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AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF FOSTORIA
AND
OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
REGULAR, FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICERS AND DETECTIVES

EFFECTIVE: Through December 31, 2022

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ARTICLE 1
PURPOSE

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into between the City of Fostoria, Ohio (hereinafter referred to as the “Management”), and the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association (hereinafter referred to as the “Union” or “O.P.B.A.”), in recognition of the common interest in public service to the citizens and for the purpose of achieving better understanding between the parties as well as for the purpose of providing for the peaceful settlement of any differences which may arise between the parties.

ARTICLE 2
MANAGEMENT’S RIGHTS

Except to the extent expressly modified by a specific provision or provisions of this Agreement, the Management reserves and retains solely and exclusively all of its statutory and common law rights to manage the operation of the Division of Police of the City of Fostoria, Ohio, as such rights existed prior to the execution of this or any other previous agreement with the Union. The sole and exclusive rights of the Management, which are not abridged by the Agreement, shall include, but are not limited to, its rights to determine the facts which are the basis of the Management decisions; to establish or continue policies, practices or procedures for the conduct of the Division of Police and its services to the citizens of Fostoria, and from time to time to change or abolish such practices or procedures; the right to determine and from time to time redetermine the number, locations, and relocations and types of its employees or to discontinue any performance by employees of the City of Fostoria within the Division to determine the number of hours per day or week any operation of the Division of Police may be called on; to select and determine the number and types of employees required; to assign such work to such employees in accordance with the requirements determined by Management authorities; to establish training programs and upgrading requirements for employees within the Division; to transfer, promote or demote employees for just cause, or to lay off, terminate or otherwise relieve employees from duty for lack of work or other legitimate reasons, to determine the facts of lack of work or other legitimate reasons; to continue, alter, make and enforce reasonable rules for the maintenance of discipline; to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline employees for just cause and otherwise to take such measures as the Management may determine to be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the Division of Police for the City of Fostoria, Ohio, provided, however, nothing herein shall prevent employees from presenting their grievances for an alleged violation of any Article or specific term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3
COOPERATION

Management and the Union shall use their best efforts to fulfill their responsibilities as public servants, to achieve better understanding between the Management and the employees represented by the Union, to assure the proper and uninterrupted functions of the services of the City, and to promote mutual respect and fair dealing between the Management and employees represented by the Union.

ARTICLE 4
RECOGNITION OF O.P.B.A.

Section 4.1. Bargaining Rights. Management hereby recognizes the O.P.B.A. as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all regular, full-time patrol officers and detectives.

Section 4.2. Bargaining Unit Exclusions. The chief, captains, sergeants and all other employees whose classification is not listed in Section 1 above shall be excluded from the bargaining unit.

In addition, the following groups of employees are excluded from the bargaining unit:

- A. Those classes which, on the effective date of this Agreement, are represented by other recognized bargaining agents.
- B. Temporary, seasonal and part-time employees.
- C. Managements employees.
- D. Probationary employees except where specifically mentioned in this Agreement.

Section 4.3. Non-discrimination. There shall be no discrimination, harassment, or pressure by the City or the Union against any employee on the basis of such employee's membership or non-membership in the Union. Additionally, both Management and the Union shall comply with all laws prohibiting discrimination based upon race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliation or disability which can be reasonably accommodated.

Section 4.4. The City shall have the right to hire part-time help to do jail checks as required by state law. The City shall also have the right to hire a maximum of two (2) part-time non-bargaining unit court officers. No court officer shall be employed more than twenty (20) hours in any calendar week.

ARTICLE 5
UNION BUSINESS

Section 5.1. Union Representatives. The Union is authorized to select one (1) director and one (1) alternate director. In addition, any shift not represented by a director or alternate director may select a shift representative. The Union shall certify to the City in writing the names of each representative. If a representative's name is not listed he/she will not be granted time away from his/her job to conduct approved Union business.

Section 5.2. Investigation. A Union representative, upon reasonable notice by him/her and authorization from the Chief or his/her designee, shall be allowed reasonable time off without loss of pay to investigate grievances, alleged grievances and attend disciplinary investigations and/or hearings. Permission to investigate and/or process such grievances will not be unreasonably denied.

Section 5.3. Advisors. A non-employee representative upon one (1) days' notice may consult with employees in the assembly or meeting area designated by Management before the start of and at the completion of the day's work, and he/she shall be permitted access to work areas at all reasonable times only for the purpose of adjusting grievances, assisting in the settlement of disputes, and for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions and aims of this Agreement. This privilege is extended subject to the understanding that work assignments are not, in fact, interfered with.

Section 5.4. Negotiating Committee Member. Reasonable time off for a Negotiating Committee Member may be granted by the Chief during the negotiating period referenced in the Duration Article. Such time off shall not be unreasonably denied.

Section 5.5. No Loss or Gain. Any authorized activity under this Article shall be conducted on the basis of no loss or gain in regular daily pay as a result of such activity.

Section 5.6. Upon forty-eight (48) hours written notice to the Chief (or designee), the O.P.B.A. bargaining unit director and alternate director shall be granted up to two (2) duty days per year with pay to perform Union functions, plus one (1) additional day each without pay for a total of six (6) days, but without loss of benefits to attend O.P.B.A. functions. Said bargaining unit members shall be allowed to charge such leave to vacation, comp time or any other time which said employee may be entitled to. Employees may be from the same shift as long as no overtime liability is created by the absence of the bargaining unit employees, as foreseen at the time of the request for leave.

ARTICLE 6 **SCOPE OF BARGAINING**

As provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 4117.08, the O.P.B.A. has sole and exclusive bargaining rights on the following subjects:

- A. Wages
- B. Hours
- C. Fringe benefits
- D. Other terms and conditions of employment

ARTICLE 7 **DISCIPLINE**

Section 7.1. No employee shall be disciplined except for just cause. Probationary removals and probationary reductions shall not be considered discipline in accordance with Article 7.

Section 7.2. Except in instances where the employee is found guilty of serious misconduct, discipline will be applied in a corrective and progressive manner.

Section 7.3. As part of its investigation into alleged misconduct, Management may require a report from the employee or probationary employee within seventy-two (72) hours of Management's request. Written results of an official investigation shall be provided to the employee. The employee shall be provided discovery of material utilized to discipline him/her not more than ten (10) days subsequent to the completion of the investigation.

Section 7.4. Whenever Management determines that there may be cause for an employee to receive a verbal recorded reprimand or a written reprimand, that employee shall receive a copy of the reprimand.

Section 7.5. Whenever Management determines that there may be cause for an employee to be suspended, reduced in rank or pay, or discharged, the employee shall be apprised of the alleged charge in writing, and a predisciplinary conference will be scheduled no sooner than forty-eight (48) hours from the time of notice, to give the employee an opportunity to offer an explanation of the alleged misconduct. The employee may elect to have a representative of the O.P.B.A. present at any such predisciplinary conference.

Disciplinary meetings will be held during the employee's regularly scheduled work hours except when the matter concerns third shift personnel. Disciplinary meetings involving third shift personnel will be scheduled at the conclusion of the employee's shift unless mutually agreed to by all concerned parties.

The Employer shall issue a report to the employee and the O.P.B.A. no later than five (5) workdays after the date of the hearing indicating whether there is cause to believe that the alleged conduct occurred, and recommending discipline, if any.

Section 7.6. The City agrees that all disciplinary procedures shall be carried out in private and in a businesslike manner. Any employee in disagreement with the action taken by the City may file a grievance in accordance with the grievance procedure contained in this Agreement. In cases of disciplinary actions involving suspensions, reductions or discharges, an employee may initiate a grievance at Step 3 of the grievance procedure contained herein.

Disciplinary action shall have force and effect in subsequent disciplinary actions according to the following schedule:

Verbal Warning	6 months
Written Warning	18 months
Suspension	24 months

Section 7.7. Personnel Files. The City will keep only one (1) personnel file on any bargaining unit employee. Each employee shall be allowed to review and copy the contents of his/her personnel file at all reasonable times. The respective employee may add memoranda clarifying and explaining alleged inaccuracies of any document in his/her file to the file. The Chief, his/her designee or the Safety-Service Director shall maintain the official employment files. Additionally, the personnel files are subject to review by a representative if prior written

approval is submitted by the employee to the Chief. All items in an employee's file with regard to complaints and investigations will be clearly marked with respect to final disposition. The employee will be given a copy of each item placed in his/her personnel file.

Section 7.8. The Employer shall not introduce records of discipline more than two (2) years old in a disciplinary proceeding other than discharge. Personnel records will be maintained in the manner approved by the City of Fostoria Records Commission or in accordance with City policy.

ARTICLE 8 **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

Section 8.1. An employee has the right to the presence and advice of an O.P.B.A. representative at all disciplinary interrogations.

Section 8.2. Before an employee may be charged with a violation of the Rules and Regulations for a refusal to answer questions or participate in an investigation, he/she shall be advised that his/her refusal to answer such questions or participate in such investigation may be the basis of a charge.

Section 8.3. An employee will be informed as to the nature of any investigation of himself/herself prior to any questioning. If the employee being questioned is, at the time, a witness and not under investigation, he/she shall be so advised.

Section 8.4. All complaints which may involve disciplinary action of an employee shall be in writing and signed by the complainant. The Employer will furnish a copy of the complaint to the Union and the employee upon request. The Employer will produce any such complaints in toto at any appropriate hearing, together with all evidence in its possession which applies to that complaint.

Section 8.5. The Chief of Police or his/her designee shall inform an employee against whom a complaint has been filed of the nature of the complaint and the outcome of any investigation within seven (7) days after completion of the investigation. To the extent practicable, investigations shall be completed within thirty (30) days of the date of filing of a complaint.

Section 8.6. Should the Employer wish to open a locked locker and/or drawer assigned to a member of the bargaining unit, the Employer shall first notify the employee and/or Union representative and offer the employee and/or Union representative the opportunity to witness the opening.

ARTICLE 9 **PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

All new patrol officers shall be considered probationary employees for a period of one (1) year from the beginning of employment. As such, a probationary employee may be dismissed during the probationary period at the sole discretion of the City. If such employee is retained beyond the probationary period, he/she shall immediately be classified as a regular patrol officer.

ARTICLE 10
LAYOFF AND REDUCTION IN FORCE

Section 10.1. Bargaining unit employees may be laid off only for lack of work or lack of funds. Said layoff shall take effect only after being given seven (7) days prior written notice.

Section 10.2. In the event of a layoff situation, bargaining unit employees will be laid off in accordance with their seniority within rank (last hired, first laid off).

Section 10.3. A bargaining unit employee who is laid off shall be subject to recall for a period of three (3) years provided he/she is qualified to perform the job.

Section 10.4. A recall from layoff will be based upon seniority (last laid off, first recalled) within rank.

Section 10.5. Before any bargaining unit employee may be laid off, all part-time employees and full-time civilian employees performing work by bargaining unit employees will be first laid off.

Section 10.6. In the event of a reduction of force from the ranks of Sergeant and/or Captain, an affected employee may be returned to Patrolman status if the officer has sufficient departmental seniority.

ARTICLE 11
WAGES

Section 11.1. Wages.

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
<u>01/1/2020</u>	<u>\$19.16</u>	<u>\$21.22</u>	<u>\$22.48</u>	<u>\$23.67</u>	<u>\$25.85</u>	<u>\$27.43</u>
<u>01/01/2021</u>	<u>\$19.54</u>	<u>\$21.64</u>	<u>\$22.93</u>	<u>\$24.14</u>	<u>\$26.37</u>	<u>\$27.98</u>
<u>01/01/2022</u>	<u>\$19.93</u>	<u>\$22.07</u>	<u>\$23.39</u>	<u>\$24.62</u>	<u>\$26.90</u>	<u>\$28.54</u>

NOTE: When both the Sergeant and Captain are not working, the officer designated as Officer in Charge shall receive five percent (5%) above Step 6 of the Patrolmen's rate for the hours worked as Officer in Charge.

Miscellaneous Provisions.

1. The length of time required to be served in each step shall be as follows:

<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
6 months	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months	TOP
	(after 6 months)	(after 18 months)	(after 30 months)	(after 42 months)	(after 54 months)

2. The effective date for pay progression shall be the start of the work week closest to the employee's classification seniority date.

3. Step Increases – Officers shall receive step increases after serving the designated years in the entitled step until the maximum step is reached.

4. The City has the right to hire a police officer at a rate higher than the starting rate.

Section 11.2. All bargaining unit employees employed at the time of the execution of this Agreement shall receive a one-time lump sum payment of \$1,200.00 at the time of the first full pay following execution of this Agreement. This Section 11.2 shall cease to have effect upon the expiration of this Agreement (December 31, 2022.)

ARTICLE 12
OVERTIME

Section 12.1. Voluntary Overtime. Overtime shall be voluntary and not required except in situations which are deemed necessary by the Chief or his/her designee. Once an overtime assignment is accepted, it shall be considered part of an employee's normal and regular work assignment.

Section 12.2. Overtime Pay. Any employee working in excess of eight (8) hours on his/her assigned shift will be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times his/her base rate for the first two (2) hours and double time for continuously worked hours thereafter. Any employee working on his/her normal scheduled day off will be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times his/her base rate for the first eight (8) hours and double time (2) for continuously worked hours thereafter. If an employee covered by this Agreement is injured on duty he/she shall be paid time and one-half (1½) for up to two and one-half (2½) hours for treatment at a medical facility, if required, and shall supply the City with proof of treatment.

Section 12.3. Pyramiding. There shall be no pyramiding of premium pay for the same hours worked.

Section 12.4. Rotating Shifts. There shall be no overtime paid to employees who work more than eight (8) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period while changing from one shift to another. However, the City will implement shift changes effective when an employee returns from his/her regular days off.

Section 12.5. Call-In Pay. Call-in pay is defined as payment for work assigned by the Chief or his/her designee including mandatory schooling, seminars, and other required in-service training, or for court time as defined in Section 6 of this Article, and performed by an employee at a time disconnected from his/her normal and prescheduled hours of work.

Work done in this manner shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times the normal rate of pay with a minimum of four and one-half (4½) hours pay (three (3) hours at a pay rate of time and one-half (1½) and shall be paid only during the time the employee is physically performing his/her assignment.

Section 12.6. Court Time. Whenever it is necessary for an off-duty officer to appear in court, or for pretrial conferences, for the prosecution of a criminal or civil case, such officer shall be compensated in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of this Article. Any witness fees received as a result of court appearances in connection with City employment shall be turned over to the Chief within three (3) days of receipt of such fees. Any travel pay received when employee uses City-supplied transportation will similarly be turned over to the Chief, in accordance with the above provision.

Section 12.7. When an employee is on the midnight shift and is scheduled to appear in court or pretrial conferences for the prosecution of a criminal or civil case, within two (2) hours after his/her scheduled quitting time or by 10:00 a.m., it shall be considered a continuous shift.

Any appearance in a civil case must have arisen as a result of police activities.

Section 12.8. When an employee is on the midnight shift and is scheduled to attend in-service training within two (2) hours after his/her scheduled quitting time or by 10:00 a.m., it shall be considered a continuous shift. However, overtime shall be paid at time and one-half (1½) and Section 2 above shall not apply.

Section 12.9. When an employee is called for standby duty by either the Chief of Police or designee, the employee shall receive one-half (½) time pay, with a minimum four (4) hours in addition to regular hours actually worked. The employee will remain on standby with pay until notified otherwise by either the Chief or his/her designee. This section shall not apply to detectives who are designated on call and provided with a cell phone.

Section 12.10. Officers who work overtime required by holdovers after shift resulting from continuous duties, investigations, arrests, issuance of warrants or other special individual assignments shall work without regard to the equitable distribution of overtime in Paragraph A. Such time shall be charted for overtime equalization purposes.

Overtime Equalization:

- A. Overtime shall be distributed as equitably as practical and shall be equalized on a continuous basis. The City shall maintain an Overtime Equalization List comprised of Patrol Officers (including SRO), Detectives, Sergeants and Captains in order to determine which officers shall be called into work. This list will be

updated at the time of an Officer's acceptance of the overtime hours offered. All overtime, whether it is for Patrol Officer (including SRO), Detective, Sergeant and/or Captain positions shall be offered from that List.

- B. All overtime assignments, except mandated hours, court time and grand jury, shall be counted on the list.
- C. The principle of "first precipitating event" is rendered null and void and shall not be applicable to overtime equalization.
- D. When an overtime opportunity becomes available, the officer-in-charge shall first notify the officer who has the least number of hours on the Overtime Equalization List. If hours are equal among officers, the opportunity shall be offered first to the officer with the higher rank and then offered to the officer with the highest in-rank seniority. The order of Rank priority is: 1) Captain, 2) Sergeant, 3) Patrol/SRO/Detective.

If an overtime block of two (2) hours or less becomes available at the beginning or end of a shift, the OIC shall fill such by first offering the block to officers scheduled either before or after the block. Such officers with the least number of overtime hours for the year shall be offered the block before such officers with more overtime hours.

The Employer shall maintain a Mandate (Forced) List comprised of Patrol Officers (including SRO), Detectives, Sergeants and Captains to be used for mandating overtime in the case that such overtime hours have been refused. The officers shall be listed in order of rank and seniority with rank superseding seniority. If overtime hours are refused by all the officers, the officer-in-charge shall mandate officers from said list who are working on the shift preceding the one being filled starting with the least senior/lowest rank officer on a rotating basis, such that once the least senior/lowest rank officer has been mandated, he/she will not be mandated again until all the officers currently working that preceding shift have been mandated as many times as he/she in the calendar year. The Mandate List shall be reset on January 1 of each year.

- E. Officers shall only be charged on the Equalization List with overtime hours if they actually work overtime hours, except as provided in paragraph B, F, and G herein.
- F. Employees on sick leave, injury leave, or leave of absence in excess of thirty (30) days, upon return to work, shall be charged the average number of hours worked during the leave period.
- G. New employees added to the list shall be charged the maximum number of hours. Probationary employees need not be placed on the list, but may be added, at the

sole discretion of the Chief. Probationary employees not added to the list shall not be offered overtime.

- H. All time on the Overtime Equalization will be reduced to zero on January 1 of each year.
- I. Mistakes in offering overtime will be corrected by offering the employee who was missed the next available opportunity.

Section 12.11. Compensatory Time. Compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay shall be granted at the option of the employee. It shall be granted at the rate of overtime pay, i.e., time and one-half (1½), or double time (2) if the overtime is subject to Article 12, Section 2. Compensatory time may not be accumulated in excess of one hundred (100) hours and must be taken subject to the approval of the shift supervisor. Employees must be granted compensatory time off anytime overtime liability is not created at the time of the request regardless of whether another employee has been granted compensatory time or other approved paid leave of absence during the same period. However, an employee may elect to carry over compensatory time to the following year, but can still not accumulate more than one hundred (100) hours total. When the employee is paid for compensatory time it shall be reconverted to overtime pay and paid to the employee on the first pay period in December. At the time of separation from service for whatever reason, an employee will be paid for any unused compensatory time at the applicable rate. In addition, a maximum of fifty (50) hours of accumulated, but unused, compensatory time may be turned in for pay with the first full pay period in June. For 2018, such maximum of fifty (50) hours shall be requested and paid within forty-five (45) days of execution of this agreement.

ARTICLE 13 **SICK LEAVE**

Section 13.1. Accrual and Usage. All employees shall accrue sick leave at the rate of four and six-tenths (4.6) hours for each completed eighty (80) hours of service in pay status. Sick leave shall be used for absence due to illness or injury of the employee or a member of the employee's immediate family, which requires the care of the employee, or exposure to contagious diseases which could be communicated to other employees.

In addition, an employee may be granted up to two (2) days absence for paternity leave at the time of birth of offspring and subsequent convalescence of the employee's spouse.

All accumulated sick time shall be posted on all bulletin boards by all departments. Employees who, after reporting for work, are then sent home on sick leave may be required when returning to duty, to sign a statement as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code, Section 124.38 to justify the use of sick leave.

Section 13.2. Employee's Responsibility. An employee who uses sick leave shall report that fact to the supervisor as soon as possible near the beginning of the employee's work shift. If an employee knows in advance that he/she plans to be on a long sick leave, it will not be necessary for him/her to call every day.

Section 13.3. Doctor's Certificate. In the event that an employee needs a physician's care while on sick leave, he/she shall provide the Employer with a doctor's statement. Any continuous absence, which is in excess of two (2) days, may require the certification of the employee's attending physician. Where the Employer reasonably suspects abuse of sick leave, he may require proof of the reason for absence before sick leave benefits are paid.

Section 13.4. Miscellaneous. Any employee who has accumulated one hundred twenty (120) sick days shall be paid on the first pay period of December of each year a cash payment for all accumulated sick days over one hundred twenty (120) days, but such payment shall not exceed fifteen (15) days.

At the time of retirement or death of any employee covered by this Agreement, the employee shall receive pay for any accumulated sick leave up to one hundred thirty five (135) days.

An employee who dies shall be entitled to the benefit within as if he had retired on the date of death. The benefit shall be paid first to the spouse and if there is no spouse then to the estate.

An employee who is laid off or on unpaid disability leave will, upon reinstatement to service, be credited for any unused or unpaid sick leave existing at the time of his/her layoff or leave.

Any employee hired after April 1, 2021 is not covered by this section. Their benefits under this provision would be no greater than those granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 124.39.

Section 13.5. False Claims. Management reserves the right to withhold benefit payments to any employee who is guilty of submitting a false claim for benefits covered under this Article and may take disciplinary action, including discharge.

Section 13.6. Leave of Absence. A Patrol Officer with the approval of the Safety-Service Director or his/her designee, may take a leave of absence, without pay, not to exceed ninety (90) days for reasons other than sickness and accidents and for up to one (1) year for sickness and accidents during which time seniority will accumulate. Upon expiration of said leave, the officer will be expected to return to duty.

ARTICLE 14 **MATERNITY LEAVE**

Employees shall be granted maternity leaves, and at the option of the employee, may use accumulated sick leave and vacation time or take a leave without pay. After sick leave and vacation has been exhausted, the remainder of the leave shall be unpaid. Said leave shall begin when the employee is disabled from working as a result of pregnancy and shall continue during the period of disability. When the employee is no longer disabled, the employee shall return to work without loss of seniority and to her former employment status.

ARTICLE 15
INJURY / DISEASE LEAVE

Section 15.1. Service Connected Injury/Disease. In the event an employee is injured or contracts a disease while performing the employee's duties, the employee shall receive full pay for one hundred thirty-five (135) calendar days, or a longer period of time as the Employer may allow, from the date of the injury as filed with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (OBWC). The Employer shall provide an injured employee all necessary forms, materials and appropriate phone numbers pertaining to filing claims with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. Application for such leave shall be filed with the Employer and the appropriate claim filed with OBWC. At the time of application of such leave, the employee shall sign an agreement to assign or return all monies received from the OBWC as wage replacement for the same period of time during which the employee received full pay in lieu of wage replacement from OBWC. The Employer will only pay regular and holiday pay during the leave.

An employee making application for such leave shall sign an authorization to release to the Employer all medical information regarding the occupational injury in the possession of the employee's treating physicians and treatment facilities for which the injury leave is requested and shall also agree to be examined by a licensed medical practitioner selected and paid for by the Employer, if the Employer deems necessary.

An employee claiming an occupational injury shall immediately file an accident report when the injury is incurred, seek medical attention and shall file an injury claim with the OBWC as soon as practicable after the injury. The Employer may request a hearing before the OBWC to determine the claim's validity.

An employee who has exhausted paid injury leave as described above may elect to use sick leave and vacation leave in lieu of receiving wage replacement income from OBWC.

An employee on an approved sick or injury leave may, with the doctor's permission and at the Employer's discretion, be required to work, or be assigned other duties or limited duties, during the period of disability. The employee shall receive their regular rate of compensation for any hours worked. During such temporary reassignment, the Employer shall review every thirty (30) days whether the continuation of such limited duties is possible and shall give the employee at least seven (7) days' notice of the discontinuation of such limited duties.

Section 15.2. Sick Leave Reinstatement. Should any employee use any of his/her accumulated sick leave from the time of the injury/disease to the date of the allowance by the Industrial Commission, such sick leave attributed to the allowed service-connected injury/disease will be reinstated to the employee's credit and the same charged to injury/disease leave subject to the maximums provided in Section 1 above.

Section 15.3. False Claim. The Management reserves the right to withhold benefit payments and take disciplinary action up to and including discharge against any employee who is guilty of submitting a false claim for benefits covered in the Article or for working for another Employer while on injury/disease leave.

ARTICLE 16
FUNERAL LEAVE

Section 16.1. A regular full-time employee who is absent from work due to a death in the employee's immediate family shall be eligible for the following:

- A. Father, mother, stepparents, spouse, sons, daughters, stepsons, stepdaughters, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, grandmother, grandfather, the spouse's mother, father, grandmother, and grandfather, shall be eligible for up to three (3) work days leave of absence with no loss in pay.
- B. Grandchildren, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law of the employee and the spouse's brothers and sisters, shall be eligible for up to two (2) days off with no loss in pay to attend the funeral of same.
- C. Upon approval of the immediate supervisor based on need, an employee may use one (1) day of unused vacation, or one (1) day of unused compensatory time off, or unused personal holiday or take a day off without pay to attend the funeral of an aunt or uncle.

Section 16.2. An employee on vacation or sick leave who becomes eligible for funeral leave may apply to have funeral leave substitute for vacation or sick leave. The employee must show proof of attendance at the funeral in order to be eligible. Any vacation time substituted shall not be counted towards the forty (40) hours cap under Article 19, Section 5.

Section 16.3. In the event an employee attends a funeral more than one hundred fifty (150) miles from Fostoria, same shall receive one (1) additional funeral leave day with no loss in pay, above the aforementioned funeral leave herein.

Section 16.4. Any employee who is requested to be a pallbearer at any funeral shall be granted one (1) day of funeral leave with no loss in pay.

Section 16.5. Any employee absent, pursuant to Section 1(B); Section 3; and Section 4 of this Article shall provide Employer with verification of attendance.

ARTICLE 17
INSURANCE

Section 17.1. Coverage. The City shall provide employees with the following life, hospitalization, medical, surgical, and dental insurance during the term of this Agreement.

- A. Group life insurance in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) each year of this Agreement. However, employees shall have the option of buying additional group life insurance (term) in increments of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) up to a total of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), if possible.

- B. Hospital, surgical, prescription drug, and major medical insurance for the employee and his/her family as in effect as of the effective date of this Agreement.
- C. The City shall provide to the members the same optical benefits as provided to the non-Union employees of the City.
- D. The City shall provide to members of the bargaining unit the same dental benefit, at the same cost (if any) provided to non-bargaining unit employees of the City.

Section 17.2. Coordination of Benefits. All benefits herein described shall be subject to coordination of benefits in accordance with the provision of any master agreement between an insurance carrier and the City or between the group insurance provided by any other carrier under which an employee is eligible for coverage.

Section 17.3. Subrogation. If any employee or member covered by the provisions of this Article incurs medical expenses in connection with the treatment of an illness or injury caused by the negligence or wrongful act of a third party, the City, its insurance carrier or its assignee, shall be subrogated to all the covered member's rights or recovery against said third party to the extent of any and all payments made hereunder with respect to such illness or injury, and said member or his/her appropriate agent shall execute all papers and take all action necessary and proper to secure to the insurance carrier or its assignee rights or subrogation.

Section 17.4. The City retains its rights to change insurance carriers or to have its insurance provided by a third party administrator provided that such change shall result in coverage that is substantially similar to that in effect on the effective date of this agreement.

Section 17.5. The City shall pay eighty-five percent (85%) of the amount determined to fund the plan for each employee's hospitalization and the employee shall contribute the sum of fifteen percent (15%) of the cost with the employee's share to be withheld from the employee's check.

Section 17.6. Re-opener. Between September 1, 2021 and October 1, 2021, either party may, by written notice to the other, reopen negotiations for the purpose of negotiating health insurance and the provisions of this Article 17 Insurance.

ARTICLE 18 **HOLIDAYS**

Section 18.1. Designated Days. In addition to his/her vacation, the following paid holidays shall be granted to all employees. To obtain payment for these holidays, an employee must work the day before or the day after a paid holiday, unless his/her absence is due to a justifiable cause. At the employee's option, each holiday shall be paid as eight (8) hours of pay or eight (8) hours of compensatory time to be taken at a time mutually agreed upon.

New Year's Day
 Martin Luther King Day
 Good Friday
 Easter Sunday
 Memorial Day
 Christmas Day
 Independence Day
 Labor Day

Two (2) Personal Leave Days
 Veteran's Day
 Thanksgiving Day
 Friday following Thanksgiving
 Christmas Eve
 New Year's Eve
 Employee's Birthday

Section 18.2. Holidays Worked. In addition to the above, should any employee be required to work on a holiday, he/she shall be paid at his/her regular rate for regular hours or double-time rate for overtime hours.

Section 18.3. Holidays During Vacation. When one of the above holidays falls within an eligible employee's approved vacation period and he/she is absent from work during this regularly scheduled work week because of such vacation he/she shall not be charged a vacation day for such holiday. Days may be taken as individual days notwithstanding Article 19, Section 5.

Section 18.4. Holidays/compensatory time will either be approved or denied within twenty-four (24) hours of submittal. Approval or denial will be based upon manpower availability as foreseen upon the day of submittal. As long as no overtime liability will be incurred as foreseen at the time of the request, the properly requested holiday/compensatory time off must be granted, despite the fact that another employee may also be scheduled off on holiday/compensatory time and/or any other type of approved paid leave of absence during that same time period.

ARTICLE 19 **VACATIONS**

Section 19.1. Vacation. Employees will be granted time off for vacations during the year following the employee's anniversary date subject to manning requirements and based upon the following schedule:

<u>Length of Service</u>	<u>Vacation Credit</u>
After 1 year	2 weeks (80 hours)
After 8 years	3 weeks (120 hours)
After 12 years	4 weeks (160 hours)
After 18 years	5 weeks (200 hours)
After 25 years	6 weeks (240 hours)

Section 19.2. Scheduling of Vacation. The vacation year is defined as January 1st through December 31st. Each member of the bargaining unit shall express his/her first and second choice vacation preference to his/her department head by April 1st of each year. All bargaining unit members who apply for vacation leave by this date shall have their vacations scheduled by

seniority preference. All other vacation leave shall be subject to a first come, first served basis. Every effort shall be made to schedule requested days consistent with the manpower need of the department. As long as no overtime liability will be incurred by the City as foreseen at the time of the request, vacation leave requested shall not be denied due to the fact that another employee has been granted vacation leave and/or other approved paid leave during the same time period. Employees voluntarily moving from one shift to another after April 1st may reschedule his/her vacation to an available time on that shift schedule.

Section 19.3. Non-prescheduled Vacations. An employee requesting non-prescheduled vacation must submit his/her request to Management at least five (5) workdays prior to commencement of such leave except in cases of an emergency. This provision may be waived at the discretion of the appropriate supervisor or his/her designee. Employees may carry over up to two (2) weeks of vacation from the current calendar year to the next calendar year.

Section 19.4. Vacation Day Option. An employee may, subject to approval by Management, use up to ten (10) vacation days per year one (1) day at a time. If vacation days are used one (1) day at a time they shall be treated as holidays for purposes of scheduling.

Section 19.5. Retirement Pay for Unused Vacation and Holidays. An employee who retires from the Department shall be paid for all unused accumulated vacations, holidays and personal leave days. The number of weeks of vacation eligibility involved shall be as of the employee's last anniversary date.

In addition to unused accumulated vacation as of the employee's last anniversary date, an employee who retires prior to his/her next anniversary date is also entitled to vacation earned from his/her last anniversary date to the date of retirement at the rate of one (1) week worked equals 1/52 of the vacation days credited under Section 1 above.

An employee is also entitled to holiday pay for holidays worked under Article 18, Section 1, Holidays, when the employee has been paid regular time for working the holiday but has not taken compensatory time off under said Section.

An employee who retires is also entitled to personal leave days earned and unused under Article 18, Holidays, Section 1, at the rate of one (1) month worked, equals one-twelfth (1/12) of the personal leave days earned and unused from the preceding anniversary date to the date of retirement.

ARTICLE 20 **P.F.D.P.F. PICKUP**

Effective on the date of the contract, or thereafter when legally permissible, the Employer shall designate each Employee's mandatory contributions to the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund as "picked up" by the Employer as contemplated by Internal Revenue Service rulings 77-464 and 81-36, although they shall continue to be designated as Employee contributions as permitted by Attorney General Opinion 82-097, in order that the amount of the

Employee's income reported by the Employer as subject to Federal and Ohio income tax shall be the Employee's total gross income reduced by the then-current percentage amount of the Employee's mandatory Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund contribution which has been designated as "picked up" by the Employer shall be included in computing final average earning, provided that no employee's total earnings is increased by such "pick up," nor is the Employer's total contribution to the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund increased thereby.

- A. The pick-up percentage shall apply uniformly to all members of the bargaining unit as a condition of employment. The pick-up shall apply to all compensation thereafter.
- B. The parties agree that should the rules and regulations of the IRS, or retirement system change making this procedure unworkable, the parties agree to return, without penalty, to the former method of employee/Employer contributions.
- C. Payment for sick leave, personal leave, and severance, including unemployment and workers' compensation, shall be based on the employee's daily gross pay prior to reduction of basis (e.g., gross pay divided by the number of days scheduled to work).
- D. Such earnings reductions shall not result in any earnings which may be less than any minimum required under state law, a prorated reduction shall result with the employee contributing that portion which falls below such minimum as may be required by state law.
- E. It is to be understood by the parties that it is the responsibility of each individual Employee to make any necessary adjustments in any other tax sheltered annuities he/she has in order to be in compliance with IRS law and regulations.
- F. The Employer is not liable, nor will it be held responsible, for any related legal, IRS, SERS, or any other agencies' penalties or decisions concerning this plan, now or in the future.
- G. The Union, and its members, both severally and individually, agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless against any and all claims and actions that shall arise out of or by reason of any action taken by the Employer in compliance with the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE 21 **LONGEVITY**

Section 21.1. Schedule. In addition to the wages specified herein, each employee covered by the terms of this Agreement and hired prior to 1-1-2014 shall be entitled to receive additional payment in accordance with the following schedule on regular hours paid up to two thousand eighty (2,080) hours per year:

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Longevity Bonus</u>
After 5 years of service	2% of base salary
After 10 years of service	4% of base salary
After 15 years of service	6% of base salary
After 20 years of service	8% of base salary

Longevity shall be added to the employee's base hourly rate for the purpose of determining the employee's total overtime compensation.

Section 21.3. Bargaining unit employees hired after January 1, 2014 shall not be eligible to receive longevity pay.

Section 21.4. Anniversary Date. The years of service period shall be determined by starting with the beginning of the employee's employment with the City.

ARTICLE 22 **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Section 22.1. General. There shall be an earnest, honest effort to settle disputes and controversies promptly. The procedures of this Article shall serve as a means of settlement of all grievances.

Section 22.2. Grievance Defined. A grievance is a complaint that Management has violated the terms of this Agreement or that Management has improperly disciplined or discharged an employee covered by this Agreement.

Section 22.3. Procedure.

Step 1. The grievant and representative shall first discuss the grievance with his/her immediate supervisor, within seven (7) calendar days after the employee has knowledge of, or should have knowledge of, the incident upon which the alleged grievance is based. The Supervisor shall respond within seven (7) calendar days.

Step 2. If the grievant is unsatisfied with the answer of the Supervisor at Step 1, the grievance involves a pay issue, or if the grievance concerns an issue which the Supervisor has no discretion or authority to resolve, the grievance shall be reduced to writing and presented to the Chief within seventy-two (72) hours of the supervisor's answer.

The Chief shall investigate the grievance and, if necessary, schedule a joint grievance meeting within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the grievance. The Chief shall reply to the grievant and his/her Union representative in writing within seven (7) calendar days after completion of the grievance meeting or receipt of the grievance, whichever is later.

Step 3. If the Union is unsatisfied with the answer of the Chief at Step 2, the Union representative may appeal the decision to the Safety-Service Director and/or the Mayor within seven (7) days of receiving the answer at Step 2. They shall investigate the grievance, and if necessary, schedule a joint grievance meeting within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the grievance by the Safety-Service Director and/or the Mayor. The Safety-Service Director and/or the Mayor shall reply to the Union within seven (7) calendar days after completion of the grievance meeting or receipt of the grievance, whichever is later.

Step 4. If the answer is not satisfactory to the Union, the grievance may be appealed within seven (7) calendar days to arbitration. The City and Union shall jointly request a list of arbitrators from the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (FMCS) within (7) calendar days thereafter. Upon receipt of names from FMCS, an arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the rules of FMCS.

Section 22.4.

A. All decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon all parties participating. He/she shall have no power to add to, subtract from, change, modify or amend any of the provisions of this Agreement and he/she shall decide the issues presented on the basis of the reliable, substantial and preponderance of the evidence in the record of the proceedings and the express terms of this Agreement.

B. Employees who are called by either party as witnesses and who give non-repetitive testimony shall lose no pay for the time spent at an arbitration hearing if it is during regular working hours. Off-duty employees called by Management, as witnesses shall receive overtime payment pursuant to the provision of Article 9. The arbitrator will be paid in the following manner:

C. The party that loses the arbitration shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the arbitrator's fee. Any additional cost, such as transcripts of the hearing, the use of legal counsel, etc., shall be borne by the individual party that makes use of such service.

D. Only the Union may authorize an appeal to arbitration. If Management fails to answer any grievance within the prescribed limits, the grievance shall be automatically referred to the next higher step in this Article. The time limits imposed in the Article may be extended at any step by the written consent of the parties. Any step herein may be waived by the mutual written consent of the parties.

ARTICLE 23 **SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL**

Employees, while working on the second shift, shall, in addition to their base rate of pay, receive a shift differential of thirty-five cents (\$.35) per hour and employees, while working on the third shift shall, in addition to their base rate of pay, receive a shift differential of forty-five cents (\$.45) per hour. Patrol officers working 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. will receive the shift differential for the third shift.

ARTICLE 24
EDUCATION INCENTIVE

Section 24.1. For each ten (10) hours of college credit earned by attending an accredited college or university a non-probationary employee shall receive 1.5 cents/hour in addition to his/her base rate to a maximum of fifteen cents (\$0.15) per hour.

Section 24.2. Non-probationary employees shall be entitled to the following Education Incentive:

Associate degree in Law Enforcement:	\$0.20 per hour
Bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement:	\$0.27 per hour
Graduate degree related to Law Enforcement, or Law Degree:	\$0.30 per hour

Section 24.3. Incentive payments shall be for a calendar year, based upon showing proof of credit hours or degree from a recognized and accredited university or college, by November 1 in the prior year. Once approved, an employee shall not be required to resubmit proof, and the Incentive shall be approved from year to year. In the event of a dispute as to the validity of a degree, or the accreditation of a college or university, the Mayor's decision shall be final, subject only to a grievance that his/her decision is arbitrary or capricious.

Section 24.4. Patrol officers will be permitted to trade shifts voluntarily so that one (1) or both may take college courses related to law enforcement upon two (2) weeks' notice to the Captain of the shifts involved.

ARTICLE 25
EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

Section 25.1. Equipment. Management shall furnish and/or replace all firearms, handcuffs, mace, ammunition, badge and leather goods necessary to the employees in the performance of their duties.

Section 25.2. Uniforms. Management shall furnish and/or replace all required uniforms damaged in the line of duty. Management shall provide a uniform allowance of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) per year for each officer in order to furnish, replace and maintain required uniforms that need replacement due to normal wear and tear. Where the City orders a new uniform item to be part of the official uniform, and such new item renders old uniform items obsolete within one (1) year of the date of the order, or where the required new item is an additional uniform item, the City shall furnish the new item without charge to the uniform allowance. New officers shall be fully equipped with a uniform only during their first year on the force. Payments shall be on an annual basis for January 1st through December 31st. Requisitions shall not be submitted later than December 1st of each year.

Section 25.3. Personal Property. Management shall replace or repair all personal property of the employee commonly worn or used while working which is damaged in the line of duty up to a

maximum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per officer per incident, unless otherwise approved by the Chief, so long as such damage is not due to the employee's negligence.

Section 25.4. Standards. The Chief or his/her designee, with the approval of the Safety-Service Director, will determine the minimum uniform and plain clothes requirements.

Section 25.5. In case of promotions, the City will reimburse Sergeants and Captains for the original costs of required change in uniforms and accessories.

If an employee is placed into the Detective Bureau an additional three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) for clothing will be granted along with the regular uniform allowance. This will be paid only once.

Necessary SWAT uniform and equipment items, as determined by the Chief, shall be provided at no cost to the employee as assigned.

Section 25.6. Exercise Equipment. The City shall furnish and maintain all present exercise equipment in a safe building for exclusive police department use. The Employees Relations Committee will meet and discuss the need for additional or new exercise equipment.

Section 25.7. Practice Ammunition. The City will supply each officer including specialized response team members with no more than two hundred (200) rounds of practice ammunition each calendar quarter for duty weapons. Each officer must turn in brass and/or unfired ammunition to the range officer which is approximately equivalent to the last quarter issue to receive the next quarter issue. Upon request, additional ammunition may be supplied for practice purposes upon approval of the Chief. Each patrol officer will be required to qualify with firearms in accordance with the Regulations of the Fostoria Police Department no more than four (4) times each year.

ARTICLE 26 **BULLETIN BOARDS**

Management will provide a bulletin board of sufficient size for the Union's use in the police station for use by the Union, provided the bulletin board is not used for posting material which is political, religious, derogatory, or critical of the City, of its elected or appointed personnel. Such bulletin board may be used by the Union for posting notices as approved by the Union president and the Chief. Notices may include: notices of Union elections; notices of Union meetings; notices of appointments and results of elections, and notices of Union recreational and social affairs.

ARTICLE 27 **SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Section 27.1. This Agreement is subject to all existing and applicable state laws, Civil Service Rules and Regulations, City Ordinances and Resolutions; provided that should any change be made in any state law, Civil Service Rules and Regulations and City Ordinances which would be

applicable and contrary to any provision contained herein, such provisions herein contained shall automatically be terminated.

Section 27.2. Should any Article, Section or portion of this Agreement be held unlawful and unenforceable by any court, legislative or administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, then such decision or legislation shall apply only to that specific Article, Section or portion of the Agreement. The parties will meet and discuss the abrogated provision. The remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 27.3. Prior to any change in this Contract made in accordance with Section 1, the City shall notify the Union of the change and give the Union the opportunity to bargain collectively with the City on such changes.

ARTICLE 28 **NO STRIKE – NO LOCKOUT**

Section 28.1. Strike Prohibition. The services performed by the employees included in this Agreement are essential to the public health, safety, and welfare. There shall be no interruption of the work for any cause whatsoever, nor shall there be any work slowdown or other interference with public services.

Section 28.2. Notice. In the event any employee covered hereunder is engaged in any violation of Section 1 above, the Union shall, upon notification by Management, immediately order such employee or employees to resume normal work activities and certify same to Management.

Section 28.3. No Lockout. The Management shall engage in no lockout of employees in the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 29 **OPBA DUES, FEES, ASSESSMENTS**

Section 29.1. The City and OPBA agree that membership in the OPBA is available to all employees of the bargaining unit. The City shall deduct regular monthly OPBA membership dues, and any other OPBA fees and/or assessments, from the pay of OPBA members each month in the amount certified by the OPBA. Such dues, fees, and/or assessments shall be paid each month to the OPBA within ten (10) days following the date the deduction was made.

Section 29.2. The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless against any and all liability, including, but not limited to, such items as wages, damages, awards, fines, court costs and attorney fees, which may arise by reason of, or result from, the operation of this Section of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 30
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

In the interest of sound labor relations, a joint committee of no more than three (3) members, from the Union (each representative) and no more than three (3) from the City will convene from time to time as may be called by either party, for the purpose of discussing subjects of mutual concern. It shall be the express purpose of this Committee to build and maintain a climate of mutual understanding and respect in the solution of common problems. Either Management or the Union may request that a representative participate in a scheduled Employee Relations Committee meeting.

Union committee members shall be selected so that normal policing activities are not unreasonably interfered with. Additionally, attendance at any such Committee meetings shall be conducted on the basis of no loss or gain in regular daily pay as a result of attendance hereunder.

ARTICLE 31
WORK SCHEDULE

1. Each patrol officer shall work a permanent shift which includes five (5) work days, Sunday through Saturday and consecutive days off.
2. During the first two (2) weeks in December of each year all patrol officers and detectives shall bid shifts and number by seniority. The schedule shall be implemented on the first Sunday after January 1st each year. In the event a patrol officer or detective is moved from a shift or the detective division during the course of the year due to a management decision, he/she shall have the right within seven (7) days to bid for a new shift and number based upon his/her seniority. Any shift vacancy in excess of six (6) weeks shall be filled by bid.
3. Probationary employees shall not be entitled to bid shifts but shall be assigned by the Chief to any shift for the purposes of training, for a period not to exceed six (6) consecutive weeks, provided that a senior employee is not displaced. The Chief for good cause may extend the six (6) week period by directing a letter to the O.P.B.A. representative indicating the reason. Employees who complete their probationary period during the calendar year shall fill any vacancy, which exists and shall not be entitled to bump or be bumped by another employee for the remainder of the calendar year.
4. Employees may trade shifts on a temporary basis, with the approval of the Chief or his/her designee, and such trade shall not affect the shift bidding process.
5. The Chief may reassign an employee to another shift during the calendar year for cause. However, an employee's shift shall not be changed for disciplinary reasons.
6. The purpose of this Article is to provide employees with an equitable work schedule and at the same time serve the City's responsibility to serve the public health and safety without increasing the cost of operating the Fostoria Police Department.

At any time either the City or the O.P.B.A. may propose a change in the schedule. The O.P.B.A. may grieve and arbitrate the City's decision to implement a proposed change.

The City retains its rights under Article 2, Management's Rights and ORC 4117.08(C). Any discussion and/or change in the work schedule pursuant to this Article shall not open the labor agreement for any purpose under ORC 4117.

ARTICLE 32
NO SMOKING / TOBACCO USE

Smoking or any other use of tobacco products inside the Police Division building, in Police Division vehicles, while in uniform or in any other facility where it is prohibited/restricted under a collective bargaining agreement between the City and any other bargaining unit will not be permitted.

ARTICLE 33
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

The City and Union have agreed upon a Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy and Procedure, which is appended hereto and incorporated herein.

ARTICLE 34
DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in effect through December 31, 2022, except as otherwise provided herein, and shall continue thereafter for successive periods of twelve (12) months, unless either party to this Agreement on or before sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of any such period, notifies the other party, in writing, of its intention to terminate this Agreement. Within ten (10) days after receipt of such notice, a conference shall be arranged between the parties hereto and such conferences shall be held at a time mutually agreeable to the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands, this ___ day of _____, 2021.

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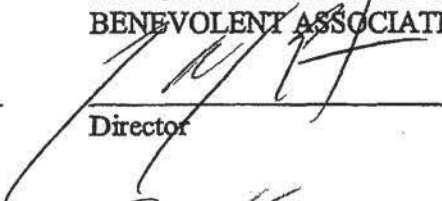


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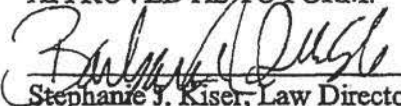


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APPENDIX A
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

A. Purpose. It is the policy of the City of Fostoria that all employees be free of substance and alcohol abuse at work. Consequently, the use of illegal drugs by employees is prohibited. Further, employees who use and/or are under the influence of alcohol at work shall be deemed to have engaged in prohibited conduct. The overall goal of this policy is to ensure a drug and alcohol free work place and to reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities.

B. Types of Tests. Pursuant to regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), the Safety-Service Director has implemented six (6) circumstances for drug and/or alcohol tests: (1) pre-employment, (2) post-accident, (3) random, (4) reasonable suspicion, (5) return to duty, and (6) follow-up testing.

1. Pre-employment Testing. All applicants applying for positions with the City of Fostoria, must submit to urine drug testing during his/her preemployment physical. An applicant is not required to submit to urine drug tests if the Safety-Service Director can verify that the applicant has participated in a valid drug testing program within the preceding thirty (30) days while participating in that program was either tested within the past six (6) months or participated in a random selection program for the previous twelve (12) months.

The Safety-Service Director must also verify that no prior Employer of the applicant has records indicating a violation of any USDOT rule pertaining to controlled substance abuse.

2. Post-Accident Tests. Drivers who are involved in an OH-1 reportable accident while operating a City vehicle while performing City business shall notify their supervisor as soon as possible after the accident. Upon receiving such notification, the Supervisor may require the employee to undergo a drug and alcohol test immediately following the notification.

Drivers' Responsibility. A driver, subject to a post-accident test, must remain available for testing. A driver must submit to an alcohol test within eight (8) hours following the accident, and shall not consume any alcohol for eight (8) hours following the accident. Likewise, a driver must submit to a drug test within thirty-two (32) hours following the accident. A driver who leaves the scene before the test is administered or who does not make him/herself readily available shall be deemed to have refused to be tested and such refusal shall be treated as a .04 positive test.

3. Random Testing. The random selection process shall be administered through the office of the Safety-Service Director. The Director shall maintain a current list of all employees. The random selection system shall provide an equal chance for each employee to be selected each time random selection occurs. Random selections shall be spread throughout the year. Fostoria Community Hospital or

other agencies designated by the Safety-Service Director will test a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the CDL drivers in each calendar year for drug testing purposes, and ten percent (10%) of the CDL drivers for alcohol testing. An equal number of non-CDL drivers shall be selected from within the City workforces for each calendar year. Random selection, by its very nature, may result in some employees being selected in successive selections or more than once during a calendar year. Alternatively, some employees may not be selected during a calendar year.

If an employee is selected at random, for either a drug or alcohol test, the Safety-Service Director will notify the employee's immediate supervisor who will notify the employee. Once notified, the employee must proceed directly to the Fostoria Community Hospital and comply with all directions given at the collection site.

4. Reasonable Suspicion. Employees will be required to submit to an alcohol and/or drug test when a trained supervisor has reasonable suspicion that the employee has engaged in prohibited conduct as set forth in Section F of this policy. Reasonable suspicion will be based upon observations concerning the appearance, behavior, speech or body odor of the employee.

This section authorizes reasonable suspicion testing if the observations are made during, just preceding, or immediately after the work day.

A written record shall be made of the observations leading to a reasonable suspicion test, and signed by the supervisor who made the observations within twenty-four (24) hours of the observed behavior or before the results of the drug test are released, whichever is earlier.

5. Return to Duty Testing. Before an employee returns to duty after engaging in conduct prohibited by this policy, the employee shall undergo a return-to-duty alcohol and/or drug test with a result indicating an alcohol concentration of less than 0.02 and/or a drug test with a verified negative result.
6. Follow-up Testing. Each employee identified as needing assistance in resolving problems associated with alcohol misuse or drug use shall be subject to unannounced follow-up alcohol and/or drug tests following the employee's return to duty (see Section E). The number and frequency of such follow-up testing shall be as directed by the substance abuse professional (SAP) and consist of at least six (6) tests in the first twelve (12) months following the employee's return to duty. The employee may be directed to undergo return-to-duty and follow-up testing for both alcohol and drugs, if the SAP determines that return-to-duty and follow-up testing for both alcohol and drugs, is necessary.

C. Refusal to Test. Refusal to submit to a pre-employment drug test will be grounds for refusal to hire/promote applicants. Refusal to submit to a post-accident testing, random testing, return to duty testing, reasonable suspicion testing, or follow-up testing, shall be considered a

positive drug test and/or a positive alcohol test of .04% blood alcohol concentration. Such refusal shall result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

D. Testing Procedures.

1. Drug Tests. Drug testing will be performed through urinalysis and screened in accordance with the requirements of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation program with the City of Fostoria.

An employee must present picture identification at Fostoria Community Hospital. Urine specimens will be submitted to a Department of Health and Human Services (DBES) certified laboratory for testing.

All urinalysis tests for drugs will use the "split sample" method of collection. The employee's urine sample will be split into two specimen bottles. One will contain the primary specimen and the other the split specimen. The split specimen will be preserved under stringent laboratory conditions. Whenever an employee receives notification of a positive drug test, the employee may request that the split sample be tested in a different DHHS certified laboratory. This request must be made within seventy-two (72) hours after the employee received notification of the positive drug test.

All laboratory results will be reported by the laboratory to the Medical Review Officer (MRO) designated by the Safety-Service Director. Negative test results shall be reported by the MRO to the Safety-Service Director. Before reporting a positive test result to the Safety-Service Director, the MRO will attempt to contact the employee to discuss the test result. If the MRO is unable to contact the employee directly, the MRO will contact the Safety-Service Director's Confidential Contact, designated in advance by the Director, who shall in turn contact the employee and direct the employee to contact the MRO immediately. In the MRO's sole discretion, a determination will be made as to whether a result is positive or negative.

Pursuant to USDOT regulations, individual test results for applicants and employees will be released to the Safety-Service Director and will be kept strictly confidential unless consent for the release of the test results has been obtained.

2. Alcohol Tests. An employee must present picture identification at Fostoria Community Hospital or the designated test center. Alcohol tests will be performed using an evidential breath testing device. The employee shall follow all instructions given by the breath alcohol technician. In the event that an employee, on the basis of the evidential breath test, has a blood-alcohol content of .02 to .03999, the employee shall be removed from duty, without pay, for twenty-four (24) hours or until their next scheduled on-duty time, after completion of the twenty-four (24) hour out-of-service period, whichever is longer. The employee will be subject to disciplinary action. A test result of .04 or over will result in

disciplinary action up to and including termination. All alcohol tests shall be performed just prior to, during, or just after performing safety sensitive functions. An employee testing .02 or above must immediately contact the Safety-Service Director and inform him of the test result. An employee testing .02 or above shall not operate a City vehicle.

E. Substance Abuse Evaluation. An employee who engages in prohibited conduct shall be provided with the name, address and telephone number of a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP). If the employee desires to become re-qualified, the employee must be evaluated by a SAP and submit to any treatment prescribed by the SAP. Following evaluation and treatment, in order to become re-qualified the employee must submit to and successfully complete a return-to-duty test (see Section B 5). Such employee is also subject to follow-up testing (see Section B 6).

F. Prohibited Conduct.

1. The following shall be considered “prohibited conduct” for purposes of this policy:
 - No employee shall report for duty or remain on duty while having an alcohol concentration of .02 or greater.

Due to the nature of the work performed by the City, some employees are subject to call-in during adverse weather or emergency conditions. In order to protect public safety when weather conditions are such that it is possible that the employee could be called to work, employees should remain in work-ready condition.

- No employee shall be on duty or operate a commercial motor vehicle while the employee possesses alcohol.
- No employee shall perform safety-sensitive functions within four (4) hours after using alcohol.
- No employee required to take a post-accident alcohol test shall use alcohol for eight (8) hours following the accident or until he/she undergoes a post-accident test, whichever occurs first.
- No employee shall refuse to submit to post-accident, a random, a reasonable suspicion, return-to-duty, or a follow-up alcohol or drug test.
- No employee shall report for duty or remain on duty when the employee uses any controlled substance, except when use is pursuant to the instructions of a physician who has advised the employee that the substance does not adversely affect the employee’s ability to operate a motor vehicle.

- No employee shall use, possess, manufacture, distribute, consume, sell or store (including in a desk, locker, motor vehicle or other repository) controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol on City property, while conducting City business in supplied vehicle or during working hours.
- No employee shall switch, alter or commit any misconduct pertaining to breath or urine samples.
- No employee shall refuse to sign the:
 - a. Certificate of Receipts;
 - b. Substance Abuse Testing Consent Form;
 - c. Laboratory's Chain of Custody Form;
 - d. Rehabilitation Agreement;
 - e. Post-Accident Hospital Authorization Form.

G. Supervisory Training. Those supervisors who are responsible for determining reasonable suspicion shall receive training on alcohol misuse and training on drug use. The training shall include the physical, behavioral, speech and performance indicators of probable alcohol misuse and use of drugs.

H. Authorization for Previous Test Records. Federal Regulations require that the Safety-Service Director obtain certain drug testing records from potential employee's Employers within the previous two (2) years. As a condition of employment, the driver shall provide the Safety-Service Director with a written authorization form for all previous Employers within the past two (2) years to release the following drug and alcohol testing records as, are required, under federal regulations:

1. Alcohol test over .04 within previous two (2) years.
2. Positive drug tests within previous two (2) years.
3. Refusals to be tested within previous two (2) years.
4. If a prior positive drug or alcohol test contained in such records, the Safety-Service Director must also receive substance abuse professional evaluations and evidence of treatment.

I. Financial Responsibilities.

1. The City of Fostoria will be responsible for the following:
 - Random selection program costs
 - DOT urine drug screen collection and testing for preemployment, post-accident, random and reasonable suspicion tests costs

- DOT alcohol breathalyzer test for post-accident, random and reasonable suspicion test costs
 - Costs of confirmatory test performed on a split urine sample when there is a “positive” result of the first sample
 - Medical Review Officer referral costs
2. The employee will be responsible for the following:
- Deductible and co-pay requirements of current Medical Care Plan.

J. Discipline. Discipline will generally follow a progressive sequence. The Safety-Service Director has the discretion to apply discipline up to and including termination. Discipline administered pursuant to this policy is subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure of the collective bargaining agreement.

Prohibited Conduct Violations: If not specifically addressed by the above, will be handled at the discretion of the Safety-Service Director.

K. Voluntary Participation in a Dependency Program. An employee experiencing problems resulting from drug or alcohol abuse or dependency is encouraged to seek counseling on a voluntary basis. The Safety-Service Director will cooperate by granting family leave to which he/she may be entitled. Counseling will be kept confidential and will have no influence upon performance appraisal. Job performance alone will be the basis of all performance appraisals.

An employee who has completed voluntary participation in a dependency program shall follow return to duty and follow up testing procedures.

Employees testing positive for drug or alcohol use after having completed a rehabilitation program, shall be discharged.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY

I, _____ acknowledge receipt of the City of Fostoria Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. I have read and understand the policy and will contact my supervisor with any questions I may have.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #1
BETWEEN
CITY OF FOSTORIA
AND
OPBA (PATROL OFFICERS & DETECTIVES)

In addition to the provisions of Article 31, Work Schedule, the following shall apply for the duration of this Memorandum:

- Detectives shall work a shift which includes four (4) work days, Sunday through Saturday, and three (3) consecutive days off (to include Friday through Sunday). Detectives may work different days during the week with the approval of the Chief of Police or his/her designee.
- Patrol Officers and Detectives shall bid for shifts per Article 31, provided that at least two Patrol Officers per shift shall have off days which would include one of the following: Friday and Saturday, Saturday and Sunday, or Sunday and Monday.

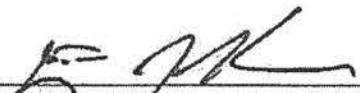
In the event staffing levels in the Patrol Officers and Detectives unit drops to or below fourteen (14) from the current number of sixteen (16) Patrol Officers and Detectives due to layoffs only, the above provisions shall not apply.

In the event staffing levels in the Patrol Officers and Detectives unit drops to fifteen (15) from the current number of sixteen (16) Patrol Officers and Detectives due to layoffs only, the parties will meet to discuss the issue of scheduling. Such discussions will be conducted for the purpose of maximizing the number of weekend days off for bargaining unit members and ensuring adequate staffing and coverage for all shifts and assignments.

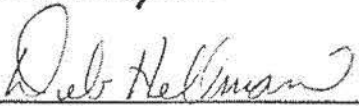
The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to Article 22, Grievance Procedure.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be for the duration of the parties' collective bargaining agreement that is effective upon execution through December 31, 2022.

FOR THE CITY OF FOSTORIA:

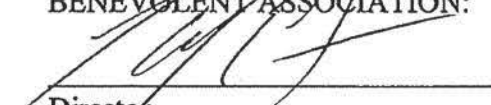


Eric Keckler, Mayor



Deb Hellman, Safety-Service Director

FOR OHIO PATROLMEN'S
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION:



Director



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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN #2
CITY OF FOSTORIA AND OPBA
(PATROL OFFICERS AND DETECTIVES)**

In addition to the provisions of Article 12, Overtime, the following shall apply for the duration of this Memorandum of Understanding.

The Overtime Equalization Board referenced in Section 12.10 shall identify for each officer those work hours that are mandated and those work hours that are voluntarily accepted. Mandated hours shall be identified and calculated separately from those hours that are voluntarily accepted. Such hours shall be tracked in minimum segments of one hour. As used herein, mandated hours shall include those hours commonly known as “forced” hours and refer to any hours that an officer is required to work that are not voluntarily accepted and/or the officer’s regular shift. Such hours shall be considered mandated, whether such extend an officer’s shift, or are worked as a result of an officer being ordered in. Mandated hours do **not** include: Hours worked as a result of returning late from a prisoner transport that stated on a regular or voluntarily accepted shift; Hours worked as a result of a late arrest made on a regular or voluntarily accepted shift; Court time; or Hours worked pursuant to casework for an arrest made on a regular or voluntarily accepted shift.


After exhausting the procedures for seeking volunteers to fill overtime opportunities pursuant to the provisions of Article 12, Overtime, officers may be mandated to work. Officers mandated to work shall be so mandated pursuant to the following conditions with the officer with the least number of mandated hours being the first to be mandated, with the exception that officers who are on an overtime shift on their regular day off shall not be mandated to work an additional shift unless such shift cannot otherwise be filled by the procedures identified herein. Where officers are tied in the number of mandated hours, the least senior officer shall be mandated.

1. Officers shall first be mandated from those officers working the shift preceding the shift to be mandated.
2. If all officers on the preceding shift are unavailable to be mandated due to already having accepted overtime opportunities, i.e., already on a double shift, already assigned to work the following shift, or already having accepted other overtime opportunities which would not allow the officer to work the vacant shift; then an officer scheduled to work the shift following the vacant shift shall be mandated.
3. If a shift cannot be filled by the provisions of paragraphs one or two, then the officer who was unavailable due to previously signing up for conflicting overtime shall be mandated. That officer’s conflicting overtime vacancy shall be filled by the procedures of Article 12 and this MOU.
4. If a shift cannot be filled by the provisions of paragraphs one, two, or three; an officer who is on his/her regular day off shall be mandated, except that those officers who have

approved paid time off consecutive to his/her regular off days shall be deemed unavailable to be mandated.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be for the duration of the parties' collective bargaining agreement that is effective upon execution through December 31, 2022.

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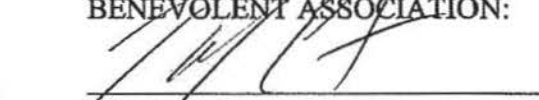


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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #3
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF FOSTORIA
AND
OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
PATROL OFFICERS AND DETECTIVES**

WHEREAS, the City of Fostoria (City) and the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association Patrol Officers and Detectives Unit (Union), collectively the “Parties,” have been participating in negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that it would be beneficial for the City and the City’s employees to establish and maintain a committee to review health care options for City employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, provided that all of the collective bargaining units representing City employees enter into written agreements with the City that contains the following or substantially similar language, the Parties agree as follows:

1. The City will convene a Health Insurance Coverage Advisory Committee ("Committee") for the purpose of reviewing the City's current health insurance coverage and considering options available for City employees in the future. The Committee's goal is to identify and recommend health insurance coverage available to the City that is both cost-effective for the City and its employees and provides benefits that best meet the employees' health insurance needs. The Committee may consider specific factors including, but not limited to, premium costs, benefits, co-payments, deductibles, out-of-pocket costs, wellness initiatives, insurer networks and co-insurance to achieve its goal. As part of its review and recommendations, the Committee may also consider options for group dental coverage, vision coverage and/or alternatives to the City's current group health insurance coverage.

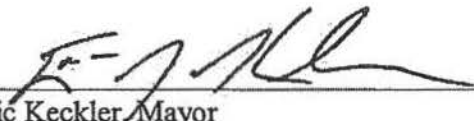
Committee members will include the Safety Service Director who will chair the Committee, and one member from each of the City's collective bargaining units and one from the City's unrepresented employees and the Finance Director. The Mayor may attend Committee meetings at his or her discretion. The Safety Service Director will establish meeting times and dates and set meeting agendas with the input of Committee members. Committee meetings may include presentations from health insurance consultants and/or insurer representatives to gather information and/or facilitate its discussions.

The Committee will meet no fewer than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the City's annual health insurance renewal date and as frequently thereafter as determined by the Safety Service Director in consultation with Committee members. No fewer than 30 days prior to the City's renewal date, the Committee will present its recommendations to the Mayor. The Mayor will consider the Committee recommendations when making a recommendation to City Council on legislation for health insurance coverage.

Notwithstanding the Committee's recommendations, the City retains final authority on determining employee health insurance benefits in accordance with applicable agreements with its represented employee units and unrepresented employees and as otherwise required by law.

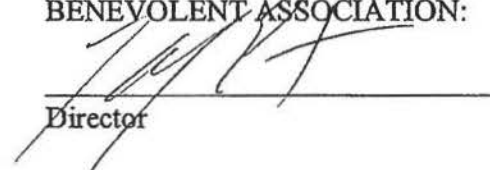
2. The creation of the Health Insurance Coverage Advisory Committee described above will not be triggered until each collective bargaining unit of City employees has entered into a written agreement with the City that contains substantially similar language as is set forth in Section 1 of this Memorandum.

FOR THE CITY OF FOSTORIA:


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Deb Hellman, Safety-Service Director

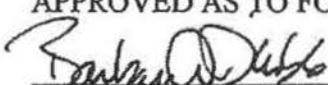
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