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COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

by and between

THE BOROUGH OF PALMYRA, BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

and

THE PALMYRA POLICE ASSOCIATION

January 1, 1997

through

December 31, 1999

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, dated this _____, 1997 shall remain effective until December 31, 1999, by and between the Borough of Palmyra, hereinafter called the "Borough", and the Palmyra Police Association, Inc., hereinafter called the "Police Association" or "Association," and shall be effective, retroactive for all purposes unless otherwise states herein to and from January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1999.

ARTICLE 1

RECOGNITION

The Borough recognized the Police Association as the exclusive majority representative for collective negotiations for all Regular Patrolmen, Sergeants, and Detectives, excluding the Chief and Lieutenant of Police.

ARTICLE 2

INTENT AND PURPOSE

2.1 It is the intent and purpose of the parties hereto, in entering this Agreement, to maintain and promote harmonious relations and close cooperation between the Borough and its Police Officers and to set forth herein the entire agreement to be observed by the parties hereto covering terms and conditions of employment.

2.2 This agreement shall be construed according to its written provisions without regard to any discussions or negotiations, written or oral, which the parties had had leading to or resulting in the execution of the agreement.

2.3 The Borough shall not discriminate in any way against any officer for Police Association membership as long as this activity does not in any way disrupt normal operations of the Police Department.

2.4 This Agreement shall not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing duly executed by both parties.

ARTICLE 3.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

3.1 A "Grievance" is a claim by an officer or the Association based upon a question, dispute, or matter of complaint which concerns conditions of employment except discipline. An "Aggrieved Person" is the person or persons making the claim.

3.2 The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, equitable solutions to the problems which may from time to time arise affecting Police Officers.

3.3 The Grievance Procedure for individual officers shall be as follows:

A. Level One: The grievance shall be discussed with the officer's immediate supervisor within thirty days of the occurrence of the event which is grieved. At this discussion, the persons involved will make every effort to resolve the problem. However, if the officer is dissatisfied with the decision of the supervisor, the officer may exercise his or her right to go onto the next higher level of supervision.

B. Level Two: In the event the grievance is not resolved within ten days of the date the officer initiated the discussion with his or her supervisor or, if the supervisor does not respond to the officer within the said ten day time period, then, in that event, within three days following the expiration of the said ten day time period, the officer shall submit a signed written complaint to the Lieutenant of Police. The written complaint should stipulate the nature of the complaint, the result of the previous discussion, if any, and the basis for the officer's dissatisfaction. According to the severity of the complaint, it shall be at the Lieutenant's discretion as to whether to handle it himself, or to take it directly to the Chief of Police. In order that a fair and just decision can be made, either the Lieutenant or the Chief shall undertake an investigation of the problem and review all the facts involved. The Lieutenant or Chief shall then meet and discuss the problem with the officer and may have present any other personnel that the Lieutenant or Chief or officer feels will help resolve the problem. The Lieutenant or Chief, as the case may be, shall file a written response to the grievance within thirty days of the date the grievance was presented to the Lieutenant or Chief.

C. Level Three: In the event that the officer is dissatisfied with the decision of the Lieutenant or Chief, or, in the event that the Lieutenant or Chief does not submit a written response, the officer shall, within fifteen days of receipt of the response or within fifteen days of the aforementioned thirty day period for a response from the Lieutenant or Chief, file a written request for a meeting with Director of Public Safety or the Public Safety Committee of Borough Council and request that the Director or Committee review the grievance. The Director or Committee shall file a written response to the grievance within thirty days of the presentation of the grievance to the Director or Committee.

D. If the officer is not satisfied by the decision of the Director of Public Safety or the Public Safety Committee of Borough Council, or, in the event that the Director or Committee does not file a response within the aforementioned thirty day time period for the Director or Committee to respond, then, in that event, within fifteen days of the response or of the expiration of the aforesaid thirty day time period for the Director or Committee to respond, the officer may present his grievance to Borough Council. The Borough Council shall have thirty days from receipt of the grievance to respond to the grievance and may request and be granted an additional thirty days for good reasons.

E. In the event the officer is not satisfied by the decision of the Borough Council, the officer shall file a written request for arbitration with the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission. The written request for arbitration must be filed within thirty days of receipt of the decision of the Borough Council or, in the event the Borough Council does not respond, within thirty days of the aforementioned thirty day time period in which the Borough Council could have responded. For good cause shown, the thirty day time period for filing a written notice of arbitration shall be extended an additional thirty days for good cause.

3.4 The Grievance Procedure for the Police Association shall be as follows:

A. Level One: Within sixty days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the grievance, the Association shall submit a written letter to the Chief of Police stating the grievance and suggesting a time for a meeting to discuss the said grievance. The Chief of Police shall conduct a meeting and render a written response to the grievance within fifteen days of the date the grievance was presented to him.

B. Level Two: Following receipt of the response of the Chief of Police, the Association shall have fifteen days to make a written request for a meeting with the Public Safety Committee of Borough Council and the Chief of Police. In the event the Chief of Police does not respond within the fifteen day period, for him to respond, the Association shall file a written request with the Public Safety Committee of Borough Council within fifteen days following the last date that the Chief could have responded. The Public Safety Committee of Borough Council shall hold a meeting with the Association and the Chief and shall respond to the grievance within thirty days of receipt of the grievance.

C. Level Three: Within fifteen days of receipt of the response of the Public Safety Committee of Borough Council, or in the event the Public Safety Committee of Borough Council does not respond, within fifteen days of the date the Public Safety Committee of Borough Council should have responded, the Police Association shall request a meeting with the Borough Council to present the grievance, using all possible means of settling the said grievance. The Borough Council shall meet and respond to the grievance within thirty days of receipt of the grievance. For good cause, the Borough Council shall have an additional thirty days to meet with the Association and respond to the grievance.

D. Level Four: Within thirty days of the response of the Borough Council or, in the event the Borough Council did not respond, within thirty days from the last day that the Borough Council should have responded, the Police Association shall make written request to the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission for binding arbitration. For good cause shown, this thirty day period may be extended by an additional thirty days.

3.5 If the grievance is of such an emergent nature that it must be resolved at the Council level to maintain proper operation of the department, then all other levels of the grievance procedure will be omitted, and the Chief of Police will arrange a meeting with the Borough Council.

3.6 In the case of an individual or Association grievance, in the event the grievance is not resolved at the last step of the grievance procedure, the individual or Association shall have the right to timely file a written request for a panel or arbitrators with the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission. An arbitrator shall be selected pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Commission. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding. The arbitrator shall not have the power to add to, subtract from, or in any way modify the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be borne by the losing party, and, in the event of a "split" decision, fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties. However, each party shall bear the expense of its own witnesses, exhibits, and attorneys or representatives. This arbitration procedure shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for resolution of grievances under this contract.

3.7 All time requirements set forth herein are to be strictly construed, and a failure to move the grievance to the next step or to file the grievance initially within the time requirements of this procedure shall be deemed an abandonment of the grievance.

3.8 Any aggrieved person may be represented at all steps of the grievance procedures by himself or at his option by a representative selected or approved by the Association. When an officer is not represented by the Association, the Association shall have the right to be present and state its views at all stages of the grievance herein.

3.9 No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by the Borough or any member of the Administration against any party in interest, any representative, any member of the Association, or any other participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.

ARTICLE 4

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

4.1 Borough Ordinance - 50-12 shall apply in disciplinary matters.

4.2 All meetings and hearings for dismissal and suspension, whenever possible, shall be conducted at the Borough Administration Building unless it is agreed by the Borough and the bargaining unit to hold said meeting or hearings at some other location.

4.3 All procedures and hearings for dismissal, suspension, demotion or fine shall comply with New Jersey statutes encompassing said action and proper notices shall be in writing setting forth the charges and the time and place of the hearing pursuant to the New Jersey Statutes.

4.4 The accused officer shall have the right to be present at the hearing and to be accompanied and represented by some person of his own choosing, including an attorney-at-law at no expense to the Borough. He shall be confronted with the witness or witnesses against him; may cross-examine any or all of such witnesses; may testify in his own behalf; and may produce any other witness or witnesses in his behalf under oath, all of whom shall be subject to cross-examination. Any accused officer shall have the right to have any fellow officer attend any such hearing as a witness and management will require such officer to attend.

4.5 The Public Safety Director shall render a written decision within ten (10) days, and the officer shall have the right to appeal from such decision to whatever agency necessary, in writing, of his intention so to appeal within (10) days next after the receipt by him of the intention of the hearing officer's decision. All hearings shall be taken down stenographically or by electronic recording. Such records shall be kept for a period of at least sixty days pending the outcome of any appeal. At the officer's request all records shall be made available to the Police Association at its cost.

4.6 Any officer who is charged, either with a dismissal, suspension, demotion or fine shall have the right to be present at any hearing so scheduled by the Borough. The Officer prior to the hearing shall receive all written charges against him and the reasons for said action by the Borough. Whenever any officer is required to appear before the Chief of Police, or Borough Council of Palmyra, or any committee or any member thereof concerning any matter which could adversely effect continuation of that officer in his position, employment, or salary or any increments pertaining thereto, he shall be entitled to have a representative of the Association or counsel of his choosing present to advise and represent him during such meeting or interview.

4.7 Letters of reprimand may be appealed through the chain of command in accordance with law.

ARTICLE 5

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION

5.1 The Police Association agrees to file in writing the name of authorized persons delegated to represent and handle Police Association matters.

5.2 The Borough agrees to pay Police Association representatives, who are on duty, for the time spent processing valid grievances, contract negotiations and/or the defense of an officer in a disciplinary action, limited to not more than two representatives at one time.

ARTICLE 6

MUTUAL COOPERATION

6.1 The Police Association and Borough Council agree that mutual cooperation is necessary for the Police Department to carry out its public responsibility of maintaining a high level of service to the public.

6.2 The parties agree to resolve problems arising from differences through the Grievance Procedure contained herein.

6.3 The parties agree that the pursuit of harmonious relations between the Police Association and the Borough Council is the continuing intent of the parties, recognizing the mutual responsibility of each party.

6.4 The Borough Council agrees that the provisions of this Agreement shall be carried out in all respects through the term of this Agreement and assures the Police Association compliance by its officers or representatives.

6.5 The Police Association agrees that this Agreement was reached in good faith and to abide by the terms and conditions of this Agreement through the term of this Agreement.

6.6 The Police Association further agrees that, during the term of this agreement, it shall cause no strikes, work stoppages, slow downs, or other acts of disharmony contrary to the intent of this Agreement, or law. The Police Association agrees that it has full responsibility for any such acts on the part of its members.

6.7 In the event of any such acts enumerated in Section 6.6 of this Article, the Police Association agrees that any and all such members so engaged shall be immediately subject to disciplinary or dismissal action. The Police Association further agrees that it will immediately notify all its members that any such action is not sanctioned by the Police Association and that the Police Association joins with the Borough in insisting that all officers cease and desist immediately.

6.8 The Police Association further agrees that the Borough Council shall have any and all recourse in law to restore normal working operations, including action against individual officers, the Police Association and its representatives.

ARTICLE 7

USE OF PROPERTY AND BULLETIN BOARDS

7.1 When requested in writing, the Borough Council will allow the Police Association to conduct meetings on Borough property at the sole discretion of the Borough. In cases of emergency, a verbal request will be honored subject to a written confirmation being filed with the Council.

7.2 The Borough will provide bulletin boards for use by the Police Association for posting announcements and notices relating to meetings and official Police Association business, which shall be non-political in nature. All notices shall be approved for posting and signed by an Association officer or his designee.

ARTICLE 8

SAFETY AND WORKING CONDITIONS

8.1 The Police Association and Borough Council mutually agree that the safety of our Police officer and protection of our community is of the utmost importance, with this in mind both parties agree:

A. A Regular Police officer shall be limited to twelve (12) hours of patrol Duty per day unless ordered by the Chief of Police for emergencies.

8.2 All officers shall care for and make proper use of tools, equipment and clothing issued by the Borough. Destruction of, or abuse of property shall be cause for disciplinary action as outlined in the Police Manual. The Borough agrees to maintain all police equipment and patrol vehicles in the safest working condition at all times.

8.3 An officer shall notify his supervisor of all hazardous safety conditions of any equipment. Any equipment deemed hazardous by a supervisor shall be put out-of-service and the supervisor will notify the Chief of such action.

8.4 All overtime shall be pursuant to the specification of Article 11 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

9.1 In the event of sickness or injury all officers covered under this agreement may be granted a leave of absence by the Director of Public Safety up to but not in excess of one year from the date of request. A leave of absence request due to sickness or injury shall be accompanied with a medical certification from a physician recognized in the State of New Jersey to practice medicine setting forth the diagnosis and recuperation time required. The Borough reserves the right to have its medical staff evaluate an officer on sick leave and have a second opinion rendered.

ARTICLE 10

PROMOTIONS

10.1 It is agreed the Borough retains the right to maintain efficiency of the operations by determining the methods, the means, and the personnel by which such operations are conducted. All promotions shall be made in accordance with the requirements of an NJSA 40A:14-129 and 130.

ARTICLE 11

HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

11.1 The Borough shall regulate the hours of work the types of shifts and the classification and number of Police officers.

11.2 It is recognized that a tour of duty shall be (12) hours including two (2) paid 45 minute meal breaks and (2) fifteen minute rest breaks. The Chief of Police will attempt to schedule work weeks so that the officers will generally maintain their normal tour of duty. This scheduling can only be done if safety of the Borough is assured and an adequate number of personnel is on each tour of duty in accordance with regularly accepted police standards.

11.3 If a vacancy occurs because of sickness, vacation or absence of an officer, or if additional officers are needed, the vacancy shall be filled after recommendation of the Chief of Police and the approval of the Director of Public Safety.

11.4 All officers covered under this agreement shall receive overtime pay for call back duty or extended tours of duty hours worked above and beyond the assigned working schedule as so proclaimed by the Chief of Police during any declared emergency. All overtime hours in any given period of fourteen (14) consecutive days, beginning on Friday and extending to and including the second following Thursday, shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half with such payment being made in the following regular pay. Overtime shall be calculated on a weekly basis and shall be paid bi-weekly.

11.5 All personnel in the bargaining unit shall receive normal pay for any approved absences.

11.6 All full-time police officers who are called in for non-scheduled work will be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) hours work

11.7 In the event of illness or absence, a police officer shall notify the Borough authorities at least two (2) hours before his scheduled reporting time. If the duration of the illness is not known, daily call-in for illness will be required. A doctor's certificate will be required after three (3) days absence.

11.8 A full-time officer off duty who must appear in Municipal Court on Borough Business shall receive overtime pay at the rate of time-and-one-half for all time spent in court.

A. Such pay shall be calculated in the following manner: The officer shall start receiving pay by signing in, this to be no more than one-half (1/2) hour prior to scheduled court starting time. He shall continue to receive overtime pay during all recesses and shall sign out at the conclusion of all his related cases and also will sign out for lunch or for personal time spent.

11.9 Compensation of one (1) day off with pay will be granted for each scheduled day off that an officer attends In-Service training schools.

11.10 A full time officer will have first option to work any unscheduled overtime on the basis of sergeant for sergeants, and patrolman for patrolman. Special officers or part time patrolmen can be utilized when the full time officers do not accept the offer to work overtime.

ARTICLE 12

SALARIES

The salaries for the years as outlined below for all members of the unit pursuant to the recognition clause under Article 1 shall be as follows effective on January 1 of each year:

		<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
PTLM	A	27,279	<u>28,370</u>	29,505
PTLM	B	30,006	<u>31,206</u>	32,454
PTLM	C	33,005	<u>34,325</u> ✓	35,698
PTLM	D	36,578	<u>38,041</u>	39,563 ✓
PTLM	E	38,081	<u>39,604</u> ✓	41,188
PTLM	F	41,595	<u>43,259</u> ✓	44,989
DETC ACTING		42,241	<u>43,931</u>	45,688
SERGEANT		44,350	<u>46,124</u> ✓	<u>47,969</u>
DETEC SERG		45,207	<u>47,015</u>	48,896

For each year of the contract, officers working in a higher job classification shall receive the equivalent pay scale of the higher classification, payable from the first day working in said higher job classification.

ARTICLE 13

HOLIDAYS AND HOLIDAY PAY


13.1 The following holidays shall be recognized by the Borough:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Veterans Day
Washington's Birthday	Thanksgiving Day
Good Friday	Day after Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	Christmas Day
July 4th	One-half day Christmas Eve
Labor Day	One-half day New Year's Eve

13.2 Holiday Pay shall be paid in the following manner:

A. A check shall be issued the first pay day in June for all Holidays from January 1, to the check date which includes first five (5) holidays listed above.

B. A second check shall be issued the last pay day in November for all holidays from the June check up to and inclusive of December 31 of the current year which includes the last eight (8) holidays listed above.

 C. These checks are to be separated from the normal pay check.

D. In the event an officer terminates employment before the end of any calendar year, the total of the officer's holiday pay hereunder shall be paid on a pro rata basis.

13.3 Officers scheduled off on a holiday shall receive triple time pay for all hours worked beginning with the first hour worked on a holiday and continuing until the officer is released, notwithstanding that some hours worked may be on the calendar day next following the holiday.

13.4 Holiday pay will not be paid to any officer on a leave of absence without pay or who is on a suspended status.

13.5 If a recognized holiday falls during the officer's vacation period, an officer shall have the option of receiving one extra day's pay, or one extra vacation day with written notice to the Chief of Police seven (7) days prior to vacation.

ARTICLE 14 - SICK LEAVE

14.1 Accumulated sick leave will not be credited to any officer prior to January 1, 1991 when officers became entitled to fifteen (15) sick days per year which could accrue without limit. Effective January 1, 1997, officers will be entitled to thirteen (13) sick days per year which may accrue without limit to those already accumulated from January 1, 1991.

14.2 Upon eligibility for police and fire pension benefits, for either service or disability reasons, unused accumulated sick days shall be paid at 60% of the officer's final salary value, not to exceed a total payment of \$12,000. Such payment shall be made upon the officer's actual retirement pursuant to the police and fire pension plan.

ARTICLE 15

PERSONAL HOLIDAYS

15.1 Members of the Palmyra Police Association shall receive two (2) paid personal holidays per calendar year. Officers must notify the Chief 2 hours prior to the day the officer desires a personal holiday leave and approval must be given in accordance with past practice.

ARTICLE 16

VACATIONS

16.1 Permanent officers shall be granted vacation leave as follows based on twelve hour duty tours.

1. Start to first anniv. - one half (1/2) day per month - limit three days.
2. After one full year of employment - (4) four working days.
3. After two full years of employment - (8) eight working days
4. After six full years of employment - (12) twelve working days
5. After fourteen full yrs. of employment - (18) eighteen working days

16.2 In the event an officer desires to forego a vacation or part thereof, and wishes to serve on duty during that period, he is given the right to do so, however, notification of his desire to work during the vacation must be approved by the Chief of Police, and said approval will only be considered if an emergency state arises, threatening the safety of the Borough.

16.3 The scheduling of vacations shall be determined by the Chief so that there will be appropriate police coverage for the municipality at all times. Vacation pay will be computed based on the annual salary of the officer.

Vacation time for all officers shall be scheduled and taken within the anniversary year it is earned.

16.4 In the event an officer terminates employment before the end of any calendar year, the total of the officer's vacation pay hereunder shall be paid on a pro rata basis.

ARTICLE 17

MILEAGE

Mileage for Borough business shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.25 per mile, when approved by an authorized signer, submitted on the proper form, and approved by the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 18

SENIORITY

Seniority is defined as the length of an officer's accumulated, continuous, permanent employment with the Borough. Seniority shall be the only determining factor in computing vacation time and longevity. Salary shall be determined by the length of time in each pay grade.

ARTICLE 19

LONGEVITY

19.1 Longevity pay will be paid the first normal pay in December of each calendar year to those officers who have been employed as of November 30th with the Borough. Effective 1/1/97 the following longevity schedule shall be implemented, for the contract period of January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1999:

FIVE YEARS	3%
TEN YEARS	<u>4%</u>
FIFTEEN YEARS	<u>6%</u>
TWENTY YEARS	<u>7%</u>

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30th
8 Dec 1977

8 Dec 1978

19.2 In the event an officer terminates employment before November 30th of any calendar year, the total of the officer's longevity pay hereunder shall be paid on a pro rata basis.

ARTICLE 20

SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

20.1 Shift differential should be paid in the last regular paycheck in each month to all officers in the bargaining unit at the rate of 5%. Shift differential pay shall be paid for approved time worked between the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. or any part thereof for scheduled work hours.

PAID OUT EACH PAY

CIC PAY ONCE A MONTH

FIRST PAY

ARTICLE 21

EDUCATION

21.1 The Borough will excuse from duty any officers who are taking continuing education courses or courses from a certified accredited college which is recognized by the State of New Jersey. All courses will be police related in nature and shall be approved as such by the Chief of Police

21.2 Upon the completion of the approved courses the officer will be reimbursed 100% of the basic tuition and college assessed fees, together with 100% for the cost of textbooks, providing the officer has maintained a passing grade.

21.3 A. The Borough agrees to pay ten dollars (\$10.00) per credit to any police officer who has gained credits for approved college courses, with the provision that no credits will be considered for payment achieved prior to the officer's date of hire by the Borough.

The Borough will make one \$10.00 payment for each approved credit, and all parties agree that payment for credits are not to accrue in any fashion or carry through any future year.

B. The payment will be paid in the month of January of the following year after certification of the credits are made to the Director of Public Safety in writing.

C. The Borough will make payment of \$200.00 over Base Salary for an Associates Degree and \$400.00 for a Bachelors Degree over Base Salary. Payment will be paid in the 1st pay of December each year after certification of the degree is made to the Director of Public Safety in writing.

ARTICLE 22

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

22.1 The Borough shall, upon request of an officer, make a prescribed payroll deduction from an officer's salary to two (2) designees:

A. Palmyra Police Association

B. Any bank

22.2 The following format shall be used when requesting a payroll deduction and must be signed by the requesting officer:

A. I, (name) _____ hereby authorize the Borough of Palmyra to deduct from my regular salary (amount) _____. This amount shall be forwarded from the Borough of Palmyra in my name to (designee) _____ effective _____ (start) _____ and terminating on _____ (end) _____.

(officer's signature)

ARTICLE 23

HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

23.1 The Borough agrees to provide the following Health and Welfare benefits as stated.

23.2 The Borough will indemnify and save harmless members of the Association (regular officers) from civil liability for false arrest.

23.3 Whenever an officer of the Palmyra Police Department is a defendant in any action or legal proceeding arising out of or directly related to the lawful exercise of police powers in the furtherance of his official duties, the Borough Council shall provide him with necessary means for the defense of such action or proceedings but not for his defense in a disciplinary proceeding instituted against him by the Borough Council or Police Chief or in a criminal proceeding instituted as a result of a complaint on behalf of the Borough. If any such disciplinary or criminal proceeding instituted by or on a complaint of the municipality shall be dismissed or finally determined in favor of the officer, he shall be reimbursed for the expense of his defense.

23.4 The Borough shall contribute for each officer to the Police and Firemen's Pension System as required by law.

23.5 The Borough shall make payment and provide each retired officer and his or her spouse with benefits substantially the same or better than U.S. Healthcare Plan #NJ01-000B or Blue Shield #02-34886 and Bollinger Policy #PD0369 Prescription Insurance Coverage for those officers who qualified for retirement under a State Administered Pension Program with 25 years of service. Exception being that the spouses benefits end at the age of Medicare eligibility.

23.6 The Borough shall provide a fully paid \$10,000 Group Life Insurance Policy to all officers.

23.7 In the event that an officer wears safety eyeglasses or contact lenses prescribed by an Ophthalmologist or Optometrist, the Borough agrees to repair, replace or reimburse without cost to the officer any such appliance damaged in the line of duty. This provision shall not apply to non-prescription sunglasses. Safety eyeglasses or contact lenses prescribed by an Ophthalmologist or Optometrist will be supplied on the basis of one (1) pair per calendar year by the Borough. The Borough shall pay for one (1) eye examination each calendar year.

23.8 It is recognized that the officers in this bargaining unit are required to wear uniforms in accordance with the department rules and regulations and that detectives are non-uniformed but are required to wear plain clothes while in the performance of their duties. Accordingly, it is agreed that each officer is entitled to purchase new uniforms for each contract year. The uniforms and equipment purchase allowance for each year as prescribed by the Chief is established at \$650.00 per officer. This allowance may be used only for the purchase of uniforms and other police related equipment. This allowance is to be made available to the covered officers beginning January 1 of each year. The Borough shall make payment directly to the uniform or equipment vendor after receiving the invoice and a properly completed voucher. Payments shall be made on behalf of each officer up to the \$650.00 contract year allowance. Detectives who are unable to buy required clothing or equipment through vouchers will be reimbursed within 45 days of submitting the receipts with a voucher to the Chief of Police for approval by the Borough

23.9 A payment of \$100.00 per man per year will be paid for Uniform Clothing Maintenance. Payment will be paid prior to May 1st of each year.

23.10 The Borough shall provide at no cost to any officer Bollinger Dental Policy #GD2589 (with orthodontics to \$1,000.00) or plans which are equivalent or better in levels of benefits to those provided under the above plans.

23.11 The Borough shall provide for the duration of this contract a Prescription Plan, substantially equivalent to or better than the Bollinger Prescription Plan, Policy #PD0369 for coverage of officers and their dependents. The plan shall cover allowable fees as set forth by the said plan with a deductible of \$2.00, payable by the claimant.

23.12 It is expressly agreed and understood by and between the parties that the Borough retains the right to change insurance carriers for all insurance benefits provided to officers under this Agreement so long as the new plan provides substantially equivalent or better benefits.

ARTICLE 24

DEFINITION OF TERMS

24.1 As stated herein the Borough shall also mean the Borough of Palmyra and all members of management not included in the Police Association.

24.2 Regular officer shall mean an officer, full-time officer or patrolman, sergeant, detectives and members of the Palmyra Police Association.

ARTICLE 25

LEGAL APPLICATION

25.1 Either party to this agreement may seek legal relief or enforcement of the provisions herein at their expense

25.2 In the event that any provision of this Agreement between the parties shall be held by operation of law or by a court or administrative agency of competent and final jurisdiction to be invalid or un-enforceable, the remainder of the provisions of such Agreement shall not be affected thereby, but shall be continued in full force and effect.

25.3 It is further agreed that, in the event any provisions are finally declared to be invalid, or un-enforceable, the parties shall meet within thirty (30) days of written notice by either party to the other to negotiate concerning the modification or revision of such clause, or clauses.

ARTICLE 26

EXISTING BENEFITS AND CONTRACT

26.1 All existing Borough ordinances pertaining to mandatorily negotiable terms and conditions of employment for members of the bargaining unit will not be changed.

ARTICLE 27

CONTRACT PERIOD

27.1 This Agreement shall be effective January 1, 1997. It shall be binding upon the Borough and the Police Association until December 31, 1999 and thereafter, from year to year, unless either party hereto shall notify the other, in writing, at least six (6) months prior to the expiration of the term or any extended term of the Agreement of a desire to make a change in the Agreement or re-negotiate a new contract.

27.2 If either party gives notice to the other pursuant to Section 27.1, then within ten (10) days from the service of said notice, representatives of the Borough and the Police Association shall meet to begin discussions and negotiations.

ARTICLE 28

RETIREEES

28.1 Any officer who qualified for retirement under a State administered pension program with 25 years of service shall continue to receive those benefits as provided for in the contract year of retirement, and shall not be affected by any future additions and/or alterations in any contract negotiated between the Palmyra Police Association and the Borough of Palmyra.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed under their hands and seals.

FOR BOROUGH OF PALMYRA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Frank Cosby

John J. Gualy

Joseph P. Thomas

James A. Carr

WITNESS BOROUGH CLERK

FOR PALMYRA POLICE ASSOCIATION

John Lippincott

Howard W. Proctor

William A. Gil

James A. Carr

WITNESS

4-23-97

Date