

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT  
ASSOCIATION LOCAL 333

AND

THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY

CONTRACT FOR 2000, 2001, 2002

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NECK TOWNSHIP POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL  
333 AND THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY FOR 2000,  
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ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION

A. The Township of Colts Neck hereby recognizes the Colts Neck Township Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 333 as the exclusive collective bargaining agent for all the officers and members of the Police Department in the Township.

B. Officers and members shall be defined to include all sworn personnel singular as well as plural and to include males and females in the use of the words employee, policeman or officer, shall be intended to include all persons of the bargaining unit. Sworn officers of the rank of Sergeant or below shall be included in the bargaining unit. Excluded from the bargaining unit shall be all clerks, typists, dispatchers, special officers, crossing guards, court officers and probationary Patrolmen.

ARTICLE II - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCEDURE

A. Collective bargaining with respect to the rates of pay, hours of work or other conditions of employment shall be conducted by the duly authorized bargaining agents of each of the parties in accordance with N.J.S.A. 34:13A-5.3 et seq, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

B. Collective bargaining meeting shall be held at times and places mutually convenient at the request of either party.

C. Neither party shall have control over the selection of negotiating representatives of the other party. Either party may call upon professional advisors to serve as consultants during any period or phase of the negotiations at the parties own expense. In all negotiating sessions there shall be one person present with authority representing each of the following: the Township, the Patrolmen, and the Sergeants.

ARTICLE III - SENIORITY

A. Seniority shall be defined to mean the accumulated length of full-time service with the Colts Neck Police Department, computed from the date of hire as a police officer. Employees with the same date of hire shall have their seniority further defined by one or more of the following:

1. Officers who are P.T.C. certified prior to their date of hire shall have seniority over those who are hired on the same date that are not P.T.C. certified.
2. In the event that more than one officer holding P.T.C. certification is hired on the same date, seniority shall be determined by their date of certification.
3. In the event that more than one officer is hired on the same date who are or become P.T.C. certified at the same time, seniority shall be determined by their Police Academy final grade average.

B. Traditional principles of seniority shall apply to employees covered by this agreement as to the selection of vacation upon notice by the employee by February 15<sup>th</sup>. For compensatory time off, upon thirty (30) days notice prior to the date requested, seniority shall prevail when selecting such days. When less than thirty (30) days notice is given to the employer, seniority shall not apply and such days will be granted on a first requested first granted basis.

C. Traditional principles of seniority shall apply to any additional requests for vacation made between February 15<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>. Traditional principles of seniority may not apply to additional requests for vacations made after March 31<sup>st</sup>.

D. Upon all things being equal, traditional principles of seniority shall apply to shift transfers.

E. A master seniority list, based upon the above definitions, shall be maintained and supplied annually to the P.B.A. This list shall indicate the official seniority of all members of the Police Department.

F. In the event the Township may deem it necessary to perform a lay off the following conditions shall apply: ..

1. For the purposes of a lay off and recall, the person with the lowest seniority, as defined in Section A of this Article, shall be the first one to be laid off.

In the event more than one person has to be laid off the next one with lowest seniority shall be the second one to be laid off, and so on. The last person to be laid off shall be the first one to be recalled back to work.

2. Employees that are to be laid off shall receive (30) days notice of such lay off.

3. Laid off employees shall remain on a recall list for a period of twelve (12) months. Notice of recall to work shall be sent to the employee by certified mail or telegram to the employee's last address on record with the Township. Recall notice shall not require the employee to return to work earlier than two (2) weeks from the date of the notice. The employee must respond to the notice with fourteen (14) days of such notice with an intent to return to work.

4. Upon an employee being laid off, all accrued vacation time and accrued compensatory time will be paid to the employee on an hour for hour basis.

5. A laid off employee who returns to work from a lay off will be reinstated at the level of seniority they held at the time of the layoff. The employee shall have all accrued sick time returned to his sick leave bank that he had at the time of layoff.

6. The Township reserves the right to require any returning employees to have a physical and/or psychological exam and to do a background investigation on that employee. Physical and psychological exams shall be at the expense of the Township.

7. While laid off, an employee shall not be paid any health or pension benefits nor shall they accrue any vacation time or sick leave.

ARTICLE IV - SICK LEAVE

A. Sick leave is defined as paid leave granted to each employee covered under this agreement who is unable, through sickness or injury, to perform the duties of his position and which sickness or injury did not arise out of the course of his employment. Sick leave may be utilized by employees in the event of an injury or illness to himself or for any injury or illness within the members of his family. "Members of his family" shall be defined as any of the following: spouse, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, father, mother, father-in-law, or mother-in-law. In the case of father, mother, father-in-law, or mother-in-law, this clause shall only apply when the illness or injury requires the presence, directly or indirectly, of the employee.

B. Each employee shall earn sick leave, as defined above, with pay, to which he is eligible as follows:

1. During the entire, or any part of, the first calendar year of employment ending December 31st, one (1) working day of each month of employment shall be earned.
2. Each succeeding year of employment up to the beginning of the fourth year, one (1) working day for each month in that calendar, plus days accrued.
3. Effective from the beginning of the first day of the fourth year of employment, employees shall accrue sick leave at the rate of one and one-sixth day per month for a total of fourteen (14) days per year.
4. All unused sick days shall be accumulated without limitation into future years for future use.

C. Any full time, permanent employee must promptly notify the supervisor on duty of his intended absence from work as allowed for in this article. Notification shall be made before the employee's scheduled starting time, except in the case where because of an emergent nature of the illness or injury notification cannot be made as herein set forth, but in which event notification should be given as soon as reasonably possible.

D. Employees shall receive payment of earned and unused sick leave at the rate of 1 days pay for each 3 days accrual upon retirement, to a cap of \$3,000 after 25 years service in the Police and Fire Pension System.



D. Department supervisor may require a doctor's certification of illness or injury for any leave over three(3) days, or if the Chief of Police suspects that there is an abuse of sick leave, the Township reserves the right to require a doctor's certificate for absences for sick leave of one (1) day or more. The Township reserves the right to have any employee reporting as ill or disabled to be examined by a physician designated by the Township, at the Township's expense, to verify the illness or disability and determine when and whether or not the employee may resume his duties.

E. Sick leave shall not be allowed for non-emergency dental and such other medically related non-emergency professional services which are readily available during non-working hours.

F. An employee who is certified as absent on account of a disability or accident caused in the usual course of his work shall not have such absences charged against his sick leave.

G. No employee, while on sick leave from the Township, shall be otherwise employed or engaged in any outside work or employment whatsoever. An employee who is on sick leave (unless he gives prior notification to the Chief of Police as to another location at which he is receiving or giving care) will remain at his place of residence or at a required medical facility, or may be absent from his home only for a visit to a required physician's office or place of treatment. If the employee is not at home, or at a medical facility or required place of treatment or examination, as verified by either a telephone call or personal visit, then no sick leave will be accrued, and a loss of pay for the period of absence will be assessed against the employee.

H. For the purpose of calculating sick leave, the employee's first year's anniversary date will be used. Employees whose initial day of work falls on or between October 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> shall have an anniversary date of January 1<sup>st</sup>. For example, if an employee was hired on February 1, 1989 his anniversary date will be calculated from January 1, 1989. An employee whose initial day of work falls on or between April 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> shall have an anniversary date of July 1<sup>st</sup>. For example, if an employee was hired on May 1, 1989, his anniversary date shall be calculated from July 1, 1989. All calculations shall be based on either one of these two dates only.

I. If an employee becomes sufficiently ill so as to require inpatient hospital care while he is on vacation, he may charge such period of illness and post-hospital recuperation against sick leave, at his option. The employee must submit a doctor's certificate as to the need for in-hospital care and post-hospital recuperation. The vacation leave will be credited back to the employee.

ARTICLE V - VACATIONS

A. Full time, permanent employees shall earn vacation on the basis of the following schedule:

	2000, 2001, 2002 <u>Days</u>
Beginning the first day of 2nd year	7
3rd year	12
6th year	17
11th year	18
18th year	19
23rd year	20

B. Vacations shall be taken at such time and for such terms as the Chief of Police shall determine to be in the best interest of the Township, subject to the terms of this contract and the following selection of vacation by seniority. Vacation sign-up sheets by seniority. Chief or his designee sets the number of open vacation slots for each squad for each day of coming year, and the list is posted by November 15th of each year. People sign up per seniority by December 15th of each year. Schedule to be posted by January 1st for the next year. At Chief's discretion, officers may request other vacation time to be scheduled. At least one vacation slot will be posted for each squad for each day except for the entire week of the Colts Neck Fair, and, for these shifts on the individual dates of observance for each named holiday: Memorial Day – 6:45 to 3:15 (Shift 2), July Fourth – 2:45 to 11:15 (Shift 3), and the Colts Neck 10K Run – 6:45 to 3:15 (Shift 2). For those exceptions, vacations may be granted in the Chief's discretion on an ad hoc basis depending on manpower needs. People on vacations that were posted and selected pursuant to the beginning of this paragraph cannot be called in on overtime except in cases of extreme emergency. Without more, the named exceptions shall not, in and of themselves, be considered extreme emergencies.

C. Vacations should be taken within twelve (12) months from the date of which it is earned. In the event that, at the direction of the Chief of Police, the duties of the employee prevent the use of a full vacation entitlement in that twelve (12) month period, unused vacation leave may be carried forward into the next succeeding twelve (12) month period only with written approval from the Chief of Police.

D. An employee whose employment is terminated prior to the expiration of the probationary period will not be entitled to vacation leave or pay in lieu thereof. Any other employee whose employment is terminated shall receive such pay in lieu of vacation leave upon his termination as calculated under paragraph A hereof for such days earned and not previously taken.

E. For the purpose of calculating vacation entitlement, the employee's first year's anniversary date will be used. Employees whose initial day of work falls on or between October 1st and March 31st shall have an anniversary date of January 1st. For example, if an employee was hired on February 1, 1989 his anniversary date will be calculated from January 1, 1989. An employee whose initial day of work falls on or between April 1st and September 30th shall have an anniversary date of July 1st. For example, if an employee was hired on May 1, 1989, his anniversary date shall be calculated from July 1, 1989. All calculations shall be based on either one of these two dates only.

ARTICLE VI - BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

A. An employee may request up to a maximum of three (3) days bereavement leave at no loss in regular pay in the case of a death of their immediate family. Such leave is to be taken within a reasonable time of the day of death or day of the funeral and may not be split or postponed

B. Immediate family shall be defined as to include the following: mother, father, spouse, child, step-child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, or grandparents.

C. The employee may use vacation of compensatory time for additional bereavement leave with approval from the Chief of Police.

## ARTICLE VII - OVERTIME

A. The Township agrees that overtime consisting of time and one-half shall be paid to all employees for hours worked in excess of a normal work day of eight and one-half (8½) hours and/or for any normal work week in a seven day period of more than forty-two and one-half (42½) hours.

B. Employees shall not be paid overtime for hours worked in excess of the normal day unless such overtime is authorized by the Chief of Police or his designee. Overtime shall not be paid during the time a patrolman serves in the Police Academy.

C. Any additional time beyond the tour of duty as defined herein shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1½) for each hour worked. In the event an employee is required to work fifteen (15) minutes or more up to forty-five (45) minutes of overtime, he shall be paid as if he had worked one-half (½) hour. If he is obligated to work more than forty-five (45) minutes, but less than one (1) hour, he shall be paid as if he had worked one (1) hour. For any portions thereafter, time shall be compensated in the manner described above.

D. In the event an employee is called into duty other than for his normal assignment (except where the employee is recalled to duty to complete or correct improper work as directed by the Chief of Police or his designee, and he shall be paid for only the actual time worked at straight time, to correct the improper work) he shall be paid overtime at time and one-half for all time worked during such period, but in no case shall he be paid for less than four (4) hours at that rate. For court time, no less than four (4) hours.

E. Any employee who shall be required to appear in any court, including Municipal or Superior, or at an administrative hearing the Division of Motor Vehicles, at a time other than when he is on duty, shall be paid for the time at the rate of time and one-half. This shall include:

1. Employees responding to their own complaints;
2. Responding as a witness at the direction of their superior officer or the Chief of Police;
3. In response to subpoenas from any court; or
4. By virtue of notice in lieu of subpoena arranged either by the prosecutor's office, superior officer of the Department, or the Chief of Police.

F. Compensatory time. Where overtime payment in accordance with this article is earned, the employee may, at his option, elect to take compensatory time off at the same time and one-half rate. This compensatory time off may be taken only if in the Chief of Police's discretion the employee's absence will not impair the good order of the department.

G. Any employee involved in an off-duty arrest or incident shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for the hours worked.

H. In the event any overtime becomes necessary, off-duty employees, by seniority shall be first contacted. In the event no off-duty employee accepts the assignment, then all remaining employees, by seniority shall be contacted. In the event no employee accepts the assignment based upon the previous seniority system, the junior employee working will be required to work the overtime. In the event two (2) or more employees are required, the assignment will be made in accordance with the previous seniority system. Off-duty employees shall be defined for this article to mean an employee not scheduled to work, due to normal day off, vacation, or compensatory time off, on the day the assignment is needed. If, in the opinion of the Chief of Police, it shall further the police function to assign an employee or employees after their patrol to what is commonly referred to as a "road job" then those assignments shall be made in the same manner as set forth herein. All overtime will be in accordance with seniority. There will no bumping rights within three days (72 hours) prior to the date of the assignment, and the first officer to accept the assignment within the three days (72 hours) shall have the assignment with no one able to bump.

I. A detective shall work an eight hour and ten minute daily shift to even out the hours per year.



ARTICLE VIII - SALARY

A. The annual base salary for each of the classification shown below shall be set forth in this article. All employees covered under this agreement, shall be paid on the basis of an annual salary. The annual salary for each of the classifications set forth below shall be as follows:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Patrolman in first year of service (probationary 0-12 months)	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$29,500
Patrolman in second year of service (13-24 months)	33,000	34,000	35,000
Patrolman in third year of service (25-36 months)	37,313	39,030	40,942
Patrolman in fourth year of service (37-48 months)	41,629	43,544	45,678
Patrolman in fifth year of service (49-60 months)	45,945	48,059	50,414
Patrolman in sixth year of service (over 60-72 months)	50,260	52,572	55,148
Patrolman in seventh year of service (over 72 months)	54,926	57,452	60,267
Corporal	57,426	59,952	62,767
Sergeant	60,769	63,564	66,680

B. For the purpose of calculating salary adjustments, the employee's first year's anniversary date will be used. Employees whose initial day of work falls on or between October 1st or March 31st shall have an anniversary date of January 1st. Employees whose initial day of work falls on or between April 1st and September 30th shall have an anniversary date of July 1st. All calculations shall be based on either of these two dates only.

ARTICLE IX - PENSIONS

A. The Township shall contribute the employer's contribution to the old age and survivor's insurance (social security) system and to the Police and Firemen's Retirement System. Employee contributions to the Social Security System and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System shall be deducted from the employee's earnings from each pay period.

B. Pension benefits, deductions, and contributions shall continue during periods of paid leave.

C. The employee shall notify the Chief of Police, in writing, at least ninety (90) days before planned retirement to facilitate the prompt payment of benefits.

ARTICLE X - HOLIDAYS

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A. The following shall be recognized as holidays under this agreement:  
New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday,  
Washington's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor  
Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after  
Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

B. The sum of one (1) day for each holiday shall be paid to each  
employee, said employee may take the time as pay or compensatory time. January  
to June holidays shall be paid to the employee on or before June 15th and July to  
December holidays shall be paid to the employee on or before December 15th of  
each year, these payments shall be made in a separate check from the employee's  
normal pay check. For timekeeping purposes, this sum shall be treated as a yearly  
earnings. These payments shall be treated as a bonus and income taxes shall be  
withheld as though the same were paid over the entire calendar year.

ARTICLE XI – EDUCATION INCENTIVE

A. The Township agrees to pay each employee, in addition to his annual salary, a yearly education incentive based upon the following table:

1.	Associate's Degree	\$700.00
2.	Bachelor's Degree	\$1,500.00
3.	Master's Degree	\$2,400.00

B. Payment will be made provided the Chief of Police determines that the credits were earned from an accredited four-year or two-year institution of higher learning in the area of criminal justice or a related field. The incentive will be paid to the employee on or before August 1st of each year in a separate check from the employee's normal pay check, this payment shall be treated as a bonus, and income taxes withheld as though same were paid over the entire calendar year.

C. The Township agrees to provide reimbursement for tuition and books for classes in a matriculated program in criminal justice or a related field at accredited two-year and/or four-year institutions of higher learning, after completion of such class(es) with proof of a "C" or better grade and proper receipts. Employees who have been receiving reimbursement under this paragraph prior to the execution of this agreement shall continue to receive reimbursement on the same basis as in the past.

ARTICLE XII - CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

A. The Township shall be responsible for the provision, maintenance and replacement of all uniforms and equipment.

B. The Township, in addition to uniforms, will provide to each employee, at no expense to the employee, the following:

1. A weapon and ammunition
2. All necessary leather gear
3. A bulletproof vest - minimum Level IIA
4. Rain gear
5. A winter jacket
6. A uniform badge
7. A wallet badge
8. Two name plates

This equipment shall remain at all times the property of the Township.

The Township shall pay for the original issue and renewal of vests,

minimum level IIA, vests shall be replaced before the warranty and/or guarantee ends. Additionally, an officer may choose a higher level vest, but the employee shall pay the difference between a Level IIA vest and the vest the employee chooses.

C. All requests for clothing or equipment shall be made to the Chief of Police or his designee and shall be approved by the Township Administrator.

D. The Township shall pay for the normal and reasonable dry cleaning expense for the employee's uniforms, subject to the provisions of paragraph A hereinabove.

### ARTICLE XIII – HOURS

A. The parties understand and agree that the standard work week schedule for an employee covered by this agreement requires an employee's services continuing throughout the seven day week and that the standard work week shall consist of forty two and one-half (42 1/2) hours work within said standard work week.

B. Each tour of duty shall be eight and one-half ( 8 1/2) hours of work.

C. Full-time permanent employees shall work a schedule each three (3) weeks as follows:

1st week – 5 days on, 2 days off;

2nd week – 5 days on, 2 days off;

3rd week – 5 days on, 3 days off.

D. All shift assignments for each employee shall be made uniformly and shall not be changed without five (5) days prior notice to the employee, unless an emergency exists.

E. Whenever the Township is requested or required to furnish patrolmen for an work assignment, these assignments shall be offered in accordance with the seniority provisions set forth in Article VI – Overtime, of this agreement. Private duty assignments shall be made exclusively through the Chief of Police or his designee under a schedule of fees established by Township Ordinance.

F. No shift change shall be made for the sole purpose of avoiding the payment of overtime.

G. Employees shall have a minimum of sixteen (16) hours off when rotating between regularly scheduled shifts.

H. Patrol schedule will be posted for a year in advance by November 1st of each year. This is not intended to limit the Chief's authority to change schedules. For the year 2000, the patrol schedule will be posted for the second half of 2000 on or before June 15, 2000.

## ARTICLE XIV - ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

A. The Association shall have the right to conduct meetings at reasonable times on Township premises, provided twenty-four (24) hours notice is first given to the Township by giving such notice to the Township Administrator. The Township shall select an appropriate place, depending upon the number of persons to attend as estimated by the Association. The Association shall not be required to identify the persons who are to attend the meetings. Such meetings shall be scheduled and conducted in such a manner as to not disrupt the good working order of the Police Department.

B. The Association President, or his representative, shall have the right to visit the Township Administrator or the Chief of Police, representative(s) of the Township Administrator or Chief of Police, police headquarters and all other police occupied facilities during off-duty hours for Association business provided said visits do not disrupt the good order or function of the Township government.

C. The Township will provide the Association with sufficient wall space no less than four (4) feet by five (5) feet for a bulletin board. This space must be easily accessible to all members.

D. The Township agrees to grant time off to P.B.A. representatives for Association business in accordance with and not to exceed the following schedule:

1. One (1) scheduled work day to the delegate designated by the P.B.A. as a delegate to attend the regular monthly meetings, held on that date, by the state Board of Delegates of the N.J. State P.B.A.
2. One (1) scheduled work day to the delegate designated by the P.B.A. as a delegate to attend the regular monthly meetings, held on that date, by the County P.B.A.

E. The Township agrees to grant the necessary time off without loss of pay or time to the duly authorized P.B.A. delegate to attend any State or County Convention of the New Jersey Policemen's Benevolent Association in accordance with all provisions set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-177. The Association agrees to furnish the Chief of Police with at least one (1) month advance notice of any State or County Convention.



## ARTICLE XV - EMPLOYEE'S RIGHTS

A. Employees covered by this agreement hold a unique status as public officers, in that the nature of their office and employment involves the exercise of the portion of the police powers of the municipality.

B. The wide ranging powers and duties given to the Department and its members involve them in all matters of contacts and relationships with the public. Out of these contacts may come questions concerning the actions of the members of the force. These questions may require investigations by superior officers. In an effort to insure that these investigations are conducted in a manner which is conducive with good order and discipline, the following rules are hereby adopted:

1. This article shall not preclude a supervisor's right to question subordinates relative to their daily activities.
2. There shall be only one Police Department personnel file which shall be maintained in the office of the Chief of Police, and members of the Police Department shall have the opportunity to review their personnel file upon request, within a reasonable period of time, of the Chief of Police or his designees between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. The employees may copy any document which is in his file.
3. The employee shall not be required to report the employment of a spouse or children.

4. Photographs of any employee shall not be displayed or made available to any member or segment of the news media without the prior approval of the employee, except pursuant to a valid court order.
5. The address of an employee's residence and telephone number shall not be made known to anyone without said employee's permission, unless in a criminal or disciplinary investigation.
6. The Chief of Police, or his designee, will have the sole power to determine whether a patrolman shall be required to carry his weapon, on written direction.

## ARTICLE XVI - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. In order to provide for an expeditious and mutually satisfactory settlement of grievances, the procedure hereafter shall be followed. A grievance is herein defined as any controversy arising over the application of or adherence to terms and conditions of this agreement as it affects the employees covered under this agreement; provided further that grievance shall not be defined to include disciplinary proceedings brought by the Township in accordance with applicable statute and ordinance requirements. A grievance is also defined as including any minor discipline of five days or less.

### STEP 1: CHIEF OF POLICE

A grievance shall first be presented by the grievant in writing to the Chief of Police, or his designee, together with the President of the Association, or his designee, within twenty (20) calendar days of the occurrence giving rise to the grievance, otherwise said grievance shall be deemed waived.

Within ten (10) calendar days of such grievance being presented to the Chief of Police, or his designee, the grievant and the employee's representatives shall meet with the Chief of Police to discuss the issue(s). The grievant(s) and the designated Association representative(s) shall suffer no loss in pay or benefits for time lost from scheduled work in order to attend a grievance meeting held pursuant to this agreement.

The Chief of Police, or his designee, shall render a written decision within fifteen (15) calendar days of the meeting being held pursuant to Step 1 or within fourteen (14) calendar days after the grievance was presented to the Chief of Police, or his designee, whichever is greater.

## STEP 2: ADMINISTRATOR

If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance in Step 1, or if no solution has been agreed to within the time limits contained in Step 1, then the grievant may within an additional seven (7) days present the grievance in writing to the Township Administrator.

Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of such grievance, the Township Administrator shall meet with the grievant, the grievant's designated Association representative(s) and the grievant's supervisor to discuss the issue(s). The grievant and the designated Association representative(s) shall suffer no loss of pay or benefits for time lost from scheduled work in order to attend a grievance meeting held pursuant to Step 2.

The Township Administrator shall render a written decision within fourteen (14) calendar days of the meeting held pursuant to Step 2.

## STEP 3: ARBITRATION

If the grievant(s) is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance in Step 2, or if there is no timely decision, the grievant may submit the grievance to arbitration.

The grievant must submit to the agency indicated below and notify the Township in writing of such submission within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving the decision of the Township Administrator.

The arbitrator shall be chosen pursuant to the rules of the Public Employment Relations Commission. The arbitrator shall be bound by this agreement. The cost of the arbitrator shall be borne by the losing party and the decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties.

The grievant, the designated Association representative(s) and witnesses subject to this agreement shall suffer no loss of pay or benefits for time

lost from scheduled work in order to appear at an arbitration held pursuant to Step 3.

The failure of the grievant or the Association to adhere to the time requirements set forth in this grievance procedure shall constitute a waiver of the grievance. The procedure and mechanism set forth in this Article shall constitute the exclusive procedure between the parties for the resolution of any and all grievances.

ARTICLE XVII - LIFE INSURANCE

A. Employees covered under this agreement shall have life insurance as allowed by the Police and Firemen's Retirement System as may be required by law.

ARTICLE XVIII - FALSE ARREST AND LIABILITY INSURANCE

A. The Township shall procure, maintain and provide for all employees of the Police Department professional liability insurance coverage, at no expense to the employees, to include but not limited to, libel, slander, defamation, or right of privacy, occupancy, or false arrest, detention or imprisonment, or malicious prosecution or assault.

1. Such insurance shall be provided by a primary policy provided by the Mercer County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund in the minimum amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per occurrence.

2. Such insurance shall be in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) minimum under the Excess Liability portion of the Township insurance policy obtained through the Mercer County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

B. The P.B.A. will be given a master copy of each annual policy obtained by the Township to meet its coverage obligations under this Article.

C. The Township of Colts Neck may change insurance carriers, or enter into a partial or complete self-insurance program, at its option, subject to substantially similar benefits being provided.

## ARTICLE XIX - SURGICAL AND HEALTH PLANS

A. The Township will provide, at no cost to the full-time permanent employees, health insurance coverage as described in general terms herein to cover full family responsibilities including spouses of the employee and the children of the employees below the age of twenty-three (23), if said children are dependents and otherwise qualify under the policy definition.

B. The township will provide, at no cost to the full-time permanent employee, health insurance coverage as described in general terms herein and of a quality and containing a series of benefits at least equal to those provided by New Jersey Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Major Medical Rider J Pace Program.

C. The Township will provide, at no cost to the full-time permanent employee, fifty percent (50%) dental insurance coverage pursuant to the Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey, or an equivalent program of such benefits.

D. The Township may change insurance carriers, or enter into a partial or complete self-insurance program, at its option, subject to substantially similar benefits being provided.

E. Any new employee hired after July 1, 1997 will pay \$350 in 2000, \$375 in 2001, \$400 in 2002 towards the premium costs of medical coverage.



ARTICLE XX - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

A. It is the right of the Township of Colts Neck, through and by the Chief of Police, or his designee, to determine the standards of service to be offered by its Police Department, determine the standards of selection for employment in the Police Department, direct its employees, take disciplinary action, relieve a police employee from duty because of lack of work or any legitimate reason, maintain the status of the operations, determine the methods, means and personnel by which its operations are to be conducted, determine the content of job classifications, schedule the hours, take all necessary action to perform its obligations in emergencies, and exert complete control and have discretion over its organization and the technology required for performance, except as specifically modified or defined by specific provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXI - UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A. At the discretion and the approval of the Colts Neck Township Committee, any employee may be granted a leave of absence without pay.

B. An employee on leave of absence without pay, except military leave, does not accrue vacation leave, sick leave, or any other benefits. No payments will be made to any pension plan or health plan during this leave of absence, however, unless the employee agrees to bear the costs.

C. A leave of absence shall not exceed ninety (90) days in length, after which it may be reconsidered and any requested extension may either be granted or denied.

D. Employees are required to notify the Employer of the anticipated date of return, as soon as such date is known to the employee, but in no event less than thirty (30) days prior to such date. Failure to return on such date without notice shall be considered a voluntary resignation.

E. The Employer shall have the sole discretion in matters of leaves of absence and each decision made shall be on its own merits. In no event shall the decision whether or not to grant a leave be precedential as to any other decision regarding a leave, nor shall denial be the subject of a grievance.

ARTICLE XXII - MILITARY LEAVE

A. Military Leave shall be provided in accordance with applicable State and/or Federal Laws.

ARTICLE XXIII - NONDISCRIMINATION

A. Neither the Employer nor the Association shall discriminate against any employee because of race, creed, religion, color, age, sex, or national origin.

ARTICLE XXIV - NO STRIKE PLEDGE

A. The Association covenants and agrees that during the term of this Agreement and during negotiations of a Successor Agreement, neither the association nor any person acting in its behalf will cause, authorize or support, nor will any of its members take part in any strike (i.e., the concerted failure to report for duty or willful absence of any employee from his position, or stoppage of work, or abstinence in whole or in part from the full, faithful and proper performance of the employee's duties of employment), work stoppage, slowdown, walkout or other job action against the Employer or any of its employees. The Association agrees that such action would constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

B. The Association agrees that it will take all reasonable action to prevent its members from participating in a strike, work stoppage, slowdown or other activity aforementioned, including within twenty-four (24) hours of the actions publicly disavowing the action, and advising the Employer, in writing, that the Association did not call for or sanction the action. The Association shall also notify the employees of its disapproval of the action and advise them, in writing, to immediately cease and return to work immediately.

ARTICLE XXV - SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. The Township agrees to establish a Safety and Equipment Committee, with representatives from the P.B.A. and the Township: This committee shall meet as regularly as needed to discuss and review matters of mutual concern involving employee safety concerns related to the Colts Neck Police Department.

ARTICLE XXVI - MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

A. At any time when an employee is required to utilize his personal vehicle on Township business, he shall be reimbursed with a mileage allowance of twenty cents (\$.20) per mile.

ARTICLE XXVII - EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

A. It is expressly understood that should the Municipal Building or any individual Facility be closed due to any emergency, that members of this Bargaining Unit shall not receive any form of additional compensation due to such closing. Such emergencies include, but are not limited to, snowstorms, hurricanes, power failures, bomb threats, or fires.

B. The Employer reserves the absolute right and sole discretion to determine whether the Municipal Building or any other Facility shall be closed by reason of emergency.



ARTICLE XXVIII - SAVINGS CLAUSE

A. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall at any time be declared invalid by legislative act, any court of competent jurisdiction or through governmental regulation or decree, such decision shall not invalidate this entire Agreement, it being the express intent of the parties hereto that all other provisions not declared invalid shall remain in full force and effect.

## XXIX - LONGEVITY

In addition to an employee's regular salary, each employee shall be paid a longevity increment to be added to the employee's base salary as follows:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Beginning the first day of 6th year	\$1,150	\$1,350	\$1,550
11th year	1,500	1,700	1,900
16th year	1,650	1,850	2,050
21st year	1,900	2,100	2,300
25th year	2,150	2,350	2,550

Each employee shall qualify for the longevity increment on the date of the anniversary of employment, but the longevity increments shall be paid in the same manner as the salary. For purpose of calculating the longevity adjustments, the employee's first year's anniversary date will be used. Employees whose initial date of work falls on or between October 1 through March 31 shall have an anniversary date of January 1. Employees whose initial date of work falls on or between April 1 through September 30 shall have an anniversary date of July 1. For example, an employee hired between October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995 shall begin to be paid the longevity increment of \$1,150 starting on January 1, 2000.

ARTICLE XXX - COMPLETE AGREEMENT, TERMS AND RENEWAL

A. This agreement represents and incorporates the complete and final understanding and settlement by the parties of all bargainable issues which were or could have been the subject of negotiations.

B. The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations that resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any matter or subject not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement.

C. The Employer and the Association, for the life of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waive all bargaining rights, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain or negotiate with respect to any subject or matter referred to or covered in this Agreement, or with respect to any matter or subject not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement even though each subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

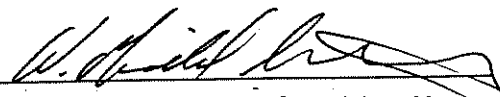
D. This Agreement shall not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing only executed by both parties.

E. The employer will not change or modify any negotiated term of employment during the term of this Agreement in whole or in part except by an instrument in writing only executed by both parties.

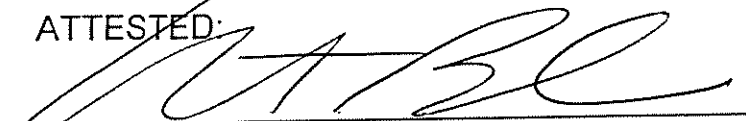
F. This Agreement shall be in full force and effective as of January 1, 2000, and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2002. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect during negotiations for a new successor Agreement unless both parties agree to a change, modification, or termination of any provision in writing and signed by their respective authorized representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties hereto have set their hands and seals the date and year set next to their names below.

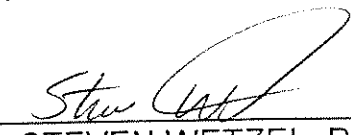
TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK

DATED: 6/28/00, 2000 By:   
W. Michael Southcott, Mayor


ATTESTED:

  
ROBERT BOWDEN, Township Administrator

COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP,  
P.B.A. LOCAL 333

DATED: July 7, 2000 By:   
STEVEN WETZEL, President

ATTESTED:

  
TODD MAYER, Delegate