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COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

between

WILLINGBORO CHAPTER 026, U.S.R.P.O.A, Inc.

TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this / day of November, 1983, by and between the TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO, a body corporate and politic, hereafter referred to as the "Township"; and WILLINGBORO CHAPTER 026, United States Reserve Police Officers Association, Inc., hereafter referred to as "Chapter 026";

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises contained herein,
IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. GENERAL PURPOSE: This Agreement is entered into in order to promote harmonious relations between the Township and Chapter 026, in the best interests of the residents of the Township of Willingboro, to establish an orderly and peaceful procedure to settle differences which might arise and to set forth the full agreement between the parties resulting from collective bargaining.
- 2. NON-DISCRIMINATION: The Township and Chapter 026 agree that all provisions of this Agreement shall be applied equally to all employee members of Chapter 026 in compliance with applicable law against discrimination as to race, color, creed,

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national origin, age, sex or political affiliation or membership or legitimate activity in Chapter 026. All references in this Agreement to employees of the male gender have been used for convenience only and shall be construed to include both male and female employees. All references to "employee" or "member" shall mean those individuals included within the bargaining unit for the purposes of this contract without regard to actual Chapter 026 membership.

- 3. RECOGNITION OF BARGAINING UNIT: The Township recognizes, during the term of this Agreement, Chapter 026 as the sole and exclusive collective negotiating representative for part-time Special Officers employed by the Township. Specifically excluded are all other employees of the Township.
- 4. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS: The Township shall have the right to determine all matters concerning the management or administration of the Police Department, including the Special Officer function, subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

5. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:

- A. A grievance, as used in this Agreement, is defined as an alleged breach, misinterpretation or misapplication of terms of this Agreement. Matters within the jurisdiction of the Department of Civil Service, including but not limited to suspensions, reduction in rank, discharges or any other administrative action affecting the classification or status of an employee, are not subject to the grievance procedure.
 - B. No settlement of a grievance shall contravene the

provisions of this Agreement.

- C. A day, as used in this Agreement, is defined as a weekday, which shall exclude Saturday, Sunday and official Township holidays.
- D. An aggrieved person must verbally present the grievance to the Division Commander within 15 days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the grievance or within 15 days of when the aggrieved person should reasonably have known of its occurrence. The Division Commander, or the shift supervisor, as the case may be, shall attempt to adjust the matter within three (3) days by meeting with the aggrieved person and shall render a decision in writing, with copies to the Chief of Police and to the Executive Director of Chapter 026.
- E. If the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the decision required in Paragraph D, or if no decision is rendered within the three (3) day period, the grievance shall be reduced to writing by the aggrieved person and presented to the Chief of Police within five (5) days after the decision is rendered or after the expiration of the three (3) day period, if no decision is rendered. The written grievance shall be dated and signed by the aggrieved party and shall set forth the facts upon which the grievance is based, including dates and names of other persons involved, the provision(s) of this Agreement that are alleged to have been violated, and the remedy desired and attached thereto shall be a copy of the decision at the first level, if rendered. The aggrieved person shall serve a copy of the written grievance

upon the individual rendering a decision at the first level of this procedure and upon the Executive Director of Chapter 026. The Chief of Police, or the designated representative of the Chief of Police shall meet with the aggrieved person, the Executive Director of Chapter 026 and the individual rendering the decision at the first level of this procedure. The decision of the Chief of Police shall be rendered, in writing, within five (5) days after the grievance is presented to the Chief of Police with copies to the Township Manager and the Executive Director of Chapter 026.

If the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the decision rendered in Paragraph E or if no decision is rendered within the five (5) day period, it shall be presented to the Township Manager within five (5) days after the decision is rendered or after the expiration of the five (5) day period provided for in Paragraph E, if no decision is rendered. written grievance shall included the information set forth in Paragraph E and shall have attached copies of the decisions rendered at the first and second levels, if rendered. A copy of the grievance shall be served upon the Chief of Police and the Executive Director of Chapter 026. The Township Manager, or the designated representative of the Township Manager, shall meet with the aggrieved person and any representative of Chapter 026 designated by the aggrieved person in an attempt to adjust the matter within thirty (30) days, and shall render a decision in writing, with copies to the aggrieved person, the Chief of Police,

and the Executive Director of Chapter 026.

- G. If a grievance is not appealed within the time limits set forth above, the grievance shall be deemed settled.
- H. In the event a grievance is not settled to the satisfaction of all parties at the conclusion of Section G, the aggrieved shall, within ten (10) days after the 30th day next following the date the grievance was served on the Township Manager, serve notice on the Township Manager that the matter is being referred to final, binding arbitration. The arbitrator shall be chosen according to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:12-5.1 et seq. The arbitrator's decision in the matter shall be final and binding on all parties. The cost of the arbitrator's costs and fees shall be borne equally by the parties, but each party shall be solely responsible for the cost it incurs in the production of testimony or evidence.
- 6. SALARY: The schedule below is established as the hourly rates in effect for Special Officers of the Township of Willingboro during the term of this Agreement:

	Year l	Year 2	Year 3
Uncertified	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.35
Certified	\$ 5.60	\$ 5.91	\$ 6.24

A. A "Certified" Special Officer shall be defined to mean a Special Officer who has satisfactorily completed a Certified Police Training Course approved by the New Jersey Police Training

Commission. At the time of this Agreement, the completion of the training to obtain the certificate requires approximately one hundred twenty (120) hours of training.

- B. Firearms Qualification Incentive. Any Certified Special Officer who does not maintain the firearms qualification certification shall receive a reduction of \$.35 per hour in the applicable hourly rate set forth above, until the Special Officer has been requalified and certified.
- C. Supervisory Incentive. Any Special Officer assigned to Supervisory Duties shall receive an additional \$.20 per hour while so assigned.
- D. Payment of Wages. The wages of Special Officers shall be paid on the 15th and last day of each month, based on payroll records submitted to the Township Treasurer one week in advance of the payday. Any paycheck not claimed on the payday will be mailed on the next business day to the home address of the Special Officer as shown on the records maintained in the office of the Township Treasurer.
- E. For the purposes of this Agreement, Year 1 shall begin on July 1, 1983, and shall end on June 30, 1984; Year 2 shall begin on July 1, 1984, and shall end on June 30, 1985; and Year 3 shall begin on July 1, 1985, and shall end on June 30, 1986.
- F. For the period beginning January 1, 1983, and ending on June 30, 1983, the Certified Special Officers who were employed during that period and who remain in employment by the Township at the date of this Agreement shall receive a retroactive increase in

the hourly rate that they were paid during that period of six (6%) percent.

- 7. UNIFORMS AND CLEANING ALLOWANCE: Special Officers shall be supplied by the Township with uniforms which shall be worn while on duty in accordance with Police Department Regulations. The Township agrees to provide the Special Officers with a cleaning allowance for the cost of maintaining the uniforms in the amount of One Hundred (\$100.00) per year which shall be paid quarterly at the end of each calendar quarter worked. The first calendar quarter to which this allowance shall be applicable shall be the quarter covering the months of July, August and September, 1983.
- Pay, to any Special Officer who has a current firearms

 qualification certificate at the time of the initial request, an allowance for the purchase and maintenance of a bulletproof vest in the amount of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per year. Any Special Officer submitting a request for this allowance shall also submit proof that a bulletproof vest has actually been purchased. For those special officers who qualify for the allowance as of the date of this agreement, the allowance shall be paid as of July 1, 1983. The annual payments shall thereafter be made during the month of July to those Special Officers in the employ of the Township as of July 1st of the applicable year who have submitted the requests for the allowance and who have qualified for the payment of the allowance as of July 1st of that year. Any Special

Officer who receives an allowance under this provision shall be required to wear the vest at all times when on duty, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Willingboro Police Department.

- 9. INSURANCE: In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, Special Officers shall be covered for worker's compensation; unemployment and social security. Any Special Officer who is not covered by a medical and hospitalization insurance plan thru another employer shall be eligible to participate in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield, or comparable plan, available to Township employees. That participation shall be solely at the expense of the Special Officer and shall require no contribution or expense on the part of the Township. The premium charged to the Special Officer shall be payable quarterly, in advance. Failure to make the payment when due quarterly, in advance, shall result in immediate termination from the coverage. Participation in this insurance coverage shall be conditional on and subject to the rules and regulations established by the insurance carrier providing the coverage.
- LEGISLATION: This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties. The parties agree that in the event federal or state legislation or regulation is passed or there is any judicial decision which would alter the terms of this Agreement, the parties shall meet and discuss the impact of the legislation, regulation or judicial decision and the appropriate action to be

taken as a result thereof. No modification or vacation of any term or condition of employment established in this Agreement by judicial, legislative or regulatory act shall serve to automatically void any other provision of this Agreement.

- Township agrees to compensate an employee for damage to, or loss of, prescription lenses or a wristwatch damaged or lost in the performance of duty, provided notice of the damage or loss shall be given to the shift supervisor during or immediately following the end of the shift in which the damage or loss occurred. The liability of the Township shall be only for the actual cost thereof, provided that it shall not exceed the sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars.
- the employ of the Township shall receive a Training Allowance in the amount of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars per year to cover the costs of time and materials in training for duties as a Special Officer. For those Certified Special Officers in the employ of the Township as of the date of this Agreement, the payment of the Training Allowance shall be retroactive to July 1, 1983. All future payments of the Training Allowance shall be made in the month of July to Certified Special Officers in the employ of the Township as of July 1st of that year.
- 13. TERM OF AGREEMENT: This Agreement shall be in full force and effect from July 1, 1983, through June 30, 1986, and for succeeding periods of twelve (12) months unless either party shall

notify the other in writing prior to March 1, 1986, or prior to March 1 of the appropriate succeeding twelve (12) month period, of its desire to negotiate a new contract, within the limits provided for herein, and if no Agreement shall have been reached on the date of the expiration of this Agreement, the Agreement shall be extended until the negotiations have been completed and a new Agreement takes effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Township and Chapter 026 have caused this Agreement to be executed by their proper officials.

ATTEST:

LENORE STERN

Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO

Ву

PAUL KRANE

Mayor

ATTEST

CAROL A REINHARD

Secretary

WILLINGBORO CHAPTER 026, U.S.R.P.O.A., Inc.

JAMES K. YORK

Executive Director