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Office of Special Counsel Files Complaint for Disciplinary Action Against Police Chief for Ogden Police Department

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WASHINGTON, D.C. / December 10, 2008 - On September 30, 2008, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) filed a complaint for disciplinary action against Mr. Jon Greiner, Police Chief for the Ogden Police Department in Ogden, Utah.

OSC's complaint, filed with the Merit Systems Protection Board, charges Greiner with violating the Hatch Act by being a candidate for public office in a partisan election. OSC alleges that Greiner was a candidate in primary and general elections for Utah State Senate in 2006. OSC also alleges that at the time of Greiner's candidacy, he knew about the Hatch Act's restrictions on political activity.

The Hatch Act restricts the political activity of individuals principally employed by state, county or municipal executive agencies who have duties in connection with programs financed in whole or in part by federal loans or grants. An employee covered by the Act is prohibited from being a candidate for public office in a partisan election. The penalty for violating the Act is removal of the employee from his or her position with the state or local agency and debarment from employment with a state or local agency within the same state for the following 18 months.

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