OPINION 56-138

November 24, 1956 (OPINION)

OFFICES AND OFFICERS

RE: Compatibility - Police and Fire Chief

This is in reply to your letter of November 8, 1956 requesting an opinion of this office in regard to whether or not it is proper for a police officer of the city of Kenmare to hold the position of fire chief at the same time.

We find no statutory prohibition of the same person holding the office of city police officer and fire chief simultaneously. It seems doubtful that there would be a common law incompatibility between the two offices. It is therefore the opinion of this office that one person may simultaneously hold the offices of city police officer and city fire chief.

LESLIE R. BURGUM

Attorney General