

**FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE NEW JERSEY
LABOR COUNCIL/FOP LODGE 147**

AND

**WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP,
BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement entered into on this _____ day of _____, 2003, by and between the Township of Westampton ("Employer" or the "Township") having its principal offices in the Municipal Building, 710 Rancocas Road, Westampton Township, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, and the Fraternal Order of Police New Jersey Labor Council/FOP Lodge 147, having its principal offices at 71 Indel Avenue, Township of Westampton, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, certain members of the Westampton Township Police Department requested recognition of the Fraternal Order of Police New Jersey Labor Council/FOP Lodge 147 ("Lodge 147" or "FOP"), as the exclusive collective bargaining agent for the bargaining unit defined in Article 1, Section 2, of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, by resolution, did so recognize said agent and it is necessary that the parties agree to certain terms and conditions of employment not in conflict with the Police Manual adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Westampton and agreed to by the FOP in the hereinafter Agreement and on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to execute a written contract with respect to said conditions of employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions and covenants hereinafter set forth, the employer and FOP do hereby agree and covenant as follows:

Article 1 - Definitions

The following words shall have the following meanings when used in this contract:

1. Employer: The Township of Westampton and the Township Committee of the Township of Westampton.
2. Employees: The full and part time permanent members of the Police Department to

include all members below the rank of Lieutenant. Included are Sergeants, Detective Sergeants, Detectives, both full and part time Police Officers. Excluded are the Chief of Police, Captains, Lieutenants, Secretaries, Crossing Guards, Dispatchers, Typists, and all others.

3. Full-time Employee: An individual who is appointed as a sworn full-time member of the Police Department and is regularly scheduled to work forty (40) hours or more per week.

4. Part-time Employee: An individual who is appointed by the Township Committee as a special officer for one (1) year per term and who regularly works less than-forty (40) hours per week.

Article 2 - Recognition and Management Rights

A. Recognition

The Employer recognizes Fraternal Order of Police New Jersey Labor Council/FOP Lodge 147 ("Lodge 147" or "FOP") as the bargaining agent for the purpose of establishing salaries, wages, hours and other conditions of employment for the employees in this unit. This recognition however shall not be interpreted as having the effect of or in any way abrogating the rights of the Township and Lodge #147 as established pursuant to any Federal or State Statute or Law or the original Resolution or Recognition as adopted by the Township Committee. By executing this Agreement, Lodge #147 and its members and the Township agree to be bound by the terms and conditions and provisions of the Police Manual, provided that if the terms and conditions and provisions of this contract are in conflict with the terms and conditions and provisions of the Police Manual, then the terms and conditions and provisions of this contract shall govern.

B. Management Rights

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

a. To manage and control administratively the Township government and its

properties and facilities and the activities of its employees.

b. To hire all employees and, subject to the provisions of Law, to determine their qualifications and conditions for continued employment or assignment, and to promote and transfer employees.

c. To suspend, demote, discharge or take other disciplinary action for good and just cause according to Law.

2. The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authorities, duties and responsibilities of the Township, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only by specific and express terms of the Agreement and then only to the extent such specific and express terms hereof are in conformance with the Constitution and Laws of New Jersey and the United States.

Article 3 - General Rules

A. Proposed salary ranges shall be established and applied to all authorized classified positions, except where the positions and the salary are established by Statute.

B. The minimum rate shall be the hiring rate for each title. Employees with special skills or experience may be assigned a rate in excess of the minimum hiring rate at the discretion of the Township. In the event the employee shows special skills or his work record and performance are above average, the Township Committee, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, may advance the employee to a higher rate within his/her classification premature to the scheduled increase. The Township shall notify the FOP in writing of any action taken pursuant to this paragraph.

C. The above rates of compensation are fixed on the basis of full-time service where a salary is indicated. During the term of this Agreement, the pay scales will not be reduced unless by mutual agreement of both parties. All salaries, wages and overtime shall be paid bi-weekly. The Township shall implement a Direct Deposit program.

Article 4 - Salary

A. Classification

The employees shall be classified by the Township Committee. The effective date for the computation of years of service for the purpose of classification is the date of hiring as a full-time Township employee. In the case of prior employment as a part time employee, credit will be given for time accumulated, as follows: Three part-time years equal one full-time year.

B. Salaries and Wages

1. The salaries and wages for patrol officers in the Police Department covered by this Agreement hired prior to January 1, 1997, are as follows, and are retroactive to the dates as set forth in the guide:

Patrolman	1/1/02 (4.0%)	1/1/03 (3.9%)	1/1/04 (3.9%)	1/1/05 (3.8%)
A. Step 1 (0 to 1 years of service)	40,422	41,998	43,636	45,294
B. Step 2 (1 to 2 years of service)	43,948	45,662	47,443	49,246
C. Step 3 (2 to 3 years of service)	47,473	49,324	51,248	53,195
D. Step 4 (3 to 4 years of service)	50,997	52,986	55,053	57,145
E. Step 5 (4 or more years of service)	54,524	56,651	58,860	61,097

2. The salaries and wages for patrol officers in the Police Department covered by this Agreement and hired after January 1, 1997, are as follows, and are retroactive to the dates as set forth in the guide:

Patrolman	1/1/02 (4.0%)	1/1/03 (3.9%)	1/1/04 (3.9%)	1/1/05 (3.8%)
A. Step 1 (0 to 1 years of service)	35,761	37,156	38,605	40,072
B. Step 2 (1 to 2 years of service)	40,422	41,998	43,636	45,294
C. Step 3 (2 to 3 years of service)	43,948	45,662	47,443	49,246
D. Step 4 (3 to 4 years of service)	47,473	49,324	51,248	53,195
E. Step 5 (4 to 5 years of service)	50,997	52,986	55,053	57,145
F. Step 6 (5 or more years of service)	54,524	56,651	58,860	61,097

3. The salary and wages for sergeants, in the Police Department covered by this

Agreement are as follows, and are retroactive to the dates as set forth in this guide:

Sergeants	1/1/02 (4.0%)	1/1/03 (3.9%)	1/1/04 (3.9%)	1/1/05 (3.8%)
A. Step 1 (0 to 1 years of service)	58,949	61,248	63,637	66,055
B. Step 2 (1 to 2 years of service)	62,372	64,804	67,332	69,890
C. Step 3 (2 or more years of service)	65,793	68,358	71,024	73,723

4. Any employee appointed to the position of detective for one (1) full year, and not in a lieutenant position, shall receive an annual bonus while serving in that position equal to the following:

2002	\$1,250.00	2004	\$1,750.00
2003	\$1,500.00	2005	\$2,000.00

C. Longevity

All employees with more than five (5) years of service shall receive an amount of longevity in addition to their salary. Longevity shall be paid weekly in accordance with the following schedule: (Longevity is included in the base pay for pension purposes).

- a. Five to nine years of employment 3.5%
- b. Ten to thirteen years of employment 6.0%
- c. Fourteen years and over 8.5%

D. Shift Supervisor Compensation

A fifteen dollar (\$15.00) per shift payment will be given to an unit member who is temporarily assigned for a shift to work as the shift leader. This is not considered to be part of the base pay.

Article 5 - College Credit

A. To promote the furthering of the individual's education the Township will reimburse cost of tuition, fees and books for courses taken in a program leading to a degree in Police Science or Criminal Justice. All courses, cost allowance per credit, and number of courses allowed in one budget year must be approved by the Chief of Police in advance. Notwithstanding the foregoing,

there shall be no reimbursement for "make up" classes, or for remedial classes.

Reimbursement will be limited to:

100% for grade A and B

75% for grade C

Zero for a grade other than A, B or C

Article 6 - Holiday

A. Each employee covered by the provisions of this Agreement shall receive time off with pay whenever possible as determined by the Chief of Police, such pay being included in the overtime pay check for said employee for ten (10) of the sixteen (16) holidays as detailed below:

1. Ten listed days: New Years, Martin Luther King, Presidents, Memorial, Independence, Labor, Veterans, Thanksgiving and day after, Christmas.

2. Forty-eight (48) hours holiday time shall be personal holiday and may be taken at the employee's discretion only with seventy-two (72) hours' notice to the Chief of Police or his designee, and with his approval.

B. If a holiday falls within an employee's vacation period, the employee shall receive an additional day off with pay, the schedule to be authorized by the Chief of Police.

C. New employees who have not yet completed thirty (30) calendar days of service shall not be entitled to holiday pay for holidays occurring within the said thirty (30) days.

D. Holiday pay shall not be granted whenever an employee is absent on a scheduled work day before or after the day on which the holiday is celebrated, except during vacation or unless the employee presents a doctor's excuse. In the event an employee who is scheduled to work on a holiday reports out sick, he/she must present a doctor's excuse for that day.

E. If an officer's regularly scheduled day off falls on a holiday, he/she shall receive eight (8) hours regular pay for the holiday in his/her overtime paycheck.

F. An officer who works on a holiday shall be paid at the rate of one and one half (1½) times his/her regular rate of pay for the hours worked on the holiday in addition to his/her regular

pay; except that if an officer works five (5) or more hours on the holiday, the officer shall be paid for minimum of six (6) hours or the number of hours actually worked on the holiday, whichever is greater, at one and one-half (1½) times his/her regular rate of pay in addition to the officers regular pay.

Article 7 - Bereavement Leave

A maximum of seven (7) days paid leave of absence shall be granted to full-time employees in the event of a death of the employee's mother, father, spouse, child or stepchild, provided that the leave includes the day of death and/or the day of the funeral. A maximum of three (3) days paid leave shall be granted to full-time employees for death of the parent of spouse, brother, sister, grandparents, grandchildren, aunt, uncle, first cousin, niece, nephew, brother/sister in law, or relative living in the same house as the officer. The said leave of absence is to be determined in accordance with Section 4, 9.6 of the Police Manual, which shall not be inconsistent with this Article. An additional day shall be granted for travel requirements in excess of one hundred (100) miles, one-way, said requirement to be determined by the Township Committee.

Article 8 - Other Leaves of Absence

A. A full-time member of the Police Department who is temporarily either mentally or physically incapacitated to perform his/her duties or who temporarily desires to engage in a course of study which will increase his/her usefulness upon return to service, or who for any reason considered good by the Township Committee and to secure leave from his/her regular duties may, with the approval of the Township Committee, upon recommendation of the Chief of Police, be granted special leave of absence without pay for a period of not exceeding six (6) months. Any employee asking for a special leave of absence without pay shall, twenty (20) days prior to the commencement of the leave, submit the request in writing to the Chief of Police and a copy to the Township Committee stating the reason why the request should be granted, the date the leave is to begin, and the probable date of his/her return to duty. For each separate use of special leave of absence without pay other than as herein provided under the Statutes, the Township Committee shall,

at the time the leave is approved, determine whether the employee granted such leave shall be entitled to his/her former positions upon return from such leave or whether his/her name shall be placed on the re-employment list.

B. Any employee granted such leave of absence by the Township Committee (not to exceed six months) shall not accumulate seniority while on leave of absence, and shall have all fringe benefits discontinued while on leave of absence except in the case of veterans to the extent so provided by State and Federal Law.

C. At the employee's option and at the employee's expense, insurance coverage may be provided during such leave of absence. Prepayment of the premiums at the Township's group rate shall be in monthly increments.

D. The Township of Westampton agrees to comply with all New Jersey State and United States Federal laws governing military leave.

Article 9 - Hours of Work and Overtime

A. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the normal tour of duty for officers covered by this Agreement shall consist of one (1) twelve (12) consecutive hour shift in a twenty-four (24) hour period, which 24 hour period may begin in one day and end the following day. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the normal work period for officers covered by this Agreement, shall consist of fourteen (14) consecutive days during which an officer shall work seven (7) twelve (12) hour tours for a total of no more than eighty-four (84) hours within the fourteen day work period. Officers working twelve (12) hour shifts, shall receive overtime for any hours worked over twelve (12) hours per tour and/or 84 hours per work period.

B. Authorized overtime is subject to approval of the proper authority as designated by the Police Manual.

C. For the purpose of payroll calculations, the work period shall commence at 12:01 a.m. Sunday and shall end fourteen (14) consecutive days thereafter, except a tour that shall begin on the immediately preceding Saturday and continues into the first Sunday in the work period shall be

considered to be part of the new work period.

D. Officers assigned to the detective bureau shall work eight (8) ten and one half (10½) hour shifts in a fourteen (14) day period. Officers assigned to a designated power shift shall work eight (8) ten and one half (10½) hour shifts in a fourteen (14) day period. Officers working ten and one half hour (10½) shifts shall receive overtime for any hours worked over ten and one half hours (10½) per tour and/or 84 hours per work period.

E. In the event an officer is called into duty during an emergency declared by the Chief of Police, the officer shall be guaranteed three (3) hours overtime pay. If the emergency conditions necessitate being on duty longer than three (3) hours, then the officer shall receive overtime pay for that additional time worked. If an officer is called into duty prior to his/her shift beginning, or remains at the end of his/her normal shift, the officers will be paid overtime for the hours actually worked contiguous to his/her regular shift, but the three (3) hours guaranteed overtime call-in pay shall not apply.

F. The overtime rate of pay shall be one and one half (1½) times the officers regular rate of pay. The overtime rate shall be calculated by utilizing the officers gross pay inclusive of longevity, if any, for the eighty-four (84) hour fourteen (14) work period, dividing that gross amount by 84 hours to determine the hourly rate upon which the one and one-half (1½) overtime hourly rate will be based.

G. All compensatory time shall be in compliance with the FSLA.

H. All officers shall be present five (5) minutes before their shift starts for any necessary instructions.

I. Work schedule assignments shall be made on an annual basis. Officers shall submit bids for their annual shift assignments in November of the preceding year. In making schedule assignments, due consideration shall be given to the officers' skills, experience, special abilities, training and seniority. Seniority shall control when all other factors are deemed equal.

Officers may be reassigned among existing work schedules during the year in the

following circumstances: when necessary to bring a shift up to minimum shift strength level due to extended illness or injury of more than two (2) weeks duration, and as established as a management prerogative through PERC precedent. Seventy-two hours notice shall be provided except in emergency situations.

Article 10 - Court Appearance

A. For court appearances in Westampton Township Municipal Court, the officer shall be paid one and one-half (1½) normal rate of pay for a minimum time of three (3) hours. Such payment shall only apply for court appearances in an otherwise off-duty capacity.

B. For court appearances other than as covered in paragraph A above, the officer shall be paid one and one half (1½) times his/her normal rate of pay for a minimum time of three (3) hours. The Township shall reimburse the officer's expenses for court appearances outside of Westampton Township, including meals and overnight lodging if necessary. When an officer uses his/her personal vehicle the Township shall reimburse the officer at the current IRS rate per mile, plus tolls and parking fees. Receipts for tolls and parking (other than metered parking) will be submitted by the officer within thirty (30) days. Such payment shall only apply for court appearances in an otherwise off-duty capacity.

C. The provisions of this Article shall only apply so long as the officer is not being otherwise compensated by the Township for the time spent in court.

Article 11 - Worker's Compensation, Safety and Health

A. Employees disabled with job related injuries and unable to work shall receive full pay from the Township and shall endorse any Compensation checks received from the Township's insurance carrier as a result of said injury over to the Township. During the period of disability, management reserves the right, at such times and under such circumstances as are reasonable, to require the person covered under the provisions set forth herein to undergo a physical examination by a physician of the Township's choosing. When said physician determines that the employee may return to work, the Township's checks will cease unless the employee returns to work. Such leaves

of absence with pay for work incurred injuries shall be limited to one (1) year under N.J.S.A. 40A:14-137.

B. As practical, the Township shall at all times maintain safe and healthful working conditions and will provide employees with the following items (as also listed in the Police Manual):

1. Summer and winter uniforms.
2. Tools or devices reasonably necessary in order to insure their safety and health.
3. Rain gear and rubber pullover boots.
4. Uniform shoes.

C. Any article provided by the Township is to be worn only during work hours. Articles are the property of the Township of Westampton, but are the sole responsibility of the employee. Articles lost, stolen or damaged shall be paid for by the employee who was assigned the articles, if such loss is determined to be through the employee's fault by the Chief of Police.

D. Work uniforms shall be worn by all employees and the Township shall provide such clothing. Such uniforms shall be limited to that provided by the Township, in accordance with the Police Manual.

E. Uniforms may not be worn other than while on duty for Westampton Township, or during the performance of police duties approved by the Chief of Police. Safety equipment and uniforms must be worn as prescribed by the Township. All safety and health rules must be obeyed by the employees.

F. All safety problems reported by the employees will be investigated by the Chief of Police or his/her designee. If a solution cannot be reached on mutual agreement, then the problem may be handled as a grievance.

G. The Township shall reimburse any employee for the loss or damage to certain specified personal property which occurs as a result of the performance of job duties which involve non-routine activities such as altercations, accidents, injuries, etc. Such property shall include the

following: eyeglasses, contact lenses, dentures or plates, hearing aids.

Article 12 - Equal Treatment

Neither the Township nor the employees will discriminate for reasons of sex, age, nationality, race, religion, marital status, political status, political affiliation or Association or police activity.

Article 13 - Grievance Procedure

A. Definitions

1. **Grievance:** A grievance is a claim based upon a breach, misinterpretation, or improper application of the terms of this Agreement or administrative decisions or policy which adversely affect the unit member, a group of unit members or Lodge #147.

2. **Aggrieved Person:** An aggrieved person is the person or persons or Lodge #147 instituting the grievance.

3. **Party of Interest:** A party in interest is the person or persons making the claim, or any person, including Lodge #147 or Township Committee, who might be required to take action, or against whom action might be taken, in order to resolve the claim.

Purpose

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 members of Lodge #147. Both parties agree that these proceedings will be kept as informal and confidential as may be appropriate at any level of the procedure.

C. Procedure

1. **Time Limits:** The number of days indicated at each level should be considered as a maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limits specified may, however, be extended by mutual agreement in writing.

2. An aggrieved person shall institute action under the provisions hereof within twenty-one (21) days from the date the employee could reasonably have had knowledge of the occurrence. Failure to act within said period shall be deemed to constitute an abandonment of the

grievance.

D. Levels of Grievance

1. Level One: Immediate Supervisor: An aggrieved person shall first discuss the complaint with his/her immediate supervisor either directly or through Lodge #147's designated representative, with informal resolution the objective.

2. Level Two: If the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the disposition of the complaint at Level One or if no decision has been rendered within seven (7) calendar days after presentation of the grievance, then it may be filed in writing with Lodge #147 within fourteen (14) calendar days after the grievance was presented or seven (7) calendar days of the unsatisfactory decision, whichever is sooner. Within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the grievance, Lodge #147 shall refer it to the Chief of Police for a decision.

3. Level Three: If Lodge #147 is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Two or if no decision has been rendered within fourteen (14) calendar days after the grievance was delivered to the Chief, Lodge #147 may, within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the grievance was presented or seven (7) calendar days of the unsatisfactory decision, whichever is sooner, submit the grievance to the Police Liaison of Westampton Township.

If Lodge #147 is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance, which shall be rendered within seven (7) days after it is presented to the Police Liaison, the aggrieved person may submit the grievance to the Township Committee of the Township of Westampton.,

4. Level Four: The Township Committee shall review and consider the submitted grievance and shall issue within thirty-five (35) calendar days after receipt of the grievance, a decision.

5. Level Five: If Lodge #147 is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Four, or if no decision has been rendered within the specified time, Lodge #147 may submit said grievance to binding arbitration. The Arbitrator shall be selected from the Public Employment Relations Commission Panel (PERC), and shall be bound by the rules for labor arbitration of PERC.

In deciding the case, the Arbitrator shall be bound by the provisions of this Agreement and by the applicable laws of the State of New Jersey and the United States and the decisions of the Courts of the State of New Jersey and the United States. The Arbitrator shall not have the authority to add to, modify, detract from, or alter the provisions of this Agreement or supplement thereto. The Arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding upon the parties subject to applicable Court proceedings. The parties shall share the cost of the Arbitrator's fees and expenses equally; however, each party shall be solely responsible for its own counsel fees, costs and expenses.

E. Any aggrieved person may be represented at the first two levels of the grievance procedure by himself/herself or, at his/her option, by a representative selected or approved by Lodge #147. Only Lodge #147 may submit grievances at Level Three and above. When an unit member is not represented by Lodge #147, the Lodge shall have the right to be present and to state its views.

F. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by the Township or its agents against any representative, any member of Lodge #147, or any other participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.

G. Miscellaneous

1. Group Grievance: If, in the judgment of Lodge #147, a grievance affects a group or class of its members, Lodge #147 may submit such grievance in writing to the Chief directly and the processing of such grievance shall be commenced at Level Two. Lodge #147 may process such a grievance through all levels of the grievance procedure even though the aggrieved person does not wish to do so.

2. Separate Grievance File: All documents, communications and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed in a separate grievance file and shall not be kept in the personnel file of the participants.

3. Written Decisions: Decisions rendered at Level One which are unsatisfactory to the aggrieved person, and all decisions rendered at Levels Two and Three of the procedure shall be in writing setting forth each decision and the reasons therefor and shall be transmitted promptly

to all parties in interest and to Lodge #147.

4. Forms: Forms for filing grievances, serving notices, taking appeals, making reports and recommendations, and other necessary documents, shall be prepared jointly by the Chief and Lodge #147 and given the appropriate distribution so as to facilitate operations of the grievance procedure.

5. Meetings and Hearings: All meetings and hearings under this procedure shall not be conducted in public and shall include only such parties in interest and their designated or selected representatives heretofore mentioned.

Article 14 - Rights and Privileges of Lodge #147

A. Representatives of Lodge #147 shall be permitted a reasonable amount of time to transact Lodge business on the premises as long as it does not interfere with the assigned duties. Lodge #147 may have use of a meeting room in the Township Building(s) when appropriately scheduled through the Township Committee. No employee shall be allowed to be called in and have charges put against him/her by the Township Committee or Chief of Police without representation by Lodge #147.

B. Employees shall be excused from duty for limited periods of time to attend Lodge #147 meetings on premises provided that no calls are pending. It is understood that calls take priority.

C. An adequate space on the patrol room bulletin board will be provided for Lodge #147 use.

D. The parties agree to Agency Shop as provided by law.

E. The Executive Board of Lodge #147 will receive a total of 72 hours per year to be excused from duty to conduct Lodge business. Hours off must be submitted one week in advance to the Chief and cannot cause the Department to incur overtime at time of approval. This time is in addition to time allowed under Section A of this article and does not include required time off covered under state labor laws or rulings. Assignment of the 72 hours will be at the discretion of the

President of Lodge #147.

Article 15 - Medical/Surgical Coverage

A. Each employee and his/her family shall be provided with coverage under the State Health Benefits Plan as implemented by the Township in or about May 2002, including the prescription plans contained therein.

B. The Township reserves the right to change insurance carriers provided that prior written notice is given to the FOP, including notice of any and all proposed changes in the level of benefits provided in such coverage; and provided further that the level of benefits is equal to or greater than the level of benefits which exist under the plans currently in effect. In determining the existing level of benefits, the existing plan is recognized to be the New Jersey State Health Benefits Plan as implemented by the Township in or about May, 2002, including the prescription plans contained therein, and the dental plan in effect on or about that date, including the provision for pediatric dental care for children ages 2 through 12.

C. The Township will provide for dental coverage for employees.

D. The Township will co-pay (50/50) dental coverage for family members.

E. Full-time unit members shall be eligible for an annual health insurance wavier rebate of \$1,200/full calendar year, pro-rated for a partial calendar year, for that period of time during which the employee does not receive any portion of the Township paid health coverage. The employee must provide proof of the existence of alternative equivalent health coverage at the beginning of any such period and the continuation thereof for any period for which this rebate is claimed. Payment under this provision shall be made during the month of December for the preceding calendar year. Such rebate will not be paid for any period during which the unit member is not qualified for, or before a unit member qualifies for coverage under the Township insurance coverage.

Article 16 - Seniority

A. Seniority is defined to mean the accrued length of continuous service with the

Department, computed from the date of appointment. An employee's length of service shall not be reduced by the time lost due to authorized leave of absence for bona fide illness or injury certified by a physician and not in excess of six (6) months.

B. Seniority preference shall be awarded according to the order in which listed at the time of hire in questions concerning two (2) or more employees hired on the same date.

C. The Township shall maintain an accurate current seniority roster showing each employee's date of permanent and/or temporary employment, classification and pay rate, and shall furnish copies of same to Lodge #147's representative (s) upon request, for the prevailing copy fee.

D. Except where New Jersey Statutes require otherwise, in all cases of demotion, layoff, recall, and vacation schedule, the employee with the greatest amount of seniority shall be given work preference, provided he is qualified to perform the work involved.

Article 17 - Uniform Maintenance Allowance

A. Full-time sworn employees covered by the provisions of this Agreement shall be entitled to an annual uniform maintenance allowance in the amount of \$790.00 for each calendar year. The uniform maintenance allowance shall be payable by voucher in November of each year.

B. Full-time sworn employees covered by the provisions of this Agreement shall be entitled to an annual clothing allowance in the amount of \$420.00 a year effective January 1, 2002, of \$520.00 a year effective January 1, 2003; \$570.00 a year effective January 1, 2004, and \$620.00 a year effective January 1, 2005. This shall be in fulfillment of the Township's contractual obligations under Article 11 with respect to clothing, uniforms, and related gear.

C. If appointed after January 1 of any year of this Agreement, full-time sworn employees shall receive a pro-rated share of the aforementioned clothing allowance and uniform maintenance allowance for that fiscal year based on their date of hire.

Article 18 - Sick Leave

A. Permanent and provisional employees shall be entitled to eight (8) hours of sick leave credit for each month worked during the remainder of the contract year following full-time appointment, and one hundred and twenty (120) hours sick leave credit in each year thereafter.

B. Sick leave is defined as absence from work because of illness or accident.

C. An employee who is absent due to illness for three (3) or more consecutive days, or more than four (4) days in a two (2) week period shall not be permitted to return to work without a doctor's excuse.

D. All full-time employees employed by the Township as of March 31, 1986, shall be credited with a bank of thirty (30) accumulated sick days, or two hundred and forty (240) hours. In addition to the aforementioned hours, as of January 1st of each year, each employee shall have one hundred and twenty (120) sick hours credited to his or her account. Of those one hundred and twenty (120) hours only, the employee shall have the option at the end of each year, on or before December 31st, of selling back to the Township the hours at half pay or carrying them over to the next year. However, it is understood that there shall be no sell back to the Township of the hours in the bank.

Those full-time employees who had bank hours on the books as of the execution of this contract shall utilize the banked hours first for actual sick leave claimed. As each hour in the bank is used, that hour shall be subtracted from the original bank of two hundred and forty (240) hours and not replaced. If such available banked hours are used up, subsequent sick leave usage shall next be from the one hundred-twenty (120) hours allocated for each individual year, and then from any other accumulated sick leave which the unit member may have on the books.

E. No sick days shall be paid upon separation from employment with Westampton Township except upon retirement. Upon retirement the Township shall reimburse employees for one-half (½) of their accumulated sick leave in an amount not to exceed 360 hours pay or 720 hours half pay. Retirement in this context means the receipt of retirement benefits in accordance with the State Pension System. (Bank hours do not apply at retirement.)

Article 19 - Vacation Leave

All full-time employees shall be entitled to vacation on January 1st following the date hired and any subsequent January 1st. Vacation time shall be taken between January 1st and December 31st in the year that it becomes due. The amount of vacation time earned shall be determined from the following schedule in accordance with service time:

1. Less than one (1) full year of service: 6.6 hours for each full month served, rounded off to the nearest full day as of January 1st of the following year.
2. One (1) through four (4) full years of service: Ninety-six (96) hours vacation.
3. Five (5) to nine (9) full years of service: one hundred and twenty (120) hours vacation.
4. Ten (10) to fourteen (14) full years of service: one hundred and sixty-eight (168) hours vacation.
5. Fifteen (15) or more full years of service: two hundred and four (204) hours vacation.

Article 20 - Detectives

Any member of the Police Department with at least two (2) years experience full-time (or part time adjusted in accordance with Article 21, Section B of this Agreement) with the Police Department is eligible for appointment to detective. Once appointed, the individual serving as detective shall receive a salary equal to the salary received as a patrolman with advances in rate as if the detective had remained a patrolman.

Article 21 - Part-time Officers

A. In addition to any entitlements set forth in this Article, part-time employees are entitled to the rights set forth in this Agreement.

B. In the event a part-time employee is appointed as a full-time employee, his/her time served as a part-time employee shall be used for purposes of determining his/her status as a full-time employee in the manner set forth in this paragraph. For the purpose of this paragraph, the phrase,

"Status as a full-time employee", shall mean sick leave, vacation time, salary and seniority. In determining whether to elevate a part-time employee, the Township Committee has absolute discretion to elevate any part-time employee, notwithstanding any term of service as a part-time employee. For the purposes of determining the "Status as a full-time employee", three (3) months part-time service shall equal one (1) month of full-time service provided that a month shall be counted only if the employee has worked at least eighteen (18) hours during the month.

C. Part-time employees shall be paid an hourly wage from the date of hiring. All new part-time employees shall serve a probationary period of one (1) year from the date of employment. At the end of the first six (6) months of employment and if so determined by the Township Committee and upon recommendation of the Chief of Police, part-time employees shall receive an increase in the hourly rate. A part-time employee shall receive no overtime pay as that term is used in this Agreement. The starting hourly rate for part-time employees is \$9.00 per hour.

D. Part-time employees shall receive an annual uniform maintenance allowance, payable on voucher in November, in the amount of \$3.87 per day worked, with a maximum payable of \$590.00 for uniform maintenance allowance and a maximum credit of \$420.00 for clothing allowance in fulfillment of the Township's contractual obligations under Article 11 with respect to clothing, uniforms and related gear.

Article 22 - Severance Agreement

Upon separation from employment with Westampton Township under the terms of this Agreement, vacation pay shall be provided for the current year on a pro-rata basis. Time served from January 1st through the last day worked shall be counted only for full months of service. When calculated, the number of days earned shall be rounded to the next full day for any fractional portion earned. This amount shall be included in the severing Employee's final pay check. This benefit shall be paid to the Employee's estate in the event of the Employee's death prior to receipt of said benefit.

Article 23 - Miscellaneous

A. Fully Bargained-for Provisions

This Agreement represents the totality of the understanding and agreements reached between the parties and it is the intent of the parties that during the term of this Agreement, that neither Township nor employee shall be required to negotiate or re-negotiate over any of the subjects herein contained and that the contractual understanding between the parties shall, during the term of this Agreement, be governed by the provisions hereof.

B. Further, if no agreement is reached before December 31, 2005 for the next contract term, the terms of this Agreement shall remain in force until such time as the next Agreement is signed. When the next Agreement is signed, all terms and benefits shall be retroactive to January 1, 2006, unless the parties agree otherwise.

C. Notice

All notices required to be given by this Agreement shall be given to the following entities:

1. Township - Township Clerk
2. Lodge #147 - The President, the name of whom shall be supplied to the

Township Clerk on an annual basis.

D. EMT Certification

The parties stipulate that the Township's current policy is that any police officer with EMT certification will not be assigned to an ambulance or other emergency medical vehicle (other than a police car) to perform EMT duty. (However, a police officer can be assigned to perform police duty on such vehicles.) If that policy changes in the future to require police officers with EMT certification to be assigned to an ambulance or other emergency medical vehicle (other than a police car) to perform EMT duty, the Township agrees to add \$500 to the annual base pay of all Police Officers with EMT certification.

Article 24 - Use of Personal Property

When using a personally owned vehicle on any Township business with prior approval, except in the event of an emergency, an employee shall be reimbursed for the use of such vehicle at the per mile rate established by the Internal Revenue Service for business use of personal vehicles.

In matters such as, but not limited to, Court and schooling, the provisions of this Article shall apply if a Township vehicle is unavailable.

Article 25 - Savings Clause

Each and every clause of this Agreement shall be deemed separable from each and every other clause of this Agreement to the extent that in the event that any clause or clauses shall be finally determined to be in violation of any law, then in such event such clause, or clauses, only to the extent that any may be so in violation shall be deemed of no force and effect and unenforceable without impairing the validity and enforceability of the rest of the Agreement, including any and all provisions in which offending language may appear.

Article 26 - Survivors Benefits

In the event of the death of a member of the Westampton Township Police Department, the Township agrees to assist Lodge #147 with ensuring that all viable benefits and moneys are transferred to said member's estate. If a unit member expires while in the performance of his/her duties for Westampton Township Police Department, the Township will comply with the mandatory provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:15-13; as well as providing a payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the family of the deceased officer to help pay for the funeral expenses.

Article 27 - Communicable Diseases

A. The "Westampton Township Bloodborne Pathogens Employee Exposure Control Plan" and the "Westampton Township Police Exposure Control Plan" are incorporated herein by reference.

B. An officer who has reported an exposure to a bloodborne pathogen or communicable disease in accordance with the "Westampton Township Bloodborne Pathogens Employee Exposure Control Plan" and the "Westampton Township Police Exposure Control Plan" may rely upon said report to establish causation should the officer later develop a medical condition arguably related to the bloodborne pathogen or communicable disease that he reported. Said report shall be sufficient to demonstrate the job-related nature of the medical condition unless the Township produces

evidence that the condition arose from non-job related sources.

Article 28 - Term and Renewal

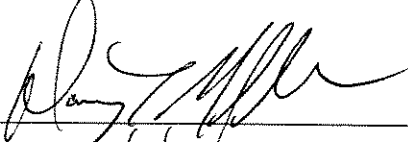
This Agreement shall be in full force and effect as of January 1, 2002 and shall remain in effect through and including December 31, 2005. If no further agreement is negotiated between the parties, the terms and conditions of employment shall be as set forth in the Township Code, Ordinances, and Motions, and State and Federal Law, and the Policy Manual. The parties shall commence negotiations for the purpose of determining the terms and conditions of employment for the year(s) after the expiration of this Agreement.

**Westampton Police Lodge #147,
Fraternal Order of Police**

By: Joseph M Otto - PRESIDENT

Dated: 3/10/03

Township of Westampton



Dated: 3/11/03