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Mercer County Bd. of Chosen
Between Freeholders
The Mercer County Sheriff

And

P.B.A. Local 187

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement, dated July 14, 1981, between THE COUNTY OF MERCER, a body politic of the State of New Jersey, Gilbert W. Lugossy, Sheriff, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer," and P.B.A. LOCAL 187, hereinafter referred to as the "Union."

WHEREAS, the County has voluntarily endorsed the practices and procedures of collective bargaining as a fair and orderly way of conducting its relations with its employees, insofar as such practices and procedures are appropriate to the functions and obligations of the County to retain the right to effectively operate in a responsible and efficient manner and are consonant with the paramount interests of the County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize that this Agreement is not intended to modify any of the discretionary authority vested in the County and/or Sheriff by the statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Agreement to provide, where not otherwise mandated by statute or ordinance, for the salary structure, fringe benefits, and employment conditions of employees covered by this Agreement, to prevent interruptions of work and interference with the efficient operations of the County and to provide an orderly and prompt method for handling and processing grievances;

WHEREAS, the Employer and the Union entered into an Agreement on _____, which Agreement was approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Mercer.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree with each other as follows:

1.

RECOGNITION

1.1 The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and/or exclusive bargaining agent for the purpose of establishing salaries, wages, hours, and other conditions of employment for all of its employees in the classifications listed under Appendix A hereto, and by reference made a part of this Agreement, and for such additional classification as the parties may later agree to include.

2.

UNION SECURITY

2.1 Upon receipt of a lawfully executed written authorization from an employee, the Employer agrees to deduct the regular monthly union dues of such an employee from his pay and remit such deduction by the tenth day of the succeeding month to the official designated by the Union in writing to receive such deductions. The Union will notify the Employer in writing of the exact amount of such regular membership dues to be deducted. Such deductions shall be made in compliance with "Title 52 of the Revised Statutes" as amended. The authorization shall remain in effect unless terminated by the employee who must give written notice of such cancellation (notice of withdrawal) to the Employer and the Union. Such termination of dues deductions shall take place as of the January 1st or July 1st next succeeding the date on which written notice of withdrawal is filed by an employee with the Employer and the Union.

2.2 The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless against any and all claims, suits, orders of judgments brought or issued against the Employer as a result of any action by the Employer under the provisions of this Article.

3.

WORK SCHEDULES

3.1 The regular work shifts will be determined by the Employer on January 1 of each year. The Employer reserves the right to adjust work schedules and/or work shifts upon reasonable notice to the employee. Work shifts shall consist of thirty-five (35) hours per week, or seven (7) hours per day, excluding lunch.

3.2 The Employer shall have the right to designate each employee's lunch hour on a day-to-day basis. However, the Employer shall make reasonable efforts to minimize the interference with an employee's lunch hour.

4.

OVERTIME

4.1 Time and one-half the employee's regular rate of pay shall be paid for work under any of the following conditions, but compensation shall not be paid twice for the same hours:

a. Daily. All work performed in excess of seven (7) hours in any work day;

b. All work performed on Saturdays and Sundays.

c. All work performed on authorized holidays plus the regular day's pay.

4.2 Double time the employee's regular rate of pay shall be paid for any work in excess of sixteen (16) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period.

4.3 Overtime opportunities will be distributed as equally as possible among employees in the same job classification and department. It is understood that nothing in this clause shall require payment for overtime hours not worked.

4.4 Provision of meals for employees working overtime through a regularly scheduled meal time with the stipulation that the employee has worked four (4) hours overtime, or if the employee is called in on an emergency basis before his starting time and works through the regular meal hour at the rate of \$4.50, \$6.50, or \$12.50 for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, respectively. On those occasions when an employee is assigned out of the County on a matter that requires his remaining outside of the County during lunch time, he shall be reimbursed for lunch costs up to \$6.50.

4.5 On those occasions when an employee is assigned out of the County on a matter that requires his remaining for more than one day, he shall be entitled to one-and-one-half (1-1/2) times his regular rate of pay for that portion of each day between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. of the following morning. In addition, the employee shall be allowed expenses for lodging and food not to exceed \$80.00 per day.

4.6 Overtime pay shall be computed on the basis of the employee's base pay divided by 1,827 hours. Wherever practical, overtime shall be paid the pay period next following the reporting of the overtime worked.

5.

PAY SCALES OR RATES OF PAY

5.1 The 1981 pay scales for all employees covered by this Agreement shall be as set forth in Appendix A attached, and the 1982 pay scales for all employees covered by this Agreement shall be as set forth in Appendix B attached.

5.2 During the term of this Agreement, the pay scales will not be changed unless by mutual consent of the Employer and the Union.

5.3 All employees covered by this Agreement, hired prior to January 1, 1980, shall have their salaries increased during calendar years 1981 and 1982 as follows:

a. Effective January 1, 1981, eight (8) percent on their base annual salaries as of December 31, 1980.

b. Effective July 1, 1981, \$200 on their base annual salaries as of June 30, 1981, not to exceed the maximum of the range as set forth in Appendix A.

c. Effective January 1, 1982, nine (9) percent on their base annual salaries as of December 31, 1981.

d. Effective July 1, 1982, \$200 on their base annual salaries as of June 30, 1982, not to exceed the maximum of the range as set forth in Appendix B.

5.4 All employees covered by this Agreement, hired during the period January 1, 1980, through December 31, 1980, shall have their salaries increased during calendar years 1981 and 1982 as follows:

a. Effective upon the completion of one (1) year's employment in the Sheriff's Office or the completion of Police Training Academy, eight (8) percent on their base annual salaries.

b. Effective January 1, 1982, nine (9) percent on their base annual salaries as of December 31, 1981.

c. Effective July 1, 1982, \$200 on their base annual salaries as of June 30, 1982, not to exceed the maximum of the range as set forth in Appendix B.

5.5 All employees covered by this Agreement, hired during the period January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1981, who successfully completed Police Training prior to December 31, 1981, shall have their salaries increased during calendar years 1981 and 1982 as follows:

a. Effective upon the completion of Police Training Academy, eight (8) percent on their base annual salaries.

b. Effective January 1, 1982, nine (9) percent on their base annual salaries as of December 31, 1981.

c. Effective July 1, 1982, \$200 on their base annual salaries as of June 30, 1982, not to exceed the maximum of the range as set forth in Appendix B.

5.6 All employees covered by this Agreement, hired during the period January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1981, who do not successfully complete Police Training Academy prior to December 31, 1981, shall have their base annual salaries adjusted during calendar year 1982 as follows:

a. Effective upon the completion of one year's employment in the Sheriff's Office or the completion of Police Training Academy, nine (9) percent on their base annual salaries.

5.7 All employees covered by this Agreement, hired during the period January 1, 1982, through December 31, 1982, shall receive the minimum of their job classification as set forth in Appendix B, effective their date of hire.

a. All employees covered by this Agreement, hired during the period January 1, 1982, through December 31, 1982, who successfully complete Police Training Academy prior to December 31, 1982, shall have their base annual salaries increased by nine (9) percent, effective upon the completion of Police Training Academy.

b. All employees covered by this Agreement, hired during the period January 1, 1982, through December 31, 1982, who do not successfully complete Police Training Academy prior to December 31, 1982, shall not be eligible for a salary increase in 1982.

5.8 Those Sheriff's Officers functioning in the capacity of Sergeants-at-Arms shall receive \$960 over and above their base salaries for calendar years 1981 and 1982. Those Sheriff's Officers designated as Detectives per Appendix C and only while they continue to serve as detectives, shall receive \$600 over and above their base salaries for calendar years 1981 and 1982.

5.9 Any officer who performs work in the capacity of Sheriff's Officer Sergeant or Sheriff's Officer Sergeant-at-Arms shall receive the higher rate of pay for such work for the time it is performed. Those officers designated as Acting Sheriff's Officer Sergeants shall receive an amount equal to five (5) percent above their current salary; and those officers designated as Sheriff's Officer (Acting Sergeant-at-Arms) shall receive a prorated share of the \$960 annual stipend paid to Sheriff's Officers (Sergeants-at-Arms).

6.

CALL-IN TIME

6.1 Any employee who is requested and returns to work during periods other than his regularly scheduled shift shall be paid time-and-one-half for such work and is guaranteed not less than four (4) hours pay at the overtime rate, provided, however, if the employee elects to leave upon completion of the work assignment and such assignment requires two (2) hours or less, said employee will be paid a minimum of two (2) hours at the overtime rate.

If the assignment exceeds two (2) hours, the employee shall be entitled to the guaranteed four (4) hours pay at the overtime rate.

When an employee's call-in time work assignment and his regular shift overlap, said employee shall not be paid two (2) hours overtime in addition to his regular day's pay but shall be paid in the following manner:

a. Time-and-one-half the employee's regular hourly rate of pay for the first two (2) hours worked.

b. For the balance of the employee's regularly scheduled shift, he shall be compensated at his regular hourly straight time rate of pay.

7.

INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS

7.1 The Employer agrees to provide hospital/medical insurance through the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program to eligible employees and their families as defined in the program to be paid for employee and family by the Employer at no cost to the employee.

7.2 The Employer agrees to provide retirement benefits in accordance with applicable New Jersey Statutes.

7.3 On those occasions when an employee is required to use a regularly scheduled airline in the performance of his duties, the Employer shall provide flight insurance in the amount of \$100,000.

7.4 The Employer agrees to provide a \$2.50 co-payment Prescription Drug Program to eligible employees and their families in the unit in accordance with the provisions of the contractual agreement between the County of Mercer and Blue Cross of New Jersey. Eligible employees, for the purposes of this Program, shall be defined as all full-time permanent employees only.

7.5 The Employer agrees to provide for the payment of accumulated unused sick leave at the time of retirement of an eligible County employee in accordance with the provisions established by Resolution Number 76-405, adopted September 14, 1976.

7.6 The Employer agrees to supply to the Union copies of all existing or future liability or other insurance policies which affect said employees.

7.7 The Employer agrees to provide a Dental Insurance Program to eligible employees and their families, the premium costs for said program to be paid for by the Employer. Eligible employees, for the purposes of this Program, shall be defined as all full-time permanent employees only.

8.

PAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

8.1 Bereavement Days. In the event of the death of a member of the immediate family of any employee covered by this Agreement, the immediate family being mother, father, sister, brother, spouse, child, mother-in-law, father-in-law, or any other relative living in the household of the employee, said employee shall be excused for a period not to exceed five (5) consecutive days for bereavement purposes, commencing the day of death or day after date of death. In the event of the death of a grandparent or grandchild not living in the household of the employee, said employee shall be excused for a period not to exceed one (1) day. The employee will be paid his regular hourly rate for any such days of excused absence which occur during his normal work week, but in no event more than seven (7) hours pay for any one day.

8.2 Union Business Days. An employee who is duly authorized in writing to be a representative of the Union shall be granted a leave of absence with pay for the time necessary to conduct Union business. The Union shall designate no more than four (4) employees to serve as Union representatives who shall be allowed an aggregate of no more than forty (40) days in any calendar year.

The Union president, or his designee, shall be allowed such time off as is necessary to conduct Union business during the course of the normal working day, provided that prior approval is requested and authorization is granted by the Sheriff. Such authorization shall not be unreasonably denied.

8.3 Occupational Injury Leave. Any permanent employee who is disabled because of occupational injury or disease shall be granted a leave of absence with full pay. Any amount of salary or wages paid to such an employee for disability leave shall be reduced by the amount of Workers' Compensation paid under the New Jersey Workers' Compensation Act, for temporary disability. Such leave shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) months from the date of injury or illness, or until temporary disability compensation payments terminate, whichever is sooner. In the event that such disability shall be the result of an assault and/or battery committed against the employee by any person or persons in his custody or being pursued by the employee, then the maximum of six (6) months shall be extended to eighteen (18) months. Employees returning from authorized leave of absence will be restored with no loss of seniority or other employee rights, privileges, or benefits.

Any temporary, provisional, or CETA employee who is disabled as a result of occupational injury or illness shall not be entitled to a leave of absence with full pay as outlined above, but shall be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law from date of injury or illness.

8.4 Sick Leave. All full-time permanent, full-time temporary or full-time provisional employees shall be entitled to sick leave with pay.

a. Sick leave may be utilized by employees when they are unable to perform their work by reason of personal illness, maternity, accident, or exposure to contagious disease. Sick leave may also be utilized for short periods for the attendance by the employee upon a member of the immediate family who is seriously ill. Sick leave may be taken in one-half day units.

b. The minimum sick leave with pay shall accrue to any full-time permanent employee on the basis of one working day per month during the remainder of the first calendar year of employment after initial appointment and fifteen (15) working days in every calendar year thereafter, said fifteen (15) days to be credited effective January 1 of each succeeding year.

c. The minimum sick leave with pay shall accrue to any full-time temporary, full-time provisional, or full-time CETA employee at the rate of one working day per month as earned.

d. Any amount of sick leave allowance not used in any calendar year shall accumulate to the employee's credit from year to year to be used if and when needed for such purpose.

e. An employee shall not be reimbursed for accrued sick leave at the time of termination of his employment excepting as provided under Article entitled, "Insurance and Retirement Benefits," Paragraph 7.5.

f. If an employee is absent for reasons that entitle him to sick leave, the employee's supervisor shall be notified prior to the employee's starting time or in conformance with department regulations.

(1) The Employer may require proof of illness of an employee on sick leave, whenever such requirements appear reasonable. Abuse of sick leave shall be cause for disciplinary action.

(2) In case of leave of absence due to exposure to contagious disease, a certificate from the Department of Health shall be required.

(3) The Employer 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 Employer by the County Medical Examiner or by a physician designated by the Medical Examiner. Such examination shall establish whether the employee is capable of performing his normal duties without limitations and that his return will not jeopardize the health of the other employees.

g. Part-time temporary, part-time provisional, seasonal, or hourly paid employees shall not be entitled to sick leave.

h. Sick leave credits shall continue to accrue while an employee is on leave with pay. Credits shall not accrue while an employee is on any leave without pay except active military leave.

8.5 Personal Leave. All permanent employees covered by the provisions of this Agreement shall be entitled to three (3) days per year leave of absence with pay for personal business which may be taken in one-half day units. Said leave shall not be taken unless seventy-two (72) hours notice thereof has been given to the employee's supervisor. In the event of an emergency, said 72 hours notice need not be given; however, authorization by the employee's supervisor shall be required. The Employer reserves the right to deny requests for personal days as conditions warrant but authorization shall not be unreasonably withheld. Personal days shall not be taken in conjunction with vacation or sick leave.

9.

NON-PAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

9.1 An employee shall be entitled to a leave of absence without pay to accept a permanent appointment with another governmental agency for a period not to exceed the probationary period for such position, or a period of four (4) months, whichever is lesser.

9.2 The Employer will grant leaves of absence to two (2) employees to accept full-time Union employment in conformance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Sixty (60) days notice shall be given to the Employer by an employee requesting such leave.

9.3 All other leaves of absence without pay shall be at the discretion of the Employer.

9.4 Employees returning from authorized leaves of absence as set forth above will be restored to their original classifications at the then appropriate rate of pay with no loss of seniority or other employee rights, privileges, or benefits, provided, however, that sick leave, vacation leave, and longevity credits shall not accrue except for those on military leave.

10.

SENIORITY

10.1 Seniority is defined as an employee's continuous length of service with the Sheriff's Office, beginning with the date of appointment as a permanent Civil Service employee, Sheriff's Officer.

10.2 The Employer shall maintain an accurate, up-to-date seniority roster showing each employee's date of hire, classification, and pay rate and shall furnish copies of same to the Union upon request.

10.3 The Employer shall promptly advise the appropriate Union representative of any changes which necessitate amendments to the seniority list.

11.

HOLIDAYS

11.1 The following days are recognized paid holidays whether or not worked:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Columbus Day
Lincoln's Birthday	General Election Day
Washington's Birthday	Veteran's Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Day After Thanksgiving
Independence Day	Christmas Day

All other holidays formally declared by resolution of the Board of Freeholders.

11.2 Holidays enumerated in the paragraph above which fall on a Saturday shall be celebrated on the preceding Friday; holidays which fall on a Sunday shall be celebrated on the following Monday; holidays which fall within an employee's vacation period shall not be charged as vacation time.

11.3 In order to be eligible for holiday pay, an employee must be on the active payroll of the Employer and must have worked his full regularly scheduled workday before and after the holiday, or if absent, such absence must be authorized.

12.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

12.1 A grievance is defined as a dispute between the parties involving the application, meaning, or interpretation of this Agreement and shall be handled in the following manner in order to ensure their fair and expeditious handling.

Step One: The Union grievance committeeman shall take up the grievance or dispute with the Sheriff within ten (10) days of its occurrence. The Sheriff shall then attempt to adjust the matter and shall respond to the committeeman in writing within three (3) working days.

Step Two: If the grievance has not been settled to the employee's satisfaction, it shall be presented in writing by the committeeman to the County Administrator or his designee within seven (7) days after the Sheriff's response is due. The County Administrator or his designee shall respond in writing to the Union president or his designated representative within three (3) working days.

Step Three: If the grievance is still unsettled, the Union may, within three (3) days after the reply of the County Administrator or his designee is due, by written notice to the County Administrator or his designee, shall request the Public Employment Relations Commission to supply the parties with a panel of arbitrators. The arbitrator shall be selected by the parties in accordance with the rules promulgated by the Public Employment Relations Commission. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties, it being expressly understood that such binding arbitration is limited exclusively to disputes involving the application, meaning, or interpretation of this Agreement.

12.2 The Employer agrees to give reasonable consideration to a request by the Union for meetings to discuss grievance pending at Steps One and Two above.

12.3 Expenses for the arbitrator's services and the proceedings shall be paid by the losing party to the arbitrator. However, each party shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives, witnesses, and attorney. If either party desires a verbatim record of the proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made, providing it pays for the record.

12.4 The Union will notify the Employer in writing of the names of its employees who are designated by the Union to represent employees under the grievance procedure. Two (2) of its employees so designated by the Union will be permitted to confer with other Union representatives, during working hours without loss of pay, provided, however, all employees shall secure the permission of their immediate supervisor, which permission shall not unreasonably be withheld.

12.5 Representatives of the Union, who are not employees previously accredited to the Employer in writing by the Union, shall be permitted to come on the premises of the employer for the purpose of investigating and discussing grievances, so long as such right is reasonably exercised and there is no undue interference with work progress, provided, however, they first obtain permission to do so from the employee's department director or his designated representative, permission for which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

13.

DISCIPLINE/DISCHARGE

13.1 It is expressly understood that the Employer shall have the right to discipline any employee; however, the Employer agrees that it shall not discipline or discharge any employee covered by the terms of this Agreement without just cause.

13.2 Any employee so disciplined or discharged shall have the right to appeal the outcome of a disciplinary action. This appeal may be made either to the Civil Service Commission or to binding arbitration (in accordance with the Article of this Agreement entitled "Grievance Procedure"). It is expressly understood that an employee shall only be entitled to one avenue of appeal and, furthermore, that any employee exercising his right of appeal to the Civil Service Commission waives his right to arbitration and, conversely, that any employee exercising his right of appeal to arbitration waives his right to appeal to Civil Service.

14.

SAFETY AND HEALTH

14.1 The Employer shall at all times maintain safe and healthful working conditions and will provide employees with wearing apparel, tools, or devices deemed necessary in order to ensure their safety and health. When such materials are issued, they shall be used.

14.2 The Employer and the Union shall each designate a safety committee member and two alternates. It shall be the joint responsibility of the members or their alternates to investigate and correct unsafe and unhealthful conditions. The members or their alternates shall meet periodically as necessary to review conditions in general and to make recommendations to either or both parties when appropriate. The safety committee member representing the Union or one of his alternates, with the approval of the Employer, shall be permitted reasonable opportunity to visit work locations throughout the Employer's facilities for the purpose of investigating safety and health conditions during working hours with no loss of pay.

15.

EQUAL TREATMENT

15.1 The Employer agrees that there shall be no discrimination or favoritism for reasons of sex, age, nationality, race, religion, political affiliation, political activities, Union membership, or Union activities.

15.2 The Employer and the Union agree not to interfere with the right of employees to become or not to become members of the Union and further that there shall be no discrimination or coercion against any employee because of Union membership or non-membership.

16.

WORK RULES

16.1 The Employer may establish reasonable and necessary rules of work and conduct for employees. Such rules shall be equitably applied and enforced.

17.

ANNUAL VACATION LEAVE

17.1 All full-time permanent employees shall be entitled to vacation leave based on their years of continuous service. Periods on a leave of absence without pay except military leave shall be deducted from an employee's total continuous service for purposes of determining the earned service credit for vacation leave.

17.2 Annual vacation leave with pay for all full-time permanent employees shall be earned as follows:

a. One (1) working day of vacation for each month of service during the remainder of the calendar year following the date of appointment.

b. After one (1) year and to completion of five (5) years, twelve (12) working days.

c. From beginning of sixth year to completion of tenth year, fifteen (15) working days.

d. From beginning of eleventh year to completion of fifteenth year, twenty (20) working days.

e. After completion of fifteenth year, twenty-five (25) working days.

17.2 Annual vacation leave with pay for all full-time temporary, full-time provisional, and CETA employees shall be earned at the rate of one (1) day per month.

17.3 The rate of vacation pay shall be the employee's regular straight time rate of pay in effect for the employee's regular job on the payday immediately preceding his vacation period.

17.4 An employee who is called back to work while on authorized vacation, shall be paid one day's pay in addition to regular day's pay and shall not lose vacation day or days.

17.5 Vacation allowance must be taken during the current calendar year unless the employee's department director determines that it cannot be taken because of the pressure of work. Any vacation allowance so denied may be carried over into the next succeeding year. A maximum of ten (10) vacation days at the option of the employee, may be carried over from calendar year 1981 into calendar year 1982 and each succeeding year thereafter.

All employees covered by this Agreement may elect, at his option, to carry over one (1) full year of vacation allowance into the next succeeding calendar year with the following stipulations: This option may only be exercised

once during an employee's term of employment with the Sheriff's Office provided he has given the Sheriff a minimum of six (6) months notice of his intent to exercise this one-time vacation carry-over option.

17.6 A permanent employee who returns from military service is entitled to full vacation allowance for the calendar year of return and for the year preceding, provided the latter can be taken during the year of return.

17.7 An employee covered by this Agreement who is retiring or who has otherwise separated shall be entitled to the vacation allowance for the current year prorated upon the number of months worked in the calendar year in which the separation or retirement becomes effective and any vacation leave which may have been carried over from the preceding calendar year.

Whenever an employee covered by this Agreement 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 death.

17.8 Part-time temporary, part-time provisional, seasonal, or hourly paid employees shall not be entitled to vacation leave.

17.9 Vacation leave credits shall continue to accrue while an employee is on leave with pay. Vacation credits shall not accrue while an employee is on leave without pay except military leave.

18.

SHIFT PAY

18.1 Employees working on shifts of which the majority of working hours fall between 3:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight shall receive in addition to their regular pay an additional twenty (20) cents per hour for all hours worked on that shift.

18.2 Employees working on shifts of which the majority of working hours fall between 12:00 midnight and 8:00 a.m. shall receive in addition to their regular pay an additional twenty-five (25) cents per hour for all hours worked on that shift.

18.3 If an employee working either of the shifts referred to in the paragraphs above is entitled to premium pay, shift pay shall be paid in addition to said premium pay.

19.

LONGEVITY

19.1 Every full-time, permanent, classified employee shall be paid longevity payments on a prorated basis with each salary check during the calendar year, and such longevity payment shall be considered in total with the salary for pension purposes.

Employees having completed five (5) years of continuous service will have added to their gross per annum pay an additional \$200 commencing with the first day of the first full pay period following said anniversary of hire, and for the completion of each additional five (5) years of service calculated in the same manner using employee anniversary dates, shall have added to their gross per annum pay, an additional \$300.

Any interruption of service due to a cause beyond the control of the employee, i.e. for military service, injury, or illness, shall be considered as service for the County of Mercer for the purpose of determining the completion of said cumulative period of service with the County of Mercer. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to apply to any person whose employment has been terminated for any reason prior to the effective date of the adoption of this contract.

20.

UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

20.1 The County agrees to provide each employee covered by the terms of this Agreement an initial uniform issue consisting of the following:

Winter Uniform: Three (3) trousers
Three (3) shirts
Two (2) hats (1-felt, 1-fur)
One (1) waist length jacket
One (1) three-quarter length coat

Summer Uniform: Three (3) trousers
Three (3) shirts
One (1) hat

In addition to the above, each officer will receive one (1) pair of uniform shoes, one (1) uniform belt and one (1) uniform tie. Any additional required uniform items shall initially be provided by the County.

It shall be the employee's responsibility to replace any uniform item and it shall further be the employee's responsibility to maintain his uniform in good order.

20.2 The Employer shall pay to each employee a uniform allowance of \$360.00 for calendar year 1981 and \$420 for calendar year 1982. This allowance shall be used by the employee for the replacement and/or maintenance of his or her uniform or clothing. Said allowance will be paid in two (2) equal installments during the months of January and July. Employees hired after January 1 of the year will receive a prorated share based on the number of full months remaining in the calendar year of hire. The Employer has the right to enforce dress standards and all replacement parts for uniforms shall adhere to specifications established by the Employer.

20.3 The Employer shall provide the required uniform to any employee attending police academy. Such uniform shall be returned to the County after use. The Employer shall also provide books for classes.

21.

CLASSIFICATIONS AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS

21.1 The classifications for employees covered by this Agreement are attached hereto as Appendix A and Appendix B and by reference are made part of this Agreement.

21.2 If during the term of this Agreement the Employer determines that new job descriptions and/or classifications be established or that changes be made in existing job descriptions and/or classifications, the parties agree that they will consult with a view toward arriving at a mutually acceptable determination, including the rate of pay thereof, prior to such changes being made effective.

21.3 If, during the term of this Agreement, the Employer is required by the Department of Civil Service and/or by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to establish new titles in the Civil Service Sheriff's Officer series, the Employer shall notify the Union in writing within 30 days of such notice or decision to reopen the contract for the specific purpose of negotiating salary ranges for the new titles.

21.4 In the event that the parties fail to agree to any provisions of this Article, the matter will be referred to the Article herein entitled, "Grievance Procedure," Step Three.

22.

EXTRADITIONS

22.1 On those occasions when an employee is assigned to an extradition not requiring an overnight layover, said employee shall be required to report to duty at the start of his next assigned shift or to report for duty ten (10) hours from his return from the trip and release of the prisoner to the proper authorities, whichever occurs later.

22.2 For the purposes of this Article, any extradition requiring travel in excess of 400 miles round trip by automobile or 1,000 miles round trip by air shall be scheduled for an overnight layover.

23.

PERSONNEL RECORDS

23.1 Employees shall have the right to review their personnel files in the Sheriff's Office once each year. Employees shall also be entitled to a copy of any record contained in their file.

23.2 Letters of reprimand shall be deleted from an employee's personnel file 180 days from the date of the letter of reprimand.

24.

OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

24.1 Any employee covered by the provisions of this Agreement shall be entitled to hold outside employment provided, however, that all relevant details regarding this other employment is submitted in writing to the Sheriff for his approval and further that said approval by the Sheriff shall not be unreasonably withheld.

25.

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

25.1 The Employer retains and may exercise all rights, powers, duties, authority, and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and Constitution of the State of New Jersey. Except as specifically abridged, limited, or modified by the terms of this Agreement between the Employer and the Union, all such rights, powers, authority, prerogatives of management, and responsibility to promulgate and enforce reasonable and necessary rules and regulations governing the conduct and the activities of the employees are exclusively retained by the Employer.

BILL OF RIGHTS

In order to safeguard fundamental rights for Sheriff's Officers employed by the County of Mercer, it is agreed that:

26.1 Except when on duty or acting in his official capacity as a law enforcement officer, no law enforcement officer shall be prohibited from engaging in political activity, provided his position as a law enforcement officer is not used in any way, whether directly or indirectly, while engaging in said political activities. As employed herein, the term "law enforcement officer" shall mean any member of the Mercer County Sheriff's Department.

26.2 Whenever a law enforcement officer has received notice that he is under formal investigation after receipt of a filed complaint, which complaint shall be in the form of the Notification of Complaint attached hereto, for alleged malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance of official duty, with a view toward possible disciplinary action, demotion, dismissal, or criminal charges, the following minimum standards shall apply:

a. Any formal interrogation of a law enforcement officer, whether as a subject of the investigation or as a witness, shall take place at the location designated by the investigatory officer, except it shall not be conducted at the law enforcement officer's home unless the home is specifically involved in the complaint, and preferably when the employee is on duty. A member of the Department shall be compensated for lost time accruing from investigations in accordance with existing Department policy. The questioning of an officer shall be conducted at a reasonable hour in a non-coercive manner, without threat or promise of reward. The questioning shall be of a reasonable duration and rest periods allowed. Time shall be provided for personal necessities, meals, and telephone calls as are reasonably necessary. The law enforcement officer shall be entitled to the presence of his counsel or any other one person of his choice at any interrogation in connection with the investigation.

b. The law enforcement officer being investigated shall be informed at the commencement of any interrogation of the nature of the investigation, including whether the officer is a target of the investigation, if known; the Statute, rule, or regulation allegedly violated, if known; the names and addresses of any complainants; and the identity and authority of those conducting the investigation. This shall not preclude the employer from subsequently modifying, amending, or changing the Statute, rule, or regulation under which the charges are brought. Also, at the commencement of any interrogation of such officer in connection with any such investigation the officer shall be informed of the identity of all persons present during such interrogation. All questions asked in any such interrogation, whenever practicable, shall be asked by or through a single interrogator.

c. No formal hearing by means of which a law enforcement officer may be disciplined or penalized may be brought except upon charges signed by the persons making those charges.

d. The interrogation of the employee concerned shall be recorded mechanically or by written form. "Off the record" questions shall not be permitted. Any recesses called during the interrogation shall be recorded.

e. If an officer is placed under arrest or is likely to be placed under arrest for a criminal offense, he shall be afforded all constitutional rights, and, in addition, he shall be given the following warning prior to the commencement of any interrogation:

"I am advising you that you are being questioned as part of an official investigation. You will be asked questions specifically directed and narrowly related to the performance of your official duties. You are entitled to all the rights and privileges guaranteed by the laws of the State of New Jersey, the Constitution of this State, and the Constitution of the United States, including the right not to be compelled to incriminate yourself and the right to have legal counsel present at each and every stage of this investigation.

"I further advise you that if you refuse to testify or to answer questions relating to the performance of your official duties, you will be subject to Departmental charges which could result in your dismissal from employment. If you do answer questions, neither your statements nor any information or evidence which is gained by reason of such statements can be used against you in any subsequent criminal proceeding. However, these statements may be used against you in relation to subsequent Departmental charges."

f. It is understood that the provisions of Paragraph 26.2 shall not preclude initial or preliminary inquiries by the Employer and shall only apply upon the commencement of a formal investigation or the filing of a complaint.

26.3 All investigations against law enforcement officers shall be conducted expeditiously. At least every two (2) months after the commencement of such investigation, as determined by the date that the Notification of Complaint is served upon the officer, the officer, if he so requests, is to be informed of the status of the pending investigation. If charges are to be brought against the officer, they should be brought as promptly as possible to ensure that no unnecessary delay occurs which might prejudice the officer's defense; and, unless unusual circumstances exist, no officer should be prosecuted by the Department for the alleged infraction of any rule if more than 90 days transpire between

the date the Sheriff or appropriate superior officer had knowledge or should reasonably have had knowledge of the alleged infraction by virtue of information that is normally transmitted to him by routine administrative processes and the service of the Preliminary Notice of Disciplinary Action.

26.4 There shall be removed from an officer's personnel file all papers, files, reports, notes, and copies thereof relating to an investigation of a law enforcement officer when the investigation does not result in any disciplinary action or when the officer is exonerated. These items, if retained, shall be maintained separate and apart from the personnel file. The officer may on proper notice inspect these materials at the discretion of the Sheriff.

26.5 No law enforcement officer shall be required to disclose, for the purpose of promotion or assignment, any information concerning his property, income, assets, debts, or expenditures, or those of any member of such officer's household, except where such information relates directly to the officer's assignment or duties. No officer shall be required to take any lie detector or other test designed to determine the truthfulness of any statement as part of any investigation or as a condition of employment.

26.6 There shall be no penalty or threat of any penalty for the exercise by a law enforcement officer of his rights under this Bill of Rights.

27.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

27.1 The employer agrees to make available one locked glass enclosed bulletin board in the Sheriff's Office.

Said bulletin board shall be used for posting of the following notices: Union meetings, Union elections, Union election returns, Union appointments to office, and Union recreational or social affairs and related law enforcement matters, with the approval of the Sheriff.

27.2 For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "employee" shall mean those persons who have permanent Civil Service status with the County and who are on the County payroll on or after the date of execution of this Agreement.

27.3 The provisions of this Agreement shall only apply to those employees in the unit who are on the County payroll and actively at work on or after the date of the execution of this Agreement.

27.4 The Employer agrees to make available office space and equipment (desk and chair only) in the Mercer County Sheriff's Office for use by the Union. Said office space and equipment shall be subject to budgetary constraints and availability restrictions. The Union agrees to pay the cost of telephone installation and the attendant monthly charges.

27.5 The Employer agrees to compensate those Sheriff's Officers whose personal property is damaged in the performance of their official duties to include eyeglasses, watches, and private automobiles. Said compensation shall be reduced and mitigated by normal depreciation factors, and any insurance benefits payable to an Officer for his loss shall represent pay-in-full for the sustained loss.

28.

ORAL MODIFICATION

28.1 This Agreement is intended to encompass the entire understanding between the parties. Any modification must be formalized in writing and signed by the parties to the Agreement. No oral modification will be deemed valid unless same is reduced to writing and incorporated into this Agreement.

29.

SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS

29.1 If any provision of this Agreement is subsequently declared by the proper legislative or judicial authority or court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful, unenforceable, or not in accordance with applicable statutes, all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement.

29.2 Upon request of either party, the parties agree to meet and renegotiate any provision so affected.

30.

DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

30.1 This Agreement shall become effective retroactive to January 1, 1981, and shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 1982. It shall automatically be renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party shall notify the other by certified mail during the month of September prior to the expiration date that it desires to modify this Agreement. In the event that such notice is given, negotiations shall begin not later than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date.

This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the period of the negotiations. In the event that either party desires to terminate this Agreement, written notice must be given to the other party not less than thirty (30) days prior to the desired termination date which shall not be before the expiration date set forth in the preceding paragraph. Such written notice shall be sent by certified mail prior to December 1, 1982.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be signed by their proper officers and attested to on the 16th day of July, 1981.

ATTEST:

Joyce L. McDade
Joyce L. McDade, Clerk
Board of Freeholders

COUNTY OF MERCER:

Bill Mathesius
Bill Mathesius
County Executive

ATTEST:

R. Philip F. Kato

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Gilbert W. Lugossy
Gilbert W. Lugossy
Sheriff

ATTEST:

Det. H. Ganting Jr.

P.B.A. Local 187:

Frank J. Gorczyński
Frank J. Gorczyński
President

APPENDIX A

1981 Salary Range

Sheriff's Officer	\$10,300-17,458
Sheriff's Officer - Sergeant	13,392-18,806

APPENDIX B

1982 Salary Range

Sheriff's Officer	\$10,300-19,029
Sheriff's Officer - Sergeant	14,597-20,499

APPENDIX C

R. Alpaugh
J. Chordas
A. Crivelli
B. DiStefano
D. Shiarappa

F. Gorczynski
D. Hart
A. Krisanda
H. Lenartowicz, Jr.
R. Pownall