

**AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE COUNTY OF UNION**  
**AND**  
**UNION COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**AND**  
**POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION,**  
**SHERIFF'S OFFICERS OF UNION COUNTY LOCAL NUMBER 108, INC.**  
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**AGREEMENT**

**PREAMBLE**

This Agreement made this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022, by and between **THE COUNTY OF UNION** and the **SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF UNION**, hereinafter called "Employer" and **POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, SHERIFF'S OFFICERS OF UNION COUNTY, LOCAL NUMBER 108, INC.**, hereinafter called the "P.B.A."

**WITNESSETH:**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual agreements herein contained, the parties hereto agree with each other in respect to the employees of the Employer, recognized as being represented by the P.B.A., as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**RECOGNITION**

The Employer hereby recognizes the Policemen's Benevolent Association, Sheriff's Officers of Union County, Local Number 108, Inc., as the exclusive negotiating representative for all of its Sheriff's Officers and Sheriff's Investigators, at its location at the Courthouse, Elizabeth, New Jersey, or some other locations wherein such employees may be employed under the jurisdiction of the Employer.

**ARTICLE II**

**MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

Section 1. Whenever the term "Employer", "Department Head", or "Supervisor", shall be used throughout this Agreement, it shall mean and include the County Manager and the Sheriff

and/or their designees, except as otherwise designated in this contract, as specifically may be provided in the New Jersey Statutes in such case made and provided or the Administrative Code of the County of Union.

Section 2. Except as modified, altered or amended by the within Agreement, the Sheriff and/or his designee, shall not be limited in the exercise of his statutory management functions. The County Manager, the Sheriff and/or their designees, hereby retain and reserve unto themselves, without limitations, all powers, right, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred and vested in any of them by the laws of the State of New Jersey, the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and the Constitution of the United States of America, including but without limitation, the following rights, privileges and functions:

- (a) The executive management and administrative control of the County of Union, a body politic, and its properties and facilities and the activities of its employees related to their employment, except as limited herein.
- (b) The Sheriff shall have the right to hire all employees and, subject to Rules and Regulations, to determine their qualifications and conditions for their continued employment, dismissal, demotion, promotion, transfer and to discipline for just cause, subject to the New Jersey Statutes and the Administrative Code of the County of Union.
- (c) The Sheriff shall have the right to determine schedules of work and the duties, responsibilities and assignments of all employees with respect thereto except as modified by the terms of this Agreement.

Section 3. The exercise of the foregoing powers, right, authority, duties and responsibilities by the Sheriff, the County Manager or other designee, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof and the use of judgment and discretion in

connection therewith shall be limited only by the extent such specific and expressed terms are in conflict with the laws of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act, the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the provisions of this contract.

Section 4. Nothing contained herein shall be considered to deny or restrict the Sheriff, the County Manager or their designees, of their rights, responsibilities and authority under Titles 40 and 40A, or any other state laws or regulations as they pertain to the Sheriff and/or the County Manager form of government.

**ARTICLE III**  
**DUES CHECK OFF**

Section 1.     P.B.A. Dues

- A.     The Employer agrees to deduct from the salary of each employee who is a member of the P.B.A. under this Agreement, dues and assessments for the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, Sheriff's Officers of Union County, Local No. 108, Inc., when authorized in writing to do so by each P.B.A. member. Individual authorization forms shall be filed by the P.B.A. with the appropriate business office of the Employer. The aggregated deductions of all employees shall be remitted together with an itemized statement to the Treasurer by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the current month after such deductions are made.
- B.     Any changes to the amount of P.B.A. membership dues will be provided by the President or Treasurer of the P.B.A. in writing to the Employer.
- C.     Any member may revoke their dues authorization by providing written notice to the Employer during the ten (10) days following each anniversary date of his/her employment pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 52:14-

15.9E. An employee's notice of revocation of authorization for the payroll deduction shall be effective on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the anniversary date of employment. In the event the member fails to notify the Employer within this time period to cease dues deductions such deduction shall continue until the employee's next anniversary date. Notice of withdrawal must be submitted by the employee in writing to the Finance Department and to the P.B.A. The Employer shall forward a copy of the employee's written request of notice to withdraw to the P.B.A. prior to termination of dues deduction.

- D. In accordance with the applicable provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9E, the rights and benefits herein set forth shall apply and be extended to the P.B.A. (which is the duly certified majority representative) solely and exclusively and shall not be afforded to any other employee organization.

Section 2. The P.B.A. shall indemnify, defend and save the County harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of the action taken or not taken by the County under this Article or in reliance upon information furnished to the County by the P.B.A. or its representatives under this Article.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **SALARIES**

Section 1. Salaries shall be adjusted in accordance with the salary guide set forth on Exhibit A which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

- (a) Effective and retroactive to January 1, 2021: 2.00% to base pay  
(across the board and steps)
- (b) Effective and retroactive to January 1, 2022: 2.00% to base pay  
(across the board and steps)
- (c) Effective January 1, 2020, Step 9 will be added to the salary guide and SOP steps

shall be renumbered as 10, 11, and 12. All Sheriff Officers at Step 8 in 2019 shall move to Step 9 effective January 1, 2020. Effective January 1, 2020, all Sheriff Officers at SOP shall move to the appropriate SOP Step (10, 11, or 12). All other Sheriff Officers shall move to Step 9 and prior steps consistent with the step movement provision of Section 5 of this Article. See attached salary guide.

(d) All officers on the post June 30, 2012 salary guide shall be placed on the pre-June 30, 2012 guide and the former shall be eliminated.

(e) In addition to the above raises, all Sheriff Officers not at top pay shall receive their salary steps.

Section 2. Senior Officer

Effective June 30, 1995, the position of Senior Officer shall be established. Senior officer pay shall be compensated as follows:

(a) Effective January 1, 2012, employees starting their tenth (10th) year of service as a Sheriff's Officer for Union County shall be entitled to Senior Officer pay in the amount of \$1,575.00 per annum which shall be added to base salary. Senior Officer pay shall not be compounded by any percentage increase applied to the Officer's base rate.

(b) Effective January 1, 2012, employees starting their fifteenth (15th) year of service as a Sheriff's Officer for Union County shall be entitled to Senior Officer pay in the amount of \$2,575.00 per annum which shall be added to base salary. Senior Officer pay shall not be compounded by any percentage increase applied to the Officer's base rate.

(c) Effective January 1, 2012, employees starting their twentieth (20th) year of service as a Sheriff's Officer for Union County shall be entitled to Senior Officer pay in the



amount of \$3,075.00 per annum which shall be added to base salary which will be compounded by any percentage increase applied to the Officer's base rate.

(d) Senior Officer Pay shall be calculated in accordance with the County's practice that has been applicable to all units receiving Senior Officer Pay.

Section 3. Sheriff's Detectives

Sheriff's Officers assigned as detectives shall receive an incremental increase of one thousand three hundred thirty-five (\$1,335.00) dollars added to their current step on the salary guide. Effective July 1, 1999, the detective stipend will be increased to one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars.

The Sheriff may assign up to fifteen (15) Sheriff's Officers as Detectives. Detectives shall perform various investigative duties as may be assigned. Detectives shall serve solely at the pleasure of the Sheriff.

The designation of detective is an assignment only, not a promotion, and is as temporary as any other assignment. Officers may be reassigned from detective status at any time and when reassigned shall no longer receive the detective stipend.

Section 4. Starting Salaries

The Sheriff shall have the right to determine the starting salary of trained and experienced Sheriff Officers. However, in no event shall any qualifying officer receive a starting salary greater than the 3rd Step of the salary guides for new hires and provisional employees.

Section 5. Adjustments in Rates of Pay

(a) Employees hired who have less than one (1) year of service in the position, shall receive a salary adjustment to "Academy Rate" upon graduation from the Academy. Thereafter, employees with less than one year of service shall receive their salary increment effective the

date of the beginning pay period of the month in which the employee has completed one (1) year of service in the title hired for, provided, however, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission newly hired employees' one (1) year increment period, as hereinabove reflected, shall not be completed until the work test period has been completed and the work test period shall not commence until the completion of a training program and graduation from the Academy.

(b) Employees who have more than one (1) year of service in their classification and who possess an anniversary date of employment or graduation from the Academy, whichever is later, between January 1 and June 30, shall receive their salary increments as of January 1 of each year of the contract.

(c) Employees who have more than one (1) year of service in their classification and who possess an anniversary date of employment or graduation date from the Academy, whichever is later, between July 1 and December 31 shall receive their salary increments as of July 1 of each year of the contract.

Section 6. Pay Day

Effective January 1, 2016, paychecks shall be distributed on a semi-monthly basis (the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of each month, unless the month has less than thirty (30) days, in which case paychecks shall be distributed on the last day of the month). When the payday occurs on a holiday paychecks or direct deposits will be issued on the day prior to the holiday.

In the event the County requires all paychecks to be directly deposited into an employee's bank account, the PBA agrees that it will accept the change without dispute.

Section 7. Training Officer

Effective June 1, 2006, an employee assigned by the Sheriff as Training Officer shall

receive a stipend of \$1,000 for a period of six (6) months. The Sheriff shall designate the Training Officer for each six (6) month-period.

Section 8. Hazard Pay

Should any County law enforcement unit be granted hazard pay, the Employer agrees to reopen the contract solely to negotiate the issue of hazard pay with the PBA.

Section 9. Reopener

If any other organized group of employees of the County, Sheriff's Department, or Prosecutor's Office receives an across the board increase in salary during the term of this Agreement that averages more than the 2% (exclusive of Step increments) increases set forth above and/or receives hazard pay, the PBA shall have the option to reopen this contract for further negotiations on those issues.

**ARTICLE V**

**PENSION AND WELFARE**

Section 1. The Employer will cover all employees covered by this Agreement under the Police and Firemen's Retirement System, provided, however, those employees covered by the 1944 Pension Act shall continue to be covered by that Act and any pension option reserved by law to the employee, shall, if exercised, be observed by the Sheriff.

Section 2. The Employer shall continue to provide all employees covered under the terms of this Agreement and their dependents with medical, hospital and major medical coverage under the County's insurance plan. The above medical and hospital insurance, with major medical coverage, shall be at the sole expense of the Employer, except as otherwise provided herein.

1. The Horizon PPO and Horizon Traditional Plans will be maintained for employees choosing said plan with their cost being the difference between the PPO or

Traditional Plan premium, whichever is applicable, and the Direct Access premium in any given year.

2. Effective June 28, 2011, P.L. 2011, Chapter 78, governs the amount of Employee contributions. If any of the applicable premium sharing provisions of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011 are repealed, modified, or overturned by a court of competent jurisdiction or by the legislature, the parties agree to meet to negotiate the impact of any such repeal, modification, or court decision. In addition, the premium upon which the Sheriff Officer's Chapter 78 contribution is based shall be frozen at the 2018 levels. An employee's contribution amount shall not change if the premium increases or if an employee's salary increase moves him/her into a new range. An employee's contribution amount may change if the employee changes health plans or changes categories of coverage, i.e., moves from family to single or single to family, etc.

Effective and retroactive to January 1, 2022, Sheriff Officers shall be required to pay 1.5% of their pensionable base pay towards the cost of medical premiums for calendar year 2022. Effective January 1, 2023, the Sheriff Officer contributions shall revert to the amount that an officer paid in calendar year 2018.

If any other organized group of employees of the County, Sheriff's Department, or Prosecutor's Office receive a reduction in premium sharing contributions for its unit members during the term of this Agreement that is less than that which is paid by PBA unit members, the PBA shall have the option to reopen this contract for further negotiations on that issue.

3. As soon as the County can implement the changes, out-of-network benefits shall be \$500.00 Single/\$1,000.00 all others. The out-of-network reimbursement benefit shall be 150% of CMS (Medicare).

4. The emergency room co-pays shall be \$25.00 per visit (to be waived if admitted).

5. The Third Party Administrator (TPA) is eliminated and the County will no longer reimburse employees for any out-of-network charges.

6. On July 1, 2015, the County implemented two (2) additional plans -- a high deductible plan with a Health Savings Account (HSA) and an Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) plan. Employees hired on or after May 23, 2016 will be required to choose one of these two (2) plans during the first two (2) years of employment. Following the completion of two (2) years of employment, the Employee will have the option to select one of the County's other plans. All current Employees may voluntarily select one of these plans during open enrollment. With regard to the HSA, the County agrees that it will contribute \$1000 towards the deductible for single coverage and \$2000 towards the deductible for family coverage for both current and new employees who elect the HSA.

Section 3. Prescription Plan

A. As soon as the County can implement the changes, all health plans shall be subject to the following:

	Co-Pay
Retail Generic (30 day supply)	\$5.00
Retail Preferred Brand (30 day supply)	\$25.00
Retail Non-Preferred (30 day supply)	\$50.00
Mail Order Generic (90 day supply)	\$5.00
Mail Order Preferred Brand (90 day supply)	\$30.00
Mail Order Non-Preferred (90 day supply)	\$60.00

B. Effective February 1, 1997, the prescription network known as Medco (CCNII Network) will be implemented.

- C. Effective September 1, 2006, the Prescription Plan shall be modified as follows:
1. Retail pharmacy purchases shall be limited to 30 day increments.
  2. Dispense-as-Written ("DAW") Procedure – Physicians prescribing name brand drugs, when the generic equivalent is available, must justify the DAW to the pharmacy.
  3. All current co-pays shall be maintained and mail order shall remain at a ninety (90) day supply.
  4. The County will provide sample forms for mail order and distribute them to unit members by mail.
- D. Drug Utilization Plan:
1. Enhanced concurrent drug utilization review
  2. Preferred drug step therapy limited to PPI, SSRI and Intranasal steroid drugs
  3. Clinical Intervention (MD Statement of medical necessity) limited to Anti-narcoleptic agents, weight loss and anti-neoplastic agents.
  4. Continued restriction on flow through of prescription copays to major medical.

Section 4. Dental Plan

(a) The premium for dental benefits shall be shared as follows: the annual cap on the dental plan shall be increased to \$2000.00 per annum for both single and family coverage. Effective January 1, 2006, the County shall pay \$52.31 per month towards the premium and officers shall pay \$37.48. Effective January 1, 2007, the County agrees to pay for any increase to the dental premium (excluding any increase in the orthodontics premium, if applicable).

Effective January 1, 2008, the County shall be obligated to pay the same amount that it paid in 2007 and each officer shall absorb any increases. All premium amounts referenced in this subparagraph are exclusive of orthodontic insurance premiums payment of which is referenced in subparagraph (b) below.

(b) Effective as soon as practicable, employees will be permitted to participate, at their own expense, in the orthodontic insurance program available to County Correction Officers. Payment of premiums will be by regular payroll deduction.

Section 5. Retiree Insurance

(a) Effective September 1, 2006, the County agrees to implement a program of retirement benefits as set forth in Exhibits B and C attached hereto. The conditions and requirements for receiving these benefits are set forth in Exhibits B and C. The benefits in Exhibit B shall also be applied to all employees who meet the requirements and who retired on or after January 1, 2005 through the date of execution of the successor collective bargaining agreement.

(b) Vesting of Rights: All employees hired on or prior to December 31, 2009 and their eligible dependents, are vested as to all eligibility criteria and benefits set forth in Exhibit B, attached to this Agreement. Any material changes to Exhibit B made pursuant to any future agreements with and/or arbitration and/or court proceedings involving the County and the PBA shall not be effective to change those employees' rights and benefits under Exhibit B, provided such health insurance coverage remains generally available in the insurance market at

commercially reasonable rates.<sup>1</sup> If not generally available at commercially reasonable rates, then the County is obligated to provide such employees with a retirement benefit plan that is substantially equivalent to or better than the coverage set forth in Exhibit B. Provided such health insurance coverage remains generally available in the insurance market at commercially reasonable rates, these rights may only be changed as to each specific employee eligible for benefits under Exhibit B.

(c) Officers who receive fully paid retirement benefits under the 2005 through 2009 CNA shall be provided with the Medco Rx or an equivalent plan. This plan shall provide for free mail order prescriptions and 30% co-pay for retail. The plan shall provide for free mail order prescriptions and 30% co-pay for retail. It is understood that in order to provide the Medco Rx plan, the base health plan will be converted from CIGNA ROAP7 to CIGNA ROAP3.

(d) The County shall provide individual contracts to all current unit members and all unit members hired from the date of this agreement through December 31, 2009. This contract, annexed hereto as Exhibit E, shall obligate the County to provide the benefits described in Exhibit B regardless of any future changes in the collective negotiations agreements. This contract shall also provide those benefits to the above-noted unit members' eligible dependents regardless of any future changes in the collective negotiation agreements.

(e) Dependents of employees eligible for retiree health benefits under Exhibit B shall also be provided with coverage pursuant to the health insurance plan's rules.

(f) Effective January 1, 2022, all Sheriff Officers who do not receive retiree benefits pursuant to Exhibit B (those hired by the County as a full-time employee on or after January 1,

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<sup>1</sup> The terms "generally available in the insurance market" and "commercially reasonable rates" will be construed to mean insurance products that are generally available for purchase by employers with a numerical employee complement similar to the



2010) shall not receive the stipend set forth in Exhibit C but shall contribute 50% of the cost of the premium in retirement.

Section 6. Cafeteria Plan

The County Board of Chosen Freeholders has adopted a cafeteria plan for its employees pursuant to Resolution No. 1291-2000.

Section 7. Health Benefit Buyout Option

Any employee with either Family or Husband/Wife coverage in any of the available health benefits plans may voluntarily opt out of that plan provided their spouse has either Family or Husband/Wife coverage either through the County or through another employer. In return for opting out, the County shall pay to the employee the sum of \$5,000.00 annually, to be paid in 26 installments over the next year. This payment will be prorated if less than one year of the benefit is available. Employees opting out shall retain the right to re-enter the County's health benefit plan on a monthly basis. Upon re-entering the plan, payments for opting out shall cease. This benefit shall be discontinued if the County becomes self-insured.

In order to be eligible for the health-benefit opt-out payment, an Employee must opt out of both health and prescription coverage.

In accordance with Resolution No. 2016-930, the Health Benefit Buyout Option has been eliminated effective as of January 1, 2017.

Section 8. Effective September 1, 2006, the VSP Plan shall be implemented for employees only and 100% of the premium for the Plan will be paid by the County.

Section 9. Registered domestic partners will be eligible for health benefits in accordance with the

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County from regular commercial insurance companies licensed to sell such insurance in the State of New Jersey at rates that are not grossly disproportionate from those rates offered to such similar employers.

County Policy on Domestic Partnership as set forth in Freeholder Resolution No. 1170-2005, which is attached as Exhibit E.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**VACATIONS**

**Section 1.    Vacation Eligibility**

(a)    During the first calendar year of employment, employees shall earn one (1) vacation day for each month of service during the calendar year following the date of employment.

(b)    Employees with one (1) to eight (8) years of service shall be entitled to thirteen (13) working days vacation each year.

(c)    Employees with eight (8) completed years to ten (10) years of service will be entitled to fourteen (14) working days vacation each year.

(d)    Employees with ten (10) completed years to fifteen (15) years of service will be entitled to seventeen (17) working days vacation each year.

(e)    Employees with fifteen (15) completed years to twenty (20) years of service will be entitled to nineteen (19) working days vacation each year.

(f)    Employees with twenty (20) completed years to twenty-five (25) years of service will be entitled to twenty-two (22) working days vacation each year.

(g)    Employees with twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) or more completed years of service will be entitled to the following number of working days vacation each year:

- twenty-five years    -    twenty-seven (27) days
- twenty-six years    -    twenty-eight (28) days
- twenty-seven years  -    twenty-nine (29) days
- twenty-eight years  -    thirty (30) days

twenty-nine years - thirty-one (31) days

thirty or more years - thirty-two (32) days

Section 2. Employees covered by this Agreement shall submit their request for a vacation on or before January 31 for each year and the Sheriff shall post a vacation schedule for all employees covered hereunder by March 31st.

Vacations will be taken in five (5) day minimum periods. Lesser amounts may be taken when used in conjunction with a holiday week to complete a five (5) day period (Monday-Friday) if taken from October through May. Vacation time shall be charged in full day increments. Lesser amounts may also be taken in an emergency subject to approval by the Sheriff.

Upon prior approval by the Sheriff, employees covered hereunder may add earned, accumulated compensatory time to their vacation period. The parties understand and agree that arrangements for addition of compensatory time to vacation shall be made sufficiently in advance to ensure that all staffing requirements of the Department are adequately met.

Employees will continue to be permitted to utilize up to four (4) vacation days per year as floating days, during the first three quarters of the year, provided there is sufficient manpower and at least three (3) days prior notice is given to the Sheriff's office. In the event all four (4) floating days have not been taken in the first three quarters of the year, the remaining days will be scheduled by management in the fourth quarter.

Section 3. An employee who has resigned or who has otherwise separated from employment shall be entitled to the vacation allowance for the current year pro-rated upon the number of months worked in a calendar year in which the separation becomes effective, in addition to any unused vacation due for the previous year.

Section 4. An employee who is retiring on pension based upon length of service, shall be entitled to the full vacation for the calendar year in which he retires.

Section 5. Whenever an employee dies having to his credit any annual vacation leave, there shall be calculated and paid to his estate, a sum of money equal to the compensation figured on his salary rate at the time of his death.

Section 6. If a holiday occurs during the vacation or sick leave, it is not counted as a day of vacation or sick leave.

Section 7. Employees serving on a leave of absence without pay do not accrue vacation benefits.

Section 8. If an employee leaves the County's employ for any reasons, except as set forth in Section 5 of this Article, before the end of the calendar year, he will be charged with the unearned part of his vacation. This now will be deducted from his final pay check.

Section 9. Vacations must be taken during the current calendar year unless the supervisor determines that it cannot be taken because of pressure of work, in which case, unused vacations may be carried forward into the next succeeding year after having taken a vacation allowance for the year.

Section 10. Vacation selections shall be by departmental seniority. The Employer retains the right to decide how many employees may be on vacation in any work unit at any time. Employees shall first select vacations in increments of five days or more before floating days are selected.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**RETENTION OF EXISTING BENEFITS**

Except as otherwise specifically provided to the contrary in this Agreement, all rights,

privileges and benefits which employees of the Employer have heretofore enjoyed and are presently enjoying, shall be maintained and continued by the Employer during the term of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any rights, benefits and privileges bestowed upon employees of the Employer by the laws of the United States or the laws of the State of New Jersey.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**NO STRIKES OR LOCKOUTS**

Section 1. Participation by any employee covered by the terms of this Agreement in a strike, or a refusal to perform duties because of a contract dispute shall be just cause for disciplinary action.

Section 2. No lockout of employees shall be instituted by the Sheriff, the County Manager or their designated representatives and their administrative staff during the term of this Agreement. The P.B.A. agrees that during the term of this Agreement neither it, nor its officers, employees or members, will engage in, encourage, sanction, support, or suggest any strikes, work stoppages, slowdowns, mass resignations, mass absenteeism, or any such similar actions which would involve suspension of, or interference with, the normal work related activities carried on by the Sheriff or his designated representative.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Section 1. A grievance is hereby defined to be a claimed violation of the terms of this Agreement or the interpretation or application of any policy or administrative decision which violates the terms of this Agreement.

Section 2. The time limit specified in the steps of this grievance procedure shall be construed as a maximum. Any grievance not processed within the stated time, shall be deemed

waived and abandoned. However, the time limitations may be extended upon mutual written agreement between the parties.

Section 3. A grievance may be initiated by an individual, a group of employees, or by the P.B.A. The P.B.A. shall be notified of and shall have the right to be present at all stages of the grievance procedure.

Section 4. Should any grievances defined herein arise between an employee and/or the P.B.A. and the Employer, the following procedure shall be followed:

Step 1. A grievance shall first be discussed with the Undersheriff for the purpose of resolving it informally.

A grievance must be presented at Step 1 within ten (10) working days from the date when the grievant knew or should have known of the facts which gave rise to the grievance.

Step 2. If the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Step 1, or if no decision has been rendered within ten (10) working days after presentation of that grievance at Step 1, the aggrieved party may file a grievance in writing with the Sheriff of Union County or his designated representative within ten (10) working days after receipt of the answer at Step 1 or after the time when said answer should have been received. A meeting on the grievance shall be held between the Sheriff or his designated representative and the aggrieved party together with the PBA's designated representative not later than ten (10) working days from the date of the filing of the grievance in writing with the Sheriff. The Sheriff will render his decision in writing within ten (10) working days after the meeting is completed.

Step 3.

(a) If a satisfactory settlement is not reached at Step 2, and the P.B.A. decides to pursue the matter to arbitration, it may do so by making a written request to the New Jersey

Public Employment Relations Commission, 495 West State Street, P.O. Box 429, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0429, within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the Sheriff's Step 2 answer or when said answer should have been received. A copy of the request shall be given to the Sheriff and to the County Director of Personnel. The parties shall follow the prevailing rules established by the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission for binding arbitration.

(b) The fees and expenses of arbitration shall be borne equally by the County of Union and P.B.A. Local 108.

(c) It is understood and agreed that if either party uses the services of any attorney the expenses incurred will be borne by the party requesting such services.

(d) Expenses of witnesses for either side shall be borne by the parties producing such witnesses.

(e) The total costs of stenographers' records which may be made and transcripts thereof shall be paid for by the party ordering same.

(f) In the event of arbitration, the arbitrator shall have no power or authority to add to or subtract from or modify in any way the terms of the agreement.

(g) The arbitrator will be required to issue his/her decision within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the closing of the hearing. The arbitrator's decision shall be in writing and shall set forth his/her findings of fact and conclusions on the issues submitted. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties.

(h) All grievance meetings and/or hearings as provided for herein shall be conducted in private and shall be limited to the parties, their representatives and witnesses.

**ARTICLE X**  
**HOURS OF WORK**

Section 1. Employees Other Than Those Working a 4/4 Schedule. The normal hours of work for all employees employed by the Employer, other than PBA unit members who bid into the units where the 4/4 work schedule is in existence, shall consist of seven and one-half (7-1/2) hours of work per day and thirty-seven and one-half (37-1/2) hours of work per week Monday to Friday. The work week is from 12:01 a.m. Saturday to 12:00 midnight Friday. In the event that the Employer changes the work week this contract shall automatically be amended to reflect such change. The normal starting time shall be 8:30 a.m. and the normal quitting time shall be 4:30 p.m. The five minute shape up shall be eliminated.

Effective March 1, 1997, employees in this unit shall work 41 hours per week and the rates of pay set forth in the salary guide (Exhibit A) reflect the agreed upon compensation for this 41 hour work week. The additional one hour shall be a "flex hour" and all 41 hours in the work week shall be in accordance with the work schedule established by the Sheriff.

Employees shall not be assigned a specific lunch break, but may be entitled to take a lunch break if so permitted by the Court or by the Sheriff.

Effective August 1, 2001, employees assigned to the late shift will no longer receive a shift differential in the amount of \$30.00 per week.

Section 2. Employees Working a 4/4 Work Schedule. PBA unit members that bid into a Unit with a 4/4 work schedule shall work eleven (11) hours for four (4) consecutive days followed by four (4) consecutive days off.

PBA unit members working the 4/4 work schedule shall have their benefit leave entitlements, including sick, vacation, and personal leaves, converted to hours on the basis of one



day equaling eight hours and twelve minutes (8.2 hours).

PBA unit members working the 4/4 work schedule shall have their sick leave entitlements set forth in Article XXV converted to hours on the basis that one day is equal to eight hours and twelve minutes (8.2 hours). For example, PBA unit members working a 4/4 schedule who are entitled to receive fifteen (15) sick days every January 1 shall receive 123 hours of sick leave. Deductions for use of sick time shall be based on the hours actually used. Therefore, an officer who takes an entire shift off shall have 11 hours deducted from his/her sick leave hours. An employee leaving a unit working a 4/4 schedule shall have any remaining sick time converted back to days. Upon retirement, any sick leave hours shall be converted back to days at the rate of 8 hours and twelve minutes per day so that the employee may receive the appropriate payment for unused sick leave pursuant to Article XXVI.

PBA unit members working the 4/4 work schedule shall receive their vacation day entitlement commensurate with their years of service as set forth in Article VI. Thereafter, the days will be converted to hours on the basis that one day is equal to eight hours and twelve minutes (8.2 hours). As with sick time, deductions for vacation use shall be based on the hours actually used.

PBA unit members working the 4/4 work schedule shall receive personal days pursuant to Article XIV. Thereafter, the days will be converted to hours on the basis that one day is equal to eight hours and twelve minutes (8.2 hours). As with sick time, deductions for personal time shall be based on the hours actually used.

PBA unit members working the 4/4 work schedule shall receive Bereavement Leave pursuant to Article XXIII on a day for day basis (i.e., a day equals the number of hours in a workday).

PBA unit members working the 4/4 work schedule shall receive Holiday Pay pursuant to Article XIII. PBA unit members working a 4/4 schedule that are required to work on a holiday set forth in Article XIII, Section 1, shall be paid for the holiday in addition to all hours actually worked on the holiday in accordance with Article XIII.

Effective and retroactive to January 1, 2018, if a PBA unit member working a 4/4 schedule works or has worked more than 171 hours in a twenty-eight (28) day cycle, he/she shall be paid overtime at the overtime rate of time and one half (1.5x) their regular rate for all such hours. All other provisions of Article XI shall remain in effect and except as set forth above, current practices concerning overtime shall be maintained.

Section 3. Post/Shift Bidding. The parties recognize that certain posts may require special skills. The Sheriff or his designee shall have sole discretion in deciding which posts require special skills. All posts not requiring special skills shall be annually posted for bid in November for the subsequent calendar year. Employees shall be permitted to bid on positions and work shifts based upon departmental seniority. The Sheriff or his designee shall retain the authority to reassign employees from their bidded position for training purposes or to cover a vacant shift.

Section 4. Effective January 1, 2016, employees shall be required to perform two training days annually. Such training days shall be scheduled at the Sheriff's discretion but shall be in no less than eight (8) hour blocks unless agreed to otherwise by the parties. Each employee's base pay shall be increased by twenty-four (24) hours of pay as compensation for the training day. Pursuant to the Consent Arbitration award, Docket No. AR-2017-326, this provision will be eliminated effective December 31, 2017.

Section 5. Officers who are assigned to be "on call," regardless of unit, are not

required to remain at the Sheriff's Office or at home. Rather, officers "on call" must be reachable via cell phone and be able to respond to a call within a reasonable amount of time.

Section 6. Effective and retroactive to January 1, 2016, officers assigned to the K9 unit shall be entitled to a - \$1,500 annual stipend added to base pay. Once an officer becomes a trainer within the K9 unit, the officer shall be designated as a K9 Trainer and shall be entitled to a \$1500 K9 Trainer stipend in addition to the K9 stipend. The K9 and K9 Trainer stipends are in addition to any other stipends received by PBA Local 108 unit members.

K9 officer's current daily schedules will continue. K9 officers shall continue to keep their K9 partner(s) at their residence and care for them while both on and off duty.

## ARTICLE XI OVERTIME

Section 1. Employees shall not be paid overtime unless such overtime is authorized by the Sheriff or his designated representative. If, however, employees are directed by the Court to remain on duty after normal quitting time and the employees are unable to secure prior approval from the Sheriff for this extra work, such extra work will be paid for pursuant to the overtime provisions of this Agreement.

Section 2. Employees covered by this Agreement shall be paid overtime at the rate of time and one-half his or her regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty-one (41) hours of work per week. Employees shall have the right to opt for overtime compensation to be paid in cash or compensatory time off.

For purposes of this Article, paid time off for sick leave, personal day, vacation, holiday, or death in the family shall constitute a normal day (8.20 hours effective 7/2/94) of work. Authorized time off for Union or P.B.A. business during normal working hours shall constitute

time worked.

Section 3. Effective January 1, 2000, all overtime shall be paid in the pay period after it accrues or is earned.

Section 4. There shall be no pyramiding of overtime.

Section 5. All foreseeable overtime within one's assigned unit shall be equally distributed based upon the ability to perform the required task. This shall not include courtroom overtime, which shall continue to be that the officer assigned to a specific court shall work the overtime in that court.

Section 6. Hospital Prisoner Security Assignments shall be equally distributed from a rotating list of officers who have declared their intentions to participate in this overtime assignment and have the ability to perform the required task.

Section 7. The Sheriff or his designee shall determine which units or officers shall perform any specialized task that may develop that does not clearly fall within the job responsibilities of a particular unit.

## ARTICLE XII CALL-IN TIME

Section 1. Effective June 1, 1994, an employee who is called in to duty outside of his or her regularly scheduled work shift shall be compensated at the overtime rate of pay with a minimum of 3 hours pay at such overtime rate. Effective July 1, 2012, an employee who is called in to duty outside of his or her regularly scheduled work shift shall be compensated at the overtime rate of pay with a minimum of 4 hours pay at such overtime rate. This call-in provision shall not apply to overtime required at the beginning or end of a regular tour of duty.

Section 2. Employees required to wear a beeper paging unit shall be paid \$50.00 for

each week they are required to wear such beeper paging unit unless called in to duty in which case the employee shall receive call-in pay in lieu thereof. Effective January 1, 2007, the amount will be increased to \$100.00 per week.

### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **HOLIDAYS**

Section 1.     The Employer has designated the following days as holidays:

New Year's Day  
Martin Luther King's Birthday  
Lincoln's Birthday  
Washington's Birthday  
Good Friday  
Memorial Day  
Juneteenth (effective 1/1/22)  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Columbus Day  
Election Day  
Veteran's Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Day After Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

Holidays falling on a Saturday will be celebrated on the preceding Friday. Holidays falling on a Sunday will be celebrated on the following Monday. Effective January 1, 2022, the Employer has designated Juneteenth as a holiday.

Section 2.     If an employee is called in to work on a regularly scheduled holiday, he shall be paid for the holiday plus time actually worked.

Section 3.     The Employer agrees to reduce the staff of employees covered by this agreement to one-half (1/2) when Courts are closed during the Christmas and New Year's recess, and the Easter recess, if declared, said reduction to be implemented as follows:

(a)     There will be posted a list designating one-half (1/2) of the employees covered by

this agreement to receive time off with pay during the Christmas recess and the other one-half (1/2) of the employees covered by this agreement to receive time off with pay during the New Year's recess. Employees may interchange their designated time off consistent with the needs of the Court and upon prior approval of the Sheriff. Employees may request their appropriate time off two (2) weeks in advance of the Christmas and New Year's recess.

(b) It is understood and agreed that court recess and permissive time off are declared and/or controlled by the Judiciary. When a recess is declared and permissive time off is given for the recess it is understood and agreed that one-half of the personnel covered by this agreement must be working at all times. When the recess is declared and the recess is for an even amount of days then the personnel covered by this agreement shall select their preferences among themselves for one-half time off for the recess. When a recess is for an odd number of days then the least senior half of the personnel covered by this agreement shall have the preference for the extra or odd day and the next time a recess is declared for an odd day then the most senior half of the personnel covered by this agreement shall have the preference for the odd or extra day. From recess to recess, the preference for odd days shall be rotated as hereinabove set forth.

(c) Anything herein stated to the contrary notwithstanding, recess schedules are controlled by the Judiciary and not by the Employer and if the Judiciary does not declare a recess, as hereinabove provided for, no claim for recess time off may be made by an employee.

(d) All unit employees will be given either Lincoln's birthday or the day after Thanksgiving as a paid holiday, but not both. The Sheriff shall determine the number of employees off for each holiday based on the needs of the Office. Employees who work on their designated holiday off will be compensated with holiday pay for the hours actually worked.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**PERSONAL BUSINESS AND RELIGIOUS LEAVE**

Section 1. Employees who are employed less than one (1) year may be granted up to three (3) days off for personal business as hereinafter defined or for religious reasons in accordance with the schedule hereinafter set forth; employees who have been employed for more than one (1) year may be granted up to three (3) days per year without reference to any schedule. Employees must make application for such personal business or religious leave stating the reason for the requested leave as far in advance as possible. The request by the employee shall be directed to the Sheriff. The leave may only be taken if the Sheriff approves and grants said leave, and if for business reasons the applicant must demonstrate that the business purpose could not be scheduled after working hours. The following schedule shall only apply to employees with less than one (1) year of employment.

- (a) One (1) day after four (4) months of employment.
- (b) One (1) additional day after eight (8) months of employment.
- (c) The third (3rd) day may be granted between the tenth (10th) and twelfth (12th) months of employment.

Section 2. Employees who are entitled to a personal day benefit shall be entitled to one "peremptory" use of any given personal day per year. This single peremptory Personal Day shall not be denied or subject to restrictions, except where granting the Personal Day would result in a significant impact to an operational justification indicated by the Employer.

Section 3. No personal leave shall be applied for, approved or granted immediately before or after any vacation period, holiday period or weekend, except under justified circumstances.

Section 4. Leave days, as provided herein, must be used in a one (1) year period and shall not be accumulated from year to year.

Section 5. Effective January 1, 2022, each Sheriff Officer who has completed 8 or more years of employment with the Employer shall be entitled to one (1) administrative leave day with pay. Administrative leave days are to be used in the same manner as personal days.

#### **ARTICLE XV**

#### **LEGAL AID**

Section 1. The Employer will provide legal aid to all personnel covered by this Agreement in suits or other legal proceedings against them arising from incidents in the line of duty. This shall not be applicable in any disciplinary or criminal proceedings instituted against the employees by the Employer.

#### **ARTICLE XVI**

#### **P.B.A. DELEGATE**

Section 1. The P.B.A. Delegate shall be given reasonable time off (not to exceed nineteen (19) days during the year inclusive of the New Jersey State P.B.A. Conventions), with prior approval from the Sheriff and consistent with adequate staffing requirements, to attend State P.B.A. meetings, conventions and committee meetings. In addition, the parties agree that the President of P.B.A. Local 108, upon receiving prior approval from the Sheriff, or from either of the Undersheriffs, shall be given reasonable time off to handle grievances, negotiations, and other P.B.A. business during normal working hours. The parties agree to abide by the requirements of N.J.S.A. 11A:6-10, as amended, with regard to granting convention leave to authorized representatives of P.B.A. Local 108.

Section 2. Requests for leave shall be submitted to the Undersheriff for Administration. Such requests shall be submitted no less than one (1) week in advance of the



date for which leave is requested. Such requests shall not be unreasonably denied.

**ARTICLE XVII**  
**PERSONAL INJURY-LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Section 1. The Employer shall provide personal injury liability insurance and false arrest coverage up to \$1,000,000.00 for all employees.

Section 2. Insurance Development Fund Benefit

Effective January 1, 2008, the Employer will provide the P.B.A. the means to create an insurance development fund (hereinafter the "Fund"). The purpose of the Fund shall be to reimburse (as hereinafter set forth) bargaining unit employee(s) represented by the PBA (hereinafter "employee(s)" and employed by the County as Sheriff's Officers for reasonable and necessary costs incurred for the purchase of the following types of insurance coverage:

1. Legal Defense Insurance for the defense of any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding involving or arising out of the employee's employment or arising out of their activities as a Law Enforcement Officer on or off duty. Any disbursements made by the Fund for such insurance shall be consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-117 and Article XV of the collective negotiations agreement between the parties.
2. Disability Insurance.
3. Health Insurance.
4. Other types of employment related insurance.

Effective January 1, 2007, the County agrees to provide one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars per employee to the P.B.A. for the purpose of creating the Fund. Such payment shall be in a lump sum and shall be made on or before January 10th of each year.

The lump sum payment shall be transmitted to a designated official of the PBA by check which shall be issued separate and apart from all checks currently transmitted to the PBA for Union Dues Deductions, as provided in Article 3 of the parties' collective negotiations agreement. The County's lump sum payment shall be deposited by the PBA in a separate insured bank checking account maintained in the name of the Fund. The PBA shall submit to the County Finance Department the name and address of the banking institution where the account is established and maintained, the account number and shall further provide the Finance Department with a monthly copy of the statement of account transactions received from said banking institution.

The PBA agrees to indemnify and to hold the County and its officials, agents, servants and employees harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits in law or equity, administrative proceedings and/or other forms of liability arising out of the transmission and/or receipt of the aforesaid payments from the County to the PBA and/or for the PBA's operation, administration or payment of premiums to any insurance company or reimbursement to employees for payment of insurance premiums from said Fund. The PBA shall assume full responsibility for the Fund's operation, administration and disbursement of Fund monies.

The Insurance Development Fund can only be utilized for the insurance purposes stated above. It is understood and agreed that no Fund monies may be used directly or indirectly to institute and/or maintain any action or law suit against the County in any state or federal forum.

An employee is entitled to reimbursement from the Fund for the purchase of the above stated insurance coverage up to a maximum of \$150.00 per annum, provided that the employee first submits to the PBA for verification a true copy of the insurance policy or policies purchased together with a paid invoice therefor. The Recording Secretary of the PBA will be authorized to

certify the above documentation for all members in accordance with the PBA by-laws and transmit same to the County.

The PBA further agrees that it will provide the County with the following documentation no less than on a quarterly basis:

1. A copy of all insurance policies and corresponding paid invoices for which reimbursement was made out of Fund proceeds;
2. A statement of all disbursements made from the Fund and the reasons therefor;
3. A statement of all disbursements made by the Fund and the reasons therefor; and,
4. A statement of the reconciled account of the Fund.

The PBA agrees that the County shall have the right to audit the books, records and accounts of the Fund at any time upon written, certified request. The parties shall agree on an acceptable date to commence the requested audit, but in any case, the audit shall take place no later than thirty calendar days from the date of receipt of the audit request by the PBA. The failure of the PBA to comply with a written audit request shall be deemed to be a material breach of this subsection relative to the Insurance Development Fund.

The PBA's failure to comply with the forgoing terms shall result in an immediate breach of this subsection and the County's obligation to transmit any payment pursuant to this subsection shall terminate and all money on deposit in any and all accounts of the Fund shall immediately be returned to the County.

**ARTICLE XVIII**  
**DISCRIMINATION OR COERCION**

Section 1. There shall be no discrimination, interference or coercion by the Employer or any of its agents against the employees represented by the P.B.A. because of membership or

activity in the P.B.A. The P.B.A., or any of its agents, shall not intimidate or coerce employees into membership.

**ARTICLE XIX**  
**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT**

The Employer and the Union hereby agree to continue their practice of not discriminating against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, ancestry, religion, marital status, or liability for service in the Armed Forces of the United States in compliance with all applicable Federal and State statutes, rules and regulations.

**ARTICLE XX**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 1. Nothing herein shall prevent the parties from meeting for the purpose of reviewing problems which exceed the scope of the Sheriff's authority except that this Agreement may not be modified, altered, or changed without the mutual agreement of the parties hereto.

Section 2. The Sheriff agrees that he will provide the net amount of accumulated unused sick leave to each employee covered hereunder on or before January 31st for the preceding calendar year during the term of this Agreement.

Section 3. In the event that there is a change in structure of the Union County Sheriff's office by reason of promulgation of new rules and regulations by the New Jersey Civil Service Commission during the term of this Agreement, the impact of any such change in structure shall be the subject of negotiations.

Section 4. Payment for the attendance of approved seminars/conferences shall be pursuant to County Policy PIB 1-01-01.

Section 5. The County shall maintain the right to deploy the Honor Guard as the Sheriff deems appropriate. The County shall provide a one-time stipend for each member of the

Honor Guard who has served on the guard continuously for six months prior to June 11, 2012 in the amount of \$250 to cover the cost of uniform upkeep and maintenance. An employee performing with the Honor Guard will be given release time from work or, if off duty, will be given equal compensatory time for their time in such service.

Section 6. Effective as soon as practicable, the PBA shall be provided with office space, in a location to be determined by the Union County Sheriff, including a desk, chair and telephone, for the use of its authorized representatives and visitors in order to conduct PBA business.

Section 7. The PBA President or his designee shall be allowed to attend the funeral of any law enforcement officer in the State of New Jersey who is killed in the line of duty. Such attendance shall be without loss of pay or time.

Section 8. All payments for accrued time due at the time of retirement shall be made at the rate of pay that the Sheriff Officer had on his or her last day of employment.

## **ARTICLE XXI**

### **CLOTHING**

Section 1. The Employer agrees to provide Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars per year for each employee covered by this Agreement for clothing and special equipment required for the job.

In addition, each employee shall receive Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars towards the purchase of or reimbursement for a leather jacket conforming to the Sheriff's regulations. The Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars shall be paid together with the clothing allowance in accordance with past practice. New hires shall receive Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars for the purchase of a leather jacket conforming to the Sheriff's regulations in addition to the clothing

allowance in effect at their time of hire.

Effective January 1, 2000, the clothing allowance shall be increased to Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars. Effective January 1, 2001, the annual clothing allowance shall be Five Hundred Twenty-Five (\$525.00) Dollars. Effective January 1, 2002, the annual clothing allowance shall be Five Hundred Fifty (\$550.00) Dollars. Effective January 1, 2003, the annual clothing allowance shall be Five Hundred Seventy-Five (\$575.00) Dollars.

Effective and retroactive to January 1, 2005, the annual clothing allowance will be increased to Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars. Effective and retroactive to January 1, 2006, the annual clothing allowance will be increased to Six Hundred Twenty-Five (\$625.00) Dollars. Effective January 1, 2007, the annual clothing allowance will be increased to Six Hundred Fifty (\$650.00) Dollars.

Effective January 1, 2008, this Section will be eliminated and as of that date be considered null and void, with the exception of the last sentence of Section 1, below, which shall be retained.

All clothing and special equipment provided hereunder must conform to regulations established by the Sheriff.

Section 2. Employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to a clothing maintenance allowance of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars per year which includes cleaning and repair of the same.

Section 3. Effective September 1, 2006, the County shall reimburse an employee for the reasonable cost of repair and replacement of prescriptive eyeglasses, watches, or shoes which are broken or damaged during the normal performance of the employee's duties and where the repair or replacement of such items are not otherwise covered by warranty. The County's

maximum liability under this provision shall be Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars for glasses/contacts and Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per item per employee per incident for all listed items. An employee claiming reimbursement under this clause shall present the item which needs repair or replacement to the County for examination and shall submit proof that the item was damaged or destroyed during the normal performance of the employee's duty in form satisfactory to the Union County Sheriff's Department. Upon repair or replacement of the item broken or damaged, the employee shall submit proof of payment and the Union County Sheriff's Department shall reimburse the employee for the reasonable cost thereof as provided herein.

**ARTICLE XXII**  
**SAVINGS CLAUSE**

In the event that any federal or State legislation, governmental regulation or court decision shall cause invalidation of any Article or Section of this Agreement, all other Articles and Sections not so invalidated shall remain in full force and effect. The parties shall immediately meet to negotiate concerning the Article or Section declared invalid.

**ARTICLE XXIII**  
**DEATH IN FAMILY**

Wages up to ten (10) days will be paid during the absence from duty of employees when such absence is caused by the death and attendance at funeral of the employee's spouse or child, and up to three (3) days will be paid during the absence from duty of employees when such absences are caused by the death and attendance at funeral of the employee's mother, father, sister, brother, grandparents, grandchildren, mother-in-law, father-in-law, or other relative residing at employee's household.

**ARTICLE XXIV**  
**ON THE JOB INJURY**

If an employee is injured or becomes ill arising out of and during the course of his employment the following procedure shall be applicable.

(a) The employee shall notify the Sheriff and the Personnel Office of the work related injury or illness.

(b) If the County's Workmen's Compensation Insurance carrier does not dispute the causal relationship between the employment and the injury or illness, the employee shall receive his/her full pay for up to one year if there was an injury which has been inflicted on the employee by any person or persons arising out of the employee's employment, or for up to one year if the injury or illness arises out of the employee's employment when said injury is not one that has been inflicted by a third party. Anything herein stated to the contrary notwithstanding, any holidays falling within the one year, as hereinabove set forth, shall automatically extend said period by the amount of holidays falling in said period in either case no charge shall be made to the employee's sick leave accumulation provided, however, it is understood and agreed that when an employee receives a compensation check for temporary disability benefits, he or she shall turn over to the County any checks received from the County's Workmen's Compensation Insurance carrier.

(c) After the one year from the date of the injury, or illness, as hereinabove defined, the employee shall have the option to retain his/her temporary disability Workmen's compensation check and not receive any additional monies from the County and not have any charge made to his/her sick leave accumulation, or if the employee wishes to receive full pay and charge his/her sick leave accumulation he/she shall be permitted to do the same provided he/she



turns over to the County any temporary disability check or checks received from the County Workmen's Compensation Insurance carrier.

(d) Failure to turn over temporary disability checks shall cause the employee's sick leave to be charged and shall further result in the County taking such disciplinary action as it deems appropriate to recover said monies.

(e) If any employee is absent from work for seven (7) days or less arising out of an injury or illness, attributable to his employment so that the said employee is not entitled to receive temporary disability benefits, the said employee shall not have any charge made against his sick leave accumulation so long as the employee substantially proves that his illness or injury arose out of his employment.

If an employee is required to go to the County's insurance company's doctor or medical center for treatment of a compensable injury during his regular scheduled shift, the attendance at the doctor's office or medical center during his regular scheduled shift shall not be charged to sick time provided that upon completion of the doctor's visit, the employee returns to work if there is still time remaining on the shift.

## **ARTICLE XXV**

### **SICK LEAVE**

**Section 1. Sick leave may be used by employees who are unable to work because of:**

- (a) Personal illness or injury;
- (b) Exposure to contagious disease;
- (c) Care, for a reasonable period of time, of a seriously ill member of the employee's immediate family (defined herein as spouse, child, legal ward, grandchild, foster child, father, mother, legal guardian, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law

and any other relatives residing in the employee's household);

- (d) Death in the employee's immediate family, for a reasonable period of time.

Sick leave may also be used by a handicapped employee for absences related to the acquisition or use of an aid for the handicapped when the aid is necessary to function, on the job.

In such cases, reasonable proof may be required by the County.

Section 2. If an employee is absent for reasons that entitle him to sick leave, his supervisor shall be notified promptly. Failure to notify the supervisor may be cause for disciplinary action. Absence without notice for five (5) consecutive days shall constitute a resignation.

Section 3. Sick leave is earned in the following manner:

(a) New employees shall only receive one (1) working day for the initial month of employment if they begin on the first through eighth day of the calendar month, and one-half working day if they begin on the ninth through the twenty-third day of the month.

(b) After the initial month of employment and up to the end of the first calendar year, employees shall be credited with one (1) working day for each month of service. Thereafter, at the beginning of each calendar year in anticipation of continued employment, employees shall be credited with fifteen (15) working days.

(c) Part-time employees shall be entitled to a proportionate amount of paid sick leave.

(d) Paid sick days shall not accrue during a leave of absence without pay or suspension.

(e) Sick leave credits shall not accrue after an employee has resigned or retired although his/her name is being retained on the payroll until exhaustion of vacation or other compensatory leave.

(f) Unused sick leave shall accumulate from year to year without limit.

(g) Employees taking sick days shall be charged for actual time used in full or half-day increments.

Section 4. Any employee who is absent on sick leave for five (5) or more consecutive working days shall be required to submit a physician's certificate as evidence substantiating the illness.

Section 5.

(a) An employee who has been absent on sick leave for periods totaling more than fifteen (15) days in a twelve (12) month period consisting of periods of less than five (5) days shall have his or her sick leave record reviewed by the respective appointing authority and thereafter may be required to submit acceptable medical evidence for any additional sick leave in that twelve (12) month period. In cases where an illness is of a chronic or recurring nature causing recurring absences of one (1) day or less, only one (1) submission of such proof shall be necessary for a period of six (6) months.

(b) The appointing authority may require proof of illness of an employee on sick leave, whenever such requirement appears reasonable. Abuse of sick leave shall be cause for disciplinary action.

i. In the case of leave of absence due to exposure to contagious disease, a certification from the Department of Health shall be required.

ii. In the case of death of the immediate family, reasonable proof shall be required.

iii. The appointing authority may require an employee who has been absent because of personal illness, as a condition of his return to duty, to be examined, at the expense of the agency, by a physician designated by the appointment authority. Such examination shall

establish whether the employee is capable of performing his normal duties and that his return will not jeopardize the health of other employees.

Section 6. Commencing January 1, 2007, employees shall be entitled to a Sick Leave Incentive Bonus equal to one (1) day's pay for each calendar-year quarter (e.g., Jan. 1 – March 31; April 1 – June 30; July 1 – September 30; October 1 – December 31) during which time they do not utilize any sick days. Employees who do not utilize any sick days during an entire calendar year will receive an additional bonus equal to one (1) day's pay for a total bonus of five (5) days' pay. Employees who utilize more than four (4) sick days in any quarter will not be eligible for a sick leave bonus in the succeeding quarter except where the sick days were utilized due to the employee's serious health condition as defined in the federal Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") in which case the County would be able to require confirmation of the existence of such serious health condition to the same extent it would under the FMLA.

Sick leave bonus payments will be made by not later than the second pay period in January, following the year in which they are earned.

Section 7. Until he/she reduces his/her sick bank to two (2) weeks of paid sick time, a Sheriff Officer shall be required to use sick leave concurrent with FMLA for his/her own serious health condition or with FMLA/FLA for the serious health condition of a covered person. Once the Sheriff Officer's sick bank is reduced to two (2) weeks of paid sick leave, he/she shall have the option to continue to use paid sick time, some other paid leave time, or complete FMLA or FLA without pay or under the New Jersey State Family Leave Insurance Law.

**ARTICLE XXVI**  
**UNUSED SICK LEAVE**

The County agrees to maintain a program of payment for unused sick leave upon

retirement in accordance with the following requirements.

(a) Eligibility for payment under this program requires that an employee must retire with at least twenty-five (25) years of service solely with the County of Union and must have at least one hundred (100) accumulated sick days to his or her credit upon effective date of retirement.

(b) Employees who are eligible for this benefit shall be compensated in accordance with the following schedule:

100-200 accumulated sick days – 50% of the daily rate, maximum of \$10,000

201-300 accumulated sick days – 60% of the daily rate, maximum of \$12,500

301-400 accumulated sick days – 70% of the daily rate, maximum of \$15,000

over 401 accumulated sick days – 80% of the daily rate, maximum of \$18,000

(c) The rules and regulations applicable to eligibility for this benefit are as follows:

1. EFFECT ON OTHER RETIREMENT BENEFITS:

The lump sum supplemental compensation provided herein for accumulated sick days shall in no way affect, increase or decrease, any pension or retirement benefits to such retired employee under any other statute.

2. LIMITATIONS:

(a) No employee who elects a deferred retirement benefit shall be eligible.

(b) An individual may defer his request for lump sum payment but it must be submitted within one year of the effective date of any retirement.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

An employee must retire with at least twenty-five (25) years of service solely with the Employer and must have at least one hundred (100) accumulated sick days to his or her credit

upon effective date of retirement to be eligible for this benefit. Effective January 1, 1991, the age requirement shall be eliminated.

4. DEATH OF AN EMPLOYEE:

In the event of an employee's death within one year after the effective date of retirement but before payment of the lump sum is made, the payment of the lump sum shall be made to the employee's estate. It should be noted that retirement is contingent upon the employee surviving thirty days after the effective date of retirement.

5. DISABILITY RETIREMENT:

County employees who retire as a result of an accidental or ordinary disability retirement, and who meet all of their applicable regulations will be considered eligible for lump sum sick leave reimbursement upon retirement for unused sick leave. If such employees receive lump sum payment and subsequently re-enter County employment, they will not be eligible to have their unused sick leave reinstated to their records. Employees re-entering County service subsequent to an accidental or ordinary disability retirement will begin earning sick leave in a manner similar to a newly hired employee.

6. RETURN TO SERVICE AFTER RETIREMENT:

Any employee who has or shall retire on age and service and who subsequently re-enters county employment will be considered to have incurred a break in service.

7. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

In determining an individual's eligibility, leave without pay shall not be counted towards the requirement of twenty-five years' service with the County. Prior service with other governmental entities shall also not be counted toward the requirement of twenty-five years, service with the County.

8. COMPUTATION:

(a) Sick leave credit shall be computed from the date of employment; or if a break in service has occurred, only from the date of return to employment following the break in service except that an employee who has or shall incur a break in service as a result of separation due to lay-off shall be credited with sick leave accrued before separation and after return to employment.

(b) The amount shall be computed in accordance with the schedule set forth in paragraph (b) of this provision. Overtime, shift differential, stipends or other supplemental pay shall not be included in computation.

(c) In computing the total amount of unused accumulated sick leave pay due, periods of leave of absence without pay shall be excluded in the computation.

(d) The lump sum supplemental compensation payment shall be made within sixty days after the date of retirement, if possible.

(e) A retiree must be officially off the County's payroll at the time of payment.

9. GENERAL PROCEDURES:

An employee who is about to retire should follow the regular procedures concerning retirement. When the employee receives a copy of the official notice of retirement approval issued by the approved pension board or authority, the employee may file a request with the County Personnel Office requesting the supplemental lump sum payment. Those employees who qualify and retire during calendar year 1987 and thereafter, will receive their supplemental payment sixty (60) days thereafter retirement, if elected by the employee.

10. EMPLOYEES NOT IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE:

The eligibility of an employee will be determined by such class title held at any time

during the employee's employment with the County of Union. Eligibility of class title will not be approved unless the following standards and guidelines have been adhered to:

(1) Sick leave days were earned by all employees within that class title on the basis of one working day per month during the remainder of the first calendar year of employment after initial appointment and 15 working days per calendar year thereafter.

(2) Proof of need of sick leave usage was required when sick leave exceeded at least five consecutive days or a total of 10 days within one calendar year.

(3) Sick leave was not advanced against anticipated sick leave to be earned in the next or future calendar years.

(4) Sick leave or some other earned leave was charged for all compensable days when the employee was not working.

(5) All sick leave was reportable and reported accordingly.

(6) The timekeeping procedure required certification of the accuracy of the employees pay time.

(7) Sick leave records for each employee were maintained from the original date of appointment at one or more central points under the jurisdiction of the appointing authority with proper security and verification for use and accrual.

(8) All records are available for inspection.

(9) Where other types of leave with pay or holidays or days off with pay were granted which were in excess of leave provided to classified employees, a detailed explanation of the character and extent of such practices shall be provided.



**ARTICLE XXVII**

**P.B.A. AND EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

The County shall provide the PBA President with a copy of all newly issued or amended Orders, Rules or Regulations at least five working days prior to their effective date.

The Sheriff shall have the right to hire all employees and, subject to Rules and Regulations, to determine their qualifications and conditions for their continued employment, dismissal, demotion, promotion, transfer and to discipline for just cause, subject to the New Jersey Statutes and the Administrative Code of the County of Union.

The P.B.A. negotiations team, consisting of one member in addition to the President and Vice President, shall be allowed reasonable time off with pay to prepare for contract negotiations in the year that the collective bargaining agreement expires.

When an officer is involved in a critical incident, such as a shooting, motor vehicle accident or physical altercation, said officer shall not be required to respond to any questions or supply any statement or written reports until he is released by the evaluating physician or other medical professional. Such delay shall not exceed two business days unless the officer is physically or mentally incapacitated.

**ARTICLE XXVIII**

**SENIORITY**

Seniority in the Sheriff's office is established first by rank and second by time served in rank. Seniority for all purposes for Sheriff's Officers and for Sheriff's Investigators shall be based upon permanent certified time as a Sheriff's Officer or Sheriff's Investigator. In the event of a tie for seniority purposes, the Sheriff's Officer will be considered as having greater seniority than the investigator. Where conflict occurs because of identical service or dates of employment, the employee with the higher position on the Civil Service Eligibility List from which the

appointments were made is deemed to be the senior employee.

The Union County Sheriff's Office shall furnish the P.B.A. an updated seniority list in January and July of each year.

**ARTICLE XXIX**  
**TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT**

An injured or ill employee may request to be temporarily assigned to a duty other than his/her normal duty, subject to medical approval by the employee's doctor and the availability of suitable work. The ultimate determination whether or not to temporarily assign such an employee shall be in the sole discretion of the Sheriff.

**ARTICLE XXX**  
**SEMINAR/CONFERENCE PAYMENTS**

Pursuant to County Procedural Informational Bulletin 1-01-01, employees may apply for advance payment of registration and tuition fees, travel and lodging costs for pre-approved conferences, seminars, training and schooling.

**ARTICLE XXXI**  
**DURATION**

This Agreement shall become effective on January 1, 2021, except where otherwise indicated, and shall terminate on December 31, 2022. If either party desires to change this Agreement, it shall notify the other party in writing not less than sixty (60) days nor more than one hundred and twenty (120) days before the expiration date of this Agreement of the proposed changes and their desire to terminate this Agreement. If notice is not given as herein required, this Agreement will automatically be renewed for another year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures this 7 day of February, <sup>2023</sup>~~2022~~.

WITNESSETH:

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Peter Corvelli  
PETER CORVELLI

COUNTY OF UNION

Laura Scutari  
Laura Scutari  
Director, Administrative Services

By: Edward Oatman  
Edward Oatman  
County Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kathryn V. Hatfield, Esq.  
Kathryn V. Hatfield, Esq  
County Attorney

By: James Pelletiere  
James Pelletiere  
Clerk of the Board

POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT  
ASSOCIATION SHERIFF'S OFFICERS  
UNION COUNTY LOCAL NUMBER 108, INC.

By: Alex Poles  
Alex Poles,  
President

Richard Antonucci  
Richard Antonucci,  
Delegate

**EXHIBIT A**  
**SALARY GUIDE**

<b>FOR ALL EMPLOYEES</b>			
Employees who were on the post June 30, 2012 guide shall be placed on this guide. There shall be no change to how SOP is calculated			
	1/1/2020	1/1/2021	1/1/2022
		2.00%	2.00%
Start	\$41,864	\$42,701	\$43,555
Academy Grad.	\$48,700	\$49,674	\$50,667
1	\$59,131	\$60,314	\$61,520
2	\$63,995	\$65,275	\$66,580
3	\$68,865	\$70,242	\$71,647
4	\$73,734	\$75,209	\$76,713
5	\$78,598	\$80,170	\$81,773
6	\$82,525	\$84,176	\$85,859
7	\$87,482	\$89,232	\$91,016
8	\$97,206	\$99,150	\$101,133
9	\$98,793	\$100,769	\$102,784
(10Y SOP) 10	\$100,368	\$102,344	\$104,359
(15Y SOP) 11	\$101,368	\$103,344	\$105,359
(20Y SOP) 12	\$101,868	\$103,844	\$105,859

**EXHIBIT B**  
**RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS**

**(Employees hired on or prior to December 31, 2009)**

Effective September 1, 2006, there shall be a health insurance plan for employees covered by the recognition clause of the collective bargaining agreements, subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. Eligibility

Employees must have been actively employed with the County of Union (the "County") on or before December 31, 2009; and must retire on either a disability pension or retire having 25 years or more of service credit in the Police and Firemens' Retirement System ("PFRS") and at least 10 years of service with the County, or retire and reach the age of 62 years or older with at least 15 years of service with the County. This benefit will only be provided to those retirees and their dependents meeting the eligibility requirements who do not have health insurance coverage from another source that is substantially equivalent or better than the coverage provided hereunder, and eligible retirees shall cooperate in good faith with the County to verify that they are not receiving such substantially equivalent or better health insurance.

2. Description

This benefit shall consist of coverage under the Horizon PPO Health Insurance Plan. Prescription co-payments can be submitted to major medical for reimbursement subject to the limitations in the major medical plan. Employees hired on or prior to December 31, 2009 and their eligible dependents, are vested as to all eligibility criteria and benefits set forth in this Exhibit B. Any materials changes to this Exhibit B made pursuant to any future agreements with and/or arbitration and/or court proceedings involving the County and the PBA shall not be effective to change those employees' rights and benefits under this Exhibit B, provided such

health insurance coverage remains generally available in the insurance market at commercially reasonable rates.<sup>2</sup> If not generally available at commercially reasonable rates, then the County is obliged to provide such employees with a retirement benefit plan that is substantially equivalent or better than the coverage set forth in this Exhibit B. Provided such health insurance coverage remains generally available in the insurance market at commercially reasonable rates, these rights may only be changed as to each eligible employee with the express written consent of that specific employee eligible for benefits under this Exhibit B.

3. Health Benefit Buyout Option

Any retiree eligible to receive benefits or then receiving benefits under this Exhibit B, with either Family or Husband/Wife coverage in any of the available health benefits plans, may voluntarily opt out of that plan providing their spouse has either Family or Husband/Wife coverage either through the County or through another employer. In return for opting out, the County shall pay to the eligible retiree the sum of \$5,000.00 annually, to be paid in 26 installments over the next year. The \$5,000.00 sum shall be reduced to \$2,500.00 per annum upon the eligible retiree's reaching Medicare eligibility. The payments will be prorated if less than one year of the benefit is available. Eligible retirees opting out shall retain the right to re-enter the County's health benefit plan (as set forth in this Exhibit B) on a monthly basis. Upon re-entering the plan, payments for opting out shall cease. This benefit shall be discontinued if the County becomes self-insured.

4. Cessation of Subsidy

Upon implementation of the foregoing benefit, the County shall be obliged to pay the full

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<sup>2</sup> See footnote 1 above.

cost of health insurance premiums for qualifying retirees hereunder. Members receiving benefits under this Exhibit B shall not be eligible for or receive the subsidy provided in Exhibit C attached hereto.

**EXHIBIT C**  
**RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS**  
**(Employees hired on or after January 1, 2010)**

Effective January 1, 2010, there shall be a health insurance subsidy plan for employees, covered by the recognition clause of the collective bargaining agreement, subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. Eligibility

Employees must have been actively employed for the County of Union on or after January 1, 2010; and must retire on either a disability pension or after having reached the age of 55 years and having 25 years or more of service with the County, or retire and reach the age of 62 years or older with at least 15 years of service where the retirement has been shown to the satisfaction of the employer to have been necessitated by medical illness or disability of the employee. Employees who otherwise qualify for coverage but who retire before age 55, shall be entitled to receive coverage under this plan upon reaching age 55. This benefit will only be provided to those retirees meeting the eligibility requirements who do not have health insurance coverage from another source, and eligible retirees shall cooperate in good faith with the County to verify that no other source of health insurance coverage is provided for them.

2. Description

This benefit shall be applied to the Health Insurance Plan which is provided to members of the bargaining unit. The County reserves the right to change or modify plans at any time so long as the modified plan provides substantially similar coverage to that in effect for members of the bargaining unit.

3. Subsidy

Upon implementation of this benefit, the County shall be obliged to subsidize the cost of



health insurance premiums for qualifying retirees, as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>County's Subsidy</u>
Single, Under 65	\$189.67 per month
Single, Over 65	\$138.39 per month
H/W Under 65 P/C Retiree Family Under 65	\$540.58 per month
H/W Over 65	\$276.77 per month
H/W Retiree Over 65 H/W. Spouse Over 65	\$276.77 per month
Family Over 65	\$442.88 per month
Family Retiree Over 65 Family Spouse Over 65	\$477.85 per month
P/C Retiree Over 65	\$338.69 per month

The remaining cost of the County's Health Insurance Plan shall be borne by the Retiree.

4. Modifications

In the event that the amount of the County's contribution is subsequently reduced or even eliminated, the change in practice shall apply to those persons already retired. Similarly, in the event that the Health Insurance Plan is changed or modified in any way, the new plan shall apply to the retirees.

Effective January 1, 2022 all Sheriff Officers who do not receive retiree benefits pursuant to Exhibit B (those hired by the County as a full-time employee on or after January 1, 2010) shall not receive the stipend set forth in this Exhibit C but shall contribute 50% of the cost of the premium in retirement.

**EXHIBIT D**  
**AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** made this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, by and between the **County of Union** (herein the “**County**”) and the **Sheriff of the County of the Union** (herein the “**Sheriff**”) (collectively referred to herein as the “**County**”) and **[INSERT NAME OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE]** (herein the “**Employee**”), with the approval and consent of the **Policemen’s Benevolent Association, Sheriff’s Officers of Union County Local No. 108** (herein the “**PBA**”).

**WHEREAS**, the County and PBA are parties to a collective bargaining agreement (“**CBA**”) covering the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Employee is a member of the PBA bargaining unit covered by the CBA; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to obtain the agreement to enter into the CBA, the PBA agreed to substantial concessions including but not limited to all employees agreeing to have their 2005 wages frozen at those levels for 2006 and 2007 and to the elimination or modification of other valuable health insurance benefits as more particularly set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement (herein the “**Memorandum**”) dated September 14, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the PBA and Employee only agreed to such substantial concessions based upon the assurances from the County and the PBA that the retiree health insurance benefits set forth in the Memorandum were fully vested; and

**WHEREAS**, all parties hereto acknowledge that the Employee has relied to his or her detriment upon the aforesaid assurances and that the elimination, modification or other limitation upon the bargained-for retiree health insurance benefits, except in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Memorandum would constitute immediate, irreparable and substantial harm to the Employee and his/her dependents; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and PBA agree that the development of the guarantees set forth in this Agreement were bargained for in good faith within the meaning of the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act, N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 *et seq.* (herein the “**Act**”);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and undertakings herein set forth the parties agree as follows:

**WITNESSETH:**

1. The County agrees that the retiree health insurance benefits set forth in the Memorandum will not be changed.

2. The County agrees that the retiree health insurance benefits set forth in the Memorandum may only be changed as to the Employee and his/her eligible dependents with the written consent of the Employee.

3. The County agrees that any future collective bargaining agreement, sidebar agreement or other agreement or contract into which they may enter, whether written or oral, will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and that any provision of such future agreement which purports to change any terms or conditions of this Agreement shall be unenforceable as against the Employee and his/her dependents unless the Employee provides his/her written consent for such change(s).

4. The County agrees that good and valuable consideration was provided for the covenants and guarantees set forth in this Agreement and it is the intent of the County that this Agreement is fully enforceable according to its plan language and that it is construed in favor of the Employee and against the County.

5. This Agreement and its interpretation and performance shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey without giving effect to its conflicts of law rules.

6. All parties are bound by this Agreement and each of its provisions. Anyone who succeeds to their rights and responsibilities, such as their successors and assigns, as well as the Employee's heirs and the executor of his/her estates, also are bound. This Agreement is made for the benefit of all parties hereto and all who succeed to their rights and responsibilities, and expressly includes their officials, employees, agents, attorneys, successors and assigns.

7. This Agreement embodies the entire agreement between the County and Employee and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreement, representation or understanding, whether written or oral. This Agreement may not be modified except by written instrument executed by the County with the agreement of the Employee hereto.

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THEREFORE THE PARTIES HERETO SET THEIR HANDS THIS \_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_,  
2006.

COUNTY OF UNION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
George W. Devanney  
County Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ralph Froelich  
Sheriff

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST

\_\_\_\_\_  
[INSERT NAME], Employee

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS

**EXHIBIT E**

**RESOLUTION #1170-2005 – DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP**

SCHEDULE G

12/1/2005

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of New Jersey has found and declared that there are a sufficient number of individuals who live or work within this State who choose to live together in important personal, emotional and economic committed relationships with another individual of the same sex; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of New Jersey has also found that these familial relationships, which are known as domestic partnerships, as defined in N.J.S.A. 26:2A-11, assist the State by establishing a private network of support for the financial, physical and emotional health of the participants to domestic relationships; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Domestic Partnership Act, Chapter 246, P.L. 2003, County action was contemplated to extend the various pension, health and tax benefits to those employees and retirees of the County of Union in domestic partnerships; and

WHEREAS, because of the material and other support that these familial relationships provide to the participants, this Board seeks to extend all of the rights, privileges and obligations provided under the Domestic Partnership Act, Chapter 246, P.L. 2003 to a domestic partner of a resident or employee or retiree of the County of Union; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that it supports and adopts the policies set forth in the Domestic Partnership Act, Chapter 246, P.L. 2003, and as the employer hereby authorizes participation under the provisions of the Domestic Partnership Act, Chapter 246, P.L. 2003, and agrees to recognize the same-sex domestic partners of employees, as defined by the Act, as eligible for the same dependent benefits as are provided to a spouse under the State-administered pension funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County recognizes that by agreeing to provide eligibility to same-sex domestic partners, such eligibility shall apply to same-sex domestic partners of all employees and retirees enrolled in any and all of the State-administered pension funds through the County (PERS # 10100, 10101 & PERS # 72000, 72001, 72003); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that domestic partnerships must meet the requirements of the Domestic Partnership Act and a Certificate of Domestic Partnership, obtained from the State of New Jersey through application to the employee's Local Registrar, must be made available upon request of the County and/or the Division of Pensions and Benefits; and

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SUBJECT TO INCLUSION AND ADOPTION  
OF THE 2006 BUDGET  
*Frank P. Adams*  
12-1-05

RECORD OF VOTE																	
FREEHOLDER	Aye	Nay	Abs.	Pass.	Res.	Not	Corr.	NP	FREEHOLDER	Aye	Nay	Abs.	Pass.	Res.	Mul.	Exc.	NP
ESTRADA	X								SULLIVAN	X					X		
HOLMES	X								WARD								X
KOWALSKI	X								MIRABELLA VICE-CHAIRMAN	X							
MAPP	X								PROCTOR CHAIRMAN	X				X			
SCANLON	X						X										

  

APPROVED AS TO FORM <i>[Signature]</i> COUNTY ATTORNEY	I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union on the date above mentioned. <i>[Signature]</i> CLERK
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