



AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

AND

**WEST ESSEX POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
LOCAL NO. 81 (FAIRFIELD UNIT)**

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ARTICLE 1 - RECOGNITION

The Employer hereby recognizes PBA Local No. 81 as the exclusive bargaining representative with respect to rate of pay, hours and other conditions of employment for Employees of the Police Department, who are classified as Police Officers, Corporals, Sergeants, Lieutenants and Captains, but not the Chief of Police and all other employees of the Township of Fairfield.

ARTICLE 2 - REPRESENTATION IN LIEU OF DUES FOR NON-MEMBERS

Section A. The Employer shall deduct such fee by means of a payroll deduction and remit same to the Treasurer of the Association together with the list of the names of all Employees for whom the deductions were made by the tenth (10th) day of the succeeding month after such deductions are made.

Section B. The Association may revise its certification of the amount of the representation fee at any time to reflect changes in the regular Association membership dues, fees and assessments. The Association's entitlement to the representation fee shall continue beyond the termination date of this Agreement so long as the Association remains the majority representative of the Employees in the unit, provided that no modification is made in this provision by a successor Agreement between the Association and the Employer.

ARTICLE 3 - SALARIES

Section A. All Employees covered by the provisions of this Agreement shall receive base annual salaries as set forth in Schedule A and Schedule A-1, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section B. Should a member resign during the course of the year, benefits accruing to the member shall be paid on a prorated basis from January 1st to the date of resignation.

Paychecks will be issued every other Thursday.

Section C. Those who make the rank of Lieutenant on or after 1/1/21 will do so under a new Lieutenant salary scale (current LTs will remain on their scale) with 2.5% increases after that.

Section D. Any future Captain who is promoted to that rank on or after 1/1/21 will make \$5,000.00 above the Lieutenant scale that they got promoted from. The salary will remain exactly \$5,000.00 above each year's LT pay scale they got promoted from.

ARTICLE 4 - INCREMENTAL INCREASES

1. Upon recommendation of the Chief of Police and approval of the Township Council, Police Officers will receive incremental increases on their anniversary dates in accordance with Schedule A and Schedule A-1.

2. For all Police Officers who are subject to receive an incremental increase on their anniversary dates, the Chief shall conduct a performance review on each such Police Officer in writing and disclose the contents of such review to the Police Officer six (6) months prior to their anniversary date. Based upon the Police Officer's performance to date, the Chief shall indicate preliminarily whether the Chief will recommend that the Police Officer shall receive their incremental raise.

3. In the event it would be the Chief's recommendation not to grant such increase, then the Chief shall specify the reasons for the Chief's decision, citing specific examples evidencing less than satisfactory performance. Additionally, the Chief shall specify a course of action to be taken by the Police Officer that, if followed, shall nullify the Chief's preliminary unfavorable recommendation. The Police Officer and their squad leader shall be given the opportunity to respond to the Chief's performance review in writing.

4. Two (2) months prior to the Police Officer's anniversary date, the Chief will again conduct a performance review. In the event it is the Chief's decision not to recommend an increase, the Chief will again follow the procedure outlined in paragraph 3, setting forth a reasonable period of time in which the Police Officer may remedy their deficiencies. At the end of such remedial period, the Chief shall again conduct a written

review.

5. Any disagreements concerning the performance review procedure outlined above shall be subject to the Grievance Procedure of this Agreement.

6. The provisions of Article 4 are not applicable to probationary Police Officers.

ARTICLE 5 - WORK SCHEDULE

The workday shall consist of twelve (12) consecutive hours in any one (1) day of the work week. As part of the twelve (12) hour workday, each member shall have thirty (30) minutes for meals, and two (2) fifteen (15) minute breaks, but will be available for emergency calls during that time. Each member shall present themselves at Police Headquarters in uniform and be prepared to begin their tour of duty at the beginning of the workday.

The work schedule for the Patrol and Detective Divisions will be as follows:

1. Each tour of duty within the Patrol Division shall consist of twelve (12) hours. Employees covered by this work schedule shall be scheduled on duty for two (2) twelve (12) hour tours of duty on two (2) consecutive days, then scheduled off duty for two (2) twelve (12) hour tours of duty on two (2) consecutive days; followed by three (3) twelve (12) hour tours of duty on three (3) consecutive days, then scheduled off duty for two (2) twelve (12) hour tours of duty on two (2) consecutive days; followed by two (2) twelve (12) hour tours of duty on two (2) consecutive days, then scheduled off duty for three (3) twelve (12) hour tours of duty on three (3) consecutive days.

The starting time of the "day shift" shall be 0700 hours. The stopping time for the "day shift" shall be 1900 hours. The starting time for the "night shift" shall be 1900 hours. The stopping time for the "night shift" shall be 0700 hours. Employees covered by this Section shall change tours every twenty-eight (28) days.

1A. The employer may implement a power shift; and said shift, and the parameters listed below, will stay in effect for a period of at least one year when implemented, beginning on January 1st of a year.

a. The power shift shall consist of four (4) eight and a half (8 ½) hour days and one (1) eight (8) hour day totaling forty-two (42) hours per week allowing officers to be eligible for STB time.

b. The power shift shall consist of two specific shifts, each Monday through Friday, the first shift operating between the hours of 0600 to 1430 hours, with the exception of Tuesday which would be 0600 to 1400. The second shift would be 1430 hours to 2300 hours, with the exception of Friday, which would be 1500 hours to 2300 hours.

c. Two (2) officers will be scheduled for each shift.

d. The power shift shall be offered annually to corporals and police officers on the basis of seniority, provided their sick time did not exceed the department average.

e. Eligible officers have the right to refuse the shift. Notwithstanding that their refusal is for the entire year, the officers in question must be offered the shift each ensuing year, provided they remain eligible.

2. The work schedule for the Detective Division shall be five (5) consecutive days on from Monday through Friday, then scheduled two (2) consecutive days off on Saturday and Sunday. There will be two (2) eight (8) hour tours on five (5) consecutive days from Monday through Friday.

3. The hourly rate for all Employees will continue to be calculated by dividing their annual compensation by two thousand eighty (2,080) hours.

4. All Employees working under this work schedule shall continue to receive leave time (vacation, holidays, personal, and sick leave) in hours which shall be calculated by multiplying the number of contractually provided tours by eight (8) hours (e.g., twenty (20) vacation tours equals one hundred sixty (160) hours). All accumulated and earned

leave time as of the date of implementation of this Agreement shall be converted into hours. All leave time accrued thereafter shall be in hours.

5. Bereavement leave and terminal leave shall continue to be based upon calendar days as stipulated within the work contract, regardless of working hours.

6. In conformance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Township will establish a twenty-eight (28) day work period. It is recognized and agreed that this work period is established for Fair Labor Standards Act purposes only, and does not alter in any way any Employee's contractual overtime rights, which shall be based upon the time and one-half (1½) rate for all hours worked beyond the Employee's regularly scheduled working tour or on their regularly scheduled day off (RDO).

7. Effective April 1, 2009 each Employee on a twelve (12) hour work schedule shall be credited with one hundred fifty-six (156) hours of time (at 1½ time rate) in a Schedule Time Bank (STB) on each successive January 1st. Said hours shall be utilized within that calendar year consistent with the following provisions:

- a. The hours in the STB shall be utilized during said year so that not more than forty (40) hours remain in the bank by the first of September of said year and shall be minimally reduced by an additional ten (10) hours for each calendar month thereafter in said year. In the event that the STB hours are not so utilized then the Police Department shall have the right to select and schedule the excess hours so that all STB hours are used in the same calendar year.
- b. In the event of an Employee separating from service the STB hours from the year of separation shall be prorated.
- c. STB time shall be scheduled by the Employee with prior approval.
- d. STB time shall not accrue during the following circumstances:
 1. During suspensions resulting from disciplinary action of two (2) consecutive weeks or more.

2. In circumstances of non-duty related illness or non-duty related injury beyond two (2) consecutive weeks. Such time that exceeds two (2) weeks shall not count or accrue.
 3. Military leave that exceeds beyond two (2) weeks *per annum*.
 4. Voluntary Leaves of Absence.
 5. During designated terminal leave periods.
- 8.a. Effective January 1, 2015 a bank of designated hours, ranging from forty-eight (48) to one hundred forty-four (144) hours at the discretion of the Chief of Police, will be established for all Sergeants from among their existing compensatory and/or S.T.B. time. These limited hours will be used to allow two (2) Sergeants from the same patrol squad to be off at the same time.
- b. The Employer may order in Sergeants as necessary when a patrol shift is unsupervised on the basis of a list according equal opportunity to change of scheduled shift hours.
- c. In cases on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Eve Day, when a Patrol Sergeant has taken off from their tour of duty, the second Sergeant assigned to a squad will only be granted time off if they can find a replacement. On all other occasions, a Sergeant will be ordered in and/or a Patrol Officer permitted to act in the capacity of a shift supervisor.
- d. In cases on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Eve Day, for whatever reason a patrol shift goes below the mandatory minimum number of Officers need to adequately staff the Police Department as designated by the Chief of Police, an Officer will be ordered in to fill the vacancy rather than rescinding previously granted time off.

ARTICLE 6 - OVERTIME

Section A. Any Police Officer, Corporal, or Sergeant who is directed by an Officer in Charge to work in excess of their regularly scheduled shift will be paid overtime at the rate of time and one-half (1½).

Section B. Any Police Officer, Corporal, or Sergeant who is directed by an Officer in Charge to perform work on any day or part of a day in which the Police Officer, Corporal, or Sergeant is not regularly scheduled to work shall be paid for all such hours at the rate of time and one-half (1½). The above shall also apply if work is required as a result of a Court Order.

Section C. Police Officer, Corporal, or Sergeants may elect to receive overtime pay in cash or in compensatory time. While the total amount of accrued compensatory time during the year is unlimited, no more than one hundred (100) hours shall accrue to the Police Officer, Corporal, or Sergeant's Compensatory Time Off (CTO) Bank at any one time. At separation from service for any reason the Employer shall have three (3) months to pay off any remaining compensatory time hours.

At the Officer's request any compensatory time, (not to exceed forty (40) hours) shall be paid to the Police Officer, Corporal, or Sergeant at their regular hourly rate at the Officer's request, which request shall be submitted to the Employer no later than December 31. Payment shall be made by the end of January of the immediately succeeding year at the rate in effect as of December 31 of the preceding year. The above restrictions will be relaxed for the time accumulated as a result of firearms training or

Departmental meetings.

In the event that any of the foregoing provisions conflict with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, the latter shall control.

Section D. When a Police Officer, Corporal, or Sergeant is required to testify in Municipal Court during off-duty hours they shall receive compensation at the rate of time and one-half (1½) for all hours spent in such Court, provided they have during the regular Court Clerk's office hours immediately prior to their appearance, confirmed with the Court Clerk the necessity of their appearance. A Police Officer, Corporal, or Sergeant required to appear shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours at the rate of time and one-half (1½).

Section E. No overtime compensation shall be paid or required in instances when a Police Officer, Corporal, or Sergeant voluntarily switches tours of duty or to cover for the next scheduled Police Officer.

Section F. Members shall, at the option and discretion of the Employer, participate in training programs and schooling. Said training programs and schooling shall be, when practicable, during the regular tour of duty. But when such is not feasible, the Police Officer, Corporal, or Sergeants shall be entitled to compensatory time at the rate of time and one-half (1½). Each calendar year the Chief of Police shall conduct an annual Departmental meeting. All off-duty Officers in attendance at the annual Departmental meeting shall only be afforded compensatory time for the attendance. No overtime (cash) payments shall be made to any off-duty Officer attending the annual Departmental meeting.

Section G. Overtime payments shall be calculated on base salary and longevity.

Section H. A Police Officer, Corporal, or Sergeant assigned to the Detective Bureau, when placed on standby for a week, shall receive an additional four (4) hours pay at time and one-half (1½) for that particular week. If actually called to duty they shall be entitled to a minimum of two (2) hours pay at time and one-half (1½). Police Officers, Corporals, or Sergeants called to duty where the call out does not result in a continuation of their normally scheduled tour of duty shall be entitled to a minimum of two (2) hours pay at time and one-half (1½).

Section I. The Employer shall have the right to change a member's scheduled shift hours on any day which is a scheduled working day for the member in order to provide necessary manpower coverage due to or caused by, absence due to illness or injury, absence due to schooling, vacations, holidays, compensatory time off, bereavement leave, unpaid leave of absence. The Employer shall not change any member's work days unless the member is given one week's notice of such change, except in the case of unforeseen or emergent circumstances. The Employer shall order in Police Officers and Corporals as necessary on the basis of a list according equal opportunity to change of schedule shift hours. No member's scheduled work days shall be changed, altered or modified, without at least seven (7) days' notice, for the purpose of minimizing, reducing or eliminating overtime compensation, except in the case of unforeseen or emergent circumstances.

ARTICLE 7 - PENSION AND INSURANCE

Section A. The Employer shall provide to members and their families the following insurance protection to the members: Additionally, all members shall contribute to health benefits pursuant to State law.

1. The Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield Direct Access 8, or equivalent.
2. Life insurance of at least Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) term policy.
3. False Arrest Insurance.
4. General Liability coverage.
5. Group Dental Insurance Benefits substantially equal to or greater than dental insurance benefits enjoyed during the contract period 1989 - 1991.
6. The prescription co-pay shall be set forth as follows:
Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for generic; Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for brand name; Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for generic, 60-day supply mail order; Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for brand name, 60-day supply mail order. There will be no reimbursement through the Township and/or Major Medical for prescription co-pays.
7. The employer agrees to administer a disability insurance plan (AFLAC or similar plan), that individual members could join at no cost or liability to the employer.

Section A-1. If any insurance policies of the Municipality covering the members shall be canceled or not obtainable at regular rates, the Municipality shall notify the PBA of such situation. The Municipality shall then only be required to maintain such insurance coverage as is required by State Statutes.

Section A-2. Any member hired prior to January 1, 1999 who, at retirement, has completed twenty-five (25) years or more of creditable service as defined by the New Jersey Police and Fire Pension Law, shall continue to receive from the Municipality medical

benefits substantially similar in nature to those provided during the member's employment and similar to those health benefits being provided to Employees presently working. This benefit shall apply to the member, spouse, and all dependents. In the event of disability retirement, the member, their spouse and dependents shall be covered by this benefit. If the member dies while on disability retirement, their spouse and dependents will be covered until such time as the spouse remarries or dies.

Section A-3. Any member hired on or after January 1, 1999, and before December 31, 1999, who, at retirement, has completed twenty-five (25) years or more of service, shall continue to receive from the Municipality medical benefits substantially similar in nature to those provided during the member's employment and similar to those health benefits being provided to Employees presently working. This benefit shall apply to the member and spouse only. Dependent coverage shall be provided to such members, but the member shall pay for such coverage at the insurance group rate charged to the Employer. In the event of disability retirement, the member, their spouse and dependents shall be covered by this benefit. If the member dies while on disability retirement, their spouse and dependents will be covered until such time as the spouse remarries or dies.

Section A-4. Any member hired on or after January 1, 2000 who, at retirement, has completed twenty-five (25) years or more of creditable service as defined by the New Jersey Police and Fire Pension Law, twenty (20) years of which with the Township of Fairfield, shall continue to receive from the Municipality medical benefits substantially similar in nature to those provided during the member's employment and similar to those health benefits being provided to Employees presently working. This benefit shall apply

to the member and spouse only. Dependent coverage shall be provided to such members, but the member shall pay for such coverage at the insurance group rate charged to the Employer. In the event of disability retirement, their spouse and dependents shall be covered by this benefit. If the member dies while on disability retirement, their spouse and dependents will be covered until such time as the spouse remarries or dies.

Section A-5. Whenever health insurance is available to a retired member or their spouse from another source at no or nominal cost, said insurance shall become the primary coverage and the Municipal coverage shall become secondary.

Section A-6. In the event that during the term of this contract the State Legislature approves a retirement program for Officers credited with twenty (20) years of service, the parties agree that the extent of applicability of the retirement provisions of this Agreement to such early retirement shall be reopened for negotiation between them.

Section B. Pension, life insurance and retirement benefits shall be provided in accordance with the Statutes of New Jersey. During the term of this contract active duty Employees shall contribute towards health care premiums pursuant to the statutory mandate of Chapter 78.

Section C. The Employer shall provide a description of the member's insurance benefits to include the following:

1. Name of company and policy number
2. Eligibility requirements
3. Summary of benefits
4. Forfeiture of benefits
5. Claims procedure

Section D. The Employer will provide Group Disability Insurance through the Group Policy. If a member is disabled because of a job-related injury, accident, or illness, the Employer will continue to pay the member their weekly salary together with benefits for a period of up to one (1) year. Any salary reimbursement from publicly funded services or insurances that the member may receive because of the injury, accident or illness shall be remitted to the Employer. Pension and other benefits shall continue during this period. Should the member remain disabled beyond the period of one (1) year, the Employer will continue to provide the same health and medical benefit program for the member and their dependents that it provides to its other members. After the one (1) year salary benefit has been exhausted, the disabled member will receive at least sixty percent (60%) of their weekly gross salary from insurance coverage provided by the Employer. This benefit shall continue until the member returns to active duty, reaches the age of sixty-five (65) or receives medical retirement status with the New Jersey Police and Fireman's Retirement System.

If the member becomes disabled because of a non-job-related injury, accident or illness, the Employer will continue to pay the member their weekly salary together with benefits for a period of up to thirty (30) days. After thirty (30) days, the disabled member will receive at least sixty percent (60%) of their weekly gross salary from the Employer for a period of up to six (6) months from the start of their disability leave (the six (6) month period includes the thirty (30) day period at the onset of the leave). During the part of the six (6) month period that the Employer is paying the member sixty percent (60%) of their salary, the Employer shall continue to pay the Employer's portion and the member's portion of the New Jersey Police and Fireman's pension contribution. After the six (6) months are

exhausted, the member will receive at least sixty percent (60%) of their weekly gross salary from insurance coverage provided for by the Employer. This benefit shall continue until the member returns to active duty, reaches the age of sixty-five (65), or receives medical retirement status with the New Jersey Police and Fireman's Retirement System. Should the member remain disabled beyond the period of thirty (30) days, the Employer will continue to provide the same health and medical benefits program for the member and their dependents that it provides to its other Police Officers up to a maximum period of one (1) year.

Section E. The Employer may, without prior notice to the PBA, change insurance carriers so long as substantially similar benefit are provided, which are comparable to those in effect.

Section F. Members covered by this agreement shall have the individual option to opt out of medical care insurance provided by the Township of Fairfield. Where an Employee opts out the employee shall receive from the Township 25% of the savings which resulted from the waived insurance coverage not to exceed \$5000.00 per em. There shall be maintained an annual opportunity to opt back in and further, consistent with New Jersey Law, an option to come back under coverage where there was a life changing event.

Section G. Retirees receiving health care coverage from the Township of Fairfield shall also have the same opt out opportunity as is provided for active employees in paragraph F above.

ARTICLE 8 - LONGEVITY

1. In addition to their base rate salaries, longevity payment shall be provided to all covered members as follows:

<u>LENGTH OF SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Completion of Five (5) Years	2% of Base Rate
Completion of Ten (10) Years	4% of Base Rate
Completion of Fifteen (15) Years	6% of Base Rate
Completion of Twenty (20) Years	8% of Base Rate
Completion of Twenty-Four (24) Years or More	10% of Base Rate

2 Effective December 30, 2011, the longevity schedule for new hires shall be as follows:

<u>LENGTH OF SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Completion of Ten (10) Years	2% of Base Rate
Completion of Fifteen (15) Years	4% of Base Rate
Completion of Twenty (20) Years	6% of Base Rate
Completion of Twenty-Four (24) Years or More	8% of Base Rate

3. Employees hired after January 1, 2015 shall not be eligible for longevity benefits.

ARTICLE 9 - UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Section A. Each new Police Officer of the Police Department covered by this Agreement will be provided with the following issue of uniforms:

- 1 Dress Blouse
- 1 Pair Dress Pants
- 4 Pair Uniform Pants
- 6 Long Sleeve Uniform Shirts
- 6 Short Sleeve Uniform Shirts
- 1 Lightweight Reversible Jacket
- 1 Winter Jacket
- 1 Reversible Raincoat and Hat Cover
- 2 Black Ties
- 1 Tie Bar
- 1 Pershing Hat with Silver Band and Leather Strap
- 1 Pair Uniform Shoes
- 1 Pair Rubber Boots
- 1 Pair White Dress Gloves
- 1 Set N.J.P.D. Collar Insignia
- 1 Whistle and Chain
- 1 Name Plate
- 1 Garrison Belt

and Equipment:

- 1 Duty Belt
- 1 Holster
- 1 Magazine Pouch
- 1 Set of Handcuffs and Case
- 1 PR - 24 Baton and Holder
- 1 OC Spray and Holder
- 1 Set D Rings
- 1 Set Breakaway Clips
- 4 Belt Keepers
- 1 Sam Brown Belt
- 1 Bullet Proof Vest and Cover
- 1 Duty Weapon and Magazines
- 1 Hat Badge
- 2 Uniform Badges
- 1 Wallet Badge and Holder

New Police Officers shall receive substantially all of the above items upon reporting

to duty after successful completion of their courses of study at the Police Academy. They shall receive all of the above items not later than upon being promoted to permanent status on the force.

Section B. Each member shall be provided with an annual uniform replacement/cleaning allowance in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Payment is to be made in a lump sum during the first week of June.

Section C. Any uniform item damaged in the line of duty which is not repairable will be replaced by the Employer. The Employer shall repair or replace the above-listed equipment as required and as recommended by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee.

Section D. In the event the Employer orders a change in the standard uniform or equipment to be worn by all members, the Employer shall issue each new item or items to all present members and such item or items shall become part of the standard issue to new Police Officers under **Section A.**

Section E. All equipment and uniforms supplied by the Employer shall remain the property of the Employer and shall be returned upon termination of employment for any reason.

ARTICLE 10 - VACATION, HOLIDAYS AND TERMINAL LEAVE

Section 1. All members covered by this Agreement will be provided within thirteen (13) paid holidays per year, provided they are in the employ of the Department when the holiday occurs, which shall be paid to them in one (1) payment on the second payday of each November at the rate of pay then in effect. The thirteen (13) holidays are as follows:

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| 1. New Year's Day | 7. Labor Day |
| 2. Lincoln's Birthday | 8. Columbus Day |
| 3. Washington's Birthday | 9. Veteran's Day |
| 4. Good Friday | 10. Election Day |
| 5. Memorial Day | 11. Thanksgiving |
| 6. July 4 th | 12. Christmas |
| | 13. Day after Christmas |

2. Effective January 1, 2016, seventy-eight (78) hours of pay, representing the holiday benefit, shall be added to regular payroll and folded-in and used for all computation purposes. Effective January 1, 2016 only, twenty-six (26) hours of the holiday benefit shall be forfeited back to the Township to satisfy pension and FICA contributions. These two (2) figures represent the one hundred four (104) hours of time previously paid as part of the holiday benefit.

3. If a member is assigned to work any of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas, they are to be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1½) for any of the above holidays they work. Such premium rate shall be paid for these holidays only.

Section B. The vacation schedule is amended to read as follows:

LENGTH OF SERVICE

First Calendar Year
Beginning Second Year

VACATION DAYS (In Hours)

6 Hours Per Month of Employment
80 Hours

Beginning Third Year	88 Hours
Beginning Fourth Year	96 Hours
Beginning Fifth Year	104 Hours
Beginning Sixth Year	112 Hours
Beginning Seventh Year	120 Hours
Beginning Eighth Year	128 Hours
Beginning Ninth Year	136 Hours
Beginning Tenth Year	144 Hours
Beginning Eleventh Year	152 Hours
Beginning Twelfth Year	160 Hours
Beginning Thirteenth Year	168 Hours
Beginning Fourteenth Year	176 Hours
Beginning Fifteenth Year	Maximum of 200 Hours

Section C. Vacations shall be chosen by all members in order of a sequence of rank followed by a seniority in rank procedure.

Section D. All vacation time will be picked by seniority by January 31st of the calendar year. Any vacation selection after January 31st will be solely on a first come, first serve basis. No vacation shall be permitted when such will cause less than the minimum number of personnel necessary to properly staff the Department as determined by the Chief of Police. No vacation will be scheduled if such produces scheduled overtime.

Section E-1. Vacation time shall not be cumulative and must be taken in the year earned. The Administrator, upon the recommendation of the Chief, may permit the carryover of vacation time for what he deems sufficient reasons or pay the officer(s) for the vacation time that is not being permitted to carry over. If for any reason time cannot be scheduled or the officer is denied the ability to schedule said time it will remain in the Officer's vacation bank. Request for such carryover shall be made to the Chief of Police prior to November 1, who shall then submit said request to the Administrator for

consideration, who shall respond within thirty (30) days. Any payment will be made by January 31st of the subsequent year.

In the event of termination, entitlement to vacation time shall be determined in full days and shall be prorated in accordance with actual time employed.

Section E-2. Effective January 1, 2016, all vacation time shall be scheduled no later than July 1st of the calendar year. Vacation time shall be picked by seniority. A maximum off eighty-four (84) hours is not subject to the scheduling deadline of July 1st. Requests for vacation for January will be submitted between December 1st and December 15th and approved based on seniority. All vacation submitted for January after December 15th will be approved on a first-come-first-serve basis. No vacation shall be permitted when such will cause less than the minimum number of personnel necessary to properly staff the Department as determined by the Chief of Police. No vacation will be scheduled if such produces scheduled overtime. Members may not accumulate more than a total of eighty-four (84) hours of vacation leave in their accumulated vacation leave bank. If for any reason, any vacation leave is not used in the calendar year and it is unable to be transferred into a member's vacation leave bank due to being at a maximum of eighty-four (84) hours, and said time cannot be scheduled or the Officer is denied the ability to schedule said time it will remain in the Officer's vacation bank. The Police Department shall have the ability to schedule said time to bring the vacation bank down to the eighty-four (84) hour maximum. In the event of termination, death or retirement, entitlement to vacation time shall be determined in full days and shall be prorated in accordance with the actual time employed.

Section F. Subject to the reasonable scheduling requirements of the Employer, the Employer shall permit the maximum number of members to take vacation time at the

same time.

Section G. The taking of five (5) consecutive days vacation time will supersede all seniority rights over requests of less than five (5) days in succession. Vacation and/or compensation time shall be allowed to be split with approval of the Scheduling Officer.

Section H. Twenty-four (24) personal hours off shall be granted to each member. The days may be taken in increments of half days or as otherwise permitted by the Chief of Police. No personal days or increment thereof shall be taken except with the permission of the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. The personal days or increments thereof shall be utilized only for spontaneous or emergent circumstances not known sufficiently in advance to utilize vacation or compensatory time. The personal days shall not be utilized in lieu of sick time for the member him/herself. The Township agrees to allow members of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, who do not use the bank of personal time hours allotted to them in a calendar year, to carry the balance of these hours over into the following year. These hours must be used before April 1st of the following year, or they will be forfeited.

Section I. The parties have agreed to the institution of a progressive day incentive program. Starting with calendar year 2010, if a member does not use any sick days in the first month of the year, they will receive a credit of 2 hours of vacation time; every month thereafter, the member will receive a credit in accordance with the following chart, progressively through a maximum of twelve (12) months. Should a member utilize a sick day or days in a given month, the clock is then reset to zero (0), and the member will start from the first month and will accrue time for the remaining months of the year, terminating on December 31st of each year. Members do not retain any accrued hours prior to the interrupting month. In 2009, the program was started on July 1st, and credit was granted

for those members who had no sick days in the second quarter and no sick days in the first second quarters. The progression chart follows:

First month	2 hours
Second month	2 hours
Third month	4 hours
Fourth month	6 hours
Fifth month	6 hours
Sixth month	6 hours
Seventh month	8 hours
Eight month	8 hours
Ninth month	8 hours
Tenth month	10 hours
Eleventh month	12 hours
Twelfth month	12 hours
Total:	84 Hours

For the purpose of this benefit, sick time incurred because of job-related sickness or injury will not count as sick time.

Section J. A member, upon retirement from the Police Department on a New Jersey Police and Fireman's Pension System-sanctioned full service retirement shall receive ninety (90) calendar days terminal leave prior to the members official date of retirement. Employees hired after January 1, 2015 shall not be eligible for terminal leave benefits.

ARTICLE 11 - BAN ON WORK STOPPAGE

Section A. It is recognized that the prevention of crime, the preservation of Law and Order, and protection of life and property is the responsibility of the Township and the members of the Police Department, and it is further recognized that the need for continued and uninterrupted operations of the Police Department is of paramount importance to the citizens of the community; therefore, there shall be no interference with such operation.

Section B. Adequate procedures having been provided for equitable settlement of grievances arising out of this Agreement, the parties hereto agree that during the term of this Agreement, there shall not be, and that the PBA, its officers, members, agents or principals will not engage in, encourage, sanction or suggest strikes, slow downs, mass resignations, mass absenteeism or other suspension of or interference with normal work performance. In connection therewith, the Township shall have the right to discipline or discharge any Employee, as such shall be deemed just cause for dismissal, and/or to seek and obtain such judicial relief or administrative relief for any breach of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 12 - EMBODIMENT OF AGREEMENT

This document constitutes the sole and complete Agreement between the parties, and embodies all the terms and conditions governing the employment of members in the Police Department. The parties acknowledge that they had the opportunity to present and discuss proposals on any subject which are (or may be) subject to collective bargaining. Any reference to "Employee, or member" shall mean the Police Officers, Corporals, Sergeants, Lieutenants and Captains covered by the Recognition Clause of this Agreement.

This Agreement represents and incorporates the complete and final understanding of the parties. The parties will not rely upon past practices, rights, privileges or benefits having an economic impact upon the parties existing prior to this Agreement. All such rights, privileges and benefits are specifically waived unless incorporated in this Agreement.

Neither party will be required to negotiate with respect to any matter whether or not covered by this Agreement and whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

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

ARTICLE 13 - LEGAL REFERENCE AND SAVINGS CLAUSE

Section A. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall in any way diminish the authority conferred by law, Ordinance, Resolution or Administrative Code and Police Department Rules and Regulations upon any Township Official or in any way abridge or reduce such authority, and the Township reserves the full right and authority to make any additions and modifications of the foregoing as it may deem necessary and advisable from time to time. This Agreement shall be construed as requiring the Township Officials to follow the terms contained herein, to the extent that they are applicable in the exercise of the power conferred upon them by law.

Section B. In the event any provision of this Agreement be invalidated by Federal or State legislation, governmental regulation or Court decision, the remainder of the Agreement not so invalidated shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 14 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section A. Except as modified by provisions of this Agreement, the Township of Fairfield reserves and retains solely and exclusively all of its statutory, common law and administrative rights to manage the operation of the Police Department of the Township of Fairfield, and such shall include, but is not limited to, its rights to determine the existence or non-existence of facts which are essential to the proper operation of the Township Police Department and/or managerial decisions, to establish and/or continue such rules, policies, practices, or procedures for the conduct of the Police Department and its services to the citizens of Fairfield, and from time to time, redetermine the number, locations and relocations and types of its Officers and Police Officers and Employees or to require or to discontinue any performance by Employees; to determine the number of hours per day or week any operation of the Police Department may be carried on; and to select such, to schedule and reschedule shifts and tours of duty to maximize the efficiency of the Police Force in a manner most economically beneficial to the Township; to select Police Officers in accordance with the requirements determined by the Department of Police and Township Authorities; to establish training programs and upgrading requirements for Officers and Police Officers within the Department; to establish and change work schedules and assignments; to transfer, promote or demote Officers or Police Officers, or to lay off, terminate or otherwise relieve Officers and/or Police Officers from duty for lack of work; and other legitimate reasons; to determine the facts of lack of work to alter, make and enforce reasonable rules for maintenance of discipline; to suspend, discharge or

otherwise discipline Officers and/or Police Officers for just cause and otherwise to take such measures as the Township may determine necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the Department of Police for the Township of Fairfield, New Jersey, provided, however, nothing herein shall prevent a member for presenting their grievance for the alleged violation of any Article or specific terms of this Agreement under the provisions of the Grievance Procedure.

It is agreed that nothing in this Agreement shall in any way prohibit the Employer from discharging or otherwise disciplining any member regardless of seniority, for good and just cause.

ARTICLE 15 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section A. For the purposes of this Agreement the term "grievance" means any complaint, difference or dispute between the Employer and any Employee(s) with respect to the interpretation, application or violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement or policies, agreements or administrative decisions affecting any Employee(s) covered by this Agreement.

Section B. All grievances shall be settled in accordance with the following grievance procedures:

STEP 1: The grievance shall be taken up by the aggrieved member and their immediate supervisor within seven (7) calendar days. The supervisor shall render a decision, verbally or in writing, within seven (7) calendar days.

STEP 2: If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved in Step 1, it shall be reduced to writing within seven (7) calendar days and referred to the Chief of Police for further discussion. A meeting will be held between the Chief of Police and the grievant within seven (7) calendar days from presentation. The decision of the Chief of Police shall be in writing within five (5) working days following the meeting.

STEP 3: If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved in Step 2, the grievance shall be referred to the Police Liaison or such other person designated by the Mayor and Council for hearing and decision. The hearing

shall occur within thirty (30) calendar days from notification of the grievance.

The hearing shall be on the record below, unless further testimony is requested by the Hearing Officer. They shall render a decision within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the hearing.

STEP 4: If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved in Step 3, the aggrieved party may submit the matter to arbitration within fifteen (15) calendar days of the receipt of the written decision. The arbitrator shall be selected by the parties from a panel of proposed arbitrators submitted by the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission.

Section C. The arbitrator mutually selected shall not have the right to alter, add to or detract from the provisions of this Agreement but shall have jurisdiction to interpret, apply or determine in compliance with this Agreement.

Section D. The costs of arbitration shall be shared equally by the parties. In the event that the arbitrator finds that the position of one of the parties was proffered in bad faith or tantamount to being frivolous, such party shall bear all the costs of the arbitration.

Section E. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties.

Section F. The time limits specified above shall be complied with unless the parties mutually agree to extend them.

Section G. Any grievance not presented within the time limits shall be deemed as satisfactorily resolved unless a waiver is agreed upon.

Section H. Failure of the Employer to set up a meeting when required or to render

a decision within the time limits shall be deemed as an unsatisfactory resolution and shall entitle the grievant to move to the next step.

Section I. The initial two (2) steps of the Grievance Procedure may be waived by the parties upon mutual agreement.

Section J. All waivers, agreements and postponements must be in writing.

ARTICLE 16 - PROBATION OFFICERS GRIEVANCE RIGHTS

Police Officers in probationary status shall have no right to any grievance concerning the decision to permanently employ the Officer or to dismiss the Officer. Said decision shall be discretionary with the Employer who may promote the Officer to permanent status, discharge or retain the Officer in a probationary status.

ARTICLE 17 - PRIVATE VEHICLE USE

When a member is required to use their private vehicle for Township business, they will be paid a mileage allowance equivalent to the prevailing State of New Jersey rate, plus tolls and parking charges.

ARTICLE 18 - BEREAVEMENT PAY

In the event a member sustains a death in their immediate family, they will be permitted four (4) days bereavement leave without the loss of pay. A member may request additional leave in excess of the four (4) days where exigent circumstances or hardship necessitate the request.

"Immediate family" shall include: father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, grandchild, spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister, sister-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, stepbrother, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, stepsister or family members in residence not described.

In the event of the death of a member's uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, or cousin of the first degree, the member shall be permitted two (2) days of bereavement leave without the loss of pay.

Exception to this rule may be at the discretion of the Chief of Police, with the approval of the Mayor and Council.

ARTICLE 19 - ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

Section A. The Association shall designate two (2) of its members who shall be the bargaining unit representatives. One (1) representative shall be entitled to be present at all grievance proceedings when requested by a grievant who is not represented by counsel. If so scheduled for bargaining sessions or grievance proceedings, said representative will be granted time off from duty for such purposes.

Section B. The Employer shall permit the PBA through its President or their designees, reasonable use of a bulletin board in Police Headquarters for the posting of notices concerning PBA business and activities affecting the welfare of PBA members. No item shall be posted without the express permission of the Employee representative who shall be responsible for its content.

Section C. Bargaining representatives and/or counsel for the PBA or the PBA's designee may enter the Police Department at reasonable times during working hours for the purpose of investigating facts relating to members' grievances or other matters relating to the operation of this Agreement. A grievant may be released from their duty in order to confer with such representative(s) of the PBA, subject to the reasonable scheduling demands of the Employer. The attorney shall report to the Officer in charge and secure their permission to be on the premises and shall advise him/her of the grievant's name. Permission will be granted only if said meeting does not interfere with the operations of the Department.

ARTICLE 20 - SENIORITY AND TERMINATION

Section A. For purposes of layoff and recall from layoff, members shall be governed by seniority. Seniority shall mean the member's length of continuous service with the Employer. When layoff is to occur, the least senior Police Officer in the bargaining unit shall be laid off first. In the event of recall, members on layoff status shall be recalled in the inverse order of layoff. The Employer shall be permitted to use Special Police Officers while any regular member is on layoff status for an emergency of any other purpose, provided, however, that such Special Police Officers shall not be utilized for the purpose of performing job duties normally performed by a permanent member who is on layoff status and not normally performed by such Special Police Officers except in emergencies.

Section B. Seniority shall be broken only under the following circumstances:

1. Voluntary termination;
2. Termination for just cause;
3. Failure to report to work within five (5) days after receipt of notification of recall. Notice shall be by certified mail, mailed to the last address of the Employee.

Section C. In the event of termination of employment of a member for any reason, all accrued and unused vacation, holidays and compensatory time shall be paid to the member. The provisions of this Section shall apply to members who retire, are separated due to disability, or death. In the latter case, payment shall be made to the member's estate, heirs or next of kin.

Section D. Whenever a member is required or permitted to take a test, whether oral or written, they shall be permitted to see the results of their personal test scores.

Section E. A personnel file shall be established and maintained for each Employee covered by this Agreement. Such files are confidential records and shall be maintained in the office of the Chief of Police, and may be used for evaluation purposes.

Upon advance notice and at reasonable times, any member of the Department may at any time review their personnel file. However, this appointment for review must be made through the Chief of Police or the Chief's designated representative.

Whenever a written complaint concerning an Officer of their actions is to be placed in their personnel file, a copy shall be made available to the Officer and the Officer shall be given the opportunity to rebut it if the Employee so desires, and the Employee shall be permitted to place said rebuttal in their file. When the Employee is given a copy of the complaint, the identification of the complainant shall be excised. However, if any disciplinary action is taken based on any complaint, then the Employee shall be furnished with all details of the complaint, including the identity of the complainant.

All personnel files will be carefully maintained and safeguarded permanently, and nothing placed in any file shall be removed therefrom. Removal of any material from a personnel file by any member of the force shall subject that member to appropriate disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 21 - DURATION

This Agreement shall have an effective term from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, and the terms hereof shall remain in full force and effect until the negotiation of a successor Agreement.

ARTICLE 22 - ACTING OFFICER

Any Police Officer acting in the capacity of a Superior Officer for a scheduled tour of duty shall be paid Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) per day up to the fifth (5th) consecutive day in addition to their regular pay, provided no Superior Officer is on duty for the tour. After five (5) consecutive days the rate will increase to Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) per day in addition to their regular pay, provided no Superior Officer is on duty for the tour. This Article shall not apply to the Detective Division.

ARTICLE 23 - EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT

If a member elects to attend an accredited college during off duty hours with the intention of obtaining an academic degree in a Police related field, the Employer will reimburse to the member the cost of tuition and books.

Section 1. The Township shall pay the costs presented as follows:

100% if a grade A or its numerical equivalent is achieved.

90% if a grade B or its numerical equivalent is achieved.

80% if a grade C or its numerical equivalent is achieved.

The Township will not be required to reimburse an Employee for costs and/or fees incurred in the event that a grade of at least C or its numerical equivalent is not achieved.

Section 2. No reimbursement shall be paid unless the course or courses are approved beforehand by the Chief of Police. Effective January 1, 1999, no reimbursement shall be paid to any member for any course taken during the calendar year if that Employee has already been approved for reimbursement for fifteen (15) credits taken during the same calendar year.

Section 3. Reimbursement for courses attended shall not be paid until evidence of satisfactory completion and payment has been presented and approved.

Section 4. The maximum reimbursable cost per tuition credit shall be the per credit tuition level for undergraduate studies of the top State College/University. The participating member shall pay any difference, if any, between the educational institution attended and the rate referenced above.

Section 5. Effective January 1, 1999, the same dollar per credit limitation set forth under Section 4 herein shall also apply to credits taken toward a Master's Degree. However, if the Employer, at any time, requires that Master's Degree courses or curriculum be taken by a Police Employee as a condition or criterion of continued employment or promotion, then the Employer must reimburse said Employee at the highest State University cost per credit to obtain a Master's Degree in the approved field of study.

Section 6. Effective January 1, 1999, the Employer shall not be required to provide tuition reimbursement for courses taken towards a Doctorate Degree, unless the Employer requires an Employee to take Doctorate Degree courses or curriculum as a condition or criterion of continued employment or promotion, in which case, the Employer must reimburse said Employee at the highest State University cost per credit to obtain a Doctorate Degree in the approved field of study.

Section 7. Members will be reimbursed for one (1) degree only, either Bachelors or Masters degree where applicable.

ARTICLE 24 - NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

Section A. The Township and the Association agree that there shall be no discrimination against any Employee because of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, or political affiliation (so long as said political affiliation does not conflict with the Constitution of the United States of America).

Section B. The Township and the Association agree that all Employees covered under this Agreement have the right, without fear of penalty or reprisal, to form, join, and assist any Police organization or to refrain from any such activity. There shall be no discrimination by the Township or the Association against any Employee because of the Employee's membership or non-membership or activity or non-activity in the Association.

ARTICLE 25 - OFF DUTY WORK

Compensation for road jobs and commercial enterprises within the Township shall be paid through the Employer's payroll system. The actual rate of pay, together with an administrative fee, have been negotiated between the parties as follows. The Police Officer rate of compensation shall be set pursuant to the Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual and the Employer shall be permitted to add Three Dollars (\$3.00) per hour as an agreed upon Administrative Fee to said Officer rate.

ARTICLE 26 - COVID-19 TIME

Members who travel out of state without the authorization of the Chief to a COVID-19 area, will have to use their own time to be quarantined once they return. Any pre-approved vacation out of state that later becomes defined as a COVID-19 area, will allow the Officer to quarantine under administrative time. All language in this clause will be directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic only.

ARTICLE 27 - SIGNATURE PAGE

The parties, whose signatures appear below, represent that they understand the terms of this Agreement, that they have the authority to enter into this Agreement, and that they intend to be legally bound thereby.

Attest:

Mary Jane Fair

TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

James Papp
Joseph Leatner

Attest:

PBA LOCAL NO. 81
(Fairfield Unit)

PO Brian Holzman 71
PO Joe A. 81

Date:

6/8/2021

SCHEDULE A

SALARIES

Police Officers	Effective 01/01/2021	Effective 01/01/2022	Effective 01/01/2023
STEP 1	\$35,927	\$36,645	\$42,000
STEP 2	\$43,287	\$44,369	\$45,479
STEP 3	\$50,648	\$51,914	\$53,212
STEP 4	\$58,007	\$59,458	\$60,994
STEP 5	\$65,368	\$67,002	\$68,677
STEP 6	\$72,278	\$74,546	\$76,409
STEP 7	\$80,089	\$82,091	\$84,144
STEP 8	\$87,447	\$89,634	\$91,847
STEP 9	\$94,808	\$97,178	\$99,608
STEP 10	\$102,190	\$104,745	\$107,363
STEP 11	\$109,210	\$111,940	\$114,739
STEP 12	\$117,607	\$120,547	\$123,561
Corporal	\$122,000	\$125,050	\$128,817
Sergeant	\$131,613	\$134,903	\$138,726
Current Lieutenant	\$150,054	\$153,806	\$157,651
New Lieutenant	\$141,613	\$145,153	\$148,782
Current LT - Captain	\$155,054	\$158,806	\$162,651
New LT - Captain	\$146,613	\$150,153	\$153,782