

AGREEMENT

by and between

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
AND THE SUSSEX COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

AND

**PBA LOCAL No. 138
PROSECUTOR'S ASSOCIATION**

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PREAMBLE

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 12th day of March, 2008, by and between the Sussex County Prosecutor's Office and the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex, hereinafter referred to as "**Prosecutor**" or "**Employer**," and PBA Local No. 138, hereinafter referred to as "**Association**."

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor and the Association recognize that it will be to the benefit of both to promote mutual understanding and foster a harmonious relationship between the parties to the end that continuous and efficient service will be rendered to and by both parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1: RECOGNITION

The Sussex County Prosecutor's Office recognizes PBA Local 138 as the sole and exclusive representative of the Prosecutor's investigators/detectives below the rank of Lieutenant as covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2: EMPLOYEES' RIGHTS

Pursuant to Chapter 303, Public Law 1968, the Prosecutor hereby agrees that every employee shall have the right to freely organize, join, and support the Association and its affiliates for the purpose of engaging in collective negotiations and other concerted activities for mutual aid and protection. As an official exercising governmental power under the Laws of the State of New Jersey, the Prosecutor undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly discourage, deprive, or coerce any employee in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by Chapter 303, Public Law 1968, or other Laws of the State of New Jersey, or of the Constitution of New Jersey and of the United States.

The Prosecutor and Association further agree that they shall not discriminate against any employee with respect to hours, wages, or any terms or conditions of employment by reasons of his/her membership in the Association and its affiliates, his/her participation in any activities of the Association and its affiliates, collective negotiations with the Prosecutor or his/her institution of any grievance, complaint, or proceeding under this Agreement or otherwise with respect to any terms or conditions of employment, as prescribed by the Statutes of the State of New Jersey.

Departmental Investigations

In an effort to insure that departmental investigations are conducted in a manner which is conducive to good order and discipline, the following rules are hereby adopted:

1. The interrogation of an employee shall be at a reasonable hour, preferably when the employee is on duty, unless the exigencies of the investigation dictate otherwise.
2. The interrogation shall take place at a location designated by the Prosecutor or his/her designee.
3. The employee will be informed of the nature of the investigation before any interrogation commences. Sufficient information to reasonably apprise the employee of the allegations should be provided. If it is known that the employee is being interrogated as a witness only, he/she should be so informed at the initial contact.
4. The questioning will be reasonable in length.
5. The Prosecutor or his designee conducting the investigation shall afford reasonable opportunity for the employee, if he/she so requests, to consult with counsel and/or his /her PBA representative before and during any questioning concerning a violation of any criminal law or departmental rules and regulations. The employee shall be allowed to have a representative or counsel present during questioning if he/she so desires.
6. In cases other than departmental investigations, if an employee is under arrest or if he/she is a suspect or the target of a criminal investigation, he/she shall be given his/her right pursuant to law.
7. A targeted employee shall be notified of the findings and investigation results in writing within 25 calendar days of the conclusion of the Internal Affairs investigation.
8. Anytime a Detective is involved in a critical incident, which is defined as a shooting, near death experience, policing of fatal traffic crashes, or other situations involving significant human suffering, he/she has a right to immediate medical treatment, psychological treatment, and consultation with counsel, and a reasonable amount of time to give his report or account of the incident. Nothing in this clause is intended to hamper an investigation or incident and a timely report by the Detective involved.

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ARTICLE 3: MANAGEMENT'S RIGHTS

Section 1

The Prosecutor hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it prior to the signing of this Agreement by the Laws and Constitution of the State of New Jersey and the United States, including but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights:

- A. To the executive management and administrative control of the Office of the Prosecutor and its properties and facilities and the activities of its employees;
- B. To hire all employees and subject to the provisions of law, including N.J.S.A. 2A:157-10, et seq., to determine their qualifications and conditions for continued employment or assignment and to promote and transfer employees;
- C. To suspend, demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:157-10.1, and according to law;
- D. To promulgate rules and regulations, from time to time, that may effect the orderly and efficient administration of the Office of the Prosecutor. Proposed new rules or modifications of existing rules governing mandatory negotiable subjects shall be negotiated with the majority representative before they are established.

Section 2

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict the Prosecutor of his power, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities under R.S. 40 and R.S. 11A, or any other national, state, county, or local laws or ordinances.

ARTICLE 4: ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

The Prosecutor recognizes the right of the Association to designate representatives within the Department and alternates for the enforcement of this Agreement, provided that representatives and alternates do not exceed three (3) in number and that they are employees covered by this Agreement, or their (the Association's) attorneys.

The Association shall furnish the Prosecutor, in writing, the names of the representatives and of the alternates, and notify the Prosecutor of any changes.

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The authority of the representatives and alternates so designated by the Association shall be limited to, but shall not exceed, the following duties and activities:

- A. To investigate and participate in settling grievances.
- B. To transmit such messages and information which originates with, and is authorized by, the Association or its officers.
- C. The designated Association representatives shall be granted reasonable time off with pay during working hours to participate in grievance meetings as requested, and to attend all meetings and conferences on collective negotiations with Prosecutor officials. There shall be no overtime or compensatory time credited under this Section.
- D. Convention Leave: An Association representative required to attend a state or national convention or meeting for the State PBA shall provide the Prosecutor with a written and signed notice from the State PBA specifying the exact time and date of said convention or meeting. This notice should be provided at least two (2) weeks before the scheduled state or national convention or meeting, sooner, if possible. The representative shall lose no pay while attending the national convention or meeting. The Prosecutor reserves the right to rescind authorization to attend where circumstances warrant and/or exigent conditions dictate.

ARTICLE 5: HOURS OF WORK

Section 1

The regular weekly work schedule is 35 hours per week, which is broken down as five (5) contiguous days of work, usually 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at eight (8) hours per day, with one (1) hour for lunch. Effective July 1, 2008, the regular weekly schedule is 40 hours per week, which is broken down as five (5) contiguous days of work, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at eight (8) hours per day, with one half (1/2) hour for lunch. However, the Prosecutor is authorized to modify an employee's weekly work schedule as needed, upon seventy-two (72) hours' notice to the employee whenever possible, unless circumstances and/or exigent conditions dictate. The daily work schedule may be set as needed by the Prosecutor upon seventy-two (72) hours' notice to the employee. Employees shall notify their supervisor immediately upon knowledge of work obligations outside regular work hours.

Section 2

Employees scheduled by the Prosecutor to work in excess of their regular workday or workweek shall be compensated for all such hours worked at the rate of one and

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one-half times their regular hourly rate of pay, in time or cash, at the employee's option. The employee must opt for compensatory time or cash payment at the time of the submission of the overtime document. Compensatory time may accumulate up to a maximum of 120 hours. Compensatory time may be used in increments of one (1) hour or more.

Section 3

Employees recalled to duty on a day off or at a time not contiguous to one-half hour prior to or after the employee's regular workday shall receive pay for such duty at the overtime rate for a minimum of four (4) hours.

Section 4

Employees ordered to be on standby at a time other than during the employee's regular workday shall be compensated at the rate of \$40.00 per day. In the event an employee is ordered to be on standby on a holiday, the employee shall be compensated at the rate of \$60.00 per day. Employees ordered to be on standby must maintain a physical presence at a designated location and be available for immediate response. The Prosecutor shall give employees a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours' notice prior to ordering an employee to be on standby, wherever possible, unless circumstances and/or exigent conditions dictate.

ARTICLE 6: SALARIES

Salaries for employees covered by this Agreement shall be set forth in Appendix A, annexed.

Section 1

Employees shall be paid on a semi-monthly basis. There shall be two (2) payroll periods in each month. The first semi-monthly pay period is defined as the First (1st) of the month through the Fifteenth (15th) of the month. The second semi-monthly pay period will be the Sixteenth (16th) of the month through the last day of the month. Pay date shall be the 3rd of the month for the first semi-monthly pay period and the 18th of the month for the second semi-monthly pay period.

Section 2

In every year, annual salaries are divided by 1827 hours to determine the hourly rate. Likewise, the annual salary is divided by 261 to determine the daily rate of pay. Upon commencement of the 40-hour workweek, annual salaries shall be divided by 2088 hours to determine the hourly rate.

Section 3

In those cases when a payday—the 3rd or the 18th of the month—occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the paycheck shall be issued to the employee on the last workday preceding the aforementioned Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. In the event said last workday occurs in a prior reporting quarter, the paycheck shall be issued on the next workday occurring in the current quarter.

Section 4

Under the former biweekly payroll method, the Union recognized that employees hired after May 1991 were subject to a payroll delay of ten (10) workdays, which shall continue. These employees have previously had and will in the future have ten (10) workdays' pay held back from them. Under the semi-monthly method, as under the former biweekly payroll method, should an employee's last workday be a payday, the employee would be eligible for a credit of ten (10) workdays' pay. Should an employee's last workday not be a payday, then the last pay would be prorated accordingly.

Under the former biweekly payroll method, any employee hired on or before May 1991 received his/her payroll eight (8) workdays in advance of the completion of the period for which the employee was paid. With the semi-monthly payroll method, these employees continue to be paid eight (8) workdays in advance of the completion of the work period, e.g., the July 3rd paycheck covers the period July 1 through 15.

ARTICLE 7: OFF-DUTY ACTION

All employees covered by this Agreement who take any police action during his/her off-duty hours, that would have been taken by said employee on active duty, will be entitled to all rights and benefits provided by law. Compensation of time for said action will commence when the police action begins until the employee is released. Additionally, said employee must make every effort at the earliest possible time to receive approval for his/her action by their immediate supervisor.

ARTICLE 8: DEFENSE FOR MEMBERSSection 1

The County will provide insurance coverage to employees covered under this Agreement, protecting them from civil suits arising out of the performance of their duties, including, but not limited to the following: false arrest, malicious prosecution, libel, slander, defamation of character, violation of the right to privacy, invasion of the right of privileged occupancy, and the invasion of civil rights.

Section 2

Whenever an employee is a defendant in any action or legal proceeding arising out of and directly related to the lawful exercise of police powers in the furtherance of his official duties, the Prosecutor shall provide the investigator with the necessary means for the defense of such action or proceeding, as provided by law but not for his defense in a disciplinary proceeding instituted against him by the Prosecutor or in a criminal proceeding instituted as a result of a complaint on behalf of the Prosecutor. If any such disciplinary or criminal proceeding instituted by or on complaint of the Prosecutor shall be dismissed or finally determined in favor of the investigator, he/she shall be reimbursed for the reasonable expense of his/her defense, but not at a rate higher than that paid to County Counsel. (N.J.S.A. 2A:157-10.8). The employee shall be allowed to select an attorney of his choice provided the attorney accepts the hourly rate that the County pays to its outside attorneys pursuant to its contract of insurance under the same circumstances and, if required, receives insurance carrier approval.

Section 3

Should an employee covered by this Agreement be subpoenaed to appear in court in any action or legal proceeding arising out of or incidental to the performance of his/her duties, he/she shall be released from his/her duties as required by the subpoena and the courts, without loss of pay, if on a scheduled workday. If the employee is subpoenaed to appear outside of his/her regularly scheduled tour of duty, not including approved leave time such as a vacation or personal day off, he/she shall be paid time and one-half for the hours spent. If such occurs on approved leave time (e.g., personal day), payment for hours spent shall be at the straight time rate of pay. A written certification signed by the Department Head and the Judge involved is to be presented within five (5) days to the Administrator, Administration and Finance, before payroll action will be instituted.

ARTICLE 9: PERSONNEL FILES

A separate personnel history file shall be established and maintained for each employee covered by this Agreement which shall be confidential and which shall be maintained at the County Office of Employee Services. All personnel history files will be carefully maintained and permanently safeguarded, and nothing placed in any file shall be removed from the file without notification to the employee and except as provided herein or by operation of the law. Personnel history specifically related to investigative work, internal affairs investigations, background investigations, and any matter strictly within the purview of the County Prosecutor shall be maintained in a confidential file at the Prosecutor's Office.

Any member of the Prosecutor's Office may, by appointment, review his/her personnel file, but the appointment for review must be made through the Prosecutor

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or the Prosecutor's designated representative in the case of files maintained at the Prosecutor's Office or through the Director of the Sussex County Division of Administration for files maintained at the County Office of Employee Services. The Prosecutor shall advise the Association of the designated representative at the commencement of this Agreement.

Whenever a written complaint concerning an employee covered by this Agreement or his/her actions is to be placed in the employee's personnel file, a copy shall be provided to the employee, who shall be given the opportunity for rebuttal if he/she so desires, and the employee shall be permitted to place said rebuttal in the personnel file. In the event the employee is exonerated by a finding that the complaint is determined to be unfounded, the complaint shall be expunged from the personnel file.

The Prosecutor agrees to provide to employees a formal policy, in writing, of what constitutes a negative performance notice prior to the issuance of such a notice or the placement of such a notice in a personnel file.

Non-disciplinary, negative performance notices will be expunged from an employee's personnel file after five (5) years from their issuance, provided there are no violations of a similar nature within the five-year period.

ARTICLE 10: FUNERAL (BEREAVEMENT) LEAVE

Employees shall be entitled to up to five (5) workdays leave with pay to attend or make arrangements for a spouse or child. Employees shall be entitled to up to three (3) workdays leave with pay to attend or make arrangements for the funeral of other members of his/her immediate family, defined as and limited to parent, step-parent, step or foster child, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, and grandchild. Such leave is separate and distinct from any other leave time.

Should an employee need more bereavement time, it may be granted on a case-by-case basis, and the employee may request to use either vacation time or sick leave.

ARTICLE 11: TRAVEL AND MEAL EXPENSES

Employees required to travel as a result of departmental business shall receive compensation at the I.R.S. rate per mile if the employee must use his/her personal vehicle. This must be approved in advance by the Prosecutor or First Assistant Prosecutor.

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Lodging shall be provided at Prosecutor's expense (not to exceed the reasonable prevailing rate) if the assignment, including travel time, shall exceed twelve (12) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period.

Meals shall be reimbursed at a maximum of \$40.00 per day with no more than \$20.00 to be spent on breakfast.

ARTICLE 12: AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

Section 1

The County agrees to maintain in full force and effect liability insurance or self-insurance as provided by law on all vehicles owned or designated for use by the Prosecutor. This insurance shall provide coverage for anyone driving a vehicle owned by the County of Sussex with permission of the Prosecutor.

Section 2

Employees who do not hold a valid and current driver's license shall not drive.

ARTICLE 13: MILITARY LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Employees shall be entitled to a military leave of absence in accordance with Federal or State Law.

ARTICLE 14: EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Each employee may be evaluated at the discretion of the Prosecutor. A copy of said evaluation shall be provided to each employee as soon as possible but no later than ten (10) days of completion, and thereafter, placed in his/her personnel file.

Each employee shall have the right to respond and/or comment, in writing, with respect to his/her evaluation within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the evaluation by the employee. Such response shall also be placed in the employee's personnel file.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the dismissal, demotion, or reassignment of any employee regardless of the contents of his/her evaluations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:157-10.1 et. seq.

ARTICLE 15: OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

All employees holding outside employment may do so only with prior written approval of the Prosecutor.

ARTICLE 16: REASSIGNMENT OF WORK

Individual work assignments shall be made exclusively through the Section chain of command of the employee.

Reassignment of work shall be at the sole discretion of the Prosecutor or the Prosecutor's designee.

ARTICLE 17: TRAINING

Where possible, all avenues of training will be pursued and made available to all employees.

ARTICLE 18: BULLETIN BOARD

The Prosecutor will supply one (1) additional bulletin board for use by the Association, to be placed in a conspicuous location. The bulletin board shall be for the use of the Association for the posting of notices and bulletins pertaining to Association business and activities or matters dealing with the welfare of employees.

No matter may be posted without permission of the officially designated Association representative.

ARTICLE 19: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Definition: The term grievance as used herein means any controversy arising from the interpretation, application, or violation of policies, reduction in rank or seniority, agreements, administrative decisions which affect the terms and conditions of employment, including minor discipline beyond a written reprimand. It is understood by both parties that no employee shall be dismissed as a result of political affiliation.

Purpose: The purpose of this procedure is to secure at the lowest possible level an equitable solution to a problem which may arise affecting the terms and conditions

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of this Agreement. The parties agree that this procedure will be kept as informal as may be appropriate.

General Rules:

- a. Failure of an aggrieved party to pursue the grievance to the next step, in accordance with the time limits set forth herein, shall constitute an abandonment of the grievance, unless both parties agree to extend the time period(s).
- b. Time limits may be extended by written mutual consent of the parties.
- c. Failure of the Prosecutor to respond to a grievance within the time limit shall be deemed a denial of the grievance. The Prosecutor shall make every reasonable effort to respond to a grievance.
- d. Failure of the union to proceed to the next step within the time limit shall be deemed abandonment of the grievance and the decision of the Prosecutor shall be deemed the final and binding resolution of the grievance.

The following constitutes the sole and exclusive method of resolving grievances between the parties covered by this Agreement and shall be followed in its entirety unless any step is waived by mutual consent:

STEP ONE: Any employee or the Association having a grievance shall discuss the matter informally with any appropriate member of the departmental supervisory staff and have the grievance adjusted.

STEP TWO: An aggrieved employee or the Association representative shall institute action under the provisions hereof by submitting his/her grievance in writing within ten (10) calendar days after its occurrence, or ten (10) calendar days from the date on which the grievant should reasonably have known of its occurrence, to the Association representative and with a copy to the Prosecutor and/or his designee. To be timely and effective, the written grievance must state in reasonable detail the underlying facts, the alleged violation, and the remedies sought. Having completed this, an earnest effort shall be made to settle the differences between the aggrieved employee, the Association representative, and the Chief of Detectives for the purpose of resolving the matter informally. Failure to file his/her grievance in writing as aforesaid shall be deemed to constitute an abandonment of the grievance and shall bar the employee and Association representative from any right to proceed further with the grievance. The Chief of Detectives shall render a written decision within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the grievance. Failure to render such written decision within the time provided shall be deemed a denial of the grievance.

STEP THREE: In the event a satisfactory settlement has not been reached with the Chief of Detectives, the employee or the Association representative may appeal his/her grievance to the Prosecutor within ten (10) calendar days following receipt by the employee of the Chief of Detective's written decision or after ten (10) calendar days from the date the Chief of Detectives' response should have been due, should the Chief of Detectives fail to render such written decision within the time provided. Such appeal shall be in writing, signed by the aggrieved employee or an Association representative, and shall contain an explanation of the reasons for his/her dissatisfactions with the decision of the Chief of Detectives. The Prosecutor shall render a written decision within ten (10) calendar days from this receipt of the grievance. Failure to render such written decision within the time provided shall be deemed a denial of the grievance.

STEP FOUR: Grievances affecting the interpretation and application of the provisions of this Agreement, not settled through Step 1, 2, or 3 may be referred by the Association to the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) within thirty (30) calendar days after the determination by the Prosecutor or after thirty (30) calendar days from the date the Prosecutor's answer should have been due, should the Prosecutor fail to render such decision within the time provided. An Arbitrator shall be selected pursuant to the rules of PERC; however, no arbitration hearing shall be scheduled sooner than thirty (30) calendar days after the final decision by the Prosecutor.

Appointment of an Arbitrator will be consistent with the PERC guidelines. The Arbitrator appointed will hear the matter and render his/her award in writing. The costs for the services of the Arbitrator, including per diem expenses, if any, and actual and necessary travel, subsistence expenses and the cost of the hearing room shall be borne equally by both parties; except that a cancelling party shall be solely responsible for any late cancellation fees. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be in writing and binding as to each party.

Dismissal is not grievable.

ARTICLE 20: PBA DUES AND AGENCY SHOP

Section I: P.B.A. Dues

The Employer agrees to deduct in equal installments from the salary of each employee who becomes a member of the Association under this Agreement, Association dues when authorized in writing to do so by each Association member. The Employer shall remit the dues check to the Association when deducted. Individual authorization forms shall be filed by the Association with the appropriate business office of the Employer. The amount of monthly Association membership dues will be certified by the Association in writing to the Employer.

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Section 2

Any employee in the bargaining unit on the effective date of this Agreement who does not join the Association within thirty (30) days thereafter, any new employee who does not join within thirty (30) days of initial employment within the unit, and any employee previously employed with the unit who does not join within ten (10) days of re-entry into employment with the unit shall, as a condition of employment, shall pay a representation fee to the Association by automatic payroll deduction. The representation fee shall be in an amount equal to eighty-five (85%) percent of the regular Association membership dues, fees, and assessments, as certified to the Prosecutor by the Association. The Association may revise its certification of the amount of the representation fee at any time to reflect changes in the regular Association membership dues, fees, and assessments. The Association's entitlement to the representation fee shall continue beyond the termination date of this Agreement so long as the Association remains the majority representative of the employees in the unit, provided that no modification is made in this provision by a successor agreement between the Association and the Prosecutor.

Section 3

The Association agrees that it will indemnify and save harmless the Prosecutor against any and all actions, claims, demands, losses, or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) in any matter resulting from action taken by the County of Sussex at the request of the Association under this Article.

Section 4

An employee shall have the right to demand a return of his/her representation fee pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:13A5.6.

ARTICLE 21: VACATIONS

Section 1

All employees shall be granted vacation leave based upon the following from date of last hire:

- First Year – 1 Day per Month to End of Calendar Year
- Upon Completion of 1 through 5 Years - 12 days per year
- Upon Completion of 6 through 7 Years - 13 days per year
- Upon Completion of 8 through 11 Years - 15 days per year
- Upon Completion of 12 through 15 Years - 17 days per year
- Upon Completion of 16 through 20 Years - 21 days per year
- Upon Completion of 21 through 26 Years - 24 days per year
- Upon Completion of 27 or More Years - 26 days per year

A vacation day is equal to the number of hours in an employee's regular shift.

Anniversary Date: Should an employee whose anniversary date falls between January 1 and June 30 be eligible to receive increased vacation in accordance with the aforementioned schedule, he/she shall receive one-half the increased allotment for said year, and receive the full allotment January 1 of the following year. Should an employee's anniversary date fall between July 1 and December 31, he/she shall receive the increased allotment January 1 of the forthcoming year.

Section 2

Employees on the payroll as of January 1 of any calendar year shall, on that January 1, be credited in advance with vacation entitlement in accordance with the foregoing schedule, provided, however, that if the employee works less than twelve (12) months in the calendar year, he/she is entitled to a *pro rata* share of such vacation entitlement. An employee who has used more vacation time than he/she is entitled to at the time of severance shall have an amount equal to his/her daily rate at the time of severance deducted from his/her final pay for each day of vacation the employee has used in excess of the number of days to which he/she is entitled.

Section 3

Employees shall submit requests for vacation times of five (5) consecutive workdays or more to the Prosecutor or Prosecutor's designee in writing no later than four (4) weeks before his/her requested vacation, with first and second choices. The Prosecutor shall answer the request in writing within five (5) workdays. The requested vacation shall be scheduled where practical on the basis of seniority. Vacations of less than five (5) consecutive workdays should be requested in writing four (4) workdays, where possible, before the requested vacation leave. The Prosecutor should answer the request in writing no later than two (2) workdays before the requested vacation leave. The Prosecutor shall attempt to schedule work insofar as possible to preclude changes in the vacation scheduling. Vacation days may be taken in increments of one (1) hour or more.

Section 4

Vacation allowance must be taken during the current calendar year at such time as permitted or directed by the Prosecutor, unless the Prosecutor determines that it cannot be taken because of pressure of work, in which case a maximum of one-year's allotment may be carried forward into the next year. After the one-year carry-over period, any remaining carried-over vacation shall be paid in full to an employee if the employee requested but was not able to use that vacation because of department obligations. To be eligible for payment under this Section, an employee must make his/her request to use vacation time by September 1 of the year. If the employee does not do so, he/she shall forfeit any remaining days as of

the last day of the year. An employee may still use any vacation time remaining from September 1 through December 31 with the approval of the Prosecutor based upon the needs of the office.

Section 5

Any employee whose service with the Prosecutor terminates shall have unused vacation time paid to him/her, or the employee's legal representative in the event of his/her death.

ARTICLE 22: HOLIDAYS

Section 1

The fourteen (14) legal holidays presently observed shall continue to be observed under this Agreement:

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| New Year's Day | Labor Day |
| Martin Luther King's Birthday | Columbus Day |
| Lincoln's Birthday | Veterans' Day |
| Presidents' Day | Thanksgiving Day |
| Good Friday | Day After Thanksgiving |
| Memorial Day | Christmas Eve |
| Independence Day | Christmas Day |

When a holiday, as above, falls on a Saturday, it shall be observed on the preceding Friday. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, it shall be observed on the following day, Monday. When Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday it shall be observed on the preceding Friday. When Christmas falls on a Saturday it shall be observed on the following Monday.

Section 2

A day's holiday pay shall be equal to the employee's pay for his/her regularly-scheduled workday.

Section 3

An employee required by the Prosecutor to work on an observed holiday shall be paid double his/her regular rate of pay for hours worked on that day with a minimum guarantee of four (4) hours at double time.

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Any other holidays declared by the legally-constituted authorities of the County, Governor of the State of New Jersey or President of the United States will also be observed as a day off with pay or, if worked, paid as per Section 3, above.

ARTICLE 23: MEDICAL BENEFITS

Section 1

Employees whose regular workweek is at least thirty-five (35) hours or more are eligible for the following benefits:

Insurance under the Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey program offered by the County of Sussex as of March 1, 2004. The Traditional Plan and the PPO Plan shall not be offered to employees other than employees enrolled in the applicable plan as of the date of this Agreement. The following amendments shall take effect on the date of full execution of this Agreement:

- PPO/Direct Access:
 - Increase Physician Co-pays from \$5.00 to \$10.00.
 - Increase Emergency Room co-pays from \$25.00 to \$50.00.
 - Increase annual maximum out-of-pocket from \$800.00 to 1200.00.
- Traditional:
 - Increase annual single deductible from \$100.00 to \$200.00 and family coverage from \$200.00 to \$400.00.
 - Increase annual maximum out-of-pocket to \$800.00.
- There shall be no amendments to the POS.
- Prescription insurance shall be the MEDCO Program offered by the County of Sussex as of January 1, 2008. Plan amendments shall take effect on the date of full execution of this Agreement.

Prescription Drugs: The prescription program will have co-pays as follows:

- Generic (up to a 30-day supply): \$1.00
- Preferred Brand Name (up to a 30-day supply): \$10.00
- Non-preferred Brand Name (up to a 30-day supply) \$25.00



The co-pay for mail-order supplies (up to a 90-day supply) shall be twice the rate specified for the types of drugs listed above (\$2.00, \$20.00, \$50.00). Mail-order supply forms shall be available in the Office of Employee Services.

Out of pocket expenses for prescription co-payments shall be limited to \$2000 per individual and \$4000 per family per calendar year.

- Dental Program administered by Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey, Inc.

Notwithstanding other provisions of this Article, the employer reserves the right to change its Health Benefit Program and Administrator so long as equivalent benefits are provided and that prior to such change, the employer provides sixty (60) days' notice to the Association for the purpose of review and comparison of all benefit and coverage levels, usual and customary rates, and deductible charges. At the time of notice of change to the Association, the employer will provide summary plan documents for the current plan and plan documents for the proposed new plan.

Section 2

The plans include coverage for the employee and eligible immediate family members and are fully paid by the employer.

Section 3

Coverage shall begin the first of the month after two (2) months of employment, provided that the proper application is completed and filed timely with the Office of Employee Services.

Section 4

The employer will pay the premium charges for certain eligible retirees and their eligible dependents, including surviving spouses, for Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Major Medical Insurance described in Section 1 (including Rx), provided such persons retire from the employer after twenty-five (25) years or more of pension credits in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) or other State or Local Pension System or receive a disability retirement and provided such retirees apply for full coverage under Part B of the Federal Medicare Program, if the retiree meets the requirements; except that for service retirements, employees hired on or after January 1, 2008 must also have the last 20 years of service immediately prior to retirement with the County of Sussex. For employees hired on or after January 1, 2008, employer premium charges for eligible retirees, their eligible dependants and their eligible surviving spouse shall cease for the retiree upon having attained eligibility for the Federal Medicare Program and for the surviving spouse having attained eligibility for the Federal Medicare Program.

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Section 5

All rights, benefits eligibility requirements, etc., shall be governed by the applicable policy of insurance.

Section 6

Effective upon full execution of this Agreement, the County agrees to reimburse an employee or dependant up to \$50.00 for regular prescription corrective lenses or up to \$60.00 for bifocal or more complex prescription corrective lenses. Employees or dependants are eligible for a total of no more than one reimbursement each year. Receipts indicating amounts paid by health insurance, if any shall be submitted to the County to be eligible for reimbursement but the amount paid by the health insurance and the reimbursement shall not exceed 100% of the costs. Eligibility for this program shall begin after two months of employment for new employees and shall cease when the employee is no longer actively employed which includes, but is not limited to, leaves of absence, suspensions without pay, retirement/resignation, etc.

ARTICLE 24: SICK LEAVE

Sick Leave Policy shall be as set forth in the Sussex County Employee Handbook, Pages D103 to D110, adopted on July 28, 1999, and shall be effective upon execution of this Agreement. A sick day is equal to the number of hours in an employee's regular shift. Sick days may be taken in increments of one (1) hour or more.

Workers' Compensation Leave

Section 1

Notwithstanding the nature or severity, injuries/accidents that happen on the job shall be reported on the appropriate "Accident Report," preferably within twenty-four (24) hours. The Accident Report acts as a Workers' Compensation claim for medical expenses, loss of work, and/or loss or damage to personal appliances such as eyeglasses. Exposure to serious disease, for example, Lyme, rabies, Hepatitis, HIV or Tuberculosis, is reportable on the same Accident Report. If the injury or exposure requires medical attention, employees shall report to their supervisor and seek medical attention from any of the panel of physicians approved by the claims administrator, as posted on employee bulletin boards unless circumstances require emergency attention.

Section 2

Employees entitled to receive Workers' Compensation Insurance shall be paid their regular salary for the first five (5) days after injury on the job without charge against their sick leave, vacation time, or personal leave. The employees shall be responsible for providing the County with a medical certificate verifying that he/she is unable to return to full duty for those five (5) days.

Should the employee be unable to return to full duty after those five (5) days, she/he shall provide the County with a medical certificate. Should the Workers' Compensation Insurance carrier determine that he/she is eligible to receive Workers' Compensation Insurance payments retroactively, the employee shall reimburse the County for the five (5) days originally paid by the County.

Section 3

The time that the employee shall be paid Workers' Compensation Insurance payments shall not be charged against his/her sick leave, vacation leave, or personal leave, but said employee shall be paid for any holiday that may occur during the time that he/she is receiving Workers' Compensation benefits.

Section 4

During the time that an employee is receiving Workers' Compensation Insurance, the County shall assume both the County's share and the employee's share of pension costs (but not contributory insurance), as well as the costs for all medical benefits, excepting, however, if the employee fails to reimburse the County for contributory insurance.

ARTICLE 25: CLOTHING REIMBURSEMENT

Section 1

The Prosecutor agrees to provide new employees on the date of hire their initial uniform requirement, if any, as well as any and all equipment and accessories required by the Prosecutor.

Section 2

The Prosecutor shall provide uniforms, equipment, and accessories in accordance with the Prosecutor's specifications, heretofore signed by the parties and subject to change upon appropriate notice and discussion.

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Section 3

The employee shall at all times maintain the uniform (if required) in a proper, neat manner.

Section 4

The Prosecutor agrees to replace any items provided by the Prosecutor that are damaged or destroyed in the line of duty, as certified by the Prosecutor or its designee. All other replacements shall be the responsibility of the employee.

Section 5

Employees shall receive the following maintenance allowance for uniform upkeep on the first pay period following February 1 of each year.

Effective 1-1-08:	\$200
Effective 1-1-09:	\$250
Effective 1-1-10:	\$300
Effective 1-1-11:	\$350

ARTICLE 26: EDUCATION BENEFIT

Employees covered by this Agreement are entitled to apply for any educational benefits offered by the County of Sussex.

ARTICLE 27: LAYOFFS

Section 1

The Prosecutor may lay off employees for bona fide economic reasons. The Prosecutor agrees that employee layoffs for bona fide economic reasons shall be on the basis of seniority, in inverse order, beginning with temporary help, then probationary employees, and lastly, permanent employees. In no instance shall permanent employees be laid off while part-time employees are retained. In all cases, the Prosecutor shall provide proper written notice to employees to be laid off, forty-five (45) calendar days in advance.

Section 2

In the event an employee is laid off, he/she shall have first consideration for re-employment at such time that the position is again available, with the understanding that the Prosecutor shall make all final decisions as to rehiring.

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Section 3

In the event the employee is re-employed after layoff, he/she shall be re-employed with all benefits that he had prior to layoff, provided under the law.

ARTICLE 28: SEVERANCE PAY

The Prosecutor agrees to pay severance pay to the extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE 29: NO WAIVER

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, failure to enforce any provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver thereof.

This Agreement is not intended and shall not be construed as a waiver of any right or benefit to which either party is entitled by law.

ARTICLE 30: NO STRIKE CLAUSE

Section 1

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

Section 2

In the event of a strike, slowdown, walkout, or other job action, it is covenanted and agreed that participation in any such activity by an Association member shall entitle the Prosecutor to invoke the following:

1. Withdrawal of dues and deduction of privileges and
2. Such activity shall be deemed grounds for termination of employment of such employee(s).

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Section 3

The Association will actively discourage, prevent, or terminate any strike, work stoppage, slowdown, walkout, or other job action against the Prosecutor.

Section 4

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or restrict the Prosecutor in its right to seek and obtain such judicial relief as it may be entitled to have in law or in equity for injunction or damages in the event of such breach by the Association or its members.

Section 5

The Prosecutor agrees that there shall be no lockout of employees during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 31: SAVINGS CLAUSE

It is understood and agreed that if any portion of this Agreement or the application of this Agreement to any person or circumstance shall be invalidated by statute, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

If any such provisions are so invalidated by statute, the Prosecutor and the Association will meet for the purpose of negotiating changes made necessary by the applicable laws.

ARTICLE 32: DURATION

This Agreement shall be effective January 1, 2008, and shall continue in full force and effect until December 31, 2011, or until a new contract is executed.

ARTICLE 33: LONGEVITY

Section 1

An employee with five (5) years of continuous service is entitled to longevity compensation. To be eligible for longevity, an employee must be full time. Years

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of completed service shall be computed on a full calendar year from January 1st to December 31st, in accordance with the following schedules (schedule based upon full-time employment):

Effective 07-01-08:

5 through 9 Years	=	\$700.00
10 through 14 Years	=	\$800.00
15 through 19 Years	=	\$950.00
20 through 24 Years	=	\$1200.00
25 Years or More	=	\$1400.00

Effective 01-01-09:

5 through 9 Years	=	\$750.00
10 through 14 Years	=	\$850.00
15 through 19 Years	=	\$1000.00
20 through 24 Years	=	\$1250.00
25 Years or More	=	\$1450.00

Effective 01-01-10:

5 through 9 Years	=	\$800.00
10 through 14 Years	=	\$900.00
15 through 19 Years	=	\$1050.00
20 through 24 Years	=	\$1350.00
25 Years or More	=	\$1550.00

Effective 01-01-11:

5 through 9 Years	=	\$850.00
10 through 14 Years	=	\$950.00
15 through 19 Years	=	\$1100.00
20 through 24 Years	=	\$1450.00
25 Years or More	=	\$1650.00

Section 2

Effective July 1, 2008, longevity payments will be made part of an employee's base pay for all purposes and paid to employees in equal installments with the regular payroll cycle and shall be subject to pension contributions. Contractual wage increases shall not increase the longevity rates. On or before July 18, 2008, each employee will receive a lump sum payment for 1/2 their level of longevity as payment from January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

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ARTICLE 34: PERSONAL LEAVE

Each employee covered by this agreement shall receive each January 1, three (3) personal days. A personal day is equal to the number of hours in an employee's regular shift. Personal days may be used in 1 hour increments or more.

ARTICLE 35: SENIORITY

Section 1

For purposes of scheduling benefit leave time (vacation, holiday, personal, and compensatory), seniority is defined as the time since the employee's date of hire as a Prosecutor's Investigator. Employee seniority shall be used in scheduling benefit leave time, providing the remaining employees have the skills and ability to perform the work as determined by the Prosecutor. For seniority to be used, requests must be made sixty (60) days in advance.

Section 2

The opportunity for overtime related to special non-recurring programs and details outside of regular assignments, shall be offered by seniority, as defined in Section 1, on a rotating basis.

ARTICLE 36: OUT-OF-TITLE PAY

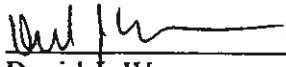
If an employee is named as acting supervisor by the Prosecutor, such employee will be paid the same salary as the lowest paid Sergeant after fifteen (15) days of serving as acting supervisor, and shall thereafter be paid in that capacity until such time as the employee is no longer serving in the capacity of acting supervisor.

ARTICLE 37: SAFETY

A new Union/Management Safety Committee shall be established consisting of up to three (3) Union-appointed representatives and up to three (3) Management representatives. Said committee shall meet at least four (4) times per year. Additional meetings may take place at the request of either the Union or Management.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have, by their duly-authorized representatives and officers, executed this Agreement on this 12th day of March, 2008.

SUSSEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR:



David J. Weaver

PBA LOCAL 138,
PROSECUTOR'S ASSOCIATION



Thomas Ellis

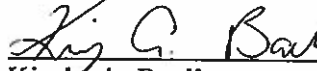


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COUNTY OF SUSSEX:



Harold J. Wirths, Freeholder Director



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Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk of the Board 3/12/08

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Appendix A
SALARIES

Step*	Current	1/1/2008	7/1/2008	1/1/2009	1/1/2010	1/1/2011
			40 hr. adjust.			
Pre Academy	\$25,000	NA				
Post Academy	\$33,280	\$34,528	\$39,461	\$40,940	\$42,476	\$44,068
Step 1	\$37,960	\$39,384	\$45,010	\$46,698	\$48,449	\$50,266
Step 2	\$41,600	\$43,160	\$49,326	\$51,175	\$53,095	\$55,086
Step 3	\$43,680	\$45,318	\$51,792	\$53,734	\$55,749	\$57,840
Step 4	\$45,760	\$47,476	\$54,258	\$56,293	\$58,404	\$60,594
Step 5	\$47,640	\$49,427	\$56,487	\$58,606	\$60,803	\$63,084
Step 6	\$49,720	\$51,585	\$58,954	\$61,164	\$63,458	\$65,838
Step 7	\$51,400	\$53,328	\$60,946	\$63,231	\$65,602	\$68,062
Step 8	\$62,200	\$64,533	\$73,751	\$76,517	\$79,386	\$82,363
Det. II**	\$63,700	\$66,089	\$75,530	\$78,362	\$81,301	\$84,350
Det. I**	\$66,700	\$69,201	\$79,087	\$82,053	\$85,130	\$88,322
DSG**	\$72,116	\$74,820	\$85,509	\$88,716	\$92,042	\$95,494
DSGFC**	\$78,748	\$81,701	\$93,373	\$96,874	\$100,507	\$104,276
All Officers on Pre-Academy Step will move effective January 1, 2008 to the new Post-Academy Step.						
The new Step shall be called "Academy Step" and the Pre-Academy Step shall be eliminated. *Employees shall advance to the next Step on January 1 of each succeeding year. **Attained by promotion.						