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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Chief Faulk
Fire Department Headquarters
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577

Dear Chief Faulk:

Enclosed are copies of the information that I was able to find with regard to the labor union problems you are experiencing in Myrtle Beach with the Myrtle Beach Fire Department. As per our telephone conversations of July 16, 17 and 18, you may not prohibit the firemen from joining a union. However, I have been able to find nothing which requires you or the city to recognize the existence of any union the firemen may join or establish.

Under no circumstances are you required to collectively bargain with any union.

I have consulted with Mr. Timothy G. Quinn, Senior Assistant Attorney General, and we are both of the opinion that the men may form a union but that neither you nor the City of Myrtle Beach are under any obligation to recognize the union.

Yours very truly,

M. Elizabeth Crum
Assistant Attorney General

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