer where liquor is being sold.

Thank you for your inquiry and for providing the commission with all the relevant facts about this event.

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Dawson
Executive Director