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Dear Member:

At the most recent meeting of the State Board of the Utah FOP, it was determined and unanimously adopted that "corruption" would be covered only within limitations of \$2500 for criminal and \$1500 for administrative, under the State Legal Plan. The verbiage that was agreed upon, in relevant part, states that "corruption" is a

pattern of conduct (not to include isolated allegations, or allegations that a reasonable member would not believe qualifies as a pattern of corruption) as it relates to allegations of bribery, theft, misuse of public monies. Additionally defined as a specific form of police misconduct designed to obtain significant financial benefits, other serious personal gain, or career advancement for a police officer or officers in exchange for not pursuing, or selectively pursuing, an investigation or arrest, or to unfairly aid the career of the member. The member may appeal this designation to the Legal Plan Advisory Committee and ultimately to the Utah State FOP Board of Trustees.

After careful consideration and following occurrences within our membership that has resulted in the expulsion of a member for alleged police corruption, and where, unfortunately, the State FOP and two of its lodges were allegedly victimized by this corruption, the aforementioned language was proposed to the State Board for inclusion into the plan. This change will help avoid the unlikely though possible scenario where State Legal Plan attorneys become conflicted in their representation of co-defendants of police corruption allegations, causing unforeseen and unlimited expenses directed away from plan attorneys, especially where "corruption" occurs on a scale that involves multiple officers, including members of the Utah FOP. To not address this would put the plan in jeopardy, and therefore the limitations on police corruption cases were discussed and approved by the Board.

The Fraternal Order of Police, both Nationally and Statewide, has always been against corruption in all of its forms. The intention of the legal plan has always been to support members and to ensure the highest quality legal assistance is available given the legal risks inherent in police work, and because all of us are human and capable of making mistakes from time to time. Having said this, it would be inconsistent with the purposes and motto of the FOP to support efforts to defend corruption on an unlimited basis. Consider the emblem of the Order - the FOP star - which is described by the National organization, in relevant part: "The background is white, the unstained color representing the purity with which we should serve. We shall not let anything corrupt be injected into our order. Therefore, our colors are blue, gold and white." The policy of the Board, and this important change, is consistent with this sentiment.

If you have any questions concerning this adaption, please do not hesitate to contact me at Mumford Rawson.

Best,

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