

CONTRACT
BETWEEN
THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
AND
OCEAN COUNTY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONALS
ASSOCIATION

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AGREEMENT

This Agreement, executed on the day of , 2008, has been negotiated between the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, hereinafter referred to as "Board" or "County" and the Ocean County Corrections Professionals Association hereinafter referred to as "Union".

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth herein all negotiable terms and conditions of employment.

ARTICLE 2

RECOGNITION OF THE UNION

The Board recognizes the Ocean County Corrections Professionals Association as the exclusive representative of all professional employees in the Department of Corrections employed by the County of Ocean with the exception of all managerial executives, confidential employees, police, supervisors within the meaning of the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act, non-professional employees, employees in other negotiation units, temporary, seasonal, casual employees and all other employees employed by the County of Ocean.

ARTICLE 3

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

A. The Board hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitations, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred and vested in it prior to the signing of this Agreement by the laws and Constitutions of the State of New Jersey and of the United States; including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights:

1. All management functions and responsibilities which the Board has not expressly modified or restricted by a specific provision of this Agreement.
2. The right to establish and administer policies and procedures related to personnel matters, Board control activities, training, operational functions, performance of services and maintenance of the facilities and equipment of the Board.
3. To reprimand, suspend, discharge or otherwise discipline employees.

4. To hire, promote, transfer, assign, re-assign, lay-off and recall employees to work.

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5. To determine the number of employees and the duties to be performed.

6. To maintain the efficiency of employees; to establish, expand, reduce, alter, combine, consolidate or abolish any job or job classification, department or operation or service.

7. To determine staffing patterns and areas worked, to control and regulate the use of facilities, supplies, equipment, materials and any other property of the Board.

8. To determine the number, location and operation of divisions, departments, work sections and all other work units of the Board, the assignment of work, the qualifications required, the performance standards and the size and composition of the work force.

9. To subcontract for any existing or future services as determined necessary by the Board.

10. To make or change Board rules, regulations, policies and practices consistent with the specific terms and provisions of this Agreement.

11. And otherwise to generally manage the affairs of the Board, attain and maintain full operating efficiency and productivity and to direct the work force.

The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities of the Board shall only be limited by the language of this clause.

In recognition of the rulings of the Courts of New Jersey, the parties recognize that the exercise of managerial rights is a responsibility of the Board on behalf of the taxpayers and that the Board cannot bargain away or eliminate any of its managerial rights. Therefore, no grievance may be filed under this Agreement which in any way interferes with, undermines or restricts the exercise of any managerial right by the Board or any of its authorized managerial executives or supervisory personnel.

ARTICLE 4

NO STRIKE CLAUSE

A. It is recognized that the need for continued and uninterrupted operation of the Board's departments is of paramount importance to the citizens of the community and that there should be no interference with such operations.

B. The Union covenants and agrees that during the term of this Agreement neither the Union nor any members of the Union, nor any member of the bargaining

unit, nor any person acting in its behalf will cause, authorize or support nor will any

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of its members take part in any strike (i.e., the concerted failure to report for duty or willful absence of any employee from his/her position, or stoppage of work or abstinence in whole or in part from the full, faithful and proper performance of the employee's duties of employment), work stoppage, slow down, walkout or other job action against the Board.

C. The Union agrees that it will do everything in its power to actively discourage any strike, work stoppage, slow down or other activity aforementioned, including, but not limited to, publicly disavowing such action and directing all such members who participate in such activities to cease and desist from such activities immediately and to return to work, along with such other steps as may be necessary under the circumstances, and to bring about compliance with its order. The Union agrees that it will undertake any necessary actions at its own expense to terminate any of the above activity on the part of its members of the bargaining unit.

D. Any activity enumerated above on the part of a Union member or member of this bargaining unit will be deemed as appropriate grounds for the termination of employment from the Board.

ARTICLE 5

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

1. Definitions

A. A "grievance" is an allegation by an employee or the Union that a specific provision of this Agreement has been violated. These grievances may only be submitted to binding arbitration as a final step in the procedure.

B. All other allegations that there has been a violation, misinterpretation or a misapplication of policies, rules and administrative decisions may be submitted to all steps of the grievance procedure up to the County Administrator's level, and the County Administrator's decision on these matters will be final and binding. These non-contract grievances may not be submitted to binding arbitration.

C. Nothing in this procedure shall preclude an employee from exercising his/her legal or New Jersey Department of Personnel's rights.

D. A "grievant" is an employee who files a grievance.

E. "Representative" is a person or agent designated to represent either party in this procedure.

F. "Day" means work day.

G. "Party in interest" is a person, agent or agency with an interest in the grievance.

H. "Class grievance" is a formal grievance by two (2) or more employees.

I. "Group grievance" is the same or similar formal grievance by two (2) or more employees each in the same department.

2. Procedures

A. Grievances shall be processed promptly and expeditiously.

B. Formal grievances and appeals shall be filed in writing.

C. Communications and decisions concerning formal grievances shall be in writing.

D. A grievant shall be permitted a representative at all levels of the procedure and witnesses as determined by the hearing officer, provided requests for such are filed two (2) days prior to the hearing.

E. Grievances may only be advanced to Step 2 or higher by Union Officers or Shop Stewards.

F. There shall be no additional evidence submitted during the grievance process once a grievance has been submitted to the County Administrator.

G. Failure by a grievant to process a grievance within the specified time limits shall render the grievance as settled in favor of the Board.

H. Failure by the County Administrator to issue a decision within the specified time limits shall render the grievance advanced to the next level.

I. Class grievances shall be filed at Level 2 within ten (10) days of the occurrence of a class grievance.

3. Processing

A. Time Limit - The number of workdays indicated at each level should be considered as a maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limit specified may, however, be extended by mutual consent of the parties.

Informal Step - All grievances shall be discussed with the Department Head or representative prior to submission of a written statement as required below.

B. Step 1 - The grievant and/or his/her representative shall present a written statement of the alleged grievance to the Department Head. The grievant must file the written grievance within fifteen (15) workdays of the occurrence of the grievance. The Department Head will review the grievance and investigate the facts and submit a written answer to the grievant within seven (7) workdays of the submission date on the grievance form.

C. Step 2 - If the grievant is dissatisfied with the answer submitted by the Department Head during the Step 1 of this process, then the Union Representative

may appeal the Department Head's written answer within seven (7) work days after receipt of the answer at the first step by the grievant.

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The Employee Relations Director or his/her designee shall review the grievance appeal, investigate the facts and submit a written answer to the Union Representative within seven (7) workdays of the submission of the grievance at Step 2.

D. Step 3 - If the grievant is dissatisfied with the answer submitted by the Employee Relations Director at Step 2, the grievant and/or his/her representative may appeal the answer of the Employee Relations Director within seven (7) workdays after receipt of the written answer at the second step of the process by the grievant. Should the Administrator determine that a hearing would be advantageous to the parties it shall be scheduled within seven (7) workdays after receipt of the grievance appeal from the County Employee Relations Director's decision at Step 2 of the process.

The County Administrator will submit a written answer to the grievant within seven (7) workdays after the adjournment of the hearing. The hearing by the County Administrator will take place within twenty-one (21) workdays after the scheduled date is submitted to the grievant. Should the County Administrator not request a hearing, the Administrator shall submit a written answer to the Union Representative within seven (7) work days of the submission of the grievance at Step 3. The decision of the County Administrator shall be final and binding on all matters except contract violations.

E. Step 4 - If the grievant is still dissatisfied with the answer received from the County Administrator and the grievance is a matter of contract violation, then the grievance may be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the procedure outlined below:

1. Within twenty (20) work days of the decision of the County Administrator, the Union Representative may request arbitration of the grievance by filing notice of the grievant's continued disagreement with the Employee Relations Director.

2. Within ten (10) workdays of such notice the Union Representative shall request a list of arbitrators from the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission.

3. Within ten (10) workdays of the receipt of such list, an arbitrator shall be selected by alternately striking names from the list; the Union Representative striking first. If the arbitrator is unable to serve, another list shall be requested and the process repeated, unless the time is extended by mutual agreement.

4. Within twenty (20) workdays of notice of selection, the designated arbitrator shall establish a hearing date, shall establish rules governing such a hearing and shall conduct such hearing, except as provided otherwise herein.

5. The arbitrator must first rule on the arbitrability of the grievance if so requested by either party.

6. The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from or alter the language of this Agreement. He/she shall have no power to make an award inconsistent with law and shall have no power to entertain grievances that constitute violations of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall rule only on the interpretation of the clause of the Agreement involved.

7. The arbitrator shall have no power to make an award or, in any matter which is not within the Board's power to implement, including monetary awards which require appropriations from governmental agencies other than the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

8. The arbitrator's decision shall be binding on all parties on matters regarding violations of the contract, except that if his/her decision requires Legislative action, such decisions shall be effective only if such legislation is enacted.

9. The cost of the services of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the parties in interest.

10. An arbitrator shall be empowered to hear only one grievance for each appointment he/she receives; provided, however, that in the event there is more than one grievance presented and the grievances arise out of the same set of facts or involve the same materially and substantially identical issues, a single arbitrator shall be empowered to adjudicate all such grievances. It is expressly understood and agreed that the grievance procedure shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for all grievances which are arbitrable under this Agreement.

4. General Provisions

1. No prejudice will attend any party in interest by reason of the utilization or participation in the grievance procedure.

2. The filing, pendency or hearing of any grievance shall not impede the normal management of the work force or operation of any of the Board's agencies.

3. All records of grievance processing shall be filed separately.

4. Forms for grievance processing shall be mutually agreed upon by the parties to the Agreement. The Union and the Employee Relations Director will distribute the forms as required.

5. Parties in interest will cooperate in investigating and providing pertinent information concerning a grievance being processed.

6. Notice of hearings shall be made to the grievant at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance and such hearings shall be held on the Board's premises.

7. The Board agrees that in the presentation of a grievance there shall be no loss of pay for the time spent in presenting the grievance by the grievant and one (1) Union Representative and witnesses who are employees of the Board throughout the grievance procedure. However, no employees or officials will be permitted to investigate or process grievances during working hours without the approval of the Employee Relations Director.

ARTICLE 6

EMPLOYEE MANUALS

For informational purposes, Personnel Handbooks have been prepared and distributed by the Department of Employee Relations to all employees in the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 7

NON-DISCRIMINATION

The parties agree that they will comply with all State and Federal statutes regarding discrimination.

ARTICLE 8

SENIORITY

A. Notice of job openings or vacancies within titles covered by this contract shall be posted prior to filling the position.

B. Seniority, which is defined as continuous, unbroken service with the employer, will be given consideration by the employer with respect to promotions, however, service will be considered broken for the purpose of this clause, if an employee who has served continuously with the employer for at least one (1) year:

1. Should resign his/her position and not be rehired by said employer within three (3) months of said resignation.
2. Should an employee retire.
3. Should an employee suffer a validated dismissal.
4. Should an employee request and receive a voluntary transfer out of the bargaining unit or out of the work force of the Board.

C. Seniority shall be given consideration as to choice of position/shift should multiples of these exist within the same job classification.

C. The employer shall fill permanent job openings by promoting employees from the next lower rated job titles, provided these employees possess the requirements enunciated by the New Jersey Department of Personnel and who are subsequently certified by the N.J.D.O.P. In all instances, employees promoted must possess the skills, ability and knowledge to perform the duties required by the higher rated job.

D. If there are two (2) or more employees with equal skill and ability to perform work at the discretion of the administration, the employee with the greatest seniority shall be given preference. If the employee with the greatest seniority cannot perform the higher rated job, then the administration shall promote the employee which it deemed to be next eligible.

E. Vacations - Whenever more than one employee requests vacation at a job location at any particular time, the administration shall endeavor to honor all vacations as requested. However, when vacations cannot be granted to all employees requesting vacations for a particular period, the employees with the greatest seniority shall be granted their vacations first. No employee will be permitted to take a vacation during the peak period of work for his/her department. Peak periods will be designated by the administration each year.

ARTICLE 9

HOLIDAYS

Each full-time employee covered by this Agreement shall enjoy the following holidays with pay, to be observed on the dates specified each January by the Board of Chosen Freeholders:

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

The County may comply in granting a holiday whenever the Board of Chosen Freeholders takes an official action to declare an extra holiday.

Any employee working on any of the above days shall receive overtime pay at a rate of time and one-half (1 1/2x) for all hours worked plus one (1) day straight time wages for the paid holiday.

ARTICLE 10

LONGEVITY PAY

Longevity Pay for all classified permanent employees covered by this

Agreement will be based upon the schedule set forth below:

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7 years		3.0% of base salary
12 years		4.6% of base salary
17 years		5.7% of base salary
22 years		6.5% of base salary
27 years		7.3% of base salary
32 years		8.0% of base salary

ARTICLE 11

BEREAVEMENT PROVISION

All employees shall have up to five (5) consecutive days leave in the event of a death of a spouse, child, parent or sibling. One (1) day leave will be given to attend the funeral services of a grandparent, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchild, aunt or uncle of the employee, any other member of the immediate household or spouse's aunt, uncle or grandparent.

Such leave will not be taken until the immediate supervisor is notified of the instance of bereavement. The employer may require proof of loss of a decedent whenever such requirement appears reasonable. Bereavement leave is specifically provided to allow eligible employees time to make necessary arrangements and attend funeral services. Therefore, bereavement leave must include one of the following days:

Date of death

Any day of viewing

Date of interment

Day of religious or memorial service

In no event shall any part of bereavement leave occur more than fifteen (15) days from the date of death. Abuse of the Bereavement Provision shall be cause for disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 12

PERSONAL LEAVE

Each employee may be eligible for three (3) days Personal Leave, which may be used for personal business which cannot be conducted after the work day. Use of personal days shall require forty-eight (48) hours notice, except in the case of any emergency. The employee must have the permission of his/her immediate supervisor before Personal Leave can be taken. Personal Leave shall not be unreasonably denied. For new employees in their first calendar year of service, Personal Leave shall be granted as follows:

<u>Date of Initial Hire</u>	<u>Amount of Personal Leave</u>
January 1 thru April 30	3 days
May 1 thru August 31	2 days
September 1 thru October 31	1 day
November 1 thru December 31	0 days

Employees hired on or after October 1 through October 31 of their first calendar year in service may use the one personal day to be awarded to them after two months of service, but must use the day prior to the end of the calendar year. Except for employees hired on or after October 1 through October 31 of their initial calendar year of service, no employee shall be entitled to use Personal Leave until he/she has worked three months for the County.

Personal days shall not be carried over from one calendar year to the next and must be used in increments of one full day.

ARTICLE 13

VACATION LEAVE

Vacation Leave will be granted to each full-time employee in hours on the following basis:

1. For an employee with no more than twelve (12) months of service...one (1) day, in hours, for each calendar month employed.
2. For an employee who has served one (1) year and one (1) day up to a total of four (4) years...twelve (12) working days, in hours, per year.
3. For an employee who has served four (4) years and one (1) day up to eleven (11) years...fifteen (15) working days, in hours, per year.
4. For an employee who has served eleven (11) years and one (1) day up to nineteen (19) years...twenty (20) working days, in hours, per year.
5. For an employee who has served nineteen (19) years and one (1) day...twenty-five (25) working days, in hours, per year.

New full-time employees, both provisional and permanent, shall earn, but are not permitted to use, Vacation Leave during the first three months of employment. Employees who are not retained at the conclusion of the three month period shall not be entitled to any leave accumulated during that time.

Each employee shall be informed of his/her vacation time through utilization of the County's computer system. Any employee leaving the service of the County shall have unused vacation leave paid to him/her on a pro-rated basis. If separation of service occurs, unearned Vacation Leave used will be deducted from the employee's last pay along with any other unearned time that the employee has utilized.

ARTICLE 14

SICK LEAVE

Sick Leave shall accumulate at the rate of one and one-quarter (1 1/4) days per month credited in hours in the first year of service, commencing on the first month or major portion thereof from day of hire. It is assumed that the employee shall remain in the service of the County for the remainder of the calendar year, and the total number of sick days, pro-rated shall be credited to the employee in hours. If separation occurs, before the end of the year, and more sick leave has been taken than appropriated, on a pro-rated basis, the per diem rate of pay for the excess days shall be deducted from the final pay. Sick Leave shall accumulate from year to year with an additional fifteen (15) days credited in hours to the employee at the beginning of each successive calendar year. Days lost due to injury or illness arising out of or caused by County employment for which the employee has a claim for Worker's Compensation, shall not be charged to Sick Leave. Paid holidays occurring during a period of sick leave shall not be charged to Sick Leave.

Employees in the bargaining unit are also eligible for coverage under the County's reimbursement for unused sick days at retirement policy. This policy provides for reimbursement for unused sick days at retirement on the basis of one-half (1/2) pay for earned and unused sick leave hours to a maximum of \$15,000. Employees are responsible for following all of the conditions and controls of this policy and all pertinent forms must be submitted to the Department of Employee Relations at least sixty (60) days prior to the date retirement commences. Employees have a choice of selecting either a lump sum payment or payments spread over a three-year period.

All other proper and authorized leaves as provided in the rules of the New Jersey Department of Personnel shall be recognized and constitute a part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 15

SICK LEAVE BUY-BACK PROGRAM

Purpose: The purpose of the Sick Leave Buy-Back Program is to encourage employees to make judicious use of their annual sick leave allotment by providing a financial incentive.

Eligibility: In order to participate in this Program, an employee must satisfy all of the following conditions:

1. **Must be an active employee of the County of Ocean or on an approved leave of absence without pay.**
2. **Must not be in calendar year of retirement.**
3. **Must have been employed by the County of Ocean not less than five (5) full years at the time of application.**
4. **Must be credited with at least the following number of hours of earned and unused sick leave on December 31st of the year preceding the year during which payments will be made:**
 - 7.0 hours per day **Four Hundred and Twenty Hours (420)**
 - 7.5 hours per day **Four Hundred and Fifty Hours (450)**
 - 8.0 hours per day **Four Hundred and Eighty Hours (480)**
5. **Must have used not more than the following number of hours of sick leave during the calendar year which concludes on December 31st of the year preceding the year during which payments will be made:**
 - 7.0 hours per day **not more than forty-nine (49.00) hours**
 - 7.5 hours per day **not more than fifty-two hours and thirty minutes (52.30)**
 - 8.0 hours per day **not more than fifty-six (56) hours**

How the Program Works:

1. **During January of each year, an eligible employee may request in writing (on a form designed for that purpose) that he/she be compensated for the following hours of earned and unused sick leave:**
 - 7.0 hours per day **-Between twenty-eight (28) and fifty-six (56) hours (inclusive)**
 - 7.5 hours per day **-Between thirty (30) and sixty (60) hours (inclusive)**
 - 8.0 hours per day **-Between thirty-two (32) and sixty-four (64) hours (inclusive)**
2. **Compensation shall be computed at the rate of sixty-five percent (65%) of the daily base wage on the date of application times the number of hours to be**

surrendered. Payment in the form of a payroll adjustment, subject to all appropriate deductions, shall be made on or about May 15th each year.

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3. Employees who either do not qualify for this Program or choose not to participate in it shall continue to earn, use and accumulate sick leave in accordance with New Jersey Department of Personnel's rules and regulations.

ARTICLE 16

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any part, clause, portion or article of this Agreement is subsequently deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, such clause, portion or article may be deleted and the remainder of the Agreement not so affected shall continue in full force and effect absent the affected clause.

ARTICLE 17

PRODUCTIVITY

The Union agrees that it will cooperate with the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and its agents in any productivity programs adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders concerning members of this bargaining unit. The Union agrees that it supports and will cooperate with all efforts of the Board of Chosen Freeholders to increase and improve productivity among members of this bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 18

WORK RULES

The Board of Chosen Freeholders and its managerial executives may, at its discretion, adopt work rules for the efficient and orderly operation of its respective departments. The bargaining agent will be given a copy of any work rules fifteen (15) work days prior to the imposition of those rules and the bargaining agent will be required to make any consultative comments it may have no later than ten (10) work days after receipt of the proposed work rules. The Board of Chosen Freeholders will consider the comments of the bargaining agent but the final adoption of the work rules will be a decision of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the implementation of the work rules document will be left to the discretion of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and its managerial executives.

ARTICLE 19

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The employer reserves the right to establish a performance evaluation system and to conduct the performance evaluations of all personnel covered by this Agreement. Performance evaluations will be conducted by the appropriate supervisor and the employee will be provided with a copy of his/her performance evaluation.

Any employee who wishes to discuss his/her performance evaluation with the appropriate supervisor shall contact the appropriate supervisor for an appointment for such discussion.

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ARTICLE 20

VISION CARE

Vision Care benefits will be afforded to all members of the bargaining unit in accordance with the provisions set forth in the "Guidelines for Ocean County Vision Service Plan".

ARTICLE 21

HOSPITAL, SURGICAL, MAJOR MEDICAL, PRESCRIPTION AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS

All full-time members covered by this bargaining unit shall be permitted to enroll in health benefits two (2) months from their date of hire.

A. The County of Ocean currently provides medical coverage to County employees through the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program as supplemented by the NJ Local Prescription Drug Program and Chapter 88 P.L. 1974, as amended by Chapter 436 P.L. 1981. The parties recognize that the State Health Benefits Program is subject to changes enacted by the State of New Jersey that may either increase or decrease benefits.

B. The County shall not change the health insurance coverages referred to in paragraph A except for a plan that is equivalent or better. Provided, however, that the parties expressly recognize that the components of HMO plans are changed periodically by the plan providers and that the County has no control over or any obligations regarding such changes.

C. All employees current and future who retire on or after September 1, 2008 in order to be eligible for the lifetime health benefits upon retirement, must have served a minimum of fifteen (15) of the required twenty-five (25) years with the County.

Effective September 1, 2008, the following changes will affect all new hires:

Employees will be offered the NJ Direct 15 plan, or its replacement. New hires may elect a higher level of coverage at their expense.

Continuation of spousal coverage after the death of the retiree will no longer be offered at the County's expense.

The County will no longer reimburse retiree Medicare Part B premiums.

D. An eligible employee may change his/her coverage only during the announced open enrollment period for each year after having been enrolled in the former plan for a minimum of one (1) full year. Regardless of this election, employees are specifically ineligible for any deductible reimbursement.

E. When a member from this bargaining unit is granted the privilege of a leave of absence without pay for illness, health coverage will continue at County expense for the balance of the calendar month in which the leave commences plus

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up to three (3) additional calendar months next following the month in which the leave commences. After that time has elapsed, if necessary, coverage for an additional period of eighteen (18) months may be purchased by the employee under the C.O.B.R.A. plan.

In the case of consecutive leaves of absence without pay, it is understood and agreed that the responsibilities of the County to pay for benefits remains limited to the original period of up to four (4) months.

ARTICLE 22

FAMILY DENTAL PLAN

All members covered by this bargaining unit shall be permitted to enroll after the first of the month following three (3) full months of employment in the Family Dental Plan.

The Family Dental Plan will be made available to eligible employees, spouses and children to age 19. The maximum total cost for services per patient per benefit year is limited to \$1,000. There will be a \$25.00 deductible per patient per benefit year, to be paid by the employee, for up to the first three members of each family. However, this deductible is not applicable to preventive and diagnostic services as described below.

If the patient utilizes a participating dentist the percentage of coverage indicated next to each class of dental care will prevail:

Preventive and diagnostic (x-rays, cleaning, check-up, etc.)	100%
Treatment and therapy (Fillings).	80%
Prosthodontics and periodontics, inlays, caps and crowns, oral surgery (ambulatory)	50%
Orthodontics (limited to \$800. per patient over a 5 year period)	50%

ARTICLE 23

WORK HOURS

The parties recognize that bargaining unit employees have regular work weeks ranging from 32 1/2 to 40 hours and that the length of the regular work week for any employee is individually designated by the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the managerial executives to whom the employee reports. Either party may request a

change in this practice and such request is to be the subject of negotiations.

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However, the parties further recognize that optimum efficiency and productivity may require adjustments from time to time to the number of regular hours in a work week for individual employees. Accordingly, the parties agree that the regular work week for employees may be adjusted to a greater or lesser number of hours and that base salaries for employees whose regular work week is so adjusted shall be expanded or contracted by 7 1/2% for each 2 1/2 hours the regular work week is correspondingly lengthened or shortened.

All Ocean County Corrections Professionals shall continue to enjoy a one (1) hour daily lunch period, as well as two (2) fifteen minute breaks, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, which may be taken away from the employee work area.

The one (1) hour unpaid daily lunch period referenced above, may be modified to one-half (1/2) hour unpaid lunch period at the request of a Corrections Professional and with the prior consent of the Department Head. Such request shall be based on seniority and will normally be reviewed and may be modified at least annually.

ARTICLE 24

OVERTIME

All employees shall be expected to complete their work in the time allotted during the normal working day. Any forty (40) hour per week employee scheduled to work beyond his/her regularly scheduled work day shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2X) times their base pay after the completion of eight (8) hours work in any scheduled work day or forty (40) hours in any scheduled work week.

Employees who work less than a forty (40) hour per week schedule, (i.e. 35 hours, 37.5 hours) shall receive straight time compensation for hours worked up to forty (40) hours in a workweek. Any hours worked passed forty (40) hours in a work week shall be compensated at one and one-half (1 1/2X) times their base pay.

For the purpose of this Article, work means work performed and specifically excludes any leave time.

If an employee is required to work on a Saturday or Sunday, unless those days are part of the employee's normal work week or schedule, he/she shall receive overtime compensation for hours worked on the weekend at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2X) times the base hourly wage.

At the request of the employee and with the prior approval of the Warden or designee, the employee may receive compensatory time at the applicable rate.

ARTICLE 25

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE UNION

A. The employer agrees to make available to the Union all available public information concerning negotiable matters between the County and the Union necessary to process any grievance or complaint. All requests shall be made

through the Employee Relations Department. No confidential labor relations information shall be made available at any time to the Union if the disclosure of same would in any way undermine the bargaining position of the County.

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B. Whenever any representative of the Union or a supervisor is mutually agreed by the County and the Union to participate during working hours in negotiations, grievance procedures, labor relations, conferences or meetings, he/she shall suffer no loss in pay. The person involved has the responsibility of notifying the employee's immediate supervisor.

C. The Union has the right to utilize any employee bulletin board that currently exists and inter-office mail facilities of the County to contact members of the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 26

DUES CHECKOFF

Following the successful completion of the ninety (90) day working test period, the employer agrees to deduct from the earnings of each employee union member dues when said employee has properly authorized such deductions in writing. The Union will indemnify, defend and save harmless the County against any and all such claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of action taken by the County in reliance upon salary deduction authorization cards submitted by the Union to the County. The County will forward all dues deduction monies collected on a monthly basis to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ocean County Corrections Professionals Association. A list of the names of deductees will be forwarded annually.

ARTICLE 27

AGENCY SHOP

The parties agree that for the term of this Agreement, in accordance with New Jersey statutes, any employee who is a member of this bargaining unit on the effective date of this Agreement who is not a member of the Ocean County Corrections Professionals Association shall pay an agency shop fee up to the maximum allowed by law based on the dues, initiation fees and special assessments of the Union. Such fees shall be deducted from the pay of employees affected on the basis of authorization provided by the Union. The Union agrees to save the employer harmless from any and all actions it takes under this Article.

ARTICLE 28

SALARY

A. Effective April 1, 2008 the minimum salaries for titles covered by this Agreement shall be as set forth in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

B. Effective April 1, 2008 employees in the bargaining unit who work a forty (40) hour work week shall receive an increase of Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,200.00) applied to their March 31, 2008 base salary or the new minimum, whichever is greater, based on a forty (40) hour work week. Employees who work less than forty (40) hours, will enjoy this benefit on a pro-rated basis.

C. Effective April 1, 2009 employees in the bargaining unit who work a forty (40) hour work week shall receive an increase of Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,200.00) applied to their March 31, 2009 base salary or the new minimum, whichever is greater, based on a forty (40) hour work week. Employees who work less than forty (40) hours, will enjoy this benefit on a pro-rated basis.

D. Effective April 1, 2010 employees in the bargaining unit who work a forty (40) hour work week shall receive an increase of Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,200.00) applied to their March 31, 2010 base salary, whichever is greater, based on a forty (40) hour work week. Employees who work less than forty (40) hours, will enjoy this benefit on a pro-rated basis.

ARTICLE 29

FULLY BARGAINED CLAUSE

The parties agree that they have fully bargained and agreed upon all terms and conditions of employment that were or could have been the subject of negotiations. This Agreement represents and incorporates the complete and final understanding and settlement by the parties of all bargainable issues which were or could have been the subject of negotiations. There shall be no new negotiations on any such matters during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 30

DURATION

The terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement shall become effective on April 1, 2008, except for those Articles which contain specific dates to the contrary, and shall continue in full force and effect until March 31, 2011, or until execution of a successor Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be signed and attested to this day of , 2008.

FOR THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF
CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

ATTEST:

Betty Vasil
Clerk of the Board

Joseph H. Vicari
Freeholder Director

ATTEST:

FOR THE OCEAN COUNTY
CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONALS
ASSOCIATION

Judeth A. Kern

APPENDIX A

<u>Title</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>		
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Investigator, Penal Institution	\$28,000	\$29,000	\$30,000
Investigator Sergeant, Penal Institution	\$30,000	\$31,000	\$32,000
Accountant Assistant	\$30,000	\$31,000	\$32,000
Alcohol Counselor/Drug Abuse Counselor	\$31,000	\$32,000	\$33,000
Social Service Assistant	\$32,000	\$33,000	\$34,000
Classification Officer I	\$33,000	\$34,000	\$35,000
Social Worker	\$33,000	\$34,000	\$35,000
Counselor, Penal Institution	\$33,000	\$34,000	\$35,000
Accountant	\$36,000	\$37,000	\$38,000
Senior Counselor, Penal Institution	\$36,000	\$37,000	\$38,000
Senior Program Analyst	\$38,000	\$39,000	\$40,000

CONTRACT
BETWEEN
THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
AND
OCEAN COUNTY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONALS
ASSOCIATION

APRIL 1, 2008 - MARCH 31, 2011

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