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AGREEMENT BETWEEN
DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF
AND
OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
(Corrections Supervisors' Unit)

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ARTICLE 1 - PREAMBLE

This Agreement is entered into between the Delaware County Sheriff and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association ("OPBA" or "Union"), to establish the wages, hours, terms, and conditions of employment between the parties. The parties intend the terms of this Agreement to supersede any Ohio Revised Code provision on the subjects. The responsibility of the Sheriff with regard to this Agreement is limited to his authority as established by the laws of Ohio.

ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION

A. The Sheriff hereby recognizes the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association as the sole and exclusive representative for all employees included within the Bargaining Unit described in Section B of this Article on matters related to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment, and the continuation, modification or deletion of an existing provision in this Agreement, and the resolution of questions arising under this Agreement.

B. Bargaining Unit. The Bargaining Unit shall include all Corrections Officers serving in the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain at the Delaware County Jail (hereinafter referred to as "employees" or "Members"), and excludes the Sheriff, Chief Deputies, Majors, Jail Administrators/Directors, all personnel not sworn in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 311.04 and all other employees not specifically referenced herein.

C. Bulletin Boards. The OPBA will be allowed one locked bulletin board for official OPBA notices. The bulletin board will be located in the employee break room.

D. Ballot Boxes. The OPBA shall be permitted, upon prior notification to the Sheriff, to place a ballot box in the squad room for the purpose of collecting members' ballots on all OPBA issues subject to ballot. Such box shall be the property of the OPBA and neither the ballot box nor its contents shall be subject to review by the office.

E. Use of Intra-Department Mails. The OPBA shall be permitted to use the intra-departmental mail system for the purpose of providing information pertaining to OPBA business or Bargaining Unit representation to Bargaining Unit Members. The OPBA agrees that the use of the mail system will be reasonable and limited to providing information that is necessary for the normal conduct of OPBA business or Bargaining Unit representation. All mail placed into the mail system by the OPBA shall be the property of the Bargaining Unit member to whom it is addressed, and such mail shall not be subject to review by the office.

The OPBA shall be permitted to use the Sheriff's Office e-mail system for the purpose of providing information pertaining to OPBA business or Bargaining Unit representation to Bargaining Unit Members. The OPBA agrees that the use of the e-mail system will be reasonable and limited to providing information that is necessary for the normal conduct of OPBA business or Bargaining Unit representation. There shall be no expectation of privacy for any e-mail communication over the Sheriff's Office or County e-mail system. If the OPBA elects to use the Sheriff's Office or County e-mail system, it shall adhere to any rules, regulations or policies applicable to e-mail distribution and use.

F. Grievance/Liaison Representatives.

The OPBA shall designate not more than two (2) Grievance/Liaison Representatives, who shall be Bargaining Unit Members. The two representatives will be from

the elected or appointed OPBA governing body, with a Director serving as the Chairperson. The Sheriff will be notified in writing of the OPBA's designees.

On any shift one Grievance/Liaison Representative may be allowed necessary time off the job, in paid status, to attend a Grievance Committee meeting, related to the processing of grievances or disciplinary investigations, upon prior approval of the Sheriff or his designated representative. Grievance handling or disciplinary investigations outside a grievance representative's scheduled shift is not time worked or paid status. At no time shall attendance at grievance handling or disciplinary investigations by a Grievance/Liaison Representative result in overtime pay.

G. Grievance/Liaison Chairman.

1. The parties recognize the position of Grievance/Liaison Chairman, that position being held by the OPBA Director for the bargaining unit. The Grievance/Liaison Chairman, and a named alternate who shall serve in the absence or unavailability of the Chairman, shall perform the following authorized functions:

- (a) serve as an at-large grievance coordinator with responsibility for general supervision and coordination of the grievances;
- (b) represent the OPBA in investigating and in processing grievances;
- (c) replace a Grievance Representative who is absent or unavailable;
- (d) maintain the integrity and timeliness of the grievance procedure by such activities as providing advice and counsel to grievants and/or Grievance Representatives;
- (e) attend, as necessary, joint meetings of the parties relating to employer relations matters and/or grievances which come within the scope of this Agreement;
- (f) act as Liaison between the OPBA, the Sheriff's office and/or County relative to employee relations matters under this Agreement and/or grievances under this Agreement.

H. Negotiating Committee. Employees on the OPBA bargaining team may be given release time for bargaining occurring during their shift or time off from their shift because of their participation in bargaining outside their shift, with a maximum of one per shift per division, if the Sheriff or his designee determines that their absence will not undermine his staff.

ARTICLE 3 - DUES DEDUCTION

A. During the term of this Agreement, the Employer shall deduct initiation fees, assessments levied by the OPBA and the regular monthly OPBA dues from the wages of those employees who have voluntarily signed written dues deduction authorization forms permitting said deductions. No new written authorization forms will be required from any employees in the bargaining unit for whom the Employer is currently deducting dues. Written authorizations shall remain in effect until revoked in writing by the employee.

B. The initiation fees, dues or assessments so deducted shall be in the amounts established by the OPBA from time to time in accordance with its Constitution and Bylaws. The

OPBA Executive Director or designee shall certify in writing to the County Auditor the amounts due and owing from the employees involved.

C. The Employer shall deduct dues once per month from the second pay of the month in accordance with the union's written direction, to the extent there are wages owing to the employee to cover the deduction. If an employee is on medical leave, layoff or other extended unpaid absence, dues shall only be deducted for a period when wages are earned. If dues are owing for pay periods when the employee has no earnings or insufficient earnings to cover the deduction, the Employer shall deduct such dues out of future paychecks only upon the express written direction of the OPBA Executive Director or designee.

D. A check in the amount of the total dues withheld under this Article shall be tendered to the treasurer of the OPBA within thirty (30) days from the date of making said deductions.

E. The OPBA hereby agrees to defend and hold the Employer, its officials and employees, harmless from any and all liabilities or damages which may arise from the performance of its obligations under this Article and the OPBA shall indemnify the Employer, its officials or employees from any such liabilities or damages that may arise.

ARTICLE 4 - NON-DISCRIMINATION

A. The Sheriff agrees not to discriminate against employees with respect to their hire, terms and conditions of employment, and matters of discipline because of an employee's race, color, national origin, religion, sex, ancestry, disability, political activity which is not prohibited or limited by ORC Chapter 124, union activity, or because, he is in a protected age group defined by federal law.

B. Employees have the right to refrain from forming, joining, assisting or participating in union activity, or to engage in any such activity.

C. Any reference to the male gender in this Agreement shall be equally applicable to females.

D. The Employer may take any and all actions which are necessary to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

ARTICLE 5 - PROBATION

A. Newly promoted employees must complete a one year probationary period. However, any pay increase effective for the promotion will take effect after 120 days; effective April 1, 2020, the "120-day waiting period" set forth herein relating to the pay increase effective for the promotion shall no longer be in effect.

B. During the one year probationary period, the newly-promoted employee may be returned to his or her former rank without any right to appeal.

ARTICLE 6 - CORRECTIVE ACTION AND RECORDS

The Sheriff or his designee may file charges and administer discipline.

A. The Sheriff (or staff officers) will not discipline a non-probationary employee without just cause. The principles of progressive discipline below will be followed. The Sheriff may determine that higher levels of discipline are required at times. However, any discipline issued is subject to review in the Grievance Procedure.

1. Verbal counseling will be defined as “an exchange between the supervisor and an employee where the intent is to give adequate notice to any employee whose actions are improper and/or inadequate so that the employee may improve his or her performance to acceptable standards.” Verbal counseling will not be considered discipline and does not implicate Sections 7(A), (B), and/or (E). The failure of an immediate supervisor to issue appropriate disciplinary action shall not preclude any higher supervisory authority from initiating a timely investigation and issuing appropriate discipline.

2. A minor reprimand is a written order stating that an employee’s behavior or job performance is unacceptable or unsatisfactory. Unacceptable behavior or job performance may result in corrective action being taken. Upon request of the bargaining unit member, minor reprimands will be removed from the employee’s file one (1) year from the date of receipt provided that no further discipline of the same or similar nature is imposed within the retention period.

3. A formal reprimand is a written statement to an employee outlining his unacceptable or unsatisfactory behavior or job performance and noting that as a matter of discipline his activity is being documented for future employer evaluations of him. If a supervisor initiates discipline and reasonably believes no discipline greater than a formal reprimand may result, Section 7(E) shall not apply and discipline may be issued without opening a formal investigation. Upon request of the bargaining unit member, formal reprimands will be removed from the employee’s file after two (2) years providing that no further discipline of the same or similar nature is imposed within the retention period.

4. A suspension is a written statement to an employee outlining his unacceptable or unsatisfactory behavior or job performance and ordering him to suspend his work performance for a specified number of work days without pay. A suspended employee may use comp time, holiday time, vacation or personal days in lieu of suspension time being taken without pay, at the discretion of the sheriff. If the use of such paid leave in lieu of suspension is approved by the Sheriff, the employee shall actually work the suspension time being paid by a deduction from the above accrued leave(s). Upon request of the bargaining unit member, suspensions shall be removed from the employee’s file after two (2) years provided that no further discipline of the same or similar nature is imposed within the retention period.

5. A discharge is a written notification to an employee outlining his unacceptable or unsatisfactory behavior or job performance and terminating the existing employment relationship. A discharged employee must return all property issued to him. Discharges remain in an employee’s file indefinitely.

B. Review of Personnel Files - Any member shall be allowed, upon request, to review his personnel file between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Review of personnel files shall be made to human resources (and not the Sheriff directly) and review may (at the Sheriff’s discretion) be made in the presence of human resources or his/her designated representative at a time of mutual convenience; an email delivery / review may also be allowed at human resources’ or the Sheriff’s discretion. Release of personnel information to the public shall be in accordance with State and Federal laws. Upon request, any member may copy documents in his file, or at human resources’ or the Sheriff’s discretion an email delivery /

review may be made in lieu of a member copying documents in the file. The Administration may levy a charge for such copying, which charge shall bear a reasonable relationship to actual cost. As to personnel file review and removal issues, generally, it is the responsibility of member to make such request.

If a member of the public makes a public records request for an employee's personnel file, the Employer shall notify the employee that such a request has been made and, if known, identify the requestor. The employee may request a meeting to review the personnel file prior to release to the member of the public. The parties agree that, absent extenuating circumstances, the Employer shall not be obligated to delay its reply to the requesting party. If copies of the file are provided to the requestor, the bargaining unit member shall be provided a copy or inventory of the items supplied. The Employer shall not disclose any information contained within the personnel files which is exempt from public records release under the Ohio Public Records Act.

C. Inaccurate Documents - Should any member have reason to believe that there are inaccuracies in documents contained in his file, he may write a memorandum to the Sheriff explaining the alleged inaccuracy. The Sheriff shall either remove the inaccurate document or attach the member's memorandum to the document in his file.

D. The Sheriff will keep only (1) set of personnel files on any bargaining unit member. This will not include records kept on matters of payroll. This set of files will be kept at the office of the Delaware County Sheriff.

ARTICLE 7 -DISCIPLINE MEETING

A. An employee has the right to the presence and advice of an OPBA representative at all disciplinary interrogations at which the employee is a witness or at which the employee reasonably believes could lead to he or she being disciplined (the Weingarten standard) and at his or her grievance meetings. In the event the Sheriff intends to conduct an interview with an employee, where discipline is being considered, he shall notify the employee in writing within a reasonable time period. Absent extenuating circumstances, the member should receive not less than forty-eight (48) hours notice so that he may contact an OPBA representative or attorney prior to being interviewed.

B. There is no entitlement to union representation at other employer-employee meetings that are relevant to the employment relationship.

C. Disciplinary meetings will be held on work time except when the matter concerns third shift. Disciplinary meetings involving third shift personnel will be scheduled between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., unless mutually agreed to the contrary by all concerned parties. Disciplinary meetings for all other employees will be held between 8:30 am. and 4:30 p.m., unless mutually agreed to the contrary by all concerned parties.

D. The Employer may use a polygraph machine or CVSA, with the consent of the member, to investigate the truth or statements made by bargaining unit members. However, the employer may not use a computerized voice stress analysis (CVSA) or other mechanical device for such purposes unless the Sheriff has reasonable suspicion that a violation of policy, procedures, or unlawful activity has occurred.

E. Before imposing a reduction in pay, demotion, suspension or discharge, the Sheriff or his designee shall hold a conference with the employee to give the employee an opportunity to learn the reasons for the intended disciplinary action and to challenge the reason for the intended action or otherwise explain his or her behavior. The employee has the right to be accompanied at the conference by one representative of his or her own choosing. The conference will be scheduled as promptly as possible by the Sheriff or his designee. The Sheriff or his designee may impose reasonable rules on the length of the conference and the conduct of the participants.

F. Written results of a formal investigation shall be provided to the employee.

G. The Sheriff shall inform an employee that a complaint has been filed against him, the nature of the complaint, and the outcome of the complaint within a reasonable period of time. Written notification must be given. If after investigating the complaint, the Sheriff decides not to make a formal investigation of an employee, the information gathered about the complaint shall not be placed in the employee's personnel file and the employee shall be so informed of the Sheriff's decision. Nothing in this section prevents the Sheriff from compiling information on an employee accused of engaging in, or aiding and abetting any unlawful activity. Anonymous oral complaints may not be utilized as a basis for commencing an investigation unless either (a) there is corroborative evidence or (b) the complaint is reduced to writing and signed by either the complainant or the person who receives the complaint.

H. To the extent practicable, all formal investigations and notifications of discipline resulting therefrom shall be completed within 60 calendar days of the time that the employer receives notice of the conduct in dispute. If, after 60 days, it was not practicable to complete the formal investigation and notification of discipline, the Sheriff shall be entitled to extend the formal investigation and notification period by providing notice to the Member or his OPBA representative in writing (including e-mail) in thirty (30) day intervals as to the status of the formal investigation. Upon request to human resources, the employee and the OPBA shall be provided the full investigation file and report and any supporting investigation documents within a reasonable time after the completion of the investigation but at least 48 hours before the pre-disciplinary meeting.

I. Refusing to answer questions about the employee's activity or of other employees' activities is grounds for insubordination. The employee shall be warned that he could be disciplined if he continues to refuse to answer questions about another employee or himself. However, Garrity warnings shall be rendered when appropriate.

J. An employee who is being interviewed in a formal investigation may require that the Sheriff or his designee tape record such meeting, provided that everyone present is informed that the meeting is being recorded. Individuals other than the subject of a disciplinary meeting or the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee may not require that the Sheriff or his designee tape record a meeting without the consent of the Sheriff or his designee. If a tape recording is made, the Sheriff shall provide a copy or a transcript to the employee. Only the Sheriff or his designee may conduct and/or operate the tape recording process.

K. All disciplinary action shall be conducted in a private and business-like manner.

L. An employee may choose to waive all steps in the disciplinary process after being informed of the charges against him or her. This waiver must be voluntary and in writing.

ARTICLE 8 - TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. A vacancy occurs when the Sheriff intends to fill an existing bargaining unit position which has become available on an indefinite basis, or when the Sheriff intends to create a new full-time bargaining unit position or add one to an existing classification. The Sheriff is required to fill any position posted pursuant to this article provided that there are qualified applicants. (See B(2) below) Any time a position is posted which the Sheriff intends to fill, the posted position shall be filled according to the listed criteria in Section (B)(2) below.

B. The Sheriff will fill vacancies as follows:

1. Posting - The Sheriff shall post the vacancy notice if he determines that a vacancy exists and that such an assignment extends beyond 6 months, naming the available job, duty hours, days off, and a detailed job description. The posting shall be for seven (7) calendar days. Interested candidates have the seven day posting period to submit a letter of interest with qualifications to the Division Supervisor. If a position that is confidential in nature needs to be filled, the Sheriff's Office agrees to notify counsel for the OPBA of said position if the position is expected to be filled for a period greater than 6 months.

2. Selection - The Sheriff shall select the candidate he deems most qualified based on their job related experience, job performance, training, educational background needed to perform the duties as described in the posted vacancy. His selection must be made in good faith. If two bargaining unit members with comparable qualifications, as determined by the Sheriff, apply for the job posted, the bargaining unit member with the most seniority will prevail.

C. Shift schedules and days off, as established by the Sheriff, are assigned according to classification seniority. Employees shall submit their requests for shift schedules and days off as follows:

1. A seniority list that is current as of one week prior to shift bid will be posted at the jail.

2. The Sheriff will determine with 30-days' notice when posting/bidding will begin, no sooner than October but at least during the first pay period in December.

3. The Sheriff will determine with 30-days' notice when posting/bidding will begin, no sooner than October but at least during the first pay period in December. Upon completion of the bidding, the results will be posted on the OPBA bulletin board. In the event an employee may not be able to appear for their shift bidding based on extenuating circumstances, the employee will make a written request at least two (2) weeks prior to the shift bid date requesting the Sheriff allow a proxy stand in their place for shift bidding. The written request will state the reason (extenuating circumstances) for the request and will name the employee acting as their proxy. The written request will be signed by the employee, the proxy, and the employee's division supervisor. The request will be sent directly to the attention of the Sheriff for processing. The Sheriff will not unreasonably deny any properly-submitted request. The employee will receive a written response from the Sheriff or his designee concerning the request.

4. All available shifts will be posted.

5. Shift schedules and days off will be effective on the first day of the first full pay period of the New Year, at 07:00 hours. Bargaining unit members who will have to

work more than 5 days in a row, or 80 hours in a pay period, as a result of their schedule change will be required to submit for time off.

6. The Sheriff may change an employee's shift schedule or day off during the year if, under the circumstances, the Employer determines that such a change is reasonable and the Employer exercised his discretion in good faith. This Section 8.C.6 is subject to the grievance/arbitration procedure.

D. The Sheriff determines all transfers and assignments. A transfer occurs when the Sheriff moves an employee from one shift schedule to another, from one division to another, or changes his days off. Assignments are those duties required of an employee in the position in which he has been placed to work. The Sheriff shall exercise ordinary and reasonable discretion in making transfers and assignments and exercise his discretion in good faith. The Sheriff shall not transfer or assign any employee for disciplinary reasons without just cause.

E. A promotion occurs when the Sheriff increases a bargaining unit member's rank in the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff determines the promotions. He shall establish standards for promotions and provide them to the OPBA. Promotions shall be made in good faith.

F. Vacancies, transfers, assignments, promotions, or changes in shift schedules are subject to the Grievance/Arbitration Procedure.

G. Trading Shifts and Assignments. An employee may trade regular scheduled work hours with another employee and he may trade days off with another employee provided that the days off traded must occur no more than 30 days apart. In the event of any problems associated with the trade, each employee involved in the trade shall be held equally accountable. All proposed trades must be approved in writing by the Sheriff or his designee.

ARTICLE 9 - CONFORMITY TO LAW

This Agreement shall supersede any present and future State and Local laws, along with any applicable rules and regulations, and the invalidity of any provisions of this Agreement by reasons of any such existing or future law or rule or regulation shall not affect the validity of the surviving portions.

If the enactment of legislation, or a determination by a court of final and competent jurisdiction (whether in a proceeding between the parties or in one not between the parties) renders any portion of this Agreement invalid or unenforceable, such legislation or decision shall not affect the validity of the surviving portions of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect as if such invalid portion thereof had not been included herein.

In the event that any portion of this Agreement is rendered invalid or unenforceable, the Employer and the OPBA will, at the request of either party hereto, promptly enter into negotiations relative to the particular provisions deemed or rendered invalid or unenforceable.

ARTICLE 10 - LABOR RELATIONS MEETING

The parties will meet, if requested by either party, to discuss the application and any problems in the administration of this Agreement. There is no duty to bargain at these meetings. Attendance at these meetings is voluntary and is not paid work time. It is the intention of the parties hereto that such individuals as may be helpful to items to be discussed in such meetings

may be in attendance, but normally not more than three (3) Bargaining Unit Members may attend. Any amendment of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.

ARTICLE 11 - STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

The Sheriff agrees that, to the extent possible, SOPs shall be reduced to writing and a copy given to the OPBA Director in advance of their enforcement. While the duty to notify has no effect on the Sheriff's authority to promulgate SOPs, the newly promulgated SOP shall not take effect for seven (7) days after its initial posting or distribution, unless mutually agreed by the parties in writing. SOPs shall not violate this Agreement. The Sheriff will not selectively enforce SOPs against individual employees. Any disagreements over interpretation of SOPs shall be presented to the Sheriff and processed in the Grievance/Arbitration Procedure.

The Sheriff shall provide access to the SOPs, including any future amendments thereto, and shall make the SOP's available in electronic form for all employees to read; delivery may be made electronically or stored electronically or digitally; portals may be used. The Sheriff will post or distribute changes/additions to the SOPs electronically or digitally; portals may be used.

ARTICLE 12 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Purpose - The grievance procedure is specifically designed to deal with all alleged violations of this existing contract and it replaces any procedure provided by the State Personnel Board of Review. All matters arising out of this contract are to be processed exclusively through the grievance procedure. Grievances must be filed in good faith.

A. A Grievance is a timely written complaint concerning the interpretation or application of this Labor Agreement. A grievance must specifically set forth the nature of the alleged contract violation and not merely a reference to a provision of the contract. No grievance can be amended to concern a different fact situation after Step 1 below unless by mutual consent of the parties. The timelines imposed on the grievant herein are to be strictly construed unless the Sheriff expressly extends the timelines. If a grievant fails to meet a timeline, the grievance shall be dismissed. If no decision is rendered by the Sheriff or immediate supervisor at any step of the grievance process within the applicable time requirements, the grievance shall proceed to the next successive grievance step. The OPBA is to provide its members with all grievance forms, which must comply with the requisites outlined in Step 1.

B. Grievant means a bargaining unit member or the OPBA.

C. Nothing in this Grievance Procedure shall deny Members or the OPBA any rights available at law to achieve redress of their legal rights arising from a source independent of this Agreement, including the right to file charges with the State Employment Relations Board (hereinafter referred to as SERB) when an agency properly has jurisdiction over the subject matter. However, once a Member or the OPBA elects to pursue a legal or administrative remedy in lieu of this Grievance Procedure, and a court or administrative tribunal takes jurisdiction over the complaint, dispute, or charge, the Member or the OPBA is thereafter precluded from seeking a remedy under this Grievance Procedure. Likewise, once a Member or the OPBA elects to pursue a Grievance Procedure in lieu of a legal or administrative remedy, the Member or the OPBA is thereafter precluded from seeking a remedy apart from the Grievance Procedure. Nothing herein should be construed to waive a Member's statutory civil rights or any rights not able to be waived or released under state or federal law.

D. The grievant is entitled to OPBA representation at any step of the grievance procedure. The availability of the OPBA representative does not affect the running of the timelines at any step of the grievance procedure.

1. Step 1. The grievant must file a written grievance with the Jail Administrator or designee within seven (7) calendar days following the event or circumstances giving rise to the grievance having occurred where the Member knew or should have known of such event or circumstance. All written grievances, in order to be effective for consideration, shall contain the following: (1) the facts of the grievance; (2) the specific contract provisions alleged to be violated; (3) the remedy sought; and (4) the signature of the grievant.

The Jail Administrator has seven (7) calendar days from the time the grievance is actually properly received from the grievant to reply to the grievant. If the Jail Administrator denies the grievance or fails to timely respond, the employee may proceed to Step 2 by submitting the grievance to the Sheriff or other designee as defined by the Sheriff within seven (7) calendar days after receiving the Jail Administrator's decision, or immediately after the seven (7) calendar days period expires.

2. Step 2. The Sheriff or his designee may meet with the OPBA representative, or the grievant or both within seven (7) calendar days, and shall submit a written decision to the grievant within seven (7) calendar days following the Step 2 meeting.

3. Step 3.

(a) Arbitration. If the parties are unable to satisfactorily resolve the grievance at the final step of the Grievance Procedure, it may be appealed to a mutually selected arbitrator. Such appeal must be presented to the Sheriff by the OPBA in writing, within fourteen (14) calendar days from receipt of the Sheriff's final response to the grievance at the final step of the Grievance Procedure. Should the parties be unable to agree upon a mutually selected arbitrator, then F.M.C.S. shall be requested to submit a panel of seven (7) qualified arbitrators from Ohio from which one shall be selected. Failing to mutually agree upon an arbitrator from this panel, the parties shall strike names alternately, with the parties' right to strike the first name to be determined by the flip of a coin. Either party shall have the option to completely reject the list of names and request another list once, provided the request is made within seven (7) days of receiving the initial list. The party completely rejecting the list of names and requesting another list will pay any additional costs associated with the production of another list. All decisions reached by the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties. The costs for the services of the arbitrator, including per diem expenses, if any, and actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses, as well as the related cost of the FMCS services, shall be borne equally by the parties.

(b) Jurisdiction of the Arbitrator. The arbitrator's jurisdiction is strictly within the four corners of this contract. His authority must be derived from the essence of the provisions within this contract. The arbitrator cannot add to, amend or modify in whole or part any provision of this contract.

(c) The OPBA may determine when a grievance will be stopped/denied.

(d) For disciplinary grievances, only grievances involving the suspension or discharge of a member may be subject to the Arbitration provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE 13 – SENIORITY

A probationary employee shall have no classification seniority until he or she satisfactorily completes the probationary period. An employee's Sheriff's office seniority shall be terminated when one or more of the following occurs" he resigns, he is discharged for just cause, he is laid off for a period exceeding twelve (12) months, he retires, he refuses a recall or fails to report to work within five (5) days from the date the employer mails the recall notice. Sheriff's Office seniority means the length of continuous regular employment by the Sheriff.

A member's seniority shall be tolled for periods of leave taken under Article 18 (C) of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 14 - LAYOFF AND SENIORITY

A. Layoffs, or recalls after layoffs, will be determined by Sheriff's Office seniority. The least senior bargaining unit member shall be laid off first and the most senior member shall be recalled first. However, if the Sheriff, using ordinary and reasonable discretion, determines that an employee whose seniority entitles him or her to be retained or recalled does not have the ability to perform the available work in the Sheriff's Office, the Sheriff need not retain or recall the employee. The Sheriff's determination is subject to the Grievance/Arbitration Procedure. If such a determination were challenged in the Grievance/Arbitration Procedure, the Sheriff would have the burden of showing that he had exercised ordinary and reasonable discretion in determining that the member could not perform the available work.

B. Sheriff's office Seniority is continuous service since the employee's first employment or re-employment following a break in continuous service.

C. For purposes of this Agreement, Sheriff's Office seniority shall govern for layoffs and the accumulation of benefits.

D. Classification Seniority is continuous service of an employee in a specific classification or rank. Classification Seniority shall govern for shift selection and selection of paid leave.

E. Recall rights shall exist for one year from the effective date of the layoff.

ARTICLE 15 - MISCELLANEOUS

A. In any instance where the Sheriff sends an employee to a doctor designated by the Sheriff for a medical examination, the Employer shall pay the cost of the examination and shall pay the employee for the time expended taking such examination.

B. Employees shall be permitted to maintain a residence anywhere within one hour's driving time of the jail under normal driving conditions.

C. Agreement Copies. As soon as possible following the signing of this Agreement, the County shall have electronic copies of this Agreement available for the County, the OPBA, and the Bargaining Unit Members. Electronic copies for any new employees who are promoted into the Bargaining Unit during the life of this Agreement will be made available by the County.

ARTICLE 16 – INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

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ARTICLE 17 - UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

A. The Sheriff agrees to provide each employee, upon initial promotion, clothing which makes up the appropriate uniform required for duty by the Sheriff. Socks, underwear, and undershirts are not included in the uniform provided by the Sheriff. The Sheriff will also pay for the dry-cleaning of the uniforms. The Sheriff will agree to maintain five (5) uniforms – i.e., five shirts and five pairs of pants - for each bargaining unit member. Any replacements will be governed by the “quartermaster system” set forth in this contract.

B. The distribution of equipment and attire to employees will be handled by the use of a “quartermaster system,” as set forth in the Sheriff Office’s SOP. The Sheriff will designate a quartermaster who will be responsible for the distribution of equipment and attire to bargaining unit members. The quartermaster will be responsible for overseeing the repair and/or replacement of equipment and attire when said repairs or replacements are needed. The quartermaster will place orders for necessary equipment and attire once a month, unless circumstances warrant the necessity of placing special orders. No employee will be unreasonably denied equipment and attire – as specified in Article 17(A) – if existing equipment and attire needs to be replaced or is damaged to the point where it cannot be repaired.

ARTICLE 18 - UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Disability Leave.

1. An employee may request an unpaid disability leave for up to nine (9) months if he continues to be injured, ill, or physically or mentally incapacitated from the performance of the regular duties of his position after he has exhausted his accumulated sick leave, comp time and vacation.

No reasonable request for unpaid leave which is supported by medically justified reasons will be denied by the Sheriff’s Office. No unpaid leave request shall initially exceed 30 days. Any supplemental request exceeding thirty (30) days will be considered by the Sheriff’s Office with appropriate medical documentation. The Sheriff may elect to run FMLA leave concurrently with the unpaid disability leave referenced in this section. If any unpaid leave is granted by the Sheriff’s Office, the Sheriff’s Office will not be responsible for the payment of any medical or other benefits during the individual’s time while on unpaid leave unless the employee is concurrently using unpaid FMLA leave.

2. The Sheriff may place an employee, on unpaid disability leave after he has exhausted vacation, sick leave and compensatory time if, after an informal hearing concerning his condition, the Sheriff determines the employee is unable to perform the regular duties of his position because of illness, injury, or other physical or mental disability. Prior to the hearing, the Sheriff may require the employee to submit to an examination conducted by a licensed physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist, as appropriate to the circumstances, at the Sheriff’s expense. Ordinarily, if the employee is hospitalized or institutionalized at the time of the request, the disability leave may be granted without examination.

3. Within nine (9) months from the effective date of the unpaid disability leave, the employee may apply for reinstatement. After receipt of a timely application for reinstatement, the Sheriff may require examination of the employee by a licensed physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist, as appropriate to the circumstances, and shall designate the person to conduct the examination. The Sheriff shall pay for the examination. If the examination discloses the employee has recovered from the disability and is otherwise able to perform the regular duties of his position, the Sheriff shall reinstate the employee to his former or similar available position within thirty (30) calendar days from his written application.

B. Maternity and Parental Leave.

1. Employees may use their accumulated sick leave for absence due to pregnancy or for absence due to any medical condition related to pregnancy, childbirth, or postpartum recovery. At their option, employees may use their accrued paid leave for pregnancy, childbirth, or infant care.

2. If an employee exhausts her accumulated sick leave, she may extend her maternity leave pursuant to Section (A) above. An employee's request for a leave of absence for infant care purposes shall be treated as a request for an unpaid leave of absence for personal reasons pursuant to Section (C) below.

C. Other Unpaid Leaves of Absence.

1. Employees may request an unpaid leave of absence for educational or personal reasons. The Sheriff decides whether to grant these leaves. They may be granted for up to six months. Educational leave must be used for law enforcement training or specialized law enforcement experience which the Sheriff determines would benefit the department. Upon completion of the leave of absence, the employee will be returned to his former or similar available position.

2. Where the employee is unable to pre-determine the exact length of his leave, the Sheriff may approve an indefinite leave to not exceed six (6) months. The Sheriff may permit the employee to return to work during the six (6) month period, provided he gives the Sheriff at least two (2) weeks written notice of his desire to return.

3. If a leave of absence is granted for a definite period of time, the employee may be reinstated before the expiration of the leave.

D. Family and Medical Leave.

1. The Sheriff may implement all aspects of the Family and Medical Leave Act in his discretion to the extent allowed by and not inconsistent with this Agreement and the Act.

ARTICLE 19 - MILITARY LEAVE

Military Leave will be administered in accordance with applicable law.

ARTICLE 20 - STANDARD WORK WEEK AND OVERTIME

A. Definition. The work week shall normally consist of forty (40) hours based on five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour workdays and two (2) consecutive days off. The hourly rate

of an employee is based on a work week of forty (40) hours and a work year of two thousand eighty (2,080) hours.

B. Overtime. Employees shall be compensated time and one-half for hours actually worked which exceed forty (40) in a work week. The Sheriff will not change an employee's schedule to avoid paying overtime. For purposes of this section, all paid leave shall count as hours worked, except for sick leave.

C. Overtime Scheduling. To the extent practical, good faith efforts will be made consistent with efficient and effective operation of the department to rotate pre-scheduled overtime assignments among qualified employees.

D. Compensatory Time in Lieu of Overtime Pay. Employees shall be entitled to elect to receive compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay. Compensatory time shall accrue at a one and one-half hour for each hour of overtime worked. Employees shall be allowed to accrue up to 160 hours of compensatory time. The Sheriff may deny a compensatory time request for a certain time if he determines that operations of the Sheriff's office will be unduly disrupted. Compensatory time may be requested not less than three (3) days nor more than ninety (90) days in advance. The parties may mutually waive the time restrictions set forth in this Section.

ARTICLE 21 - CALL IN PAY

Employees who are called from home and who report to the office for any reason, shall be paid for all hours worked, but no less than a minimum of three (3) hours' call-in pay at the overtime rate. Employees asked to report early to their regular shift, or to stay after their regular shift, do not receive call-in pay. Employees required to make court appearances on behalf of the Sheriff or the County on their off-duty time will also be paid for all hours worked, but not less than three (3) hours minimum call-in pay at the overtime rate. An employee shall not receive such minimum pay for work or duties that are contiguous to the employee's work schedule, but instead, shall be compensated at the overtime rate for all hours worked in excess of the employee's regularly-scheduled work day. For purposes of this Section, contiguous means up to one hour before or one hour after the employee's regularly-scheduled work day. Employees are required to confirm their required appearance in court prior to the court date and/or as listed on the subpoena. When the employee turns in his/her subpoena, it will be incumbent upon the employee to specify the individual with whom the employee confirmed his/her appearance, and the payment referred above will not be made without such confirmation.

ARTICLE 22 - TRAINING

Anyone taking any work related training shall receive his regular rate of pay while in the training class. This will count as hours worked but will not count as overtime.

All training shall be approved by the Sheriff. The Sheriff will pay all costs of the training course, and mileage at the rate established by the Internal Revenue Service if the employee drives his personal vehicle to and from class. If more than one employee is going to the same class, every effort shall be made to car pool so that only one employee will be paid mileage. However, in the event that this is not geographically feasible, this requirement may be waived upon prior approval of the Sheriff in writing. Employees driving their own vehicles must receive prior approval from the Sheriff's Office and comply with the Driving Qualifications S.O.P.

Travel time will not count as time worked, and while in training the employee will only be paid for a forty (40) hour week.

An employee may waive any or all above provisions in accordance with law.

Employees attending training at the request of the Sheriff which results in a loss of all or a portion of their scheduled days off shall be given an amount of time off equal to the portion lost. This time off may be given either prior to or immediately following the training.

ARTICLE 23 - PAID LEAVES

A. Sick Leave.

Sick Leave - Each employee shall earn 4.6 hours paid sick leave upon completing each 80 hours of regular service. Sick leave hours are accumulated for hours worked on overtime. Unused sick leave shall be accumulated without limit. Sick leave shall be used in good faith. A violation of this Article is subject to Article VI of this Agreement (Corrective Action).

1. An employee who moves from one office of the Sheriff to another with no break in service, or who is hired from another public employer in Ohio to Sheriff's Office employment within ten (10) years of his prior service, shall be credited with the unused or unconverted balance of his sick leave accumulated in his prior service. The employee is responsible for obtaining certification of his previously accumulated sick leave.

2. Employees may use sick leave for absence due to personal illness, pregnancy, injury, exposure to contagious disease which could be communicated to other employees, and for absence due to illness, injury or death in the employee's immediate family.

3. Abuse of sick leave may be grounds for disciplinary action.

4. "Immediate family" for purposes of sick leave, other than for funeral leave, include: parents, spouse, children, and step-children.

5. An employee who is absent due to one of the above reasons must report his absence to the Sheriff's Office at least one (1) hour before his shift begins or prior to reporting off sick while on duty.

6. When sick leave is used it shall be deducted from the employee's sick leave credit on the basis of one quarter (1/4) hour of sick leave for every quarter (1/4) hour of absence from previously scheduled work.

7. Upon death of an employee, unused accumulated sick leave shall be paid to his spouse, children or parents, if any, in that order, or to his -estate. Payment for accumulated sick leave at the time of death shall be based on the employee's regular rate of pay at the time of his death, with one such hour of pay for every three (3) hours of accumulated sick leave.

8. Upon separation from employment, the Sheriff will pay employees who have ten (10) years of service with the department one-fourth (1/4) of their accumulated sick leave.

9. If an employee's illness or disability continues beyond the time covered by his earned sick leave, he may request an unpaid disability leave or other unpaid leave of

absence. Employees may also use earned vacation time or compensatory time after exhausting sick leave, but before applying for an unpaid leave.

10. An employee shall be credited with an additional eight (8) hours of compensatory each time they do not utilize any sick leave for a period of six (6) months. In accordance with this provision, an employee would be eligible for two days maximum per year. The six month periods are defined as January to the end of June and July to the end of December each year.

B. Funeral Leave.

An employee may be absent with pay for up to three (3) consecutive work days to attend the funeral of an immediate family member within the State of Ohio. In the event that the employee must travel outside the State of Ohio to attend the funeral of an immediate family member, an employee may be absent with pay for up to five (5) consecutive work days. It is specifically agreed that funeral leave will be deducted from sick leave; however, any sick leave utilized pursuant to this Section will not be used against the employee in the disciplinary process. Immediate family for purposes of sick leave utilized for funeral leave include grandparents, grandparents-in-law, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, parents, fathers-in-law, mothers-in-law, spouse, children, step-children, grandchildren and legal guardian or other persons who stand in place of a parent to the employee.

C. Jury Duty Leave.

1. Employees may be excused from work for jury duty.

2. Employees called to and reporting for panel and/or jury duty during their scheduled work day shall be compensated by the Sheriff at the regular rate of pay for the normal workday. Time on jury duty is not hours worked to compute overtime. The employee must give his immediate supervisor prior notice and proof of his jury duty call, and pay his jury fee to the County Treasurer in order to receive his regular pay.

D. Injury Leave.

The parties acknowledge and agree that employees of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office sustaining injuries in the course of and arising out of the scope of their employment should understand their rights, and that efforts should be made to keep the employees actively employed by the Sheriff's Office even if their work-related injuries prevent them from temporarily performing their former position of employment. For purposes of this provision, "former position of employment" refers to the job that was being carried out at the time of a work-related injury.

As a preliminary matter, the parties understand and agree that the processing and compensability of Workers' Compensation claims is governed by Chapter 4123 of the Ohio Revised Code. If an employee of the Sheriff's Office believes that he/she has sustained a work-related injury, he/she should immediately report the injury, complete and submit an accident report to the Sheriff, and proceed to file a Workers' Compensation claim if he/she desire to do

so. Assistance with the processing of the Workers' Compensation claims will be provided through the County, but not necessarily by the Sheriff's Office.

Any determinations as to the compensability of a Workers' Compensation claim will be made by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and/or the Industrial Commission of Ohio. The parties recognize that the ability to pursue and/or contest a Workers' Compensation claim are governed by Chapter 4123 of the Ohio Revised Code, and are not subject to modification by this collective bargaining agreement.

Although an employee's entitlement to benefits stemming from a work-related injury will be governed by the Ohio Workers' Compensation Act, the parties agree that every reasonable effort should be made to try and assist the employee with his/her return to work following a claimed work-related injury. Accordingly, it will be practice of the Sheriff's Office to assist and encourage an employee's return to work through the use of transitional or alternative duty job opportunities provided that transitional or alternative duty job opportunities are available.

If, after compensability of a claim has been determined, an employee is advised by his or her physician that he/she is unable to return to his/her former position of employment, the employee should immediately notify the Sheriff of this fact, and he/she should present the Sheriff with written notice of his/her medical restrictions. If the employee is claiming that he/she is temporarily and totally disabled, then he/she should be permitted to pursue temporary total disability compensation pursuant to R.C. 4123.56. If, on the other hand, an employee is advised by his/her physician that he/she is unable to return to his/her former position of employment, but is capable of working some capacity, then the Sheriff will attempt to make every reasonable effort to place the employee in a transitional/alternative duty position consistent with the employee's medical restrictions. If, for any reason, the Sheriff questions the employee's physical restrictions outlined in any documentation provided by a medical practitioner who has seen or who is treating the employee, the Sheriff shall have the right to schedule an independent medical evaluation to address the issue of the employee's work capabilities. If, as a result of the Sheriff's decision to schedule the employee for an independent medical examination, the employee is obligated to remain off of work despite a desire to return to work, the employee shall remain eligible to pursue benefits through R.C. 4123.56.

The parties acknowledge and agree that having an employee who has sustained a work-related injury gainfully employed in some capacity is preferable to having the employee remain off of work. Through this provision, the Sheriff supports and endorses the concept of transitional/alternative duty work (i.e., work in some capacity other than the employee's position of employment at the time that he/she was injured), and the Sheriff commits to assisting employee's return to gainful employment following a work-related injury. If, for any reason, the Sheriff's Office is unable to accommodate the medical restrictions of an employee claiming a work-related injury, then the Sheriff agrees to provide the employee with a written statement, upon the employee's request, confirming the inability to return the employee to a transitional/alternative duty position. It is understood and agreed that the employee can use said statement to support any request for benefits that he/she may pursue through R.C. 4123.56.

Lastly, the parties herein incorporate by reference R.C. 4123.90. It is understood and agreed that the Sheriff's Office will not take any type of retaliatory action against an employee as the result of his/her pursuit of an Ohio Workers' Compensation claim. To the contrary, it is acknowledged and agreed that if a determination is made that an employee has a valid work-related injury, then the Sheriff will make every reasonable effort to assist the employee with a return to work within the employee's medical restrictions. Employees will continue to receive insurance benefits, accrue seniority, sick leave and vacation time credit while off work as a result of a valid Workers' Compensation claim.

ARTICLE 24 - VACATIONS

A. A full-time employee (after completion of one full year of service) shall have earned eighty (80) hours of vacation leave with full pay. Thereafter, a full-time employee shall earn and accrue vacation leave pro rata over 26 bi-weekly pays at the following annual rates:

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| 1 but less than 6 years service | 2 weeks |
| 6 but less than 15 years service | 3 weeks |
| 15 but less than 20 years service | 4 weeks |
| 20 and over years of service | 5 weeks |

B. An employee who moves from one office of the Sheriff to another with no break in service shall be allowed to transfer vacation time and seniority for the purposes of vacation accumulation.

C. Vacation schedules shall be mutually arranged and recommended by each supervisor of the shift or supervisor of the division, subject to the Sheriff's approval. Vacation leave may be restricted, denied, or cancelled based on operational necessities. The necessities would be due to high volumes of workloads, special events, or emergencies that require a large portion of the workforce. Any unreasonable denial of a request may be the subject of a grievance. In the event that two bargaining unit members submit a vacation request on the same day which presents a conflict because each employee's request includes days off in common, then the senior member shall be given first choice. Otherwise, vacation requests will be granted based on which request was made first. Vacation time may be taken in ¼ hour increments. The supervisor of the shift and supervisor of the division may grant more than one vacation request, subject to the Sheriff's approval. Once vacation leave is granted, it will not be cancelled by the employer except in cases of emergency.

D. An employee may request any amount of vacation leave not more than ninety (90) days in advance, nor less than three (3) days in advance. Any employee who informs the Employer in writing at the time of the vacation request that he requires notice by a time certain of the approval or denial of his vacation request, will be given said notice as soon as reasonably practicable. The time restrictions herein may be waived by mutual agreement of the parties.

E. Employees are entitled to payment for any earned unused vacation to their credit at the time they are separated from the Sheriff's Office, at their hourly rate of pay.

F. In the case of an employee's death, earned but unused vacation leave shall be paid to his spouse, children or parents, in that order, or to his estate, at his then hourly rate of pay.

G. An employee may indefinitely carry over earned vacation leave up to five hundred hours.

ARTICLE 25 – INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

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ARTICLE 26 - HOLIDAYS

A. Each employee shall earn one 8-hour holiday for each completed month on the active payroll, beginning January 1, 1999. Holiday time may be accumulated and used the same as compensatory time under 19(D) (except that the holiday shall be equal to eight hours at regular pay and holiday comp hours shall not count against the 160-hour cap set forth in Article 19(D) of this Agreement during the year in which the holiday/comp hours were earned). At the completion of each calendar year, each employee may opt to be paid at the employee’s straight time rate in effect in December of the year in which such days are earned for any holidays accrued and not used during the year in question and shall be paid in a lump sum prior to December 15 of the same year. In addition, each employee shall be entitled to two personal days each January 1. These personal days must be used in the calendar year in which they become available. These personal days may not be exchanged for pay or carried over into any subsequent year.

B. Employees may utilize (40) hours of paid leave annually other than sick leave (i.e., vacation, Holiday, comp and/or personal leave) in eight-hour increments on a demand basis. These five (5) eight (8) hour days must be granted with any amount of notice, as long as it is not necessary to replace the requesting employee due to minimum staffing requirements at the time of the request.

ARTICLE 27 - HEALTH INSURANCE

A. The Employees in this bargaining unit agree to be bound by the same terms and conditions regarding health insurance that can be found in the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Officers’ collective bargaining agreement.

ARTICLE 28 - WAGES AND PAY STEPS

A. The following wage schedule shall become effective on April 1, 2020:

Sergeants: (1) New Sergeants will be paid an hourly rate of \$30.00; (2) after completing one year in the rank of Sergeant, the employee will be paid an hourly rate of \$31.20.

The wage increases will not be retroactively applied but will begin April 1, 2020. Members were provided a ratification bonus in the amounts set forth in the tentative agreement entered into between the parties. To receive the ratification bonus, member’s were required to be employed on the payment date.

The ratification bonus payments are not tied to hours of work or a retroactivity payment, but instead were negotiated as an incentive to accept the contract and thus no pension will be deducted.

B. The Sheriff’s office agrees to the payment of longevity pay. Beginning April 1, 2020, for the duration of this contract, longevity pay will be paid at the following rates:

1. 5 to 9 years of service with the Sheriff’s Office - \$600.00

2. 10 to 14 years of service with the Sheriff's Office - \$1100.00
3. 15 to 19 years of service with the Sheriff's Office - \$1600.00
4. 20 to 24 years of service with the Sheriff's Office - \$2100.00
5. 25 years of service with the Sheriff's Office or more - \$2600.00

The Sheriff's office will include the longevity payments as part of the bargaining unit's regular bi-weekly paychecks.

C. A Bargaining Unit Member shall be paid a lump sum salary payment of \$250.00 for an Associate Degree or for completion of half of a Bachelor's Degree (with the full Bachelor's Degree to be completed within the next five (5) years).

A Bargaining Unit Member shall be annually paid a lump sum salary payment of \$550.00 after completing a Bachelor's Degree.

A Bargaining Unit Member shall be annually paid a lump sum salary payment of \$750.00 after completing a Master's Degree.

In order to qualify, the Associate or Bachelor's Degree can only be in law enforcement, rehabilitation/corrections, or the criminal justice fields.

The stipend is to be paid annually in a lump sum in the first pay in December.

The parties incorporate the Delaware County Educational reimbursement policy as if it were fully set forth herein.

ARTICLE 29 - SCOPE

A. This Agreement supersedes all previous oral and written agreements and practices and constitutes the entire agreement of the parties.

B. During the negotiations leading to the execution of this Agreement, the parties had a full opportunity to submit all items appropriate to collective bargaining. The union expressly waives the right to submit any additional item for bargaining during the term of this Agreement, whether or not the item was discussed, submitted, or contemplated during the negotiations leading to the execution of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 30 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

A. Except as limited by the specific provisions of this written Agreement, the Employer retains and reserves all its rights to:

1. Determine matters of inherent managerial policy which include, but are not limited to areas of discretion or policy such as the functions and programs of the public employer, standards of services, its overall budget, utilization of technology and organizational structure;

2. Direct, supervise, evaluate, or hire employees;
3. Maintain and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of governmental operations;
4. Determine the overall methods, process, means, or personnel by which governmental operations are to be conducted;
5. Suspend, discipline, demote, or discharge for just cause, or lay-off, transfer, assign, schedule, promote, or retain employees;
6. Determine the adequacy of the work force;
7. Determine the overall mission of the employer as a unit of government;
8. Effectively manage the work force;
9. Take actions to carry out the mission of the public employer as a governmental unit.

B. Management rights set forth above shall not be impaired by an arbitration award or otherwise except to the extent that they are limited by specific provisions of this Agreement. Failure to exercise a right, or exercising it in a particular way shall not be deemed a waiver of any management right. Management may exercise any or all of the management rights set forth in this Article without prior negotiation with or agreement of the OPBA.

ARTICLE 31 - SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY (Drug and Alcohol Testing)

A. Purpose.

The Sheriff recognizes the adverse effects illegal drug and alcohol abuse can have on the Sheriff s, offices, its services and the organization as a whole. It is also the Sheriff's right, obligation and intent to maintain a safe, healthful, and efficient work environment for all Sheriff Office employees, and to protect the Sheriff's property, equipment, operations, constituents and image. Accordingly, the Sheriff has adopted this substance abuse policy to help prevent any such adverse effects and to ensure a drug and alcohol-free working environment.

Under this policy, the Sheriff expects all employees to refrain from being under the influence of illegal drugs and alcohol while on the job or on its premises. The Sheriff also expects all employees to refrain from using, possessing, selling, purchasing, receiving or distributing illegal drugs or alcohol while on the job or on its premises, and to refrain from off-the-job use of illegal drugs or alcohol in a manner which affects job performance or threatens the safety or property of other employees or the Sheriff.

In addition, this policy reaffirms the Sheriff's commitment to treatment and rehabilitation. The Sheriff strongly encourages employees who have a drug or alcohol-related problem to voluntarily seek confidential assistance through the Sheriff's designated Employee Assistance Program (EAP) or another appropriate program.

B. Policy.

1. Definitions.

“Drug” means: A chemical substance, including alcohol, that produces physical, mental, emotional or behavioral change in the user.

“Illegal” drug means:

- (a) Drugs which are not legally obtainable;
- (b) Drugs which are legally obtainable but have been obtained or are used illegally; or
- (c) Drugs which are not used for the purpose for which they are prescribed or manufactured.
- (d) Includes, in addition to others: marijuana, cocaine, opiates (morphine, heroin, codeine), amphetamines, benzodiazepines, barbiturates and phencyclidine (pcp).

“Legal drug” means: Prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs legally obtained and used for the purpose for which they are prescribed or manufactured.

“On the job” means: During working hours and/or on Sheriff’s Office premises, and includes break, lunch and/or dinner periods, regardless of whether the employee is actually on Sheriff’s Office premises.

“Positive or failed” drug or alcohol test means: One which determines the presence of illegal drugs or alcohol in urine, blood, breath or saliva at a level and/or in an amount which is prohibited under the federal Department of Transportation’s controlled substance and alcohol testing rules applicable to drivers of commercial motor vehicles and in effect at the time of the test.

“Under the influence” means: The presence of illegal drugs, or alcohol in an employee’s blood, breath, saliva or urine at a level and/or in an amount which is prohibited under the federal Department of Transportation’s controlled substance and alcohol testing rules applicable to drivers of commercial motor vehicles and in effect at the time of the incident in question.

“Reasonable cause” means: A belief that illegal drug or alcohol use is influencing an employee’s behavior, appearance, job performance, attendance, or fitness for duty, and/or that the corrections officer is using, possessing, selling, purchasing, receiving or distributing illegal drugs or alcohol while on the job or while on Sheriff’s Office premises, and/or that the corrections officer is using illegal drugs or alcohol off-the-job in a manner which affects job performance or threatens the safety or property of other employees or the Sheriff’s Office.

“Random testing” means: Selection of an employee from a pool of other employees to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test, which is made regardless of whether any suspicion of illegal drug or alcohol use exists, and which is based on an equal probability of selection. Note: all employees, including those selected previously, have an equal chance of being selected each time random selection occurs; this means any corrections officer may be selected more than once while others have not been selected.

C. Drug and Alcohol Rules and Discipline.

1. Employee Use of Drugs or Alcohol.

Employees who are under the influence of, or who use, possess, sell, purchase, receive or distribute illegal drugs or alcohol while on the job or while on Sheriff's Office premises are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the contract or mandatory referral to EAP.

Employees who use illegal drugs or alcohol off-the-job in a manner which (a) affects job performance; or (b) threatens the safety or property of other employees or the Sheriff's Office are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the contract or mandatory referral to EAP.

2. Drug and Alcohol Testing.

(a) Coverage.

The Sheriff reserves the right to require any employee to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test as a condition of employment in any bargaining unit position.

(b) Reasonable Cause

The Sheriff may require an employee to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test if it has any reason to suspect or to believe that the employee (a) is under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol while on the job or while on Sheriff's Office premises; (b) is using, possessing, selling, purchasing, receiving or distributing illegal drugs or alcohol while on the job or while on Sheriff's Office premises; or (c) is using illegal drugs or alcohol off-the-job in a manner which affects job performance or threatens the safety or property of other employees or the Sheriff's Office.

(c) Post-Incident Testing.

The Sheriff may require an employee involved in any incident on work time which causes property damage or personal injury requiring off-site treatment, or an incident or shooting off Sheriff's Office premises while on the job or involving the use of County's vehicles or equipment, to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test.

(d) Leave of Absence Testing.

The Sheriff may require all employees returning from a leave of absence of six (6) months or more to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test. Such employees must successfully pass the test, subject to the rules and discipline of this policy, as a condition of returning to work. This rule does not apply to employees returning from a vacation.

(e) Random.

The Sheriff may require any or all of its employees to submit to random testing for illegal drugs or alcohol.

(f) Testing is Discretionary.

IMPORTANT: all of the above drug and/or alcohol testing is discretionary, and this policy in no way limits the Sheriff's right to discipline or discharge an employee for illegal drug or alcohol-related reasons without requiring a drug and/or alcohol test, such as based on observed use, possession, sale, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol, and/or due to some other violation of this contract.

(g) Procedures and Discipline.

Employees required to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test who refuse to consent to testing, sign the appropriate forms and/or comply with all sample collection and chain-of-custody procedures are subject to disciplinary action, including immediate discharge.

Employees -- including employees required to submit to post-accident testing, physical exam testing, or who are returning from a (6) month layoff or leave of absence -- who fail to pass any drug and/or alcohol test are subject to disciplinary action, including referral to the Sheriff's designated EAP.

Employees who are not terminated for a first violation of this policy but who commit a second violation of any aspect of this policy will be subject to non-discretionary and automatic termination of their employment, subject to their appeal rights pursuant to the grievance procedure contained herein.

With respect to employees required to submit to "reasonable cause" or "post-incident" testing, in most cases such employees will be removed from employment and will remain off duty without pay pending the Sheriff's receipt of the employees' drug and/or alcohol test result. Employees removed from employment and required to submit to such a drug and/or alcohol test - but who pass the drug and/or alcohol test -- will be permitted to return to work following the Sheriff's determination that they can still safely and properly perform their job. Such employees also will receive back pay equivalent to the amount the Sheriff would have paid the employee had the employee not been removed from employment. For "post-incident" testing, and depending on the nature of the employee's injury (if any), such back pay entitlement is subject to and may be superseded by the contract.

3. Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drug Use.

The Sheriff does not prohibit employees from using prescription or over-the-counter drugs, provided: (a) the prescription drugs are prescribed for medical reasons by a licensed medical practitioner, dosage, frequency prescribed on the label; and (b) the employee's use of prescription or over-the-counter drugs does not affect job performance or threaten the safety or property of other employees or the Sheriff.

The Sheriff reserves the right to apply the disciplinary procedures of this policy, including requiring a drug and/or alcohol test, to any employee who uses prescription or over-the-counter drugs in a manner which violates this rule.

4. Employee Assistance.

(a) Voluntary Submission to EAP.

Any Employee of the Sheriff's Office who has developed an addiction to, dependence on, or other recurring problem with illegal drugs or alcohol should voluntarily seek assistance by writing, calling or visiting the Sheriff's Office designated EAP or another

appropriate employee assistance program. All voluntary inquiries will be held in confidence to the extent practicable. **IMPORTANT:** employees who first violate this Substance Abuse Policy and then seek voluntary assistance will not avoid discipline and/or discharge under this contract.

(b) Discretionary Referral to EAP.

Where the Sheriff determines that an employee is in violation of this Substance Abuse Policy, in lieu of immediate discharge the Sheriff may -- but within his sole discretion -- refer the employee to the Sheriff's designated EAP, for assessment and evaluation of whether the employee is addicted to, dependent on, or has a recurring problem with illegal drugs or alcohol. Employees referred to EAP who are found to have an addiction to, dependence on, or recurring problem with illegal drugs or alcohol may be required -- as a condition of continued employment -- to successfully complete any outpatient or inpatient treatment and rehabilitation program, and any and all follow-up care, including any random drug and/or alcohol testing, established for them and/or to which they are referred by EAP. Any employee who refuses such referral to EAP or any treatment program, rejects or leaves treatment, fails to abide by all aspects of his or her treatment program, including random drug and/or alcohol testing and any and all other follow-up care, is subject to disciplinary action, including immediate discharge.

Note: each and every random or follow up drug and/or alcohol test to which an employee is required to submit as a result of his or her referral to EAP under this provision must be conducted by the laboratory with which the Sheriff already contracts, or by another laboratory which the Sheriff has approved in advance of any such testing. Employees must pay the total cost of each and every such random or follow up, drug and/or alcohol test. Such payment normally will occur through a payroll deduction, unless other arrangements with the Sheriff are made in advance. Any employee who refuses or fails to submit to any such test or pay the cost of any such test will be subject to disciplinary action, including immediate discharge.

(c) Time Off for Inpatient Treatment.

Employees referred by EAP or another appropriate employee assistance program for inpatient treatment and rehabilitation may be entitled to use any paid leave days, or obtain an unpaid leave of absence, pursuant to the contract, during the period of inpatient treatment. This policy does not, however, alter, amend or modify any of the vacation, personal days, or leave of absence policies under the contract, or grant employees any more time off than that already permitted.

ARTICLE 32 – DURATION

This Agreement shall be effective from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

[Signature page to follow]

