



Office of the Inspector General Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Inspector General's Office Investigation Leads to State Ethics Commission Issuance of an Order to Show Cause Involving the Winthrop Harbormaster, July 2011

In December, 2008 the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General initiated an investigation based on information alleging that Winthrop, Massachusetts Harbormaster Charles Famolare, III had improperly received from the Boston Towing and Transportation Company (BTTC), Boston, MA., two finger pier floats, complete with installation to Famolare's private dock, as well as free repairs to his private Jet Ski float.

At the request of the State Ethics Commission, information from the Inspector General's investigation involving Famolare's receipt of the finger piers and free repairs performed on Famolare's private Jet Ski float was shared with that office.

BTTC had entered into a contract with the Town of Winthrop to build a pier in Winthrop Harbor. The total cost of the contract based on the State Ethics Commission investigation was approximately \$2,000,000.00, and the value of the finger piers was nearly \$7,000.00.

On July 21, 2011, the State Ethics Commission issued an Order to Show Cause alleging that Famolare violated M.G.L. c. 268A, the conflict of interest law.