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AN AGREEMENT

between

CITY OF WOOSTER

and

THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

(Police Officers)



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to

December 31, 2024

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ARTICLE 1 PREAMBLE

Section 1. This Agreement is hereby entered into by and between the City of Wooster, hereinafter referred to as "the Employer", and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, hereinafter referred to as "the OPBA".

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE AND INTENT

Section 1. In an effort to continue harmonious and cooperative relationships with its employees and to insure its orderly and uninterrupted efficient operations, the Employer now agrees to enter into an agreement reached through collective bargaining which will have for its purposes, among others, the following: 1) To recognize the legitimate interests of the employees of the Employer to participate through collective bargaining in the determination of the terms and conditions of their employment; 2) To promote fair and reasonable working conditions; 3) To promote individual efficiency and service to the Citizens of Wooster; 4) To avoid interruption or interference with the efficient operation of the Employer's business; and 5) To provide a basis for the adjustment of matters of mutual interest by means of amicable discussion.

ARTICLE 3 HEADINGS

Section 1. It is understood and agreed that the use of headings before Articles is for convenience only and that no heading shall be used in the interpretation of said article nor affect any interpretation of any such Article.

ARTICLE 4 GENDER AND PLURAL

Section 1. Whenever the context so requires, the use of the words herein in the singular shall be construed to include the plural, and words in the plural, the singular, and words whether in the masculine, feminine or neuter genders shall be construed to include all of said genders. By the use of either the masculine or feminine genders it is understood that said use is for convenience purposes only and is not to be interpreted to be discriminatory by reason of sex.

ARTICLE 5 RECOGNITION

Section 1. The Employer agrees that it has and will continue to recognize the OPBA as exclusive bargaining representative for negotiating wages, benefits and other terms and conditions of employment for all full-time Employees in the classification of Police Officers, excluding all part-time, seasonal, temporary and probationary employees. All other Employees of the Employer are excluded from said recognition. Said recognition shall continue for the period provided for by law.

Section 2. The Employer will furnish the OPBA with a list of all Employees in the classifications covered by this Agreement indicating their starting date of employment. Such list will be furnished no less than annually and will be supplemented by the names of all new Employees as hired.

ARTICLE 6 DUES DEDUCTION

Section 1. 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 dues deduction authorization forms permitting said deductions. No new authorization forms will be required from any Employees in the Wooster Police Division for whom the Employer is currently deducting dues.

Section 2. 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 shall certify to the Employer the amounts due and owing from the Employees involved.

Section 3. The Employer shall deduct dues, initiation fees or assessments from the first pay in each calendar month.

Section 4. A check in the amount of the total dues withheld from those Employees authorizing a dues deduction shall be tendered to the Treasurer of the OPBA within thirty (30) days from the date of making said deductions.

Section 5. The OPBA hereby agrees to hold the Employer 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 for any such liabilities or damages that may arise.

ARTICLE 7 NON-DISCRIMINATION

Section 1. The Employer and the OPBA agree not to discriminate against any Employee(s) on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, disability, national origin, age or sex.

Section 2. The OPBA expressly agrees that membership in the OPBA is at the option of the Employee and that it will not discriminate with respect to representation between members and nonmembers.

ARTICLE 8 AGENCY SHOP

Section 1. All members of the bargaining unit, as identified in Article V, Section 1 of this Agreement, shall either (1) maintain their membership in the OPBA, (2) become members of the OPBA, or (3) pay a service fee to the OPBA in an amount equivalent to the annual dues for membership in the OPBA, as a condition of employment, all in accordance with RC §4117.09.

Section 2. In the event that a service fee is to be charged to a member of the bargaining unit, the Employer shall deduct such fee in the same manner as dues are deducted as specified in Article VI of the Agreement, entitled "Dues Deduction".

ARTICLE 9 ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION

Section 1. The parties recognize that it may be necessary for an Employee representative of the OPBA to leave a normal work assignment while acting in the capacity of representative. The OPBA recognizes the operational needs of the Employer and will cooperate to keep to a minimum the time lost from work by representatives. Before leaving an assignment pursuant to this section, the representative must obtain approval from the officer in charge of the shift. The Employer will compensate a representative at the normal rate for the time spent at any meetings at which the Employer requests a representative to be present.

Section 2. Members of the Negotiating Committee shall be allowed reasonable time off to participate in collective bargaining meetings with the Employer, if held during a member's regular working hours without loss of pay.

ARTICLE 10 EMPLOYEES RIGHTS

Section 1. An Employee has the right to the presence and advice of an OPBA representative and/or an attorney at all disciplinary hearings and/or interrogations where disciplinary action, as defined in Article 31 is reasonably anticipated. This section shall not apply to communications or conversations intended to provide instructions, training or corrections of work performance or techniques.

Section 2. An Employee who is to be questioned, as a suspect in any investigation of any criminal charge against him, shall be advised of his constitutional rights before any questioning starts.

Section 3. Before an Employee may be charged with any violation of the Rules and Regulations for a refusal to answer questions or participate in an investigation, he shall be advised that his refusal to answer such questions or participate in such investigation will be the basis of such a charge.

Section 4. Questioning or interviewing of an Employee in the course of an internal investigation will be conducted at hours reasonable related to the Employee's shift, unless operational necessities require otherwise. Interrogation sessions shall be for reasonable periods of time and time shall be provided for rest periods and attendance to physical necessities. In addition, the Employee may record such interrogation if he has a recording device available so as not to delay the investigation. The Employer may have a transcript of such recording at the Employer's expense.

Section 5. An Employee will be informed of the nature of any investigation of himself prior to any questioning. If the Employee being questioned is, at that time, a witness and not under investigation, he shall be so advised.

Section 6. An Employee may request an opportunity to review his Personnel file, and may have a representative of the OPBA present when reviewing his file. A request for copies of items included in the file shall be honored. All items in an Employee's file with regard to complaints and investigations will be clearly marked with respect to final disposition.

Section 7. In the course of an internal affairs investigation, a polygraph examination will be administered only with the consent of the Employee under investigation. If, in the course of an internal investigation, an Employee has been given a polygraph examination, such examination shall not be used in any subsequent criminal court action.

Section 8. All complaints by civilians which may involve suspension or discharge of an Employee, shall be in writing and signed by the complainant. The Employer will furnish a copy of the complaint to the Employee whom the complaint has been filed against when such Employee is notified of the investigation. Upon completion of the investigation, the Employee will be given, in writing, a copy of the results and final disposition of said investigation.

ARTICLE 11 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, the City has the sole and exclusive right to exercise all the rights and functions of management, and the exercise of any such rights shall not be subject to the grievance procedure except as limited in Article 25 and 26. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as used herein, the term "Management Rights" includes:

Section 1. The determination of Police Division policy, including the right to manage the affairs of the Police Division in all respects.

Section 2. The right to assign working hours, including overtime.

Section 3. The right to establish, modify, or change work schedules, or duty assignments within the division.

Section 4. The right to direct the members of the Police Division, including the right to hire, promote, discipline, demote, discharge for just cause, lay off, or transfer any Police Officer within the Division.

Section 5. The right to organize and reorganize the Police Division in any manner it chooses, including the size of the Police Division and the determination of job classifications and ranks based on duties assigned.

Section 6. The determination of the safety, enforcement, and property protection measures of the Police Division.

Section 7. The allocation and assignment of work to Police Officers within the Police Division.

Section 8. The determination of policy affecting selection or training of Police officers.

Section 9. The scheduling of operations and determination of the number and duration of hours of assigned duty per week.

Section 10. The establishment, modification and enforcement of Police Division rules, regulations and orders.

Section 11. The transfer of work from one position to another within the classified service of the Police Division.

Section 12. The introductions of new, improved, or different methods and techniques of operation of the Police Division or of changes in existing methods and techniques.

Section 13. The determination of the number of ranks and the Police Officers within each rank.

Section 14. The determination of the amount of supervision necessary.

Section 15. If, in the discretion of the Mayor, it is determined that civil emergency conditions exist, including but not limited to riots, civil disorders, natural disasters or similar catastrophes, the provisions of this agreement may be suspended by the Mayor during the time of the declared emergency, provided that wage rates and monetary fringe benefits shall not be suspended.

Section 16. The Employer shall have the right to promulgate rules regulating an Employee's outside employment, providing such rules are not administered in an arbitrary or capricious manner.

ARTICLE 12 COMPENSATION

Section 1. All Employees covered by this Agreement, with the exception of new candidates with prior peace officer service or lateral hires, shall be paid according to the rates indicated below, which will become effective at 6:00 a.m. on the date indicated. New candidates appointed to the position of Police Officer or lateral hires may be hired at a wage step commensurate with prior peace officer service. Once hired, new candidates appointed to the position of Police Officer and lateral hires shall advance as detailed in this Agreement.

All new hires, regardless of prior service, will serve a probationary period, as required by the Wooster Civil Service Commission Rules & Regulations. Nothing contained in this Article will confer any additional seniority on any new hire beyond his or her hire date as an employee of the City of Wooster.

Police Officer	01/02/22 (adj.)	01/01/23 (2.5%)	01/01/24 (2.5 %)
	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly
Class A (any period of time prior to completing FTO)	\$28.50	\$29.21	\$29.94
Class B (complete FTO)	\$31.35	\$32.13	\$32.93
Class C	\$34.17	\$35.02	\$35.90
Class D	\$36.91	\$37.83	\$38.77

Section 2. Employees shall advance in class at the discretion of the Chief.

Section 3. Employees will be required to complete a minimum of one year in Class B and C before being considered for advancement to the next Class.

Section 4. Employees who fail to demonstrate proficiency in their service and fail to earn advancement after two (2) years in Class B or five (5) years in Class B or C shall be terminated.

Section 5. Any police officer assigned to night shift (6p-6a) more than 135 workdays in a calendar year will receive \$1,000 stipend on the last paycheck of the calendar year.

ARTICLE 13 RETENTION PAY

Section 1. Effective January 1, 2022 the prior service recognition stipend shall terminate.

Section 2. Members shall receive annual retention pay based upon completed City of Wooster years of service according to the following table:

- After five (5) years of continuous service \$250
- After ten (10) years of continuous service \$500
- After fifteen (15) years of continuous service \$1,000
- After twenty (20) years of continuous service \$1,500
- After twenty-five (25) years of continuous service \$2,000

Section 3. Retention pay shall be paid in a lump sum payment included in the last paycheck of the calendar year.

Section 4. Retention pay shall be based upon continuous years of service as a Wooster Police Officer working for the City of Wooster as of the last day of the last payroll period of each calendar year.

Section 5. Employees must be employed on the last day of the last payroll period of December to be eligible for the Retention pay for that calendar year.

Section 6. For the purposes of this section, continuous years of service shall include approved military leave.

ARTICLE 14 PENSION ENTITLEMENTS

Section 1. The Employer shall pay into the Police and Fire Disability and Pension Fund of Ohio for all employees the percentage of the Employer's contribution as required by law.

Section 2. The Employer shall submit for approval and pay the "user fee" to the Internal Revenue Service and State Pension Board, the salary reduction method for the employee's contribution to the Police and Fire Disability and Pension Fund of Ohio. The employee's salary shall be reduced the full amount of said contribution. However, this amount shall be treated as compensation for the purpose of retirement calculations and will be included in such. This Section shall be effective after approval by the Internal Revenue Service and State Pension Board, which will be sought jointly by the parties.

ARTICLE 15 DUTY HOURS

Section 1. The regular pay period for all employees of Employer covered by this Agreement will be eighty (80) hours.

ARTICLE 16 OVERTIME PAY AND COURT TIME

Section 1. Whenever approved by the Chief, all Employees shall be compensated at the rate of 1 1/2 times the Employee's hourly rate for all overtime work performed in excess of forty (40) hours per week while on an active pay status.

Section 2. Whenever approved by the Chief, Employees called in to work or to appear in court for any job related matter while off duty shall be guaranteed a minimum of 3 hours of pay at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the Employee's regular hourly rate for all overtime.

Section 3. Employees called into work on their off duty time, but called off less than ninety minutes prior to the arrival time at work, shall be compensated at a rate equal to one hour of regular hourly rate.

Section 4. Whenever approved by the Chief, Employees filing criminal charges or seeking conference with the prosecutor's office while off duty shall be compensated for a minimum of 3 hours at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the Employee's regular hourly rate for all overtime.

Section 5. Employees working overtime shall have the option of choosing overtime pay or compensatory time off.

Section 6. If an Employee elects to take compensatory time-off in lieu of overtime pay for any overtime worked, such compensatory time shall be accumulated at the rate stated in Section 1 above.

Section 7. Accumulation of compensatory time will be limited to a 180 hour maximum at any one time. In addition, an employee may not use more than one hundred eighty (180) hours in a calendar year.

Section 8. The use of compensatory time will be during a period which will not disrupt or interfere with the normal operation of the Division.

Section 9. Compensatory time shall be used at a time mutually agreeable between the Employee and the Chief. No more than a maximum of two (2) employees may be scheduled off, per shift, utilizing any of the permissive types of paid leave available, including vacation, personal leave and compensatory time.

Section 10. Prior approval for the use of compensatory time shall be obtained from the Chief.

Section 11. Employees may cash in accrued compensatory time in increments of not less than eight (8) hours by giving notice to the City in writing of the desire to do so. The compensatory time will be paid out within thirty (30) days of the written request.

Section 12. The City and the Union have collaborated to establish a Call-In/Officer Contact Procedure which has been included as Appendix A to this Agreement.

Section 13. Employees may trade working hours with other qualified employees of the same rank or position (police officer/police officer; detective/detective; sergeant/sergeant, etc.) on a no-loss/no-gain basis, in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. The Chief will develop guidelines for shift trading and issue a policy prior to March 31, 2018.

ARTICLE 17 ACTING PAY

Section 1. Any police officer (who is not the shift Sergeant or a designated Master Patrol Officer) who is designated the acting shift sergeant and performs such duties by being in charge of a work shift for at least one (1) hour, shall be compensated an hourly rate of ten percent (10%) above the Class D police officer wage, while in charge.

Section 2. Any police officer designed as the Field Training Officer (FTO) while training a recruit will be compensated an hourly rate of ten percent (10%) above the Class D police officer wage for hours while training.

Section 3. An officer cannot receive Acting (OIC) pay and FTO pay at the same time.

ARTICLE 18 JURY DUTY

Section 1. Any Employee who is called for jury duty, either Federal, County or Municipal, shall be paid his or her regular wage, as provided for in the Ohio Revised Code. Any compensation received from such court for jury duty shall be turned over to the Employer.

ARTICLE 19 HOLIDAYS

Section 1. The following days shall be recognized as paid holidays:

New Years' Day
Martin Luther King Day
Presidents Day
Memorial Day
Juneteeneth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day

Section 2. All Employees shall, in addition to all other leave benefits, be granted two (2) personal leave days each year which is to be taken within the year earned. The personal days shall only be taken with the advance approval of the Chief.

Section 3. Employees shall work their normal scheduled shifts throughout the calendar year and shall be paid for each of the above recognized holidays at the rate of eight (8) hours per day. Employees scheduled to work on Memorial Day, Labor Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Years Day shall be paid time and one-half for all hours worked on the holiday. All other holidays shall be worked at straight time. Premium pay shall not be compounded.

Personal days shall be paid at twelve (12) hours. Should the department change to another scheduling method, the personal day will be adjusted in accordance with the schedule.

In addition to all other leave benefits, Employees shall receive payment for the above holidays and unused personal day on the last regular paycheck in November, calculated according to the regular hourly wage each Employee was making at the time each holiday occurs.

ARTICLE 20 VACATION

Section 1. Vacation shall be accumulated on the following schedule, subject to further provisions of Sections 2 through 12.

Years of Service

<u>At Least</u>	<u>But Less Than</u>	<u>Vacation Earned</u>
0 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	.03875 Hrs. per Hrs. worked
5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	.0575 Hrs. per Hrs. worked
10 Yrs.	15 Yrs.	.0775 Hrs. per Hrs. worked
15 Yrs.		.09625 Hrs. per Hrs. worked

Section 2. Time spent in regular military service shall be counted towards calculating vacation, provided the person in question was a municipal employee at least 120 days before entering the military service.

Section 3. The Mayor or Designee may permit transfer of accrued service time from other governmental agencies for any new Employee who is hired from such agencies.

Section 4. The Mayor or Designee is authorized to establish rules and regulations on the implementation of the vacation leave.

Section 5. All Employees shall forfeit their right to take or be paid for any vacation leave to their credit which is in excess of the accrual from two years of employment. Such excess of the accrual from two years shall be eliminated from the Employee's leave balance the first pay period ending in July of the current year, unless the Mayor, in his/her discretion has granted the Employee a waiver up to a maximum of six months. The Human Resources Division shall provide the form for said waiver.

Section 6. Vacation leave shall be earned during the time the Employee is in an active pay status. It is not earned while on unpaid leave of absence or unpaid military leave.

Section 7. Annual vacation leave shall be taken at such time as the Division Manager approves. All vacation in excess of three (3) days must be requested five (5) days in advance on a form authorized by the Mayor or Designee.

Section 8. A new full-time classified Employee, in the first year of employment, shall accrue vacation, and shall be permitted to use as it is accrued.

Section 9. An Employee shall not be permitted to use vacation which he/she has not accumulated.

Section 10. No Employee shall be given vacation credit for any overtime hours worked.

Section 11. Upon separation from municipal service, an Employee is entitled to compensation for any unused vacation leave to his/her credit at the time of separation. No payment shall be made to Employees who have not completed their probationary year. The maximum amount of vacation that may be paid upon separation is that accumulated vacation time not in the excess of the accrual from two years of employment.

Section 12. In case of death of any Employee, the approved unused accumulated vacation leave shall be paid to the deceased Employee's estate.

Section 13. Employees with at least one year of service may “cash in” accrued vacation once during any calendar year. Employees may cash-in up to ½ of their annual accrual, and must maintain a minimum balance of ten (10) days. The cash-in rate is 100% of their base daily/hourly rate. The Chief or his designee must approve all cash-in requests and requests should be forwarded to the Human Resources Department for processing.

Section 14. No more than a maximum of two (2) employees may be scheduled off, per shift, utilizing any of the permissive types of paid leave available, including vacation, personal leave and compensatory time.

ARTICLE 21 SICK LEAVE

Section 1. Employees covered by this Agreement shall earn sick leave on the following formula: For each completed hour of service, the employee shall earn .0575 sick leave hours. Sick leave accumulation shall be unlimited.

Section 2. An Employee shall not be permitted to use sick leave which he/she has not accumulated.

Section 3. 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 illness, injury or death in the employee's immediate family, (husband, wife, son, daughter, or parents). For parents only, employees are limited to 24 hours per contract year. Employees may also use sick leave, no more than four days, to attend funerals for the following family members: husband, wife, son, daughter, sister, brother, mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren, step-son, step-daughter, step-mother, step-father, step-sister, step-brother, step-grandparents and step-grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Section 4. With the approval of the Employee's Division Manager, sick leave may be used for examination of the Employee including medical, psychological, dental or optical examination by an appropriate practitioner.

Section 5. A sick leave affidavit or a doctor's excuse is required to justify the use of sick leave for illness. If the use of sick leave for such illness exceeds three days, a certificate stating the nature of the illness from a licensed physician shall be required to justify the use of sick leave. Falsification of either a written, signed statement or a physician's certificate shall be grounds for a disciplinary action, including dismissal.

Section 6. Any abuse of sick leave or the patterned use of sick leave shall be just and sufficient cause for discipline.

Section 7. The previously accumulated sick leave of an Employee who has been separated from the City of Wooster may be placed to his/her credit upon re-employment by the City of Wooster, if re-employed within ten (10) years. The Mayor may permit transfer of sick leave from employment with any other employer. The Employer shall recognize sick leave transferred from other agencies provided that the Employee was hired, by the City of Wooster, on or before December 31, 2004.

Section 8. Absence that is chargeable to sick leave accumulation, in accordance with these provisions, shall be charged in increments of one half (½) hour, for the first hour and then one-fourth (¼) hour increments thereafter.

Section 9. Upon retirement from City Service with ten (10) or more years of service, an Employee shall be paid thirty-three percent (33%) of his/her accumulated sick leave. The maximum payment which may be made shall be six hundred (600) hours. Such payment shall be based on the Employee's rate of pay at the time of retirement. Such payment shall be made only once to any Employee.

Section 10. An Employee with at least two hundred and forty (240) hours of accrued sick leave may donate up to forty (40) hours of sick leave to any other Employee who has exhausted his/her sick leave due to serious injury or illness. Donated sick leave hours will not be assigned a monetary value and will be on a one-for-one basis regardless of differences in hourly rate of pay between the donating Employee and the donee. Donated sick leave hours to another member will not be calculated as sick leave used when applying the criteria for sick leave incentive. Members shall be limited to one single donation per occurrence of major injury or major illness of another union member. An Employee separating from employment will not be permitted to transfer unused sick leave to another OPBA member.

ARTICLE 22 SICK LEAVE INCENTIVE

Section 1. All members of the bargaining unit with less than 20 years of City of Wooster Service at the time of request may elect to sell back sick time, on a one (1) time annual basis,

according to the terms in Section 3, provided four-hundred eighty (480) sick hours remain after the sell back.

Section 2. All members of the bargaining unit with more than 20 years of City of Wooster service at the time of the request may elect to sell back or bank sick time, on a one (1) time annual basis, according to the terms in Section 3, provided four-hundred eighty (480) sick hours remain after the sell back or bank.

Members are eligible for sick leave incentive outlined in Section 1 and 2 and also subject to further provisions in Sections 3 through 4.

Section 3. The maximum any employee can bank or sell back in any calendar year is 144 hours, if eligible.

Every hour of sick leave used as of 12/31 of the previous calendar year, reduces the employees eligible hours of sell back or eligible bank hours by one and one-half (1 ½) hours. (i.e. twenty-four (24) hours of sick leave used as of 12/31 of previous year, reduces the eligible sell back hours or eligible bank hours by thirty-six (36) hours from one hundred forty-four (144) to one hundred eight (108).

Employees eligible to bank hours shall not be eligible for future use of banked hours.

Payment will be at the employee's regular rate of pay for sell back or when payment of banked hours are paid out.

An employee must request in writing to the Human Resources department prior to March 1st or December 1st in order to receive payment for sell back hours or to bank eligible hours. Sick leave usage from the preceding calendar year (as of 12/31) will be used to determine the number of hours an employee is eligible to sell back or bank.

An employee can only make one (1) request per calendar year to bank or sell back eligible sick hours. Requests submitted by March 1st will be banked or paid the last paycheck in March. The employee must have active pay on the last paycheck of March to be eligible for the bank or sell back for that particular request. Request submitted by December 1st will be banked or paid the last paycheck in December. The employee must have active pay on the last paycheck of December to be eligible for the bank or sell back for that particular request.

Employee eligible to bank hours can elect to have the eligible hours divided between banking and selling, which shall be specified on the written request submitted to Human Resources.

Banked sick hours shall only be paid out on the employee's final paycheck at the time of retirement from OP&F and shall be paid at the regular hourly rate at the time of retirement. Banked hours shall not be eligible for use once banked.

Employees shall only be eligible for payout of banked hours if the employee is immediately retiring from OP&F in good standing (SF401 form)

Section 4. Sick leave used for attending funerals of family members as defined in Article XXI, Section 3, Sick Leave, will not be considered as being used when calculating sick leave incentive pay.

ARTICLE 23 INJURY LEAVE

Section 1. If an Employee is injured or contracts illness while performing his/her assigned duties and as a result of such injury or illness is certified unable to work by a licensed physician, the following compensation shall go into effect: The first one hundred twenty (120) scheduled working hours of disability shall be drawn from accumulated sick leave; the next four hundred eighty (480) consecutive working hours of certified disability caused by the original injury or illness shall be compensated as follows: The Employee will be compensated through Wage Continuation whereby the Employer will pay the Employee's regular earnings in lieu of Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation reimbursement. After the exhaustion of the four hundred eighty (480) hours of earnings paid through Wage Continuation, if the employee is still certified disabled and unable to return to work, the Employer shall pay to the Employee the difference between the payment received from Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation and his/her regular earnings for an additional five hundred sixty (560) scheduled working hours.

All work related injuries or illness shall be reported to the department head or immediate supervisor as soon as possible. Following disability from illness or injury, certification from the attending physician shall be required stating the Employee is physically able to return to duty.

Section 2. An additional one hundred eighty days injury leave may be granted by the Employer after the one hundred eighty days provided for in Section 1 hereof, based upon the same conditions and upon additional certification by a duly licensed physician and with approval by the Mayor or Designee.

ARTICLE 24 DRUG TESTING

Section 1. The Employer and the OPBA recognize that an employee's substance abuse may have an adverse impact on the Employer, the employer operations, the image of the employees and the general health, welfare, and safety of the employees and the general public at large. The Employer and the Union also recognize that the Employer is obligated by its receipt of federal funds to take steps to assure a drug and alcohol free workplace. Therefore, the parties agree that the Employer shall have the right and authority to require statutorily covered employees to submit to toxicology and alcohol testing designed to detect the presence of any controlled substance, alcohol or narcotic drug. The Employer agrees that requiring an Employee to submit to testing of this nature shall be limited to circumstances where the Employee's immediate supervisor has a reasonable belief that the Employee is under the influence of such substances, suffers from substance abuse, has been involved in a motor vehicle accident while the employee is driving, the employee is injured in the line of duty and seeks medical treatment or is in violation of the Employer's Personnel Rules and Regulations regarding the use of such substances or drugs. The City shall require Employees to submit to post motor vehicle accident / employee injury testing, provided that the decision to require

such testing shall be within the reasonable discretion of the Department or Division Manager having supervision of the Employee involved in the motor vehicle accident/ employee injury. This provision will not be implemented until such provision or similar provision is implemented for all other City employees.

Section 2. It is understood and agreed that the tests conducted under this Article shall be administered in a purely employment context only as part of the Employer's legitimate inquiry into the use of any controlled substances, alcohol or narcotic drug by its employees.

Section 3. All testing shall be analyzed in a Medical Laboratory using recognized technologies. In the event an employee's test results are positive, a second test, different from the first, shall be conducted to verify the results. If the employee so requests, he/she shall be given a copy of the test results after the Employer has received same.

Section 4. The results of such tests may serve as a basis for disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. However, it is understood that the purpose of this program is corrective rather than punitive in nature and that any discipline arising thereunder will be considered in light of this objective.

Section 5. The parties agree that the refusal of an employee to submit to toxicology and/or alcohol testing in accordance with the provisions of this Article, may constitute just cause for disciplinary action being taken against the employee up to and including dismissal in accord with the provisions of the Disciplinary Article of this Agreement.

Section 6. The parties agree that testing for the presence of controlled substances, alcohol and/or narcotic drugs shall be done through analysis of the employee's breath, urine or saliva, but shall not include collection and analysis of blood.

Section 7. An OPBA representative may accompany an employee to the testing site but may not be present during sample collection.

Section 8. The employee shall, upon request made prior to the time a sample is taken pursuant to this Article, have the right to have an additional sample taken and sent to a Medical Laboratory of the Association's choice for testing at the Association's expense.

Section 9. All laboratory results shall be required to be interpreted by a Medical Review Officer.

ARTICLE 25 INSURANCE

Section 1. For each year of the contract, the Employer shall provide comprehensive medical coverage comparable to existing coverage based upon the insurance plans made available through the insurance consortium. The City and Union agree to meet annually to discuss plan options, rates, and potential cost saving measures. The cost of the premium for said coverage will be shared between the Employer and the Employee, based upon the below schedule:

	Employee Premium Contribution
Plan 1 – No wellness program required	16%
Plan 1 – Employee and Spouse participate in BORMA preventative wellness program	10%
Plan 3 – No wellness program required	8%
Plan 3 – Employee and Spouse participate in BORMA preventative wellness program	3%

The appropriate amount to be assessed is a pro rata amount as a payroll deduction from the Employee’s bi-weekly pay. The Employer will pay the remainder of annual premium. Employees may choose between plan designs. Employees opting to complete the preventative wellness program within the timeframe established will receive the listed premium discount for participation along with any other incentives offered through the insurance consortium. All screening information will be submitted by the employee’s physician or employee to a vendor selected by the insurance consortium. All health screening information will be protected by HIPPA. The city will not receive or have access to an employee’s screening information, only confirmation of participation.

Section 2. During open enrollment an employee may voluntarily opt-out of insurance coverage for the following plan year, if proof of other medical coverage is provided. An employee opting out of medical insurance for the entire plan year, with proof of other coverage, shall receive \$1,500 on the last paycheck of the calendar year.

Section 3. The City will provide employees with City paid dental and vision insurance.

Section 4. Beginning on January 1, 2023, the City will offer a tax deferred Flexible Medical Spending (FSA) and Dependent Care Reimbursement Account (DCRA) option for employees during insurance open enrollment. Participation is voluntary and the employee will be responsible for 100% of their voluntary election, which will be taken in equal contributions through payroll deduction. The City will follow all IRS regulations regarding these accounts.

ARTICLE 26 LIFE AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE INSURANCE

Section 1. Effective as soon as practicable after January 1, 2015 the Employer will provide \$25,000 life and accidental death/dismemberment insurance coverage for each employee covered by the collective bargaining agreement. The premium for this insurance will be paid for by the Employer.

Section 2. Effective as soon as practicable after January 1, 2015 the Employer will also offer supplemental life and dependent life insurance for the employee to purchase on themselves and eligible dependents. This benefit is voluntary and the premium for this supplemental insurance will be paid for by the Employee.

Section 3. The employer paid life insurance and supplemental life insurance benefits will be determined as outlined in the Summary Plan Documents. Employees will receive a copy of the Summary Plan Document and also be notified of any plan changes.

ARTICLE 27 SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM DISABILITY

Effective as soon as practicable after January 1, 2015, and subject to a carrier's minimum enrollment requirements, employees may purchase Short Term Disability (STD) and/or Long Term Disability (LTD) insurance through an external insurance company when not otherwise covered by Workers Compensation. These supplemental benefits are intended to offer additional income protection to employees who experience a personal serious health condition, are unable to perform the essential functions of their position, and have exhausted all accumulated sick leave. Final approval of STD and LTD benefits will be determined by the insurance company and summary plan document. All disability payments approved through these benefit plans are made by the insurance company directly to the employee and are not considered time worked through the City and are not reported as wages earned by the City. If elected by the employee, premiums are fully employee-paid.

Supplemental Short Term Disability (STD) provides income protection up to 26 weeks of disability. All accumulated sick leave must be exhausted before an employee is eligible to apply for STD benefit payments.

Supplemental Long Term Disability (LTD) provides income protection from 26 weeks of disability up to age 65, Police and Fire Disability and Pension Fund Retirement or Social Security. All accumulated sick leave must be exhausted before an employee is eligible to apply for LTD benefit payments. Employees approved for Long Term Disability insurance will be required to voluntarily resign from their position with the City to receive the LTD benefit payments. In special cases, the Director of Administration and/or Mayor may waive this requirement.

Cost of coverage is based upon age and salary. Individual rates will be provided during the enrollment period.

ARTICLE 28 UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

Section 1. The Employer shall provide and maintain uniforms for all Employees as necessary.

ARTICLE 29 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATION STIPEND

Section 1. Purpose. Employees on a full-time status who have been in the continuous employ of the City for six months may pursue educational courses to supplement their knowledge

and increase their skills or to obtain a degree in a field related to City employment. Employees may participate in this educational program by:

- (a) Attending classes to improve their skill performance in their present positions; or
- (b) Preparing themselves for positions in their normal line of promotion by supplementing or building their education along this line.

Section 2. Financial Support. The Employer will authorize, through the Mayor or Designee, a reimbursement of the tuition cost with a maximum payment of \$6,000 per year per Employee. Reimbursement is made after the Employee completes an approved course of study and attains a satisfactory grade which shall be defined to mean a grade of 'C' or higher on a traditional scale, or 'pass' on a 'pass/fail' scale.

Section 3. Separation Agreement If an employee voluntarily separates from City employment, the employee shall reimburse the employer all tuition paid to the employee in the previous two-year period. The two-year period will be determined by the date of completion of the most recent course taken by the employee. The employee agrees that the City will deduct owed tuition from the employee's final paycheck and from any unused benefits eligible for payout. Any remaining balance will be the employee's responsibility to pay back to the City within 30 days of separation.

Section 4. Procedure. Full-time Employees who wish to acquire additional education through this educational assistance program should initiate their request on an application form available in the Human Resources Division. The application should be presented to the Division Manager, who will make his/her recommendation and route the application on to the Human Resources Manager who shall then forward it to the Mayor or Designee for approval or denial. The prior approval of the Mayor is mandatory to receive educational assistance. Any Employee may meet with the Mayor or Designee concerning the decision.

Section 5. Education Stipend: Employees who hold one or more of the following certifications and/or positions during a calendar year will receive an annual education stipend of \$800 per year (regardless of the number of such certifications and/or positions), provided the employee remains in the position and/or maintains an active certification for the entirety of the year. By November 1st of each year, the Chief will provide Human Resources with a list of all employees who have met the requirement for the stipend. Eligible employees shall receive payment for the above stipend on the Friday before Thanksgiving. The stipend will be included in the same check as the holiday pay. The stipend will not be added to the employee's base wage or be used for the calculation of any other benefit.

Swat Team Member
K-9 Officer
Bike Officer
Hospital Resource Officer
School Resources Officer
Hostage Negotiator
Any Certified Instructor who teaches at least one course, within the department, annually

Section 6. Employees who hold the position of Detective during a calendar year will receive an annual stipend of \$2,400. This stipend will be paid as the same in Section 5.

Section 7. Employees who hold the designation of Master Patrol Officer for an entire quarter, shall receive a \$1,125 stipend. The stipend shall be paid on a quarterly basis the last paycheck of each quarter (March, June, September, October). The Police Chief will notify HR quarterly of the eligible employees. If an employee holds the designation of Master Patrol Officer for an entire calendar year (Jan 1 through Dec 31) the employee will have received \$4,500 in Master PO stipends.

An employee designated as Master Patrol Officer cannot receive Acting (OIC) pay in addition to the Master PO stipend.

ARTICLE 30 EMPLOYEE-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Section 1. An Employee/Management Committee shall be established that will act as a mutual communication mechanism to discuss and resolve areas of concern. Such a Committee would be comprised of four representatives of the OPBA and three representatives of the Administration.

This Committee will function in the following areas:

- (a) To discuss new policies and procedures or proposed changes in policies and procedures;
- (b) To anticipate and discuss problems in the work environment, and ways in which the work environment can be improved;
- (c) To suggest improved means of performing current services;
- (d) To advise and consider issues relating to employees and their concerns; and;
- (e) To develop social and recreational activities, incentive plans, recognition awards and other methods to improve Employee/Employer relations.

ARTICLE 31 DISCIPLINE

Section 1. A non-probationary employee who is suspended, demoted or discharged shall be given written notice regarding the reason (s) for the disciplinary action within a reasonable time after the Employer has knowledge of the conduct for which an Employee is being disciplined.

Section 2. Disciplinary action taken by the Employer shall only be for just cause. Principles of progressive discipline shall be followed except in cases of egregious misconduct.

Section 3. Any disciplinary action against a non-probationary employee shall be processed in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure in Article 31 of this Agreement

beginning at the level where the disciplinary action was meted out to the Employee, except that oral reprimands shall only be processed through Step 2 of the procedure.

ARTICLE 32 LAY OFF PROCEDURE

Section 1. If a lay-off of police officers becomes necessary, it shall be made in an order consistent with the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, and recall shall be in the inverse order of lay off. If a lay-off of police officers should become necessary, the City shall pay the police officers laid off the following: (1) regular and overtime pay due; (2) accrued but unused vacation time.

It is further understood that before any full-time police officers may be laid off under this Article, no civilian employee shall be hired to do any work currently performed by members of the bargaining unit if such hiring would cause the lay-off of a member of the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 33 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. Every Employee shall have the right to present his grievance in accordance with the procedures provided herein, free from any interference, coercion, restraint, discrimination or reprisal and except at Step 1, shall have the right to be represented by a person of his own choosing at all stages of the Grievance Procedure. It is the intent and purpose of the parties of this Agreement that all grievances shall be settled, if possible, at the lowest step of this procedure.

Section 2. For the purposes of this procedure, the below listed terms are defined as follows:

- a) Grievance - A "grievance" shall be defined as a dispute or controversy arising from the misapplication or misinterpretation of the specific and express written provisions of this Agreement.
- b) Grievant - The "grievant" shall be defined as any Employee, group of Employees within the bargaining unit of the OPBA.
- c) Party in Interest - A "party in interest" shall be defined as any employee of the Employer named in the grievance who is not the grievant.
- d) Days - A "day" as used in this procedure shall mean calendar days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays as provided for in this Agreement.

Section 3. The following procedures shall apply to the administration of all grievances filed under this procedure.

- a) Except at Step 1, all grievances shall include the name and position of the grievant; the identity of the provisions of this Agreement involved in the grievance; and the time and place where the alleged events or conditions giving rise to the grievance took place;

the identity of the party responsible for causing grievant; and a general statement of the nature by the grievant.

the said grievance, if known to the of the grievance and the redress sought

- b) Except at Step 1, all decisions shall be rendered in writing at each step of the grievance procedure.
- c) If a grievance affects a group of Employees working in different locations, with different principals, or associated with an employer-wide controversy, it may be submitted at Step 2.
- d) Nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting the right of any Employee having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with any appropriate member of the administration and having said matter informally adjusted without the intervention of the OPBA, provided that the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement. In the event that any grievance is adjusted without formal determination, pursuant to this procedure, while such adjustment shall be binding upon the grievant and shall, in all respects, be final, said adjustment shall not create a precedent or ruling binding upon the Employer in the future proceedings.
- e) The grievant may choose whomever he wishes to represent him at any step of the grievance procedure after Step 1.
- f) Employees covered by the Agreement are subject only to this Grievance Procedure and the Wooster Civil Service Commission has no jurisdiction to receive and determine any appeals relating to matters that are the subject of a final and binding grievance procedure.
- g) The time limits provided herein will be strictly adhered to and any grievance not filed initially or appealed within the specified time limits will be deemed waived and void. If the Employer fails to reply within the specified time limit, the grievance shall automatically be sustained in favor of the grievant.

The time limits specified for either party may be extended only by written mutual agreement.

- h) This procedure shall not be used for the purposes of adding to, subtracting from, or altering in any way, any of the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 4. All grievances shall be administered in accordance with the following steps of the grievance procedure.

Step 1: An Employee who believes he may have a grievance shall notify his immediate supervisor of the possible grievance within five (5) days of the occurrence of the facts giving rise to the grievance. The supervisor will schedule an informal meeting with the Employee and an OPBA representative if such representation is requested by the Employee, within five (5)

days of the notice by the Employee, at which time the issue in dispute will be discussed with the objective of resolving the matter informally.

Step 2: If the dispute is not resolved informally at Step 1, it shall be reduced to writing by the grievant and presented as a grievance to the Chief within five (5) days of the informal meeting or notification of the supervisor's decision at Step 1, whichever is later, but not later than seven (7) days from the date of the meeting if the supervisor fails to give the Employee an answer. The Chief shall give his answer within five (5) days of the meeting.

Step 3: If the grievant is not satisfied with the written decision at the conclusion of Step 2, a written appeal of the decision may be filed with the Mayor or Designee within five (5) days from the date of the rendering of the decision at Step 2. Copies of the written decisions shall be submitted with the appeal. The Mayor or Designee shall convene a hearing within ten (10) days of the receipt of the appeal. The hearing will be held with the grievant, his OPBA representative and any other party necessary to provide the required information for the rendering of a proper decision. The Mayor or Designee shall issue a written decision to the employee and his OPBA representative within fifteen (15) days from the date of the hearing. If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at Step 3, he may proceed to arbitration pursuant to the Arbitration Procedure herein contained.

ARTICLE 34 OBLIGATION TO NEGOTIATE

Section 1. The Employer and the OPBA acknowledge that during the negotiations which preceded this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject matter not removed by the law from the area of collective bargaining and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement.

Section 2. Therefore, for the life of this Agreement, the Employer and the OPBA each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to negotiate collectively with respect to any subject or matter referred to, or covered in this Agreement, or with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subjects or matters may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated and signed this Agreement.

ARTICLE 35 NO STRIKE

Section 1. The Employer and the OPBA agree that the grievance procedures provided herein are adequate to provide a fair and final determination of all grievances arising under this Agreement. It is the desire of the Employer and the OPBA to avoid work stoppages and strikes.

Section 2. Neither the OPBA nor any member of the bargaining unit, for the duration of this Agreement, shall directly or indirectly call, sanction, encourage, finance, participate, or assist in any way in any strike, slowdown, walkout, speedup, concerted "sick leave" or mass resignation,

work stoppage or other unlawful interference with the normal operations of the Employer for the duration of this Agreement. A breach of this Section may be grounds for discipline.

Section 3. The OPBA shall, at all times, cooperate with the Employer in continuing operations in a normal manner and shall actively discourage and attempt to prevent any violation of the "no-strike" clause.

In the event of a violation of the "no-strike" clause, the OPBA shall promptly notify all employees in a reasonable manner that the strike, work stoppage or slowdown, or other unlawful interference with normal operations of the Employer is in violation of this Agreement, unlawful and not sanctioned or approved of by the OPBA. The OPBA shall advise the employees to return to work immediately.

Section 4. The Employer shall not lock out any Employees for the duration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 36 ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

Section 1. In the event a grievance is unresolved after being processed through all steps of the Grievance Procedure, unless mutually waived, then within ten (10) days after the rendering of the decision at Step 3, the grievant may submit the grievance to arbitration. Within this ten (10) day period, the parties will meet to attempt to mutually agree upon an arbitrator. If such agreement is not reached, the parties will promptly request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service ("FMCS") to submit a panel of arbitrators and will choose one by the alternative strike method.

Section 2. The arbitrator shall have no power or authority to add to, subtract from, or in any manner, alter the specific terms of this Agreement or to make any award requiring the commission of any act prohibited by law or to make any award that itself is contrary to law or violates any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Section 3. The hearing or hearings shall be conducted pursuant to the procedures established by the FMCS.

Section 4. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and the cost of the hearing room, if any, will be borne by the party losing the grievance. All other expenses including wages for witnesses, shall be borne by the party incurring them. Neither party shall be responsible for any of the expenses incurred by the other party.

Section 5. An employee requested to appear at the arbitration hearing by either party shall attend without the necessity of subpoena. Any request made by either party for the attendance of witnesses shall be made in good faith, and at no time shall the number of employees in attendance exceed five (5) employees.

Section 6. The arbitrator's decision and award will be in writing and delivered within thirty (30) days from the date the record is closed. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties.

ARTICLE 37 CONFORMITY TO LAW

Section 1. 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.

ARTICLE 38 SAVINGS CLAUSE

Section 1. In the event any one or more provisions of this Agreement is or are deemed invalid or unenforceable by any final decision of a court or governmental agency, that portion shall be deemed severable from the rest of the Agreement and all such other parts of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 39 TOTAL AGREEMENT

Section 1. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Employer and the OPBA unless specifically set forth in the express written provisions of this Agreement.

Section 2. The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining regarding the employees covered by this agreement. It is further acknowledged that the understandings and agreement arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are fully set forth in this agreement, which supersedes all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either written or oral, between the parties to this agreement. Therefore, the City and the OPBA, for the life of this agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives its right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any subject during the life of this agreement, whether or not they had knowledge of or interest in the subject at the time the agreement was negotiated and signed.

Section 3. The parties agree that any mutual agreements or understandings which are reached during the life of this Agreement shall be reduced to writing.

Section 4. It is expressly understood that all matters not included in this Agreement are by intention and design specifically excluded and fall within the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the city.

ARTICLE 40 MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. In any instance where the Employer sends an employee for a medical or psychological examination, the Employer shall pay the cost of the examination.

Section 2. The Employer shall maintain false arrest, civil rights, etc., insurance on behalf of all members of the bargaining unit.

Section 3. Employees who retire from the City of Wooster and immediately begin collecting a pension at the time of separation shall be permitted to purchase their badge and service weapon for one dollar (\$1.00).

Section 4. The City's Safety Forces Response District (the District) as it applies to residency requirements for members of the Wooster Police Department as outlined in Wooster Codified Ordinance 129.03 shall be defined as follows:

The District currently consists of all lots and lands contained within the geographical boundaries of Wayne County, Ohio, or any county adjacent thereto, and under the terms of this section expanded to include Richland County, Ohio and a forty (40) mile radius from 3333 Burbank Road Wooster, Ohio (Safety Center). This modification of the District is authorized by Ohio Revised Code 4117.08.

ARTICLE 41 EXTRA DUTY DETAILS

Extra duty details shall be defined as any work detail in which a police officer, acting in an official capacity and using Division equipment, is employed and paid by a private entity through the Police Division. Employees will be compensated, regardless of rank, at their overtime rate, before deductions for applicable state, local and federal taxes. Extra-duty details will not be considered City employment including for purposes of compensation, overtime, pension, holiday, vacation, sick leave, sick leave bonus, F.L.S.A. payment, years of service or any other benefits described in this contract.

All extra detail work shall be first offered to all bargaining unit members before it is offered to any part-time or special police officers as far as practicable. The Employer shall assign said work on an equitable basis as far as practicable so as to provide a fair distribution among the various shifts, and shall post the work as far in advance as is possible.

ARTICLE 42 DURATION OF AGREEMENT

Section 1. This Agreement represents the complete Agreement on all matters subject to bargaining between the Employer and the OPBA, and except as otherwise noted herein, shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2024. If either party desires to make any changes in the Agreement for a period subsequent to December 31, 2024, notice of such a desire shall be given prior to November 1, 2024. If such notice is given, the Agreement shall remain in effect until the parties reach agreement on a new contract or either party, subsequent to December 31, 2024, delivers a written notice to the other party stating that this Agreement shall terminate forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of that notice. If no notice seeking modification is given, then the Agreement shall remain in effect for another year, although notice may be given in any subsequent year prior to November 1, and the procedure stipulated herein shall then take effect.

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APPENDIX A

WOOSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER:

SUBJECT: CALL-IN/OFFICER CONTACT PROCEDURE

This General Order will provide guidance for calling in off-duty personnel.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

As a public service agency, the Wooster Police Department must be able to respond to unforeseen circumstances such as natural disasters, civil disturbances, and other circumstances that may require resources and personnel in addition to those already committed. In addition, there are times when off-duty officers are needed to maintain minimum staffing levels.

As a first responder, officers are encouraged to make arrangements for dealing with being called to duty. Discussing this with family, child-care providers, etc. is strongly encouraged.

The call in procedure has been broken down into four areas. They are manpower, extra duty/off duty details, emergency call-ins, and court cases.

In emergency situations officers will be expected to report for duty when called in. There are three exceptions that will be granted immediately:

1. The officer is a direct victim of a natural disaster to his/her home and needs to attend to security, clean-up, or abatement issues including finding secondary residence.
2. The death or serious injury or illness to an immediate family member or him/herself. The family members listed on the Paid Absence Approval Form is to be used as a guide.
3. The officer is not physically able to report for duty due to the officer's location, i.e., an officer is needed in an hour but the officer being called is several hours away.

ON-CALL:

- Means an employee is expected to carry an electronic device for the purpose of being contacted.
- Employees are free to travel as long as they can respond within the maximum response time. (90 minutes)
- While "on-call" an employee is free to use the time for his/her own purposes as long as they respond when called within the maximum response time.
- Officers may trade on-call periods with other employees on the same squad. It is the employee's responsibility to find a replacement and secure the agreement. The employee requesting the trade is required to notify his/her Sergeant in writing at least one week prior to the start of the officers on call week. The Sergeant will then be required to update the on-call schedule accordingly.

- Any officer who does not wish to take call, may give up their on-call period to another employee on the same squad who is willing to accept it. If this occurs, the employee is to notify the Sergeant in writing.
- Officers will be placed in an on-call status for a pay period (80 hours)
- If the Chief decides to designate officers for on call status, the Chief can designate up to four officers on call during a given week, inclusive of both day shift and night shift. An officer cannot be on-call during his/her work day. When on-call, day shift officers will be on call for day shift 6a-6p and night shift officers will be on call for night shift 6p-6a.
- Once called, officers will be required to call back within 15 minutes of receiving the call.
- Once an on call officer is ordered in, he/she will be required to return to the justice center within 75 minutes. (For a total time from call to on-premises of 90 minutes)
- Officers who are in an on-call status shall refrain from drinking alcohol.
- On-Call sign up lists will be posted yearly and broken into four sign up cycles. Officers shall sign up for one pay period per cycle based on seniority. Any remaining weeks will be filled starting with the officer with the least seniority and moving upward.
- Officers who are in an on-call status are forbidden from working road coverage overtime, unrelated to a call-in, but may work extra duty while “on-call “until he or she is called in to work for road coverage purposes, at which time the on-call employee will respond to the call out, as soon as reasonably practicable.

In rare instances this procedure may not be followed. In such cases, detectives, officers on special assignments or others officers who are working outside his or her normal scheduled hours may be ordered in to work.

DISCIPLINE:

All incidents of misconduct related to this Call-In/Officer Contact Procedure are subject to principles of progressive discipline, except in cases of egregious misconduct, with the following exceptions.

1. Officers who are designated on-call and who do not answer their phone and fail to respond to a missed call or a text within fifteen (15) minutes will be subject to progressive discipline, beginning with a written reprimand.
2. Officers who are designated on-call and who fail to respond to a missed call within one hour of the message being sent will be subject to progressive discipline, beginning with a final written warning.
3. Officers who are designated on-call and who fail or refuse to respond after being spoken to (including failing to report due to alcohol consumption), will be subject to the full range of potential penalties in the progressive disciplinary scheme up to and including termination.

4. Any penalty imposed, pursuant to this procedure, is subject to appeal through the grievance and arbitration process contained in this collective bargaining agreement.

PAY:

The City of Wooster agrees to pay any bargaining unit member two dollars an hour for every hour the member is on “on-call status” as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act; provided however, if the officer is called to duty, the member shall receive the minimum call-in rate of 3 hours of pay at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) times the employee’s regular hourly wage. If an employee is called to duty and receives the minimum call in rate of 3 hours, they will forgo three hours of “on-call” pay.

If an “on-call” employee is called to duty and is required to stay beyond the minimum call-in time of 3 hours, they will receive the overtime-time rate for the entire period they are required to remain on duty. They will; however, forfeit the “on-call” pay for each hour they remain on duty beyond the fifteen minute mark at the top of the hour. (example, an officer is called in and stays for 3 hours and fifteen minutes. They would receive 3 hours and fifteen minutes of overtime pay and 8 hours of on-call pay (for a 12-hour “on-call” status)) {Officers cannot receive both OT and “call-in” pay}

“On-call” pay will be tabulated and added to a members pay on a two week basis.

If an “on-call” officer is summoned to work, he/she will receive the “on-call” rate until the officer reaches the Wooster Safety Center. Once the officer reaches the Safety Center, they will receive the minimum call-in pay of 3 hours.

Officers who voluntarily sign up for on-call duty may not remove their name without having a replacement officer to fill in the void created by the removal of their name.

OFF DUTY/EXTRA DUTY DETAILS:

When an officer is needed for an off duty or extra duty detail the following procedure will be followed.

1. Detail that requires an officer immediately.
 - a. One all call page will be sent.
2. Detail that requires an officer within the next 72 hours, but not immediately.
 - a. One all call page will be sent between 1200hrs & 1800hrs.
3. No OT filled pages will be sent.

COURT CASES:

When an officer needs to be notified reference court, the following procedure would be followed.

1. If the notification is for a court case within that work day, a page will be sent immediately.
2. If the notification is for a court case that is not within that work day, a page will be sent between 1200hrs & 1800hrs.

No OT filled pages will be sent.

EMERGENCY CALL INS: There are instances where staffing is needed immediately to cover emergencies that occur. These emergencies include but are not limited to natural disasters, civil disturbances and riots, and major criminal events. Officers will be expected to respond immediately under such circumstances when called to duty unless one of the three exceptions outlined above applies. Once those officers are in a position to respond (having abated the circumstances precluding their initial response) they should make attempts to contact command staff to determine if their services are still needed.

APPENDIX B – EXTERNAL VESTS

Section 1. Officers will be permitted to wear external body armor while on duty.

Section 2. The City of Wooster will allow officers the option of wearing their body armor in an external carrier such that the armor will be worn on the outside of the officer's uniform. The external carrier for the body armor will be purchased by the Division. The rules regarding Body Armor are contained in Policy 1024, Body Armor, which is subject to update by the Chief of Police at his discretion. In consideration of the City providing, and the Policy allowing, the use of external body armor, the Union agrees to abide by the disciplinary directive outlined in Section 3 contained in this appendix.

Section 3. It is understood by the parties that discipline for failure to adhere to the policy regarding body armor (when in an internal or external carrier) will be administered separate and apart from the progressive discipline provision contained in Article 31, Section 2 of this contract. However, discipline for failure to adhere to the policy regarding body armor will still be subject to the Grievance Procedure and the 24 month effective period outlined in the Employee Handbook. Provisions of the Employee Handbook causing disciplined employees to be ineligible to apply for open positions or promotional opportunities with the City of Wooster shall not apply to body armor discipline. However, any employee who is disciplined for three or more violations of the body armor policy in one 24 months period shall become ineligible to apply for an open position or promotional opportunity within the City of Wooster.

Section 4. Discipline for infractions of Policy 1024, Body Armor, will progress as follows:

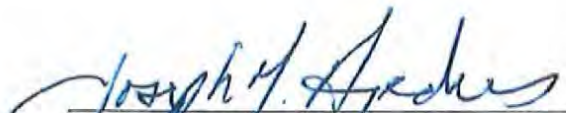
First Offense:	8-Hour Suspension
Second Offense:	40-Hour Suspension
Third Offense:	80-Hour Suspension
Fourth Offense:	Termination of Employment

ARTICLE 43 EXECUTION


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed this 28th day of December 2021.

FOR THE OPBA:

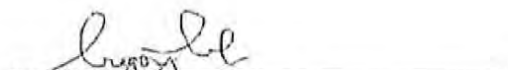
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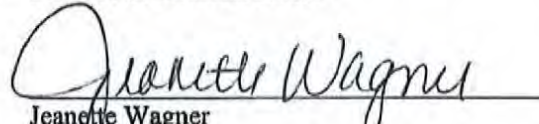
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