

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

and

MORRIS COUNTY POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 151

January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020

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PREAMBLE

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 5th day of MARCH, 2019, by and between the SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS (hereinafter referred to as the "Sheriff"), THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, a County Government of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and the MORRIS COUNTY POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 151 (hereinafter referred to as the "Association" or the "PBA"), is the final and complete understanding between the Employer and the Association on all negotiable issues and as such will serve to promote and maintain a harmonious relationship between the Employer and those of its employees who are subject to this Agreement in order that more efficient and progressive public service be rendered.

ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION AND SCOPE

Section 1

The Sheriff hereby recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive representative of all full time employees under this Agreement for the purpose of collective negotiations pursuant to the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act (N.J.S.A. 34: 13A-1, et seq.) concerning salary, hours and other terms and conditions of employment in the negotiating unit described below:

All Sheriff's Officers and Sheriff's Officer Detectives employed by the Sheriff.

Unless otherwise indicated, the terms "employee" or "employees" when used in this Agreement refer to all persons represented by the Association in the above-defined negotiating unit.

ARTICLE II – SHERIFF’S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1:

In order to effectively administer the affairs of the Sheriff's Office and to properly serve the public, the Sheriff's Office hereby reserves and retains unto itself, as public employer, all the powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by law prior to the signing of this Agreement. Without limitation of the foregoing, management prerogatives include the following rights:

1. To manage and administer the affairs and operations of the Sheriff's Office;
2. To direct its working forces and operations;
3. To hire, promote, and assign employees in accordance with law and the provisions of this Agreement.
4. To demote, suspend, discharge or otherwise take disciplinary action against employees in accordance with law and the provisions of this Agreement.
5. To promulgate rules and regulations, from time to time, which may affect the order and efficient administration of the Sheriff's Office subject to N.J.S.A. 34:13A-5.3.

Section 2:

The Sheriff's Office use and enjoyment of its powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities, the adoption of its policies and practices or the promulgation of rules and regulations in furtherance thereof, and the exercise of discretion pursuant thereto, shall be limited only by the terms of this Agreement and to the laws of New Jersey and of the United States.

Section 3:

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall operate to deny or restrict the Sheriff in the exercise of his rights, responsibilities and authority pursuant to the laws of this State or the United States.

ARTICLE III - SECURITY – DUES DEDUCTION

Section 1:

Upon request, the Sheriff agrees to deduct from the salaries of those of its employees who authorize it, membership dues in the Association. Authorization must be in writing and comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9(e) of the statutes of New Jersey. Deductions shall be made in compliance with law each pay period and monies collected together with records of any corrections shall be transmitted to the treasurer of the Association by the first of each month following collection.

Section 2:

If during the life of this Agreement, there shall be any change in the rate of membership dues, the Association shall furnish to the Sheriff written notice prior to the effective date of such change and shall furnish to the Sheriff new authorizations from its members showing the authorized deduction for each employee.

Section 3:

The Association will provide the necessary dues deduction form and will secure the signatures of its members on the forms and deliver the signed forms to the Director of Personnel. The Association shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Sheriff and the County of Morris harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of action taken by the Sheriff in reliance upon salary deduction authorization cards submitted by the Association.

Section 4

All new employees will be informed of the existence of the PBA Agreement at the time of hire by the Sheriff and furnished with a copy thereof by the PBA representative at the time the employee authorizes dues deduction.

ARTICLE IV - DISCRIMINATION AND COERCION

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

ARTICLE V - COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURE

Section 1:

Collective negotiations with respect to rate of pay, hours of work or other conditions of employment shall be conducted by the duly authorized agent of each of the parties. Unless otherwise designated, the Sheriff, or his designee(s), and the President of the PBA, or his designee(s), shall be the respective negotiating agents for the parties.

Section 2:

Collective negotiating meetings shall be held at times and places mutually convenient to the parties.

Section 3:

Employees of the employer who may be designated by PBA Local 151 to participate in collective negotiation meetings will be excused from their work assignments, without loss of pay.

Section 4:

Ordinarily, not more than six (6) representatives of each party plus legal counsel shall participate in collective negotiation meetings, but the number of such representatives shall be equal and agreed upon in advance of such meetings.

ARTICLE VI - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1:

To provide for the expeditious and mutually satisfactory settlement of grievances arising with respect to complaints occurring under this Agreement, the following procedures shall be used.

Section 2:

For purpose of this Agreement, the term "grievance" means any complaint, difference or dispute between the public employer and any employee with respect to the interpretation, application, or violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 3:

The procedure for settlement of a grievance shall be as follows:

(A) STEP ONE

In the event that any employee covered by this Agreement has a grievance, within ten (10) calendar days of the occurrence of the event being grieved, the employee shall present the grievance in writing to the Supervisor or the officer in charge in the event of the Supervisor's absence.

(B) STEP TWO

If the Association wishes to appeal the decision of the Supervisor (or officer in charge if the Supervisor is absent), it shall be presented in writing to the Sheriff or his designee within ten (10) calendar days. This presentation shall include copies of all previous correspondence relating to the matter in dispute. The Sheriff or his designee may give the Association the opportunity to be heard and will give his decision in writing within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of the written grievance.

(C) STEP THREE

- (1) If no satisfactory resolution of the grievance is reached at Step Two, then within ten (10) calendar days the grievance shall be referred to the Public Employment Relations Commission for the selection of an arbitrator, pursuant to the rules of said Commission.

The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties. The expense of such arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties.

- (2) It is agreed between the parties that no arbitration hearing shall be held until after the expiration of at least thirty (30) days after the decision rendered by the employer's or its representative on the grievance.
- (3) Employees covered by this Agreement shall have the right to process their own grievance without representation if approved in advance by the Executive Board or Grievance Committee of the PBA.
- (4) The cost of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties but each party shall be responsible for such other costs as he/it may incur.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITMENT TO INSURE UNINTERRUPTED OPERATIONS

Section 1:

The Association acknowledges that the need for continued and uninterrupted operation of the Sheriffs various operations is of paramount importance to the citizens of Morris County and that there should not be interference with such operations.

Section 2:

In light of the foregoing and the fact that adequate procedures exist for the peaceful and orderly resolution of grievances arising under this Agreement, the Association covenants and agrees that during the terms of this Agreement neither it nor any person acting on its behalf will cause, authorize, or support, nor will any of its members take part in any strike (including the concerted failure of four (4) or more employees to report for duty), mass resignation, mass absenteeism, work stoppage, slowdown, walkout or other job action or the invocation of sanctions against the County of Morris. The Association agrees that such action would constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII – VACATIONS

Section 1:

Employees shall be granted vacation leave, pursuant to the following schedule, based upon length of service:

<u>Length of Service</u>	<u>Vacation Leave</u>
Less than 1 year	1 day for each month worked during first year of employment
From 1 st anniversary to 6 th anniversary	12 days
From 6 th anniversary to 12 th anniversary	15 days
From 12 th anniversary to 18 th anniversary	18 days
From 18 th anniversary to 24 th anniversary	21 days
After 24 th anniversary	25 days

Section 2:

The vacation period for employees shall begin January 1 of each year and continue in effect until December 31 of such year. Annual leave shall be taken, subject to the needs of the agency, during the current vacation period.

Section 3:

Any vacation or portion thereof which is not taken or granted because of the pressure of work may be taken during the next calendar year. No employee shall have an accumulation on December 31st of any given year which exceeds the hours entitled to during the previous 18 months of employment.

There will be no extensions granted to this policy.

Section 4:

Annual vacation shall be granted only with prior approval of the supervisor who may require six (6) weeks prior notice of extended vacation, and is authorized to plan vacation so as to not interfere with responsibility of orderly work. Selection of vacation periods shall be

made according to seniority in rank.

Section 5:

An employee who during the calendar year returns from a continuous period of absence of more than six (6) months due to disability, leave of absence or layoff, shall not be eligible for a vacation in that year until the employee has completed six (6) months in the performance of duty after returning from such absence. These six (6) months in the performance of duty need not be continuous, but periods of absence of eight (8) days or more shall not be credited in computing the required six (6) months. This section shall not deprive an employee of earned vacation time.

Section 6:

Upon termination of employment, an employee will be credited with annual vacation for only those months of the calendar year worked on a prorated basis of one (1) days' vacation for each month of actual service. Vacation will be calculated for terminated employees based on his vacation entitlement in accordance with length of service. If he is entitled to fifteen (15) days per year, a day will be calculated at the rate of 1.25 days per month. If he is entitled to twelve (12) days it will be calculated on the basis of one (1) day, per month. An employee who has, pro rata, used more annual vacation than entitled to at the time of termination, shall have an amount equal to his daily rate of pay deducted from his final pay for each day of annual vacation taken in excess of the number to which he was entitled.

ARTICLE IX - HOLIDAYS

Section 1:

- A) All employees shall be granted the following paid holidays:
- 1) New Year's Day
 - 2) Martin Luther King's Birthday
 - 3) Lincoln's Birthday
 - 4) Washington's Birthday
 - 5) Good Friday
 - 6) Memorial Day
 - 7) Independence Day
 - 8) Labor Day
 - 9) Columbus Day
 - 10) Election Day
 - 11) Veteran's Day
 - 12) Thanksgiving Day
 - 13) Christmas Day

In addition, at the discretion of the Sheriff, employees may be granted any other days declared to be holidays by proclamation of The President or Governor.

- B) Those employees who work on Easter Sunday shall receive either compensatory time off or payment for said day in accordance with Section 3 of this Article.
- C) The Friday after Thanksgiving shall be granted as an approved leave day off with pay.

Section 2:

To be eligible for a paid holiday, an employee must have worked the last scheduled day before and after the holiday, unless on authorized leave.

Section 3:

- A) When an employee is required to work on a holiday, he shall be granted compensatory time off equivalent to two (2) additional days, or shall be paid equivalent sums of money for said days at the discretion of the employer.
- B) Whenever a holiday falls on an employee's scheduled day off, the employee shall

be paid one (1) day's pay for the holiday in the pay period in which the holiday fell.

ARTICLE X - SICK LEAVE

Section 1:

Sick leave is hereby defined to mean absence from post duty of an employee because of illness, accident, exposure to contagious disease or attendance upon a member of the employee's immediate family who is seriously ill requiring the care of attendance of such employee.

Immediate family means father, mother, spouse, child, foster child, sister or brother of the employee. It shall also include relatives of the employee residing in the employee's household.

Section 2:

Each employee shall be entitled to sick leave credits at the rate of one (1) day per month from the date of employment to the end of the calendar year of hire. If separation from employment occurs before the end of said year, and the employee has used more sick leave than appropriate on a pro rata basis, he shall have an amount equal to his daily rate of pay deducted from his final pay, for each day of sick leave taken in excess of the number to which he was entitled.

Each employee will be credited with fifteen (15) days of sick leave annually for each succeeding calendar year of full time employment, which is cumulative. Sick leave cannot be used as terminal leave. There shall be no accumulated time under any circumstances for sick leave when leaving the employ of the Sheriff except and only as provided in Section 5 of this Article. If upon termination after a year's service an employee has used more sick leave than that to which he is entitled, he shall have deducted from his final pay an amount equal to his daily rate of pay for each day of sick leave taken in excess of the number of sick leave days to which he is entitled.

Sick leave benefits shall be available to permanent employees.

Section 3:

Notice of absence is required as follows:

Illness: Each employee is required to notify his supervisor at least one-half hour before starting time on each day of absence, provided, however, that shift personnel are required to provide such notification two (2) hours before starting time. Should the employee be unable to reach the supervisor, then the Division Taped Sick Line should be called. It is recognized that there may be instances when it is impractical or impossible to give daily notice as is the case when an employee is hospitalized or seriously disabled in which case it shall be sufficient

that the employee or person designated to notify the supervisor giving reason for absence and information as to the degree of illness or disability and the amount of time required for recuperation. Absent such instances, the daily requirement of notice shall be enforced. Failure to give notification as required will result in loss of sick leave for that day and may constitute cause for disciplinary action. Failure to report absences from duty for five (5) consecutive days shall constitute a resignation pursuant to Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Section 4:

A certificate from a reputable physician in attendance shall be required as sufficient proof of need of leave of absence or the need of the employee's attendance upon a member of the employee's immediate family. Where an employee is absent from duty due to illness less than five (5) days at one time, the Sheriff may not require production of the physician's certificate. However, in the event of absence from duty due to illness for five (5) or more days at one time, the employee shall be required to submit a physician's certificate to his supervisor to justify payment of sick leave.

An accumulation of ten (10) sick occurrences where an occurrence is recognized as one (1) eight (8) hour day or more and the occurrences having been at various times during a calendar year (January through December) may be approved without a physician's certificate. All sick occurrences in excess of ten (10) must be accounted for with a physician's certificate if the time is to be approved with pay. An employee may request the Chief to review a sick occurrence requiring a physician's certificate. This request must be made in writing prior to the submission of the payroll in which the "sick occurrence" occurred. A copy of this request must also be given to the employee's supervisor. At the discretion of the Chief, sick leave in excess of ten (10) occurrences may not require a physician's certificate, depending on the submission of physicians' certificates submitted for prior occurrences and the employee's use of past sick leave.

In the instance of leave of absence due to contagious disease, a certificate from the Department of Health shall be required.

Section 5: Sick Leave Incentive/Retirement

The parties will continue to participate in a program of payment at retirement for unused accumulated sick leave after twenty-five (25) years of service with the County of Morris pursuant to which an employee shall be paid the equivalent of thirty-five (35%) percent of accumulated sick leave up to a maximum of \$10,000.00.

Section 6:

In case of death of any Sheriffs Officer with fifteen (15) years continuous service during the course of employment with the Morris County Sheriff's Office his/her spouse or

designated heirs will receive, in addition to present allowances, compensation for accrued sick time the same as if that individual had retired from the office. This Section only applies to the death of an Association unit member while he/she is an employee of the Sheriff and does not apply to termination of employment for any reason other than retirement.

ARTICLE XI- MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN PRACTICES

Section 1:

Choice of holiday allowances - When an employee wishes to use one or more of his holiday allowances, he may do so by submitting the dates when such allowances are requested to his supervisor at least three (3) days prior to the date requested. Holiday allowances will only be given upon request of the employee provided there is three (3) days prior notice and sufficient coverage during the tour of duty when the holiday allowances are to be used. The supervisor shall designate a replacement.

Section 2:

Switching days off for personal reasons - Employees may exchange days off for personal reasons but only upon the approval of their supervisor.

Section 3:

Where an officer is designated acting sergeant for any eight (8) hour period he/she shall be paid regular pay plus an additional four (4) hours at straight time pay. However, the combination of straight pay plus the four (4) hours at straight time rate shall not exceed the sergeant's rate of pay at Step 1 of the Salary Guide. If the acting sergeant is held over in the responsibility of a sergeant then there shall be no additional compensation as a sergeant for the first four (4) hours of hold-over, compensation shall be at the officers rate. If the acting sergeant is held over as an acting sergeant for more than four (4) hours then he/she shall be paid overtime at the sergeant's regular rate at Step 1 of the Salary Guide. If an officer commences a shift at a certain rank then he/she shall maintain that rank for the entire eight (8) hour shift. If the officer works the second shift as an officer then he/she shall be compensated for all second shift work at the officer's rate of overtime compensation.

ARTICLE XII - HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL- SURGICAL INSURANCE

Section 1:

All eligible incumbent employees have the option of choosing from the following:

HMO
PPO Plan

(A) The hospital, surgical, major medical plan(s), prescription plan and HMO/PPO option will be made available to new hires within three months of the date of employment. Deductibles, co-payments mail order prescription benefits differences and the like shall be continued during the life of this agreement. All employees currently enrolled in the Medallion Plan shall have the option to transfer to the PPO Plan or the HMO Plan.

(B) All employees shall continue to pay premium contributions in accordance with Chapter 78.

Employees enrolled in the Medallion Plan shall contribute the greater of 60% of the difference between the cost of the Medallion Plan and the PPO Plan, plus 1.5% of the base salary, plus 3% of the premium or in accordance with Chapter 78.

(C) The co-pay prescription drug plan for employees and eligible dependents shall be as follows:

\$1.00	for generic drugs
\$20.00	for brand name drugs
\$35.00	for formulary drugs

(D) The employer will offer a plan by which employees may set aside a portion of their salaries in the form of flexible spending accounts as required by law.

Section 2:

The health insurance premiums for an employee and his/her eligible dependents will be paid for the employee if the employee:

1. Retires with a disability pension from a state administered retirement system; or
2. Retires after 25 years of service credit in a New Jersey State retirement system and with at least 15 years of service with the Sheriff or the County of Morris
3. Retires at age 62 or older with at least 15 years of service with the Sheriff or the County of Morris.

4. Each retiree and his/her eligible dependents shall receive this benefit provided they annually advise the Sheriff of all other health and hospital coverage under which they are covered through any other source.

5. Applicable provisions of Chapter 78 requiring retiree contributions shall apply.

Employees hired after November 21, 2013 shall not be eligible for employer paid retiree health insurance upon retirement. Notwithstanding, other Morris County employees who at the time of their promotion or hire into this unit who are eligible under a prior union contract or Morris County policy for retiree health insurance would continue to be eligible for health insurance upon retirement as long as they continue to meet the required criteria. Employees who at the time of promotion or hire into this unit, who were not eligible for health insurance upon retirement, would continue to not be eligible.

Employees retiring who do not meet the above criteria will be allowed to continue the group health insurance by paying the monthly premiums.

There is no dental insurance coverage for retirees.

Section 3: Disability Leave

The County shall arrange to provide a self-insured Disability Plan to pay employees who are sick or injured off the job the sum of two hundred-thirteen dollars (\$213.00) per week after sick leave has been exhausted, for a period not to exceed twenty-six (26) weeks. Each employee shall contribute a percentage, to be deducted from wages, up to a maximum of fifty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$56.50) per year.

ARTICLE XIII – DENTAL INSURANCE

Section 1:

An individual employee coverage dental insurance plan shall be continued during the term of this Agreement. The County will pay for the premium cost for employee coverage only to a maximum of \$9.83 per month (\$118.00 maximum annually or prorated for less than a full year coverage) per employee.

Section 2:

It is understood and agreed that any increase in the dental premium charged by the authorized carrier during the term of this agreement shall be equally shared by the employee and the Employer.

Section 3:

The provided benefit plan will include an option for the employee to elect dependent coverage providing the same level of benefit as provided the employee. The total cost of the premium charged for dependent coverage shall be paid by the employee.

ARTICLE XIV – GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

Section 1:

Insurance is automatically provided upon enrollment in the Public Employees' Retirement System of New Jersey ("PERS") or the Police and Firemen's' Retirement System ("PFRS") with total coverage equal to three and one half (3 1/2) times the annual base wage of the employees as provided below.

Section 2:

Under PERS or PFRS, one and one-half (1-1/2) times the amount of base annual wage life insurance is provided free of charge.

Section 3:

After the first twelve (12) months membership (during which the remaining one and one-half (1-1/2) times contributory insurance is mandatory, at the employee's expense at the present cost of .75% of base salary), the employee may thereafter at the employee's option withdraw from the contributory insurance only, provided required notification is given.

Section 4:

Upon retirement under PERS or PFRS, the coverage continues and becomes a paid up policy equal to presently 3/16th of the base pay at the time of retirement.

Section 5:

Those officers hired under the age of thirty-five (35) are eligible for life insurance and retirement benefits pursuant to PFRS.

Notwithstanding this Article, the rules of the New Jersey Pensions Systems shall prevail.

ARTICLE XV – PENSIONS

The County shall arrange to provide pension and retirement benefits to employees covered by this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of the statutes and laws of the State of New Jersey.

ARTICLE XVI – PERSONAL LEAVES

Section 1:

Jury Duty - Each employee shall be allowed leave with differential pay, if required for jury duty. A written request for such leave shall be given by the employee to his supervisor at least two weeks in advance. When granted said leave, an employee shall receive the difference between the pay received for jury duty and the employee's wages for the leave period.

Section 2:

Military Leave - Military Leave shall be in accordance with County policy.

Section 3: Administrative Leave Days

Each employee shall be entitled to an annual non-cumulative allowance of three (3) work days leave upon written request to and the approval of the Sheriff, or his designee, for the following:

- (a) Court attendance (non-work related).
- (b) Marriage of employee.
- (c) Personal business which cannot be attended to outside of work hours.
- (d) Established Religious Holidays.

Administrative leave shall be prorated during the calendar year on the basis of one (1) day per each four (4) months of employment.

Section 4:

Convention leave - The Sheriff agrees to provide time off without loss of pay to the Members of the PBA selected by the membership as delegates and alternate delegates to attend any State meeting, as well as any State or National Convention of the New Jersey Policemen's Benevolent Association. Convention leave will be granted pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 11 A: 6-10. (formerly N.J.S.A. 11:26C-4).

Section 5:

Other Leaves - Time off, other than sick leave, vacation, holidays or military leave,

may be honored when warranted by the Sheriff. For a leave without pay, the employee shall submit a written request to the supervisor at least thirty (30) days in advance stating the reason for the request, and the time required, except in emergency circumstances. This request will be forwarded to the Sheriff, or his designee, and promptly answered. If the employee's required absence exceeds the normal pay period, the employee shall be required to report to the Personnel Office to make suitable arrangements for pension payments, insurance, hospitalization, and other matters required during the leave period.

ARTICLE XVII – BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Section 1:

The Sheriff shall provide bereavement leave with pay not to exceed three (3) working days in the case of death of an employee's spouse, children, brothers, sisters, mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, grandmother-in-law, or grandfather-in-law, sister-in-law or brother-in-law. The Sheriff shall provide one (1) working day's bereavement leave with pay in the case of death of an employee's relative of the second degree, that is, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, cousin. Such leave is not chargeable against sick leave.

Section 2:

Bereavement leave that is granted must be taken by the employee within three (3) calendar days of the funeral of the employee's relative. Such leave shall not be cumulative and may not be carried over into the succeeding year.

Section 3:

As soon as possible an employee shall notify his supervisor of a death in his family and of his need for leave. Notification must be given as in the case of illness under Article X, Sick Leave, and Section 3. Proof of death may be required by the Sheriff.

ARTICLE XVIII – LIABILITY INSURANCE

Through the term of this Agreement, the County shall arrange to continue the existing liability Insurance coverage for employees under this Agreement during performance of their duties. Coverage will be equivalent to the representation of Griffith-Prideaux, Inc. on September 15, 1975. Prior to any substantial change in coverage, the Sheriff will arrange to give reasonable notice to the Association.

ARTICLE XIX - BULLETIN BOARDS

The Sheriff shall permit the PBA reasonable use of designated bulletin boards located in the work areas that are not accessible to the public for posting notices concerning Association business and activities, provided any such notices shall not contain malicious, inflammatory or anonymous material. All information posted must be initialed and dated by the President or Vice-President of the PBA prior to posting.

ARTICLE XX - PROMOTIONS

All promotions shall be in accordance with regulations, and in accordance with Civil Service requirements concerning qualifications.

ARTICLE XXI – SENIORITY

Seniority shall be addressed in the rules and regulations of the Morris County Sheriff's Office.

ARTICLE XXII -- COLLEGE CREDITS

Section 1:

In addition to the employee's base salary herein stated, all eligible (employees employed on or before December 31, 1995) full time employees shall receive payment per year, per credit, the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), for all credits earned as of January 1, of each year, acceptable toward an Associate of Police Science or Law Enforcement degree from an accredited institution or college approved by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. See Section 7, infra, as to eligibility.

The employee may also be eligible for such payment per credit acceptable toward a Bachelor's Degree of Criminal justice, Public Administration, Business Administration, or Political Science or any other discipline or study if, in the Sheriff's sole determination, said credits are applicable to the employee's assigned responsibilities in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the time said employee is performing his assigned duties and responsibilities. Payments will be made for a total number of credits earned each year and previous years combined.

Section 2:

Payment for any credits earned for a master's degree shall be as determined by the Sheriff in accordance with the guidelines established for a Bachelor's degree in Section 1 herein.

Section 3:

The Sheriff shall also have absolute discretion to hire new employees and provide, or not provide, payment for college credits earned while such persons were employed elsewhere, subject to the Sheriff's determination that such credits are deemed appropriate for the employee's respective job. The employee's degree must be job related to be eligible for payment referred to herein, as determined solely by the Sheriff.

Section 4:

College credit payments referred to herein shall be paid in a single lump sum in the first pay period in December, and such payment shall not be included in the employee's base salary. Payment shall only be made upon receipt of an official transcript from the issuing college or institution and upon receiving a passing grade for approved courses as set forth in Section 1 herein.

Section 5:

If an employee has not received a degree, he shall receive payments only for those credits which he has earned in the preceding year and all prior years, provided, however, if no credits have been received during the preceding year, all payment shall be suspended until such time as he has continued his education and has again qualified.

Section 6:

Employees pursuing either an Associate's, Bachelor's or Master's degree in an approved course of study as set forth in Section 1 shall also be eligible to receive reimbursement for tuition and books incurred for such courses. Such reimbursement shall only be available for a course of study at a New Jersey public college or New Jersey institution, such as a New Jersey county community college or New Jersey State university.

Effective, January 1, 2009 payments for books or tuition shall be available for approved courses as set forth in Section 1 taken at any private college or institution at the maximum range up to the cost per credit at Rutgers University.

Reimbursement for internet courses is permitted at the Sheriff's discretion.

In order to be eligible for reimbursement the employee must have received a minimum grade of "C" or better in the approved course(s).

Reimbursement shall be in a lump sum and shall not be included in the employee's base salary.

Section 7:

Employees employed on or after January 1, 1996, shall not be eligible for, and shall not receive any payments for college credits pursuant to the terms of this Article, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Reimbursement for tuition and books, however, shall be provided to eligible employees in accordance with Section 6 of this Article, including employees hired on or after January 1, 1996.

ARTICLE XXIII – UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

Section 1:

An annual uniform maintenance allowance shall be paid in the first quarter of each calendar year to employees covered by this Agreement. The amount shall be \$1200.00 annually.

Section 2:

The Sheriff agrees to supply each new employee with sufficient uniforms, without cost to such employee. Equipment issued shall be the property of the Sheriff of Morris County and must be returned to the Sheriff as provided under Section 3, below.

Section 3:

Upon termination of employment, an employee shall turn back his uniform issue. Failure to do so shall result in deduction of the depreciated value of said unreturned equipment (as determined by management), from the employee's final pay check.

ARTICLE XXIV – HOURS OF WORK

Section 1: Work Week

The work week for all personnel shall consist of five (5) consecutive working days, except that:

(A) Personnel will not be required to work more than one (1) specific shift within one (1) work week, unless it is an emergent situation, hospital detail or the two (2) Title IVD State Sheriff scheduled raids and then it will be only for the duration of the emergency, detail or raid. The emergency or hospital detail is to be determined in the sole judgment of the Sheriff or his designee.

During hospital details the Sheriff has a responsibility to cover a shift not normally covered during the normal workweek. On these occasions an officer may volunteer and or be assigned to the additional shift consistent with the present contract XXIV section 1 (A). If during the course of this shift the detail is canceled the officer will assume his normal shift the next business day.

For purposes of this Article, the night shift (11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.) shall be considered the following day (e.g. if an officer works Wednesday at 11:00 p.m. to Thursday 7:00 a.m. it shall be considered as work for Thursday).

Example:

Hospital detail assigned on an afternoon or evening shift. The detail is canceled midweek, the officer will report to work on his normal shift being on the next business day not to exceed 40 hours. Any additional overtime will be compensated according to the appropriate rate.

(B) There are to be two (2) continuous days off. There shall be no split days off.

(C) As otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Article.

Section 2: Overtime

Only work which exceeds forty (40) hours in a week is to be considered overtime and paid at the overtime rate (time and one half). Approved leave, contractual leave and statutory leave will be considered as hours worked however, sick leave shall not be considered as hours worked for the purpose of calculating the employee's work week nor for computing overtime. All scheduling shall be for five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour like shifts, followed by at least forty-eight (48) hours time off, unless as otherwise required in the public interest or in the interest of the agency's goals as determined by the Sheriff or as agreed to by the employee

and the Sheriff.

Section 3: Standby duty

Employees assigned to standby duty shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours pay when they are called out for active duty. Time spent on standby duty shall not be considered hours worked for overtime computation when employees are called out for active duty. When there are two (2) Officers who are on the duty squad and are acting as partners; and when the Officer without a County vehicle is called to duty and that call is subsequently cancelled by the Sheriff or the County, prior to that Officer being picked up by the Officer with the County vehicle and going "in service," that Officer shall receive one (1) hour pay at straight time.

Should the Officer without the County vehicle be picked up by the other Officer and go "in service," then the provision of this Article shall apply as to the four (4) hour minimum. If the Officer with the vehicle does not get in the vehicle and go "in service" to begin the response and the call is cancelled the Officer shall receive one (1) hour pay.

Section 4: Emergency Duty

Employees called out on emergency duty shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours pay for such duty at the appropriate rate. All hours worked on emergency "call-out" shall not be included as time worked for purpose of calculating the employee's work week or for overtime computation in accordance with the provisions of the Fair labor Standards Act.

The call out provision is not applicable to officers who have not started their shift but have been instructed to report to another location for their current shift.

Section 5: Compensatory Time

- a. Employees shall be permitted to earn compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay, as forth in Section 2 above, and in lieu of holiday pay, as set forth in Article IX, Section 3.
- b. Employees shall be permitted to request compensatory time off (for any day of the week) by submission of the appropriate request form. The request must be made within two (2) weeks of the day in question. If taking of the day would create an overtime situation, the request shall be denied.
- c. Any employee may "call in" one (1) hour prior to the start of their shift to request compensatory time off for that shift. If there are extra staff assigned to that shift, the request shall be granted and the approval documented on the appropriate "excusal from

duty” form to be completed by the Employee’s direct supervisor.

- d. Employees shall not carry a compensatory time balance in excess of two-hundred and forty (240) hours.
- e. Any Employee who accumulates a compensatory time balance over two-hundred and forty (240) hours will receive that overage annually in December in pay period twenty-five (25).
- f. Employees who are promoted will be paid out for their accumulated compensatory balance at their rate of pay prior to the promotion. Employees who are eligible to earn compensatory time will again be permitted to accumulate a new bank of compensatory time, up to two-hundred and forty (240) hours.

ARTICLE XXV- WAGES

Section 1:

Notwithstanding the salaries set forth on Schedule "A," the Association agrees that the Sheriff has the managerial prerogative and right, without limitation, to hire employees at any salary he deems, appropriate commensurate with experience, education or any other factors, provided said salary is within the announced salary range for the job title in question, if any.

Wages shall be paid and administered in accordance with the chart attached hereto as Schedule "A." Employees who are at the top step shall move horizontally on January 1. Employees who are not at the top step shall move diagonally on their anniversary date only.

Section 2:

The salaries for all employees covered by this Agreement are set forth on Schedule "A" attached hereto.

ARTICLE XXVI – LONGEVITY

The provisions of this Article XXVI, set forth below, apply only to employees employed prior to January 1, 1995. All employees hired after January 1, 1995, shall not receive any longevity benefit whatsoever.

Section 1

Each eligible employee who was employed prior to January 1, 1995, covered by this agreement shall be paid, bi-weekly in addition to the rates of pay set forth in Schedule "A" of the fully integrated contract, a longevity increment calculated from date of hire and based upon unbroken continuous years of service with the County of Morris in accordance with the following Schedule:

YEARS OF SERVICE

From 3rd year anniversary to 8th year anniversary 1%
From 8th year anniversary to 12th year anniversary 3%
From 12th anniversary to 15th year anniversary 5%
From 15th anniversary to 16th year anniversary 7%
From 16th year anniversary 9%

Section 2:

For eligible employees any and all longevity shall accrue and be effective after ninety (90) days of employment provided such employee shall have requested in writing permanent status under New Jersey Civil Service requirements. Any time period shall commence to run from the date of making such request.

Section 3:

Eligible employees employed prior to January 1, 1995, carried in a temporary status for extended periods of time through no fault of their own shall be entitled to have time employed in temporary status after the initial ninety (90) day period counted in their total length of continued service for the purpose of entitlement to longevity benefits under this contract.

ARTICLE XXVII – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1:

This Agreement constitutes the complete and final understanding and resolution by the parties of all bargainable issues which were or could have been the subject matter of negotiations between the parties. During the life of this Agreement, neither party shall be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter, whether or not covered by this Agreement nor whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both parties at the time they negotiated and executed this Agreement.

Section 2:

If any provisions of this Agreement or application of this Agreement to any employee or employees covered hereunder is held invalid by operation of law, by Legislative Act or by a Court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be inoperative but all other provisions contained herein shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 3:

All terms of masculine gender shall be construed to include the feminine gender and all terms stated in the singular shall be construed to include the plural unless a different intention is clearly understood from the context in which such terms are used.

ARTICLE XXVIII – PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Sheriff and the County of Morris agree that all benefits, terms and conditions of employment relating to the status of the Sheriff's Officers, which benefits, terms and conditions of employment are not specifically set forth in this Agreement, shall be maintained at not less than the highest standards in effect at the time of the commencement of collective bargaining negotiations between the parties leading to the execution of this Agreement.

Unless a contrary intent is expressed in this Agreement, all existing benefits, rights, duties, obligations and conditions of employment applicable to any police officer pursuant to any rules, regulations, instruction, directive, memorandum, statute or otherwise shall not be limited, restricted, impaired, removed or abolished.

**ARTICLE XXIX – EXPANSION OF CERTAIN BENEFITS DURING THE TERM OF
THE AGREEMENT**

In the event the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Morris County should grant major benefit improvements which normally would have uniform application among various groups of County employees, or grant improved insurance benefits to any group of employees, during the term of this Agreement, the Sheriff agrees to reopen this contract to negotiations so that those benefits may be bargained for by the PBA. Improved insurance benefits shall include, but not be limited to, dental plans, optical plans, prescription drug plans and the like, but shall not include the prescription drug purchase program previously provided to employees of Morris View which cannot, by law, be extended to County employees who are/were employed other than at Morris View.

ARTICLE XXX – DURATION

This Agreement shall be in full force and effect as of the first (1st) day of January, 2018, and shall remain in full force and effect through the thirty-first (31st) day of December, 2020, except as otherwise specified.


The Agreement shall continue thereafter unless and until the parties execute a successor agreement.

Negotiations for a successor agreement shall be conducted in accordance with law.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto subscribed their hand and seals this day and year first above written.

Morris County Office of the Sheriff

Morris County Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 151



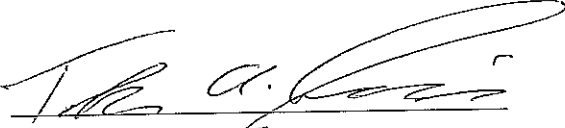
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President Delegate 151

Witness:

Witness:



Travis A. Somerville



MARK SPITZER

SCHEDULE A

The following salary guide shall apply to all employees.

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Entry	\$44,162	\$44,995	\$45,896	\$46,815
1	\$45,975	\$47,805	\$48,707	\$49,797
2	\$49,251	\$49,768	\$51,749	\$52,725
3	\$52,878	\$53,314	\$53,874	\$56,019
4	\$56,504	\$57,240	\$57,713	\$58,318
5	\$60,500	\$61,710	\$61,963	\$62,474
6	\$65,733	\$65,491	\$68,389	\$67,075
7	\$72,272	\$71,156	\$70,894	\$76,696
8	\$78,824	\$80,400	\$77,026	\$76,743
9	\$94,769	\$85,327	\$87,033	\$83,381
10		\$96,664	\$98,598	\$101,495

2018 – Employees on steps “Entry” through “8” in 2017 shall move diagonally on their anniversary date only. Employees on step “9” shall move diagonally on January 1.

2019 and 2020 – Employees on steps “Entry” through “9” shall move diagonally on their anniversary date only. Employees at top step shall move horizontally on January 1.

The detective differential for all eligible employees shall be \$1,500.00 per year which shall be in addition to the base salary set forth above. The detective differential shall be included in and paid with the detective's regular pay.

The parties agree that if a successor Agreement is not in effect as of January 1, 2021, there shall be no automatic step movement unless and until they are negotiated by and between the Employer and the PBA, or until a successor Agreement providing for automatic step movement is concluded.