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**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO**

**AND**

**GLASSBORO CAREER EMT ASSOCIATION**

**2004-2009**

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## **AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, made this day \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2006, between the **Borough of Glassboro**, hereinafter referred to as the "Borough or Employer" and the **Glassboro Career EMT Association** hereinafter referred to as the "ASSOCIATION or Employees".

Witnesseth:

Whereas, the parties have carried on collective bargaining for the purpose of developing a contract covering wages, hours, and other conditions of employment; and

Now therefore, in consideration of the promises and mutual agreements herein contained, the parties hereto agree with each other in respect to the Employees of the Employer as being represented by the ASSOCIATION as follows:

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **RECOGNITION**

The Employer recognizes the above mentioned ASSOCIATION as the sole and exclusive representative of all full-time Glassboro EMTs, excluding the Chief of the Emergency Medical Services.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

The Borough hereby retains and reserves onto itself without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and invested in it by the laws and Constitution of the State of New Jersey and of the United States, including the following rights:

1. The executive, management and administrative control of the Borough and its properties and facilities, and the activities of its employees.
2. To hire all employees, and subject to the provisions of law, to determine their qualifications and conditions for continued employment, or assignment and to promote and transfer employees and/or utilize personnel by the most appropriate means and effective manner as determined by the employer.
3. To suspend, demote, discharge or take other disciplinary action for good and just cause according to law subject to the grievance procedure.

## **ARTICLE IV PAY-SCALE BRACKET**

Effective upon execution of this Agreement, all new hires for the EMS positions will be subject to the pay scale as set forth in Appendix A. All new employees shall start at Level One, in the year of hire, unless his/her education, experience and/or years of service warrant starting at a higher level in the year of hire. Employees shall advance one level per year on their anniversary date until reaching the top level of the pay scale.

## **ARTICLE V OVERTIME**

- A.
  - 1. Overtime shall be understood as any time worked in excess of the employee's scheduled paid time.
  - 2. Overtime shall be paid to all employees at one and one-half times the regular hourly rate.
  - 3. For any vacancies due to vacation, part-timers shall have the first option of filling in the open shifts. If it is not filled within five (5) days prior to the vacancy, then the full-time employees may fill the shift.
  - 4. In the event the shift cannot be filled by part-time or full-time employees, then the Chief has the discretion to fill the vacancy on the shift.
  - 5. In the event the Chief is unable to work his/her shift, the vacancy shall be filled first by part-timers and then by full-time employees.
- B.
  - 1. If the Saturday and Sunday midnight shift (12am-8am) is not filled by a part-timer and posted as of midnight Tuesday of that week, full-time employees shall have the option of covering the shift.
  - 2. If the 6pm to 12am shift is not filled within five (5) days prior to the vacancy, the full-time employees shall have the option of covering the shift.
  - 3. **Vacancies due to personal days or comp time shall be filled in the following manner:**

In the case of personal days or comp days, with the exception of weekends, full time employees shall have the first option in filling the

vacancy. If it is not filled within five (5) days prior to the vacancy, then the part-time employees may fill the shift.

In the case of personal days or comp. days on weekends, part time employees will fill any vacancies on the shift. If the vacancy cannot be filled by a part time employee, then the Chief has the discretion to fill the vacancy.

**4. Vacancies in scheduled shift due to illness or injury shall be filled in the following manner:**

If an Employee calls in sick for his or her regular shift and that shift is during the day, the midnight crew will be entitled to work the vacancy, if he or she so desires, the first day of the vacancy. If for some reason he or she doesn't want to work the vacancy, the shift will be filled by any full-time employee who desires. If a person remains out sick, it will be filled by any full-time employee who desires, giving first option to the midnight crew. After the second week, a part-timer may fill the vacancy until the Employee returns. If a part-timer is not available, the shift will be covered by the full-time employees on a rotating basis.

If an Employee calls in sick for his or her regular shift and that shift is the midnight shift, the day crew succeeding that shift work will be entitled to fill that shift however desired. If for some reason he/she doesn't want to fill that vacancy, the shift will be filled by any full-time employee who desires. If a person remains out sick, it will be filled by any full-time employee who desires, giving first option to the succeeding day crew. After the second week, a part-timer may fill the vacancy until the Employee returns. If a part-timer is not available, the shift will be covered by the full-time employees on a rotating basis.

5. All shifts must be covered at any given time. It is the responsibility of the Department Head or designee to insure that this is done.
6. Under no circumstances shall an employee work more than sixteen (16) hours straight without an eight (8) hour break.
7. The employee has the option of overtime compensation in the form of overtime pay or compensatory time.

**ARTICLE VI  
HOLIDAYS**

A. All full-time Employees shall be entitled to the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Martin Luther King's Birthday
Lincoln's Birthday	President's Day
Good Friday	Memorial Day
Independence Day	Labor Day
Columbus Day	General Election Day
Veteran's Day	Thanksgiving Day
Day After Thanksgiving	Christmas Eve (½ Day)**
	Christmas Day

Additional paid holidays may be granted at the discretion of the Borough.

B. Each Employee will be paid an annual single pay in the last paycheck in November for fourteen holidays, whether or not the Employee worked the holiday. Such payment shall equal the sum of his or her daily rate. The daily rate for EMS will be calculated by dividing their base weekly pay by five (5).

C. Any full-time EMS Employees scheduled to work a holiday on the day upon which the holiday is observed by the Borough Hall will receive compensatory time equivalent to their regularly scheduled shift. The exception to this will be Independence Day and Christmas Day which will be observed on July 4 and December 25, respectively.

\*\* Four (4) hours compensatory time will be given to anyone working an eight (8) hour day on Christmas Eve, when Christmas Eve falls on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. For those working a ten (10) hour day (8am-6pm), six (6) hours compensatory time will be given. For those working a six (6) hour day (6pm to 12am), three (3) hours compensatory time will be given.

D. If an employee stays after a regularly scheduled shift which falls on a holiday observed by the Borough, he/she shall receive two times his/her regular pay for every hour worked.

## **ARTICLE VII MEDICAL BENEFITS**

A. Every full-time employee covered by this Agreement, together with his or her dependents, shall be entitled to employer paid coverage under the State Health Benefits Plan. Prescription coverage for employees will continue to be provided without any reduction in the level or extent of coverage. The current vision plan shall be continued. The current dental plan shall be continued.

Employee co-payments for prescriptions shall remain at \$1.00 generic, \$5.00 brand name and \$0.00 for mail order, except as required by the State Health Benefits Plan, until such time as all Borough employees are moved from the current stand-alone prescription drug plan to the prescription plan attached to the health insurance plan which each employee elects under the State Health Benefits Plan. Once this occurs, employees' respective co-payments will be based upon the co-payments in effect that are associated with the prescription plan attached to the health insurance plan selected by the employee under the State Health Benefits Plan. The Borough will make funds available in a timely fashion to members covered by this collective bargaining agreement to use solely for the purposes of prescription co-payments for medical plans that require full upfront payment for medications (such as, but not limited to, New Jersey Plus). Once the member/employee receives reimbursement from the carrier, he/she is required to turn over that payment to the Borough CFO in a timely manner.

B. Any employee who retires on pension shall be entitled to continue to receive employer-paid medical and prescription benefits for the employee and his/her spouse, provided either or both of the following conditions apply:

- (a) The employee has at least 25 years of credited service in a state-administered pension system and at least 20 years of service with the Borough; or
- (b) The employee is 62 or older and has at least 15 years of service with the Borough.

Retirees who are not eligible for employer-paid health benefits may continue their benefits at their own expense in accordance with the State Health Benefits Plan. Coverage provided pursuant to this section shall be limited to the retired employee or to the retired employee and his or her spouse.

C. All Employees will be entitled to a complete medical examination once a year. The bill for this examination shall first be submitted to the employee's insurance carrier for payment, and in the event the expense is not covered by insurance, then to the Borough for payment. Each employee covered by this Agreement shall be required to have a

physical examination completed once every two years. Expenses associated with the physical examination shall be submitted to the insurance carrier. In the event the carrier does not cover the full expense associated with the exam, it shall then be submitted to the Borough for payment. Medical documentation that the physical examination has been completed shall be submitted to the Chief.

D. Employer-paid health benefits will continue throughout the duration of any paid leave as well as any unpaid leave which qualifies under the state Family Leave Act or the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. Thereafter, employees or their dependents shall be permitted to continue their health benefits at their own expense in accordance with federal COBRA provisions. In addition, employees on unpaid leaves of absence shall be permitted to continue their health benefits after employer-paid coverage ceases by paying the monthly premiums themselves.

E. An employee may elect to participate in a Flexible Benefits Program. This Flexible Benefits Program is a method of providing choices in benefits to employees in a manner that can provide tax savings to the participating employee. Some of the benefits available under this program include Disability Insurance, Premium Conversion, Dependent Day Care Reimbursement and Medical and Dental Care Reimbursement, and are available through payroll deductions.

F. Any employee covered by this agreement may choose, in writing, during the open enrollment period to participate in the "optional health benefits program." Participating in this program is totally voluntary and is intended for those employees who are covered by health insurance through a working spouse.

1. If an employee chooses to participate in this program and selects one of the options set forth below, the employee shall receive the monetary incentive specified.
2. Optional Health Benefits Program

Employees may voluntarily waive his/her health insurance coverage through the Borough at any time upon proof of coverage of other current medical coverage. Payments shall be made on a monthly basis so long as the waiver remains in effect, beginning with the month in which the benefit ceases. Based on the type of coverage to which the employee would otherwise have been entitled, payments shall be as follows:

2005

Family (waiver of Medical, Prescription and Dental Reimbursement)  
\$250.00 per month

Employee and Spouse (waiver of Medical, Prescription and Dental)  
\$225.00 per month



<b>2006</b>	
Family (waiver of Medical, Prescription and Dental Reimbursement) per month	\$291.66
Employee and Spouse (waiver of Medical, Prescription and Dental) per month	\$266.66
<b>2007</b>	
Family (waiver of Medical, Prescription and Dental Reimbursement) per month	\$300.00
Employee and Spouse (waiver of Medical, Prescription and Dental) per month	\$275.00
<b>2008</b>	
Family (waiver of Medical, Prescription and Dental Reimbursement) per month	\$308.32
Employee and Spouse (waiver of Medical, Prescription and Dental) per month	\$283.32
<b>2009</b>	
Family (waiver of Medical, Prescription and Dental Reimbursement) per month	\$308.32
Employee and Spouse (waiver of Medical, Prescription and Dental) per month	\$283.32

3. The incentive shall begin to be paid to the employee no later than one month after the effective date of the option. The incentive payments pursuant to paragraph 2 above shall be paid in equal monthly payments and appropriate deductions shall be made from the gross incentive amount.
4. In order to be eligible, employees must show proof of other current medical coverage through a spouse's employer.
5. Employees shall be permitted to re-enroll during any subsequent open-enrollment period or upon showing loss of alternative coverage.

If there should be an anticipated change of medical coverage, employees covered by this Agreement shall be given advance notice of said change.

## **ARTICLE VIII VACATIONS**

A. Full-time employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to the following vacations:

After one year service to five years - ten scheduled work days.  
After five years to ten years - fifteen scheduled work days.  
After ten years to fifteen years - twenty scheduled work days.  
After fifteen years to twenty years - twenty-five scheduled work days.  
After twenty years to twenty-five years - thirty scheduled work days.

Employees hired after January 1, 1997 will follow the same scale; however, will be entitled to no more than twenty-five scheduled work days.

B. A window period will be provided from January 1 through March 31 during which employees may submit vacation requests. If any requests submitted during this period are in conflict, seniority shall prevail. In all other cases where a scheduling conflict arises outside the window period, preference will be given to those vacation requests which are submitted first, except that if two or more requests are received simultaneously, seniority shall prevail. The Borough reserves the right to approve vacations in accordance with operational requirements, but in no case will vacation requests be unreasonably denied. Employees shall not be required to schedule vacations in blocks, except that vacation leave shall be in increments of not less than one-half day.

Vacations must be taken during the calendar year in which they are earned. However, if an employee is sick or disabled during selected vacation periods, the vacation may be rescheduled prior to December 31 of that year. If the illness or disability carries over to December 31 of that year, unused vacation, up to two (2) weeks, may be granted up to March 31 of the following year. If an employee's vacation is canceled and/or denied by the Employer due to work demands in the department, unused vacation, up to two (2) weeks, may also be granted up to March 31 of the following year. However, employees who seek to have any unused vacation time carried over to the following year must obtain specific authorization and approval to do so from the Borough Administrator by November 30 of the year in which the vacation time is earned.

There will be no exchanging of vacation weeks. If an Employee drops a week to pick up another after selections have been made the vacancy shall be posted immediately. The Employee will be entitled to sign for that vacated week on a first come first serve basis.

Any employee wishing to cancel his/her scheduled vacation must inform the Chief and/or scheduler, in writing, at least two weeks prior to the scheduled vacation or he/she will not be able to reschedule that vacation time. If one must cancel due to an emergency, reschedule or loss of vacation will be determined on a case by case basis by the employee's Chief. Proof of emergency may be required.

C. Upon termination of employment, an employee shall be paid for any unused vacation leave remaining to his or her credit.

**ARTICLE IX  
PERSONAL LEAVE**

Each full-time employee, after one full year of service, shall be given 40 hours off annually without loss of pay, to be taken at their discretion at any time during the calendar year, subject to approval of the Chief. Except in an emergency, 48 hours notice to the appropriate Chief shall be required. Personal leave shall not accumulate from year to year.

Employees shall be paid at the regular daily rate for any unused personal leave remaining as of December 1, unless an employee chooses to use any such leave during the month of December. Payment shall be made on or before the first payday of December.

**ARTICLE X  
LONGEVITY**

A. Full-time employees covered by this Agreement shall receive an annual longevity bonus according to each employee's base salary and years of service. Longevity benefits will be paid based on the following rate schedule.

1.5% after 3 years of service  
2.5% after 5 years of service  
4.5% after 10 years of service  
5.5% after 15 years of service  
6.5% after 20 years of service  
7.5% after 25 years of service

B. These amounts are not to exceed \$4,500.00 per person per year for the length of this contract.

C. Through the year 2008, longevity is to be paid no later than the first pay period in December of each year. Entitlement to longevity shall be determined as of December 1, of each year except that employees who terminate their employment during the year shall be entitled to a prorated payment made at the time of termination. Employees who do not work the entire year for any other reason will likewise be entitled to longevity on a prorated basis.

D. Effective January 1, 2009, longevity pay shall be incorporated into the employee's base salary, and paid out bi-weekly to all eligible employees in accordance with the Borough's regular payroll practices. This adjusted base salary shall be certified by the Borough Chief Financial Officer as the employee's annual base salary to be reported to the State Pension.

**ARTICLE XI  
INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

A. Effective January 1, 2001, any Employee who keeps an Instructor Certification (including but not limited to First Aid or CPR or CEVO or Bloodborne Pathogens), and conducts a minimum of three classes per year, open to Borough employees, will receive \$200.00 per Certification, payable in the last pay of November, up to a maximum of \$400.00.

B. The Borough agrees to pay for reasonable accommodations for employees attending seminars or schools, which are job related and approved by the Department Head, and that are 50 miles or more from home.

C. Compensation for attendance at required classes, during non scheduled work hours, to maintain certification will be afforded EMS personnel in the form of 18 hours compensatory time per year.

D. Any Employee showing proof of payment and attendance at a physical fitness program shall be entitled to reimbursement by the Borough in the amount of \$150.00 per year, payable in the last pay in November.

**ARTICLE XII  
SPECIAL PAID LEAVES**

A. **Jury Duty/Witness Leave.** Any employee who is summoned for jury duty or who is subpoenaed to appear as a witness in any legal proceeding involving the Borough of Glassboro shall be permitted time off for such purpose without loss of pay.

In the event an employee is required to attend said hearings during off hours, the employee shall be paid at one and a half times the employee's regular hourly rate for the amount of time required.

B. **Military Leave.** Employees in the military service, including the New Jersey National Guard or United States Armed Forces Reserves, shall be entitled to leave as required by law.

C. **Bereavement Leave.** In case of death in an employee's immediate family, the employee shall be entitled to three (3) days' paid leave per occurrence for attendance at a viewing or funeral, or to make family arrangements incidental to such bereavement. If the employee must travel more than 150 miles each way to attend the funeral, a total of five (5) days shall be permitted. Paid sick leave may also be used in case of bereavement if additional time off is needed for the loss of an employee's spouse, child or parent. For purposes of this section, "immediate family" shall be defined as spouse, children (including

in-laws), parents (including in-laws), brothers and sisters (including in-laws), grandparents, grandchildren, domestic partners, and any relatives who resided in the employee's home.

Employees shall be granted one (1) day off in case of death for an aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, and cousin of the first degree.

Reasonable documentation shall be produced by the employee if requested by the Borough. The failure to provide reasonable documentation upon request may subject the employee to loss of pay for the absent days of work.

**D. Emergency Closings.** If a state of emergency covering Glassboro is declared by the Governor of New Jersey, due to inclement weather or other emergency which is expected to cause imminently hazardous travel conditions, some Borough employees shall be excused from work without loss of pay. In all other cases of adverse weather or other emergency, the Borough may, at its discretion, excuse the employees from work without loss of pay. Employees who are required to work in the above cases while the rest of the work force is excused shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) times the employee's hourly rate on an hour for hour basis.

### **ARTICLE XIII LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY**

#### **A. Conditions.**

(a) The Borough may, in its discretion, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, grant the privilege of a leave of absence without pay for an appropriate reason to an employee, covered by this Agreement, for a period not to exceed six (6) months at any one time. If necessary, leaves may be extended for a total of one (1) year.

(b) Requests for leave will be submitted in writing to the Chief thirty (30) days in advance whenever practicable. The Chief shall forward his or her recommendation to the Borough Administrator. The Borough Administrator shall respond to the employee's request within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the request from the supervisor.

(c) In cases where paid leave is available to be used for the same purposes as unpaid leave, employees shall have the option of using paid (such as sick time, vacation, etc.) or unpaid leave, or a combination thereof.

(d) During any such unpaid leave, health benefits shall be made available to the employee at the election of the employee and at the employee's expense pursuant to COBRA, except for leave taken pursuant to the FMLA or NJFLA.

**B. Family and Medical Leave.** Pursuant to the New Jersey Family Leave Act (FLA) and/or the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), eligible employees with at least one (1) year of service shall enjoy all rights and benefits under those laws, including

continued health benefits for a period of 12 weeks while on leave. Eligible employees shall consult the Borough's Family Leave Policy, attached as Appendix B, for applicable procedures, entitlement and rules related to such leave. Any such leave taken under the FMLA or NJFLA shall run concurrently with any disability leave taken pursuant to Article XV.

#### **ARTICLE XIV SICK AND DISABILITY LEAVE**

A. **Sick Leave.** Any employee, covered by this Agreement, who is unable to perform his or her assigned duties because of personal illness, injury or other health condition, shall be entitled to receive sick leave with pay. Sick leave may also be used to enable an employee to obtain care or treatment of a health condition if such services could not reasonably have been scheduled outside working hours. The following conditions shall apply, effective January 1, 2001:

- (a) An employee, after completion of six (6) months of employment, shall be entitled to sick leave on the basis of 8 hours per month. Thereafter, employees shall be entitled to 80 hours per calendar year.
- (b) Sick leave not taken by an employee shall accumulate from year to year, except that under no circumstances will an employee be permitted to accrue more than 800 hours of sick time.
- (c) Employees of the Borough as of the date of execution of this Agreement and so employed thereafter during the term of this Agreement who leave the employment of the Borough shall be paid for their unused/accumulated sick time at a rate of \$50.00 per 8 hours, not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- (d) Sick leave benefits shall not accumulate during any leave of absence or disciplinary action which exceeds thirty (30) days.

B. **Reporting and Verification of Sick Leave.** Employees shall contact their Chief to request sick leave at the beginning of each work day, or as soon as possible thereafter if circumstances prevent immediate notice, unless approval has already been given for such leave. In the absence of the Chief, employees shall contact the Borough Clerk or Borough Administrator. The employee may be required, where reasonable, to produce a doctor's certificate verifying the need for sick leave, provided the employee is notified of such requirement on a timely basis. Failure to produce a doctor's certificate when reasonably required may be cause for denial of sick leave. The Borough may also require an employee to be examined by a physician appointed and paid by the Borough in order to verify the need for sick leave or to verify the employee's fitness to return to duty.

C. **Disability Leave.** An employee who is medically disabled as a result of illness or injury, including any medical disability related to pregnancy, but excluding illnesses or injuries covered by the sections in this Article, shall be granted disability leave pursuant to the schedule set forth in Appendix C.

- (a) An employee shall not be entitled to paid disability benefits until he or she has been absent from work for a continuous period of eight (8) calendar days.
- (b) An employee who has a remaining balance of paid sick days may use such leave prior to being placed on half-pay disability leave pursuant to Appendix C.
- (c) When disability benefits set forth in Appendix C are exhausted, an employee must return to work for a minimum of six (6) months before an employee is eligible to receive disability benefits again.
- (d) In order to be deemed "medically disabled" and thus eligible to receive paid disability leave, an employee must present reasonable medical documentation regarding the nature and extent of his or her disability and the projected duration of the period of disability. The employer has the right to request updated and/or new documentation of the employee's medical disability every thirty (30) days from the employee's physician. Such documentation shall be provided directly to his/her supervisor and/or the Borough Administrator. The employer agrees to keep information related to the employee's medical condition confidential to the greatest extent possible. In addition, if the period of disability exceeds sixty (60) days, the employer shall have the right, at its discretion and expense, to require that the employee submit to an independent medical exam by a physician selected by the employer.
- (e) If the Borough desires to enter into the State Disability Plan, the parties will engage in collective negotiations over issues related thereto.

D. **Work-Related Disability Leave.** In case of absence due to injury or illness arising out of or in the course of the employee's job, the employee will be entitled to full pay during such absence, which shall be offset by any temporary payments made to the employee pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Law.

E. Any member who shall suffer from any communicable disease, including but not limited to, Hepatitis A,B,C, Tuberculosis, HIV, Bacterial or Viral Meningitis or AIDS, shall be treated with the assumption that the disease was contracted in and during the performing of duty. Incident reports may be requested to validate

any related claim.

**ARTICLE XV  
LEGAL AID**

The employer shall provide legal aid to all personnel covered by this agreement pursuant to the applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey. An attorney of the Employee's choice may be used at the expense of the Borough only after first receiving approval from the Borough Solicitor.

**ARTICLE XVI  
CALL IN TIME/STAND BY TIME**

- A. Any employee who is requested by the Borough and must return to work during periods other than their regularly scheduled shift shall be guaranteed a minimum of 2 hours call in pay which shall be payable at a rate of one and a half times the employee's regular hourly rate.
- B. In the event an employee is requested by the Borough to be on stand-by, other than on Borough property or with the EMS vehicles, an employee shall receive one hour of straight pay for every hour of stand-by time. If the employee is summoned to respond to a call or report to the Borough, he/she shall receive time and a half for the duration of the call or time required to remain at the Borough.

**ARTICLE XVII  
DISCRIMINATION OR COERCION**

There shall be no discrimination, interference, or coercion by the Employer or any of its agents against the employees represented by the ASSOCIATION because of membership or activity in the ASSOCIATION. The ASSOCIATION or any of its agents shall not intimidate or coerce Employees into membership. Neither the Employer nor the ASSOCIATION shall discriminate against any Employee because of race, creed, color, age, sex, or national origin.

**ARTICLE XVIII  
SAVINGS CLAUSE**

In the event that any Federal or State Legislation, Governmental Regulation or Court Decision, causes invalidation of any Article or Section of this Agreement, all other Articles and Sections not so invalidated shall remain in full force and effect and the parties shall re-negotiate concerning any such invalidated provisions.



## ARTICLE XIX

### UNIFORMS

- A. 1. All full-time EMS employees will receive a uniform allowance, to be used for the purchase of new uniforms and shoes. The BOROUGH agrees to maintain all uniforms as agreed to in this contract. This allowance shall be:

\$625.00 for the year 2005 which shall be credited to the employee's account subject to the availability of funds but no later than June 1st

\$650.00 for the year 2006 which shall be credited to the employee's account subject to the availability of funds but no later than June 1st

\$675.00 for the year 2007 which shall be credited to the employee's account subject to the availability of funds but no later than June 1st

\$700.00 for the year 2007 which shall be credited to the employee's account subject to the availability of funds but no later than June 1st

\$725.00 for the year 2008 which shall be credited to the employee's account subject to the availability of funds but no later than June 1st ; and

\$750.00 for the year 2009 which shall be credited to the employee's account subject to the availability of funds but no later than June 1st.

In addition to uniforms, the above allowance may be used to purchase flash lights, radio holders, glove holders and pager holders.

2. Uniforms shall be directly ordered through the Borough's voucher system.
3. The Borough shall provide new hires with an initial uniform issue. The initial uniform issue shall include 5 days of uniforms (5 gray uniform shirts, 5 golf shirts, and 5 navy EMS or EMS type trousers), an EMS coat, a nameplate, a black belt, a pair of boots and a badge. New hires shall not be entitled to a uniform allowance during their first year of employment with the Borough.
4. The Borough will reimburse each employee up to \$200.00 per year for boot or shoe purchases for use at work (receipts must be provided), or they may be directly ordered through the Borough vendor.

5. Once during the term of this Agreement, an EMS employee shall be entitled to receive from the Borough, if necessary, an updated uniform turnout coat (E.M.S. I.E.M.S. N.F.P.A. 1999 approved or later).

B. Clothing destroyed or damaged in the line of duty shall be replaced or repaired at the Employer's expense. The replacement of personal effects such as watches, glasses, etc. shall be covered up to \$100.00 per loss. A report of such damage or loss must be submitted at the time of the occurrence and signed by the department head.

C. The Borough reserves the right to change or supplement the standard duty uniform after receiving input from the affected employees. All costs associated with any change in uniform shall be borne by the Borough.

D. All wearing apparel, tools and devices supplied by the Borough to the employee to ensure the employee's safety and health must be worn and/or utilized by the employee. Failure to wear and/or utilize this wearing apparel, tools or devices shall subject the employee to disciplinary action by the Borough.

## **ARTICLE XX**

### **NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURES**

The parties agree to enter into collective negotiations over a successor Agreement in accordance with the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act in a good faith effort to reach agreement on all matters concerning the terms and conditions of employment of the Borough Employees included in Article 1. Such negotiations shall begin not later than November 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year in which this Agreement expires. Any Agreement so negotiated shall apply to all employees included in Article 1, be reduced to writing, be signed by authorized representatives of the Borough of Glassboro and the ASSOCIATION. The Borough agrees that there shall be no change in the terms of this contract.

## **ARTICLE XXI**

### **MEETINGS**

A. Whenever any representative of the Association is scheduled to participate during scheduled working hours in negotiations, grievances, conferences, or meetings with Borough representatives he/she shall be relieved from duty for said meetings.

B. Whenever there is an Association meeting any employees represented by the Association, who is/are on duty, may attend the meeting as long as it is within Borough limits. Employee/s may use work vehicle to attend any meetings within Borough limits.

## **ARTICLE XXII DUES**

A. The Borough shall deduct regular Association dues from an employee's pay when so authorized in writing by the employee. The amount of such deductions shall be certified to the Borough Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer by the President of the Association. Any changes thereafter in the dues, fees and assessments payable by the employees to the Association shall be provided, in writing, to the Borough Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer by the President of the Association which shall set forth the new amount of the dues, fees and/or assessments to be deducted.

B. In the event an employee withdraws his or her authorization for dues deduction by written notice to the Borough, deductions shall be halted as of January 1 or July 1 next following the date on which the notice of withdrawal was filed.

C. The Borough agrees, in accordance with the provisions of law, to deduct from the wages due to non-member employees covered by this Agreement a representation fee in lieu of dues for services rendered by the Association, in an amount equivalent to eighty-five percent (85%) of the regular dues, fees and assessments charged by the Association to its own members. The Association shall provide the Borough's CFO, in writing, with the amount of the representation fee and any changes thereto.

## **ARTICLE XXIII DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

A. **Just Cause for Discipline.** Discipline shall be imposed for just cause only, and the Borough shall bear the burden of proof. In addition, discipline shall be progressive in nature and corrective in aim.

B. **Notice of Disciplinary Action.** Written notices of disciplinary action shall be provided to the employee setting forth the charges, the alleged acts upon which the charges are based, and the nature of the discipline to be imposed.

## **ARTICLE XXIV GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

A. **Purpose.** The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, equitable solutions to the problems which may arise affecting the terms and conditions of employment, consistent with applicable laws, regulations, contractual obligations, operational requirements, and standards of fairness. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the right of any employee or Association representative to discuss a grievance informally with an appropriate supervisor or other management representative.

**B. Grievance Definition.** The term "grievance" shall mean an appeal of the interpretation, application, or alleged violation of written policies, SOPs, agreements, or administrative decisions affecting the terms and conditions of employment.

**C. General Provisions.**

- (a) Formal grievances as provided for in this Article shall be filed by the Association only. The grievant may be an individual employee, a group of employees, or the Association itself.
- (b) Grievances shall be filed within 30 days after the grievant knew or should have known of the occurrence giving rise to the grievance. Time limits for filing or responding to grievances at any step may be extended by consent of the parties. If no response is received to a grievance within the stipulated time limit, the grievance may be advanced to the next step at the Association's discretion.
- (c) Both parties shall have the right to produce and examine witnesses at any step of the grievance procedure.
- (d) Grievance conferences shall be held during the work day whenever possible, without loss of pay for employees whose attendance is required.
- (e) Formal grievances shall be presented in writing. Responses shall likewise be in writing and shall include reasons for the decision.

**D. Grievance Steps.**

- (a) **Step 1.** The grievance shall be presented first to the Chief, except that if the Chief does not have authority to resolve the grievance, this step may be skipped. The Chief shall meet with the grievant and Association representative upon request in an effort to resolve the matter. A written response shall be furnished to the grievant and the Association representative within ten days after receipt of the grievance. If the matter is not resolved, the grievance may be submitted to Step 2 within ten days after receipt of the Chief's response.
- (b) **Step 2.** The grievance shall next be submitted to the Borough Administrator, who shall schedule a conference upon request to address the matter. The Administrator shall forward his decision to the grievant and the Association representative within ten days after receipt of the grievance. Upon receipt of the Administrator's response, the Association shall have ten days to submit any unresolved grievance to Step 3.
- (c) **Step 3.** The grievance shall be forwarded to the Borough Clerk for

consideration by the Borough Council, which shall hear the matter and render a decision within 30 days.

**E. Arbitration.** If the grievance remains unresolved, the Association may submit the matter for arbitration. The following procedures shall apply:

- (a) The Association shall request the assignment of an arbitrator by the Public Employment Relations Commission within 45 days after receipt of the Step 3 decision. The arbitrator shall be selected by the parties in accordance with the procedures of the Commission.
- (b) The arbitrator shall schedule a hearing as expeditiously as possible, in consultation with the parties. An award shall be issued in writing within 30 days after the hearing or, if applicable, 30 days after the receipt of post-hearing briefs.
- (c) The arbitrator shall not add to, subtract from, or modify the terms of this Agreement, but shall interpret the Agreement in harmony with applicable law.
- (d) If the decision is in favor of the grievant, the arbitrator shall have authority to fashion an appropriate remedy, which may include but is not limited to reinstatement, back pay, interest, and the granting of specific benefits.
- (e) The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on the parties.
- (f) The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties. ~~All other expenses incident to arbitration shall be borne by the party incurring them.~~

#### **ARTICLE XXV COLOR GUARD**

Members of an Emergency Service Honor/Color Guard shall be excused from duty without loss of time or pay for the purpose of attending the funeral of an expired emergency service worker, providing manpower requirements permit it and providing the service occurs within Gloucester County.

#### **ARTICLE XXVI REOPENERS**

The parties agree that the Borough has the right to reopen the contract to discuss health benefits during the life of this Agreement. If the Borough should reopen the contract during its term to discuss health benefits, then the Association may reopen

negotiations regarding salary.

If a permanent power shift (excluding any pilot programs) is instituted by the Borough during the life of this Agreement, the parties shall reopen the contract to discuss issues surrounding the shift.

The parties may reopen negotiations concerning certifications for ALS-BLS or EMT I only if the State of New Jersey requires such programs during the life of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XXVII TIME OFF**

All employees mentioned in Article I shall be granted time off from duty using compensatory time when the request for this time within a reasonable period after making the request, if such use does not unduly disrupt the operations of the Borough. Employees further understand that compensatory time will take precedence over vacation requests submitted after the request for compensatory time is received by the Department. Employees can utilize compensatory time in one hour blocks. The time off must be approved by the supervisor or Chief. The Employees of this Agreement shall follow the following stipulations.

- (A) Minimum manpower must be satisfied for the respective shift.
- (B) The supervisor or Chief shall have the authority to call an employee back to duty in the event a shift is not adequately covered.
- (C) The only exception to the rule would be in the case of injury or sudden sickness to personnel.
- (D) An employee covered by this Agreement shall not accumulate more than 200 hours of compensatory time. Any employee covered by this Agreement with compensatory time, as of the execution of this agreement shall be required to use his/her respective compensatory time in accordance with the following schedule:

0-200 hours	Follow Borough policy as outlined in the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual with the exception of the above cap
201-300 hours	Use 50 hours per year until the total hours is less than 200
301-400 hours	Use 50 hours per year and sell back 25 hours per year
401 or more hours	Use 50 hours per year and sell back 50 hours per year

The above schedule will begin on January 1, 2006 and continue through the duration of this Agreement.

Employees of this Agreement shall be allowed to sell back to the Employer accumulated compensatory time in accordance with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The amount of hours sold back (other than indicated in the above schedule) shall be based upon budgetary consideration. Employees shall be notified by November 15 as to the number of hours they may sell back. Payment shall be in the second pay of December.

#### **ARTICLE XXVIII DURATION**


A. This Agreement shall become effective January 1, 2004, and shall terminate on December 31, 2009.

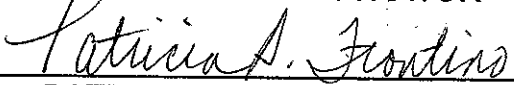
B. If either party desires to change this Agreement, it shall notify the other party in writing at least one hundred and twenty (120) days before the expiration of this Agreement. If notice is not given as herein stated, this Agreement shall automatically be renewed for another year.

C. The terms set forth in this Agreement shall remain in effect after December 31, 2009, and during such time that negotiation is being conducted for next said Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures.


**BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO**

DATE: BY:  1/18/06  
JOSEPH A. BRIGANDI, JR.,  
BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: BY:   
PATRICIA FRONTINO,  
BOROUGH CLERK

**EMS ASSOCIATION**

DATE: BY:  1/15/06  
KEN WILDERMUTH

DATE: BY:  1/18/06  
ANDY THOMPSON



APPENDIX A

	2003	2004 3.25%	2005 3.25%	2006 3.25%	2007 3.50%	2008 3.50%		
Level 5	\$ 42,324.00	\$ 43,699.53	\$ 45,119.76	\$ 46,586.16	\$ 48,216.67	\$ 49,904.26		
Level 4	\$ 40,631.00	\$ 41,951.51	\$ 43,314.93	\$ 44,722.67	\$ 46,287.96	\$ 47,908.04		
Level 3	\$ 38,937.00	\$ 40,202.45	\$ 41,509.03	\$ 42,858.08	\$ 44,358.11	\$ 45,910.64		
Level 2	\$ 37,245.00	\$ 38,455.46	\$ 39,705.27	\$ 40,995.69	\$ 42,430.54	\$ 43,915.60		
Level 1	\$ 35,552.00	\$ 36,707.44	\$ 37,900.43	\$ 39,132.20	\$ 40,501.82	\$ 41,919.39		
<b>2009 3.50%</b>		<b>Base</b>	<b>after 3</b>	<b>after 5</b>	<b>after 10</b>	<b>after 15</b>	<b>after 20</b>	<b>after 25</b>
Level 5		\$ 51,650.91	\$ 52,425.67	\$ 52,942.18	\$ 53,975.20	\$ 54,491.70	\$ 55,008.21	\$ 55,524.72
Level 4		\$ 49,584.82	\$ 50,328.59	\$ 50,824.44	\$ 51,816.14	\$ 52,311.99	\$ 52,807.83	\$ 53,303.68
Level 3		\$ 47,517.51	\$ 48,230.28	\$ 48,705.45	\$ 49,655.80	\$ 50,130.98	\$ 50,606.15	\$ 51,081.33
Level 2		\$ 45,452.65	\$ 46,134.44	\$ 46,588.97	\$ 47,498.02	\$ 47,952.55	\$ 48,407.07	\$ 48,861.60
Level 1		\$ 43,386.57	\$ 44,037.36	\$ 44,471.23	\$ 45,338.96	\$ 45,772.83	\$ 46,206.69	\$ 46,640.56

All new employees shall start at level one in the year of hire, unless their education, experience and/or years of service warrant, starting at a higher level in the year of hire

The salaries set forth above include shift differential of \$1,200.00

The salaries set forth in year 2009 includes longevity in base pay

## **APPENDIX B**

### **BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO'S FAMILY LEAVE POLICY**

The Borough of Glassboro ("Borough") will comply as required by state and federal laws with the Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") the New Jersey Family Leave Act ("NJFLA"). Any employee who desires to take a leave pursuant to those laws shall notify the Borough Administrator in accordance with the applicable procedures, entitlement and rules related to such leave. The following information is to be used as a summary and a guide to your rights and responsibilities under the Borough's Family and Medical Leave Act and the New Jersey Family Leave Act Policy. Questions of interpretation under this policy will be resolved by reference to the FMLA, NJFLA and regulations issued by the United States Department of Labor.

#### **FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT**

##### **Leave Entitlement**

Under the FMLA, any Borough employee who is eligible under the Act may receive up to twelve (12) weeks of unpaid leave in a twelve (12) month period, for any of the following reasons:

- Birth of your child, and to care for your newborn child (within twelve (12) months of birth);
- Placement of a child with you for adoption or foster care (within twelve (12) months of placement);
- Care for an immediate family member (i.e. - your spouse, child or parent) with a serious health condition; or
- A personal, serious health condition that leaves you unable to perform the essential functions of your job.

##### **Employee Eligibility**

To be eligible under the FMLA, an employee must have, on the date the leave begins:

- Worked for the Borough for at least twelve (12) months; and
- Worked at least 1,250 hours (including only those hours actually worked) for the Borough during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the leave.

Eligible employees may be entitled to up to twelve (12) weeks of unpaid leave during any twelve (12) month period. The calculation of the twelve (12) month period shall commence with the commencement of the family leave. Should an eligible employee take less than twelve (12) weeks of family leave for any of the above reasons, such employee shall be entitled to take additional leave for any of the above reasons provided that the total leave taken does not exceed twelve (12) weeks in any consecutive twelve (12) month period, and the other qualifications and restrictions contained in the FMLA are not abridged.

If both spouses are Borough employees, the Borough reserves the right to restrict family medical leave to a total of twelve (12) weeks of unpaid leave in a twelve (12) month period for the birth or adoption of a child or to care for a parent with a serious health condition. The Borough may opt to limit the use of the leave to one spouse at a time.

## **NEW JERSEY FAMILY LEAVE ACT**

### **Leave Entitlement**

Under the NJFLA, any Borough employee who is eligible under the Act may receive up to twelve (12) weeks of unpaid leave in a twenty-four (24) month period, for any of the following reasons:

- Birth of your child, and to care for your newborn child (within twelve (12) months of birth);
- Placement of a child with you for adoption or foster care (within twelve (12) months of placement); or
- Care for a family member (i.e. - your spouse, child, parent or spouse's parent) with a serious health condition.

### **Employee Eligibility**

To be eligible under the NJFLA, an employee must have, on the date the leave begins:

- Worked for the Borough for at least twelve (12) months; and
- Worked at least 1,000 hours (including those hours actually worked, not including overtime) for the Borough during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the leave.

Eligible employees may be entitled to up to twelve (12) weeks of unpaid leave during any twenty-four (24) month period. The calculation of the twenty-four (24) month period shall commence with the commencement of the family leave. Should an eligible employee take less than twelve (12) weeks of family leave for any of the above reasons, such employee shall be entitled to take additional leave for any of the above reasons provided that the total leave taken does not exceed twelve (12) weeks in any consecutive twenty-four (24) month period, and the other qualifications and restrictions contained in the NJFLA are not abridged.

## **JOB BENEFITS and RESTORATION**

During an FMLA or NJFLA leave, health benefits shall continue to be provided by the employee for any leave which does not exceed twelve (12) weeks. For any leave which exceeds twelve (12) weeks, the employee must pay the Borough for the costs of the continuation of any health benefits. In addition, an employer's obligation to maintain health benefits stops if and when an employee informs the employer of an intent not to return to work at the end of the leave period, or if the employee fails to return to work when the leave entitlement is exhausted.

Sick and vacation leave shall not accrue during a period of unpaid family medical leave. Paid holidays shall not be provided to employees on unpaid family medical leave.

At the employee's option, certain kinds of paid leave (i.e. - sick time, vacation days, etc.) may be substituted for unpaid leave. An employee's FMLA leave shall run concurrently with any other applicable leave used by the employee.

You may not work for another employer or be self-employed during your leave. Your leave may be canceled and disciplinary action taken, including immediate termination, prior to the expiration of the leave period, if you violate this policy. In addition, any employee who willfully misleads the employer related to the nature of or the need for an FMLA or NJFLA leave, or who falsifies documents related to the employee's request for an FMLA or NJFLA leave may be subject to disciplinary action, including immediate termination from his/her employment prior to the expiration of the leave period.

If an employee returns to work within the time period of the family medical leave, he/she will be reinstated to his/her former position or an equivalent position with equivalent pay, benefits, status and authority. The employee's restored status will be the same as it would have been had the employee not been on leave. Thus, if the employee's position would have been eliminated or the employee would have been terminated, but for the leave, the employee would not have had any new right to be reinstated upon return from leave. Failure to return to work may result in termination of employment.

An employee's request for leave and the taking of leave will not negatively affect an employee's employment or standing with the Borough.

## **ADVANCE NOTICE AND MEDICAL CERTIFICATION**

An employee must request the use of family medical leave by submitting a written statement of the specific reasons for the leave at least thirty (30) days prior to the anticipated date of delivery, placement or adoption of a child. If a scheduled medical leave for the employee or a family member of the employee is the basis for the request, then the employee must, if practical, provide thirty (30) days written notice. It is the responsibility of the employee who has planned medical treatment to make a reasonable effort to schedule treatment so as not to unduly disrupt Borough operations. The notice must be presented to the Borough Administrator. In addition,

employees may be required to certify as to his/her request for the leave.

The Borough may require an employee requesting leave to provide confirmation from a healthcare provider of the need for and probable duration of the leave requested. The confirmation must be provided in an approved Borough format, available from the Borough Administrator, within fifteen (15) days of the date the confirmation is requested by the Borough. The Borough reserves the right to obtain, at its expense, an opinion from a second healthcare provider of the Borough's choosing. Should the recommendations of the Borough's healthcare provider differ from that of the employee's, the opinion of a third healthcare provider, chosen jointly by the employee and the Borough, will be obtained at the expense of the Borough, to review the request. In addition, a medical certification may be required by the Borough to support an employee's fitness to return to work from the leave.

The Borough may require an employee using family medical leave to periodically report his/her status and intention to return to work. The Borough may also require the employee to obtain additional written medical certification for the need to continue the leave.

All medical information related to an employee's leave requests and/or an employee's leave shall be kept confidential to the maximum extent possible. All medical certifications will be kept in separate files in the Borough Administrator's office.

### **INTERMITTENT LEAVE**

An employee will normally be granted up to twelve (12) consecutive weeks of family medical leave. Intermittent use of up to twelve (12) weeks of family medical leave may be allowed by the Borough when the employee has established that it is medically necessary to use the leave intermittently. Under the FMLA and NJFLA, intermittent use of up to twelve (12) weeks of leave in the applicable period may be allowed for care of a spouse, child, or parent who has a serious health condition. The medical certification of the need for intermittent leave provided by the employee's health care provider must specify the expected duration of the intermittent leave. In granting the use of intermittent family medical leave, the Borough may require an employee to temporarily transfer to an available alternative position with the equivalent pay and benefits to better accommodate the employee's modified work hours.

**APPENDIX C**  
**DISABILITY LEAVE BENEFIT SCHEDULE**

Completed Years of Service	Weeks of Sick Leave at Full Pay	Weeks of Sick Leave at Half Pay	Total Weeks of Sick Leave
1	4	2	6
2	4	7	11
3	4	12	16
4	4	17	21
5	8	18	26
6	8	23	31
7	8	28	36
8	8	33	41
9	12	34	46
10	12	40	52
15	14	38	52
20	16	36	52
25	18	34	52
30	20	32	52