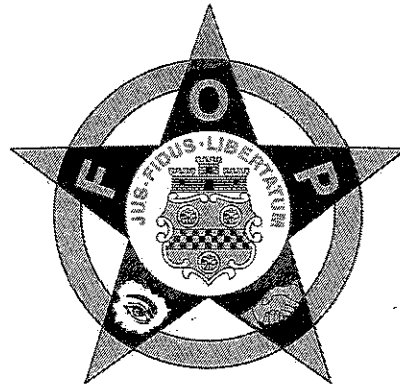


AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN THE

GALLIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

AND



FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC.

**(FT Deputies, Detectives, Corrections and Road Patrol)
(FT Sergeants)**

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ARTICLE 1

AGREEMENT

Section 1.1. Purpose: This Agreement, entered into by the Gallia County Sheriff, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer", and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Labor Council", has as its purpose the following:

- A. To promote cooperation, and orderly, constructive, harmonious relations between the Employer, its employees, and the Labor Council.
- B. To comply with the requirements of Chapter 4117 of the Ohio Revised Code, and to set forth the full and complete understandings and agreements between the parties governing the wages, hours, terms, and other conditions of employment for those employees included in the bargaining unit as defined herein.
- C. To prevent interruptions of work and interference with the efficient operation of the Sheriff's Office.
- D. To establish a procedure for the peaceful resolution of grievances.

Section 1.2. Modification of Agreement: The express provisions of this Agreement may be changed only by mutual agreement between the parties, reduced in writing, dated, and signed by the parties to this Agreement.

Section 1.3. Savings Clause: This Agreement supersedes and replaces all pertinent statutes, rules and regulations over which it has authority to supersede and replace. Where this Agreement is silent, the provisions of applicable law shall prevail.

Should any portion of the Agreement contained herein be declared invalid by operation of law or by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidation of such part or provision shall not invalidate the remaining portions hereof and they shall remain in full force and effect. In addition, within twenty (20) calendar days following the effective date of such declaration of invalidity, the parties shall meet in an attempt to modify such provision to comply with the applicable law.

Section 1.4. Past Practice: The County and the Labor Council acknowledge that certain customs and practices presently exist with respect to the operation of the Sheriff's Office. When those customs and practices fall within Management Rights as set forth in Article 4 herein, then the County agrees not to unilaterally alter them without notice to the Labor Council when practicable.

When those customs and practices do not fall within Management Rights as set forth in Article 4 herein, then the County agrees not to alter them without prior notice to the Labor Council and a meeting of the Labor Management Committee to discuss those alterations should the Labor Council so request. If the proposed alteration violates any provision of this Agreement, then it is subject to the Grievance Procedure.

ARTICLE 2 RECOGNITION

Section 2.1. Recognition: The Sheriff hereby recognizes the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the purpose of collective bargaining of all wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment for all full-time employees that have been certified by the State Employment Relations Board in Case No.02-REP-09-0167, and 02-REP-09-0166.

Unit A: All Sergeants

Unit B: All Sheriff's Deputies including: Detectives, Corrections and Road Patrol.

Section 2.2. Exclusions: All positions and classifications not specifically established herein as being included in a bargaining unit shall be excluded from currently established bargaining units.

Section 2.3. Single Agreement: It is understood that this Agreement is a multiple unit Agreement, entered into voluntarily by the parties, and that no future obligation exists that would require the parties to bargain for these units in separate negotiations.

Section 2.4. Coverage: All Articles of this Agreement shall cover all classifications within the two (2) bargaining units unless otherwise excluded by the specific language within a specific Article.

Section 2.5. New Positions: In the event that a new position is created within the Sheriff's Office, the Sheriff shall determine whether the new position will be included in or excluded from the bargaining units and shall so advise the Labor Council. If there is any dispute as to the Sheriff's determination of bargaining unit status, the parties will meet to attempt to resolve their disagreement. If the parties agree on the determination, it shall be implemented. If the parties still do not agree, the Sheriff's may be implemented, subject to challenge by the Labor Council to State Employment Relations Board.

The Sheriff shall not attempt to abridge this Agreement by changing the rank structure or classification designation of any employee during the length of this Agreement with the purpose of eliminating such employees from the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 3
SECURITY

Section 3.1. Labor Council Dues Deduction: The Labor Council will notify the Employer of the dues it charges and its current membership and will update this information as needed.

The Employer agrees to authorize the Auditor to deduct membership dues in the amount requested once each month from the pay of any employee in the bargaining units who have authorized the same in writing.

Section 3.2. Payment/Labor Council: All dues collected under this Article shall be paid within thirty (30) days to the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, at 222 East Town Street, Columbus, OH, 43215-4166.

Section 3.3. Membership Cancellation:

- A. A member may withdraw authorization for dues deduction by directing a request in writing to the Employer and the Labor Council.
- B. Dues deduction shall cease upon the happening of any of the following events:
 - 1. Resignation or discharge of the employee.
 - 2. Transfer of the employee from the bargaining unit.
 - 3. Expiration of this Agreement and extensions thereof.
- 4. Submission of a written request pursuant to "A" above.
- C. No other employee organization's dues shall be deducted from the pay of any bargaining unit member during the life of this Agreement.
- D. The F.O.P./O.L.C. hereby agrees that it will indemnify and hold the Employer harmless from any claims, actions, or proceedings by any employee, the F.O.P., or the Labor Council arising from deductions made by the Employer pursuant to this Article, except the nonpayment of funds deducted from the employee's pay.

Section 3.4. Contract Service Fee:

- A. Any full time bargaining unit employee, both present and future, who is not or does not become a member of the Labor Council during the term of this Agreement shall pay to the Labor Council, through payroll deduction, a contract service fee for the duration of this Agreement. This provision shall not require any employee to become or remain a member of the Labor Council nor shall the contract service fee exceed the dues paid by members of the Labor Council in the same bargaining unit.

- B. If an employee challenges the propriety of the Labor Council's use of such fee, deductions shall continue, but the funds shall be placed in an interest bearing escrow account until a resolution of the challenge is reached pursuant to the provisions of O.R.C. 4117.09(C).
- C. It is further agreed that the Labor Council shall defend, and save the Employer harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, other forms of liability which may arise out of, or be by reason of action taken or not taken in, fulfilling the obligations imposed on the Employer under this Section, except for failure to forward deducted fees. All fees deducted by the Employer from the pay of the employee shall be forwarded to the Labor Council pursuant to Section 3.2 hereof.
- D. It is agreed that Section 3.4 has been suspended due to preemption of Ohio law by the federal courts. Should such preemption change at any time during this agreement, Section 3.4 shall again become enforceable language and such fees shall be deducted.

Section 3.5. Maintenance of Dues: Present members and members who subsequently complete dues deduction authorization cards will have their dues deduction continued for the term of this contract or for any extension of this contract. The Employer will deduct dues for all members on active pay status. Should a member not be on active pay status, the Employer will institute within thirty (30) days of the return, including but not limited to, reinstatement, return from leave, disability, separation, and layoff.

Section 3.6. Bulletin Board: The Employer shall provide bulletin board space for the use of the Labor Council. Labor Council officials shall be responsible for posting and/or approving the posting of notices thereon which employees may read when reporting to or leaving their work stations, or during their free time. Any notice or literature posted does not first have to be approved by the Employer.

The Labor Council agrees that notices shall be Labor Council related and no notices will be placed on the bulletin board which contain:

- A. Personal attacks upon any County employee.
- B. Scandalous, scurrilous, or derogatory attacks upon the administration.
- C. Attacks on any other employee organization.
- D. Any obscene material.
- E. Ethnic material.
- F. Political material.

Section 3.7. Ballot Box: The Labor Council shall be permitted, upon prior written notification to the Sheriff, to place a ballot box at Department Headquarters for the purpose of collecting member's ballots on all Labor Council issues subject to ballot.

Such box shall be the property of the Labor Council and neither the ballot box nor its contents shall be subject to the Employer's review. Such balloting shall not interfere with work activities.

Section 3.8. Place for Meetings: Meetings of the Committees of the Labor Council will be permitted on County property when and where work is not interrupted by such meetings. The supervisor can interrupt such Committee meetings in the event of an emergency.

Section 3.9. Non-Employee Representative: Upon twenty-four (24) hours' notice, when possible, non-employee representatives of the Labor Council shall be permitted to visit the work areas for the purpose of determining whether provisions of the Agreement are being observed, to attend meetings between the Employer and the Labor Council, and to consult with the Committee Chairman and/or the Wage and Grievance Chairman, provided it does not interfere with the operational needs of the Sheriff's Office.

The Labor Council shall be permitted to make contact with or telephone an employee at the work place, provided it does not interfere with the operation of the Sheriff's Office nor will there be any expense incurred by the Sheriff's Office by this contract.

ARTICLE 4
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 4.1. Management Rights: Except as specifically limited by this Agreement, the Employer reserves and retains the right and authority to determine matters of inherent managerial policy, which include but are not limited to, areas of discretion or policy such as:

- A. To determine the functions and programs of the Employer.
- B. To determine the standards of services to be delivered.
- C. To determine the overall budget.
- D. To determine how technology may be utilized to improve the Employer's operations.
- E. To determine the Employer's organizational structure.
- F. To direct, supervise, evaluate, or hire employees.
- G. To maintain and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Employer's operation.
- H. To determine the overall methods, process, means, or personnel by which the Employer's operations are to be conducted.
- I. To suspend, discipline, demote, or discharge for just cause, or layoff, transfer, assign, schedule, promote, or retain employees.
- J. To determine the adequacy of the work force; which includes but is not limited to the number of employees and quality of work.
- K. To determine the overall mission of the Office as a unit of government.
- L. To effectively manage the work force.
- M. To take actions necessary to carry out the mission of the Employer as a governmental unit.

ARTICLE 5
NON-DISCRIMINATION

Section 5.1. Discrimination: Neither party will discriminate for or against any bargaining unit employee on the basis of age, sex, race, color, ancestry, religion, marital status, national origin, disability, military status, political affiliation, affiliation with or non-affiliation with the Labor Council.

Section 5.2. Gender: Whenever the context so requires, the use of words herein in the singular shall be construed to include the plural, and words in the plural, the singular. Words, whether in the masculine, feminine, or neuter genders, shall be construed to include all of those genders. By the use of either the masculine or feminine genders, it is understood that the use is for convenience purposes only and is not to be interpreted to be discriminatory by reason of sex.

ARTICLE 6
LABOR COUNCIL RELEASE TIME

Section 6.1. Labor Council Representative:

The Employer agrees to recognize up to five (5) employee Labor Council representatives. There shall not be more than two (2) from Unit A Sergeants (SERB Certification 02-REP-09-0167) and not more than three (3) from Unit B Deputies including: Detectives, Corrections, and Road Patrol (SERB Certification 02-REP-09-0166), for the purpose of conducting Labor Council business as related to this Agreement. The chairman of the bargaining committee is the highest ranking official in the bargaining unit. The Chairperson will be permitted time off as set forth below during the workweek to attend to Labor Council and Agreement matters within the Chairperson's capacity. During such service in this post, the Labor Council official shall continue the Chairperson's entitlement to wages, fringe benefits, seniority accrual, and all other benefits allowed a bargaining unit member as though the Chairperson were at all times performing the Chairperson's job-related duties.

Section 6.2. Conditions of Release: During such term in office, the Labor Council official shall continue to be required to report daily to the employee's supervisor at the employee's assigned shift starting time, and shall be required to apprise their supervisor of their whereabouts at all working times while performing the duties allowed by this Article. The bargaining committee chairman and/or alternate may be granted time off, with notice to the employee's supervisor, to attend Labor Council related activities. The Chairperson shall attempt to perform such activities during normal working hours, but it is understood exceptions may occur.

Abuse of granted time off may be subject to disciplinary action.

Withholding of requested time off shall automatically extend any time limits affected by an equivalent period of time.

The Labor Council official will be required to drop or forego any of the activities allowed by this Article, upon the direction of the official's supervisor, for the purpose of assisting in emergency police work. But for an emergency situation, sufficient time to perform Labor Council business shall not be unreasonably limited by the official's supervisor or the Employer, nor will the Labor Council official devote unnecessary Employer paid time to these functions. None of the duties of the Labor Council official herein described may be conducted on Employer-paid overtime hours.

In the absence of the highest ranking member of the bargaining unit, the designated alternate shall be entitled to all the privileges set out in this Section.

The Labor Council will notify the Employer, in writing, of the names of all representatives of the bargaining unit and any changes which may occur.

Section 6.3. Convention/Seminars: The Labor Council representative or designee shall be allowed one (1) day off with pay in order to attend the annual State Convention/Seminar. Such release time shall be requested seven (7) days in advance of the posting of the schedule in which the day involved occurs. The Sheriff shall not withhold permission for the utilization of release time hereunder except in the event of an emergency. The Sheriff may utilize part-time or voluntary workers to cover such absences.

ARTICLE 7 NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT

Section 7.1. No Strike: Inasmuch as this Agreement provides a mechanism for the orderly resolution of grievance, including resolution by an impartial third party, the Employer and the Labor Council recognize their mutual responsibility to provide for uninterrupted services to the citizens of Gallia County.

Therefore: The Labor Council agrees that neither it, its officers, agents, representatives, or any employees covered by this Agreement will authorize, instigate, cause, aid, condone, or participate in any strike or work stoppage for the duration of this Agreement, provided the Employer is not in violation of Section 7.2 of this Article. The Employer agrees to notify the Labor Council by telephone of any strike-related activity.

Section 7.2. No Lockout: The Employer agrees that neither it, its officers, agents, or representatives, individually or collectively, will authorize, instigate, cause, aid, or condone any lockout of members of the Labor Council as a result of a Labor dispute with the Labor Council, provided the Labor Council members are not in violation of Section 7.1 of this Article.

ARTICLE 8 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 8.1. Purpose: The Employer, the Labor Council, and the bargaining units recognize that, in the interest of effective personnel management, a procedure is necessary whereby employees can be assured of a prompt, impartial, and fair processing of their grievances.

Every employee shall have the right to present a grievance in accordance with the procedures provided herein, free from any interference, coercion, restraint, discrimination, or reprisal.

It is the intent and purpose of the parties to this Agreement that all grievances shall be settled, if possible, at the lowest step of this procedure.

Section 8.2. Grievance Defined: A grievance is any unresolved question or dispute regarding the wages, hours, or terms and conditions of employment of covered employees, including but not limited to, unresolved questions or disputes concerning the interpretation and application of this Agreement.

Section 8.3. Qualification: A grievance can be initiated by the Labor Council or any aggrieved bargaining unit member.

Section 8.4. Jurisdiction: Nothing in this Grievance Procedure shall deny employees any rights available at law to achieve redress of their Constitutional Rights. However, the Grievance Procedure shall generally be considered the sole remedy.

Section 8.5. Representatives: The Labor Council may designate not more than one (1) grievance representative per Division from among these grievance representatives, the Labor Council may appoint a Chairman. The Labor Council shall notify the Sheriff in writing of the names of the grievance representatives and the Grievance Chairman within thirty (30) days of their appointment.

The authorized functions of the Grievance Chairman, and a named alternate who shall serve as Grievance Chairman in the absence or unavailability of the Grievance Chairman, shall include the following:

- A. Representing the employee in investigating and processing grievances.
- B. Replacing a grievance representative who is absent or unavailable.
- C. General supervision and coordination of grievances in process on behalf of the Labor Council and of grievance representatives.

- D. Act as liaison between the Employer's representatives and the Labor Council on matters concerning grievances and this Agreement.

The Grievance Chairman shall be released from normal duties, upon approval of the Chairman's supervisor, to participate in the aforementioned duties without loss of pay or benefits, when such duties can only be performed during the chairman's normal work hours, subject to limitations set forth in Article 6, Section 6.2. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld, and the withholding of such approval shall result in an automatic, equivalent extension of time limits within which a grievant must appeal the grievance or have it heard.

The Grievance Chairman shall notify the Chairman's supervisor in advance of such duties.

Section 8.6. Administration of Grievances: The following procedures shall apply to the administration of all grievances filed under this procedure:

- A. All written grievances shall include: the name and position of the grievant, the provisions of this Agreement involved in the grievance, the time and place where the alleged events or condition giving rise to the grievance took place, and a general statement of the grievance and the redress sought by the grievant.
- B. Each decision shall be transmitted to the grievant in writing. All appeals shall be rendered in writing at each step of the Grievance Procedure.
- C. 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 Labor Council, provided that the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.
- D. A grievant has the discretion to be accompanied at all steps of the Grievance Procedure by a representative of the Labor Council, however, the Employer shall notify the grievance chairman and provide a copy of any grievance filed by a grievant who does not desire to be accompanied by a Labor Council representative. The Employer also recognizes that bargaining unit representatives shall have the opportunity to be present at any adjustment of the grievance.
- E. Witnesses for either party may be requested to attend any step of this procedure except the informal step. If the witness is an on-duty employee, such employee may be called without loss of pay.

Section 8.7. Time Limits: Grievances shall be processed as expeditiously as possible. The number of days indicated at each step in the procedure shall be calendar days and shall be the maximum.

If a decision on a grievance is not appealed within the time limits specified at any step of the procedure, the grievance shall be deemed settled on a basis of the disposition at that step and further appeal shall be barred.

Failure at any step of these procedures to communicate the Administration's decision on a grievance within the specified time limits shall cause the grievance to automatically proceed to the next step.

Section 8.8. Grievance Procedure:

- A. Informal Procedure: An employee having an individual grievance will first attempt to resolve it informally with the Chief Deputy. Such attempt at informal resolution shall be made by the employee within fourteen (14) calendar days following the events or circumstances giving rise to the grievance having occurred or within fourteen (14) calendar days of when the events or circumstances should have become known to the employee. Grievances brought to the attention of the Chief Deputy (except as otherwise provided herein) beyond the fourteen (14) calendar day limit shall not be considered. At this step, the grievance must be submitted and responded to in writing. If the Chief Deputy grants a grievance at verbal levels, written acknowledgment of granting such grievance must be furnished. If the employee is not satisfied with the response, which shall be given within fourteen (14) calendar days of the submission of the grievance at this step, the grievant may pursue the formal steps which follow. Before a grievance and proposed solution are placed in writing pursuant to Step 2, such grievance shall be screened by the Grievance Chairman, or appropriate alternate, if the employee intends to use Labor Council representation in the procedure.
- B. Formal Procedure:

Step 1 Sheriff

1. Should the employee not be satisfied with the informal answer, within ten (10) calendar days thereafter, the employee may appeal the grievance to Step 1 by delivering a copy of the grievance form and any pertinent documents to the office of the Sheriff. The Sheriff or representative shall date the form, accurately showing the date the office received the form.
2. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the grievance form, the Sheriff, (or designated representative for this purpose), shall investigate the grievance and shall schedule and conduct a meeting to discuss the grievance with the Grievance Chairman and the employee. The employee may bring the appropriate grievance

representative(s) to the meeting. The Sheriff and the employee may bring any appropriate witnesses.

3. In the meeting called for at this Step, the Sheriff, or representative designated for this purpose, shall hear a full explanation of the grievance and the material facts relating thereof.
4. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of the meeting in this Step, the Sheriff shall submit to the Grievance Chairman and the employee a written response to the grievance.

Step 2 Arbitration

If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Step 1, the Labor Council may notify the employer of the intent to arbitrate. The notification for arbitration shall be made within twenty-one (21) calendar days following either the receipt of the disposition of the grievance or the lapse of time in which the disposition should have been received under Step 1, whichever occurs first.

Within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the notification of arbitration, the parties will request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service within twenty-one (21) calendar days of receipt of the list, will choose one (1) by the alternate striking method. In the event that FMCS is no longer able to provide services the parties agree to use the American Arbitration Association (AAA), or any other mutually agreed upon arbitration service.

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.

The arbitrator shall be confined to the issue(s) submitted for arbitration and shall have no authority to decide any other issue(s) not submitted in a grievance.

The question of arbitrability of a grievance may be raised by either party before the arbitration hearing of the grievance, on the grounds that the matter is non-arbitral or beyond the arbitrator's jurisdiction. The first question to be placed before the arbitrator will be whether or not the alleged grievance is arbitrable. If the arbitrator determines the grievance is within the purview of arbitrability, the alleged grievance will be heard on its merits before the same arbitrator.

The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and the cost of the hearing room, if any, will be split by the parties. All other expenses shall be borne by the party incurring them. Neither party shall be responsible for any of the expenses incurred by the other party.

An employee requested to appear at the arbitration hearing by either party and whose presence is necessary shall attend without the necessity of subpoena. Any request made by either party for the attendance of the witnesses shall be made in good faith.

The arbitrator's decision and award will be in writing and delivered as soon as possible from the date the record is closed. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties, except as is reviewable by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 8.9. Miscellaneous:

- A. In the event the Labor Council determines, at any level of the Grievance Procedure, that a grievance should not be carried further, the grievant personally, may continue the procedure.
- B. Any employee may withdraw a grievance at any point by submitting, in writing, a statement to the effect, or by permitting the time requirements at any Step to lapse without further appeal.
- C. No employee may be represented in this Grievance Procedure by any union organization other than the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc., or its affiliates.
- D. No records, documents, or communications concerning a grievance shall be placed in the personnel file solely because an employee participated in this procedure.
- E. The forms for processing grievances shall be made available through the Sheriff's Office and the Labor Council.

**ARTICLE 9
DISCIPLINE AND INVESTIGATIONS**

Section 9.1. Internal Investigations:

- A. Any employee who is to be questioned as a suspect in any investigation where criminal charges may result shall be advised of the employee's Constitutional Rights in accordance with the law.
- B. Before an employee may be charged with insubordination for failure to answer questions or for failure to participate in an investigation, the employee shall be advised that such conduct, if continued, may be the basis for such a charge. During interviews where an action of record may occur, if an employee desires, the employee shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be represented by appropriate Labor Council representative and/or an attorney before being required to answer questions.

- C. Any interrogation, questioning, or interviewing of an employee will be conducted at hours reasonably related to the employee's shift, preferable during, or immediately after working hours, unless the situation dictates otherwise.

Interrogation sessions shall be for reasonable periods of time, and shall be allowed during such questioning for rest periods and attendance to other physical necessities.

- D. Either party may tape record any internal interview with the consent of the other party. If a taping of an internal interview occurs, an accurate copy of said tape shall be supplied to the non-taping party.
- E. When any anonymous complaint is made against an employee, the Sheriff (or designee) may investigate, and if there is no corroborative evidence, the complaint shall be classified as unfounded and no action will be taken.
- F. Any employee, who is charged with violating Office rules and regulations will be provided access to transcripts, reports, records, lists, written statements, and tapes pertinent to the case at the time the employee receives notice of the charges.
- G. Any employee who has been under investigation shall be informed, in writing, of the outcome of the case at the conclusion of the investigation. All investigations, except those concerning criminal charges, shall be completed within ninety (90) workdays of the filing of the complaint.
- H. The employee shall be informed of the nature of the investigation prior to questioning. At any time an investigation concerning an employee occurs wherein disciplinary action of record (suspension, reduction, or removal) will or may result, the employee will be notified when first questioned that such result is possible.
- I. The Sheriff shall not, in the course of an investigation, obtain evidence through the use of threats or coercion. The Sheriff (or his designee) shall advise the Bargaining Unit Member that any refusal to answer questions after being ordered to do so will lead to additional charges of insubordination with appropriate related discipline.
- J. The Employer will not use a polygraph machine or other mechanical or chemical means to investigate the truth of statements made by employees without the written consent of the member.
- K. Any person wanting to file a complaint against an employee shall be required to reduce the complaint to writing and sign and date the complaint. The Employer shall inform the complainant that any complaint that is filed, and after investigation found to be untruthful, shall be forwarded to the employee, who has the right to seek appropriate legal remedies.

Section 9.2. Disciplinary Procedure:

- A. No employee shall be disciplined except for just cause.
- B. Except in instances where the employee is found guilty of gross misconduct, the Employer shall apply discipline in a progressive, corrective, and uniform manner. Normal progressive discipline for the same or similar incidents shall consist of an oral warning, written reprimand, short term suspension, and either a long term suspension, demotion, or discharge.
- C. The Employer may take corrective action deemed necessary by the circumstances on a case-by-case basis.
- D. The Employer agrees not to suspend, demote, or discharge an employee without first conducting a hearing. This hearing is to be held between the Employer, the employee's representative, the employee, and a Labor Council representative, if the employee so desires. The employee will receive a written statement or charges prior to the hearing. Hearings, where practical, shall be conducted at hours reasonably related to the employee's shift, such as during, immediately before, or immediately after working hours, except where the situation dictates otherwise. If possible, an employee shall be given at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice before a written reprimand is to be given.
- E. Written reprimands, suspensions, demotions, or discharges are subject to the Grievance Procedure and such grievances shall begin at the formal level. However, oral and written reprimands shall not be appealable to arbitration. When an oral reprimand is used as a basis for further discipline, such reprimand is considered reopened and subject to the Grievance Procedure.
- F. The Employer agrees that all disciplinary procedures shall be carried out in private and in a businesslike manner.

ARTICLE 10
PERSONNEL FILE

Section 10.1. Personnel File: There may be only one (1) official personnel file maintained by the Employer:

- A. Every employee shall be allowed to review the employee's own personnel file at any reasonable time upon written request. An employee may also authorize an attorney or O.L.C. staff representative to review the personnel file. Such request shall be made to the Sheriff and review of the file shall be made in the presence of the Sheriff or designated representative.

Except for supervisory and administrative personnel with legitimate need to know and administrative agencies or courts of competent jurisdiction which have subpoenaed them, personnel files shall not be made available for review by anyone except as required by law.

- B. Any employee may copy documents in that employee's own file. The Employer may levy a charge for such copying, which shall bear a reasonable relationship to actual cost.
- C. If, upon examining their personnel file, an employee has reason to believe that there are inaccuracies in documents contained therein, the employee may write a memorandum to the Sheriff explaining the alleged inaccuracy. If the Sheriff concurs with the employee's contentions, the Sheriff shall make a notation stating agreement that the document is faulty and attach said notation to the document. If the Sheriff disagrees with the employee's contention, the Sheriff shall attach the employee's memorandum to the document in the file and note thereon disagreement with the memorandum's contents.
- D. Any employee's signature on a document shall mean the employee has seen the document, however agreement with the document and its content is not acknowledged unless and not agreement with its content unless it is so stated on the document.
- E. Records of written reprimands shall cease to have force and effect or be considered in future discipline matters twenty-four (24) months after their effective date, providing there are no intervening disciplinary actions taken during that time period.

Any record of discipline of any other kind shall cease to have force and effect thirty (30) months from the date of issuance, providing there are no intervening disciplinary actions taken during that time period. Outdated discipline records shall, upon the request of the employee, be removed from the personnel file and placed in an inactive file.

- F. The parties hereby agree that this Article shall be applied in compliance with O.R.C. 149.43, the Ohio Public Records law.

ARTICLE 11
LABOR-MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

Section 11.1. Meetings: In the interest of sound Labor-management relations, the Labor Council and the Employer will meet at agreeable dates and times for the purpose of discussing those matters outlined in Section 11.2 below. Normally, meetings held within this Article will be once every six (6) months unless matters of urgent nature require additional meetings. No more than three (3) employee representatives of the Labor Council, three (3) representatives of the County, and one (1) non-employee representative of the two (2) parties shall be permitted to attend such meetings.

Section 11.2. Agenda: The party requesting the meeting shall furnish an agenda and the names of the employees who will be attending, with the request for the meeting. Subjects that may be discussed at these meetings shall include but not be limited to the items listed below:

- A. Discuss the administration of this Agreement.
- B. Notify the Labor Council of changes made by the Employer which may affect bargaining unit members.
- C. Discuss grievances which have not been processed beyond the final step of the Grievance Procedure when such discussions are mutually agreed to by the parties.
- D. Disseminate general information of interest to the parties.
- E. Give the Labor Council representative the opportunity to share the view of its members and/or make suggestions on subjects of interest to its members.
- F. Discuss ways to improve efficiency and work performance.
- G. Consider and discuss health, safety, and training matters.

Section 11.3. Attendance/Reports: Labor Council employee representatives attending Labor Management meetings shall not suffer a loss in pay for hours spent in such meetings, if held during the employee's regularly scheduled hours of work.

Written responses promised by the Employer representative during such meetings to items raised by the Labor Council representatives will be submitted to the top Labor Council representative who attended such meeting within two (2) weeks after such meeting, unless the parties mutually agree to a time extension. The Labor Council may submit a written report as a result of such meetings.

ARTICLE 12 LAYOFF AND RECALL

Section 12.1. Seniority List: For purposes of this article, Office seniority means an employee's length of total accumulated service with the Employer. For purposes of this article, classification seniority shall mean the total period of service in a classification. An office and classification seniority list for the bargaining units shall be kept by the Employer and shall be updated as necessary. A copy shall be available for inspection in a location designated by the Sheriff.

Section 12.2. Layoff Notification: When the Employer determines that a layoff or job abolishment is necessary due to lack of work or lack of funds, the employer will notify the affected employees at least twenty-one (21) calendar days in advance of the effective date of the layoff or job abolishment. The Employer, upon request from the Labor Council, agrees to discuss, with representatives of the Labor Council, the impact of the layoff on bargaining unit employees.

Section 12.3. Layoff: The Employer shall determine in which classification layoffs will occur and layoffs of bargaining unit employees will be by office seniority. For purposes of this article, classifications shall be Detectives, Corrections, Sergeants, and Road Patrol. Employees shall be laid off within each classification in order of departmental seniority, beginning with the least senior and progressing to the most senior, up to the number of employees who are to be laid off. In the event two (2) or more employees began work on the same day, their respective appointment times shall determine seniority listing.

Any employee who is laid off shall have the right to displace an employee with less departmental seniority in another classification, provided the laid off employee is qualified and has the appropriate state certificate and/or qualifications to perform the duties of the other classification without additional training.

Current employees shall be offered a one-time opportunity to become certified as a corrections officer.

All temporary, intermittent, part-time, or seasonal employees within a classification, shall be laid off prior to any bargaining unit employees, and in no case shall such non-bargaining unit employees be used in such a manner as to affect a functional layoff by denying bargaining unit member work to bargaining unit members. Any gender requirements mandated by the State, pertaining to jail staffing, can be considered in layoff determinations.

Section 12.4. Recall: When employees are laid off, the Employer shall create a recall list. The Employer shall recall employees from layoff as needed. The Employer shall recall such employees according to departmental seniority, beginning with the most senior employees and progressing to the least senior, up to the number of employees to be recalled. An employee shall be eligible for recall for a period of eighteen (18) months after the effective date of the layoff.

When the Employer recalls persons from the list, they shall be recalled to their previous classification, but not necessarily to the shift on which they were working when laid off.

Section 12.5. Recall Notification: Notice of recall shall be sent to the employee, by certified mail, with a copy to the Labor Council. The Employer shall be deemed to have fulfilled its obligations by mailing the recall notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last address provided by the employee.

All members of the bargaining units with recall rights must be given the right to reinstatement before any temporary, intermittent, part-time, or seasonal or new employees may be hired or rehired or recalled in the Department.

Section 12.6. Time Limits: The recalled employee shall have seven (7) calendar days following the date of mailing of the recall notice to notify the Employer the intention to return to work. The employee shall have up to fifteen (15) calendar days following the date of the Employer's notification to the employee in which to report for duty, unless a later date for returning to work is otherwise specified in the notice.

Section 12.7. Probationary Period: Recalled employees shall not serve a probationary period upon reinstatement, except that employees serving a probationary period at layoff shall be required to finish such probationary period.

Section 12.8. Negotiated Voluntary Workweek Reduction: The Sheriff and union may negotiate to reduce the regular workweek of full-time employees in order to avoid a layoff of any full-time employee which is occurring due to a financial shortfall in the department budget, after the steps in Section 12.3 have taken place.

ARTICLE 13 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 13.1. Rules, Regulations and Orders: The Employer agrees that rules, regulations, and orders of the Sheriff's Office shall be furnished to all members of the bargaining units in written form or electronic form, within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Agreement.

To the extent possible, the Sheriff agrees that amendments to orders, rules, or regulations shall be posted (with a copy provided to the Labor Council representative) in written form seven (7) days in advance of their implementation. The Labor Council or any members of the bargaining unit may, within three (3) days of the posting, request a meeting of the Labor-Management Committee to seek clarification or to present alternative viewpoints with respect to such amendments.

The rules and regulations shall be applied and interpreted consistently by the Employer and may not violate any provision of this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed in any manner as a limitation of the Employer's right to alter its work rules, policies, or directives.

ARTICLE 14 SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

Section 14.1. Safety Policy: The Employer agrees to furnish and to maintain in safe condition all tools, facilities, vehicles, equipment, and supplies the Sheriff reasonably deems necessary to safely carry out the duties of each Office position, but reserves the right to determine what those facilities, vehicles, and equipment shall be. Employees are responsible for reporting to the Employer any unsafe conditions or practice and for properly using and caring for all tools and equipment furnished by the Employer.

Section 14.2. Training: The Sheriff agrees to provide materials, equipment, and training for all covered employees in such degrees as is required by law or the Sheriff as a condition of employment. All training/certifications that are required as a condition of employment, if not held at the time of initial employment will be at the expense of the employee. The Employer will provide, at no cost to the employee, adequate rounds of ammunition to be used for in-service firing qualification.

Section 14.3. Expenses incurred for meals while on official Employer-required training will be reimbursed at maximum cost of Fifty-nine (\$59.00)per day with the proper submission of all required receipts and with the approval of the Employer when travel extends out of the county and through a normal meal period.

An employee is eligible for such reimbursement only when training has been required by the Employer, and when travel extends through a normal meal period. If a meal(s) is furnished with the training, seminar, conference, etc., (excluding a continental breakfast, box lunches), no reimbursement will be provided for that meal. The Employer will not reimburse the employee for any gratuities paid.

Expenses for necessary lodging expenses will be reimbursed not to exceed the single room rate established for the conference or event, or as otherwise approved in advance by the Sheriff or designee.

Section 14.4. Vehicle Assignment: Employees who are currently assigned a vehicle and are permitted to drive the vehicle to and from their residences shall be required to maintain both the interior and exterior cleanliness of the vehicle. The employee shall also maintain the vehicle in an area that can be accessible for Sheriff's office usage at any time. No member shall lose their vehicle privileges without just cause. However, the FOP/OLC agrees that if the Employer purchases new technology (such as *MDT/CDPD* laptop computers or vehicle locator systems or other expensive systems), and cannot afford to equip all of the vehicles, then the Employer will no longer be required to abide by this provision. However, if cruisers continue to be assigned on a reduced basis, they shall be provided to members on a classification seniority basis.

Section 14.5. Lunch Periods: Each employee of the bargaining unit shall be granted a one-half (½) hour meal period during each regular work shift as their workload permits. Those employees required to remain on duty and on call during their meal period shall have the meal period considered as part of their standard workday schedule. Employees confirmed inside shall be provided facilities to heat or keep their meals cold.

Section 14.6. Safety and Jail Equipment: Jail cameras shall be maintained at current levels and Corrections Officers will be provided with a portable radio to use in cell areas. The Employer shall provide light weight soft body armor vests for all full-time sworn peace officer employees requesting the vests. The Employer shall provide stab resistant vests for all full-time correctional staff employees requesting the vests. The parties agree that the Employer may require those employees that have requested a vest to wear them. The Employer shall also replace body armor at such time the vests are no longer serviceable as provided in the manufacturer's specifications. Additionally a purchase rotation will be created in the event that funding becomes an issue regarding the purchase and replacement of vests.

ARTICLE 15 HOURS OF WORK/OVERTIME

Section 15.1. Purpose: This Article is intended to define the hours of work per day and hours of work per week in effect at the time of execution of this Agreement. This Article is intended to be used as the basis for computing overtime and shall not be construed as a guarantee of work per day or per week.

Section 15.2. Workday/Workweek: For those members assigned to an eight (8) hours work shift, a workday shall consist of eight (8) consecutive work hours during a scheduled work shift. Except to accommodate change of shifts or days off, a workweek shall normally consist of five (5) workdays followed by two (2) consecutive days off. For those members assigned to ten (10) hour work shifts, a workday shall consist of ten (10) consecutive work hours during a scheduled work shift. Except to accommodate change of shifts or days off, a workweek shall normally consist of between three (3) and four (4) consecutive days off. The workweek shall be computed between 12:01 a.m. on Saturday of each calendar week and 12 o'clock midnight the following Friday. The Employer normally will not change an employee's schedule once it has been posted.

Section 15.3. Overtime: When an employee is required to work in excess of forty (40) hours in a week, as defined above, the employee shall be paid overtime pay for such time over forty (40) hours in one (1) week at one and one-half (1½) times the regular hourly rate of pay.

Time worked on the first or second consecutive regular days off due to work schedules being changed at the request of the employee or trading days off by mutual consent of employees, or time worked as a result of changing shifts where there is a continuous twenty-four (24) hour per day operation and/or a continuous seven (7) day per week operation, is not subject to premium rates. Traded days off should be attempted to be scheduled and completed within the same pay period.

Compensation shall not be paid more than once for the same hours under any provision of this Article or Agreement.

The words "hours worked" as used in this Agreement shall include all hours during which the member is on paid status. However, if a member is scheduled to work mandatory overtime (either a double back or double shift) and subsequently calls in sick for one of the two shifts, the sick leave hours used shall not be considered as hours worked for the computation of overtime.

Section 15.4. Call-In Pay: "Call-in" occurs when a supervisor specifically requests an employee to return to work after completion of the employee's regular schedule, but before the employee is scheduled to return to work.

When an employee is called in, the employee shall be paid for each hour worked, with a three (3) hour minimum. If applicable, the employee shall be paid at the employee's overtime rate of pay for the time worked. If the call-in occurs within the three-hour period immediately prior to the employee's regularly scheduled shift, they will be paid for the actual hours worked.

As an inducement for investigators receiving and answering pages and/or telephone calls from the Sheriff, (or designee), supervisors and/or to answer questions regarding investigations during nonworking hours, the Sheriff agrees to an annual lump sum payment of four (\$400) hundred dollars. The said payment shall occur on the first pay period in January of each year.

Section 15.5. Court Time: For each appearance, while off duty, an employee shall be paid for each hour in court, with a three (3) hour minimum.

Section 15.6. Overtime Opportunities:

- A. The Employer shall rotate overtime opportunities among qualified full-time employees who normally perform the work that is being assigned. The Employer shall post and maintain an overtime roster. This roster shall include a list of employees eligible for such overtime and an updated total of hours worked and hours refused by each employee.

Employees who show up for scheduled overtime shall receive one and one-half (1½) times their regular rate of pay for actual hours worked. Errors in the distribution of overtime opportunities shall be corrected at the next opportunity for overtime.

- B. An employee who refuses an overtime assignment shall be credited with the amount of overtime refused. Refusal of such overtime opportunities must be by the affected employee or the employee's spouse.
- C. If, after the list has been totally exhausted and the proper manpower has not been obtained to fill the scheduled overtime detail, the Employer shall fill the remaining manpower requirements for the overtime detail by mandatory assignment of the least senior member in each classification. However, no member will be required to work more than sixteen (16) consecutive hours nor required to work more than twelve (12) hours of total overtime during the pay period. (Investigators are exempt from the provisions of Article 15.6)
- D. The overtime list shall be available for review by the member employees who have been identified as the Labor Council representatives.

Section 15.7. Compensatory Time Option: The parties recognize that compensatory time (comp time) is a form of payment for overtime. Time will accumulate at the rate of one and one-half (1½) hours for each overtime hour worked.

When an employee works overtime, the employee has the option to choose whether to take comp time or receive overtime pay.

Members may accumulate up to a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) hours of compensatory time.

SRT members may accrue comp time in lieu of flexing for training hours worked or callouts for SRT related functions.

Comp time hours may be taken in multiples of two (2) hours and will require the prior approval of the Sheriff (or his designee).

Unused comp time shall be paid at the current rate of pay and may be paid within the calendar year of accrual, based on Department budgeting constraints. Unused comp time may be carried over from year-to-year.

Upon separation from service for any reason, employees shall be paid at their current rate of pay for all accumulated hours of comp time. When an employee dies while in paid status in the County service, any unused comp time to the employee's credit shall be paid in a lump sum to the surviving spouse or to the estate of the deceased.

Section 15.8. Extra Duty - Special Duty: Any organization or agency which contacts the Employer seeking deputies for extra duty or special duty shall pay the employee at the following rates per hour. Effective upon ratification of this Agreement, extra duty per hour rates will be as follows:

1. Villages/School Districts-----\$30 per hour
2. Government (fair board, etc)----- \$35 per hour
3. Private (non govt.)----- \$50 per hour
4. Holiday----- \$60per hour

A minimum rate of \$50 per hour for any derby with the exception of the annual Gallia County Fair derby where the rate shall be \$35 per hour.

Deputies on such assignments shall be considered to be on-duty. A separate extra duty-special duty roster shall be established for this section. The standard procedures regarding overtime assignments and equalization shall be followed. This section shall not prohibit Special Deputies from working when no regular deputies are available. Current practices regarding special enforcement contracts shall be continued for the duration of this Agreement.

Section 15.9. Schedule Selection: The Employer shall endeavor to provide non-probationary bargaining unit employees a measure of stability in their lives by assigning each to a shift for a period of six (6) months. Positions on each shift will be posted by the Employer on February 1 and August 1, and employees will be permitted to choose their shift preference by classification

seniority. Within the shift assignments, the Employer shall determine the days off available for the employees. Within the shift and division assignments, bargaining unit employees shall be permitted to bid on days off based on seniority. Such request shall not be unreasonably denied. Classification seniority shall mean the total uninterrupted period of service in a classification. However, if an employee previously held a position in a higher classification, and the employee was reduced in rank involuntarily (i.e. through a layoff, job abolishment or demotion), the employee shall also receive credit for all time spent in the higher classification. A Detective or Sergeant's service time spent as a Detective or Sergeant shall be calculated as part of his/her overall seniority should that bargaining unit member revert to a road patrol deputy or corrections officer. Sergeants and Detectives who transfer to a lower classification shall not lose seniority, as both classification and overall bargaining unit seniority shall be considered, should the member revert to a lower position.

The shifts posted in February shall go into effect during the first week of March and the shifts posted in August shall go into effect during the first week of September. The shift preferences of employees, in the order of their classification seniority, shall be arbitral under the grievance procedure set forth in this collective bargaining Agreement.

If a job vacancy occurs on a shift in the bargaining unit, it will be offered first to the most senior qualified individual, continuing in order of seniority to the least senior qualified individual, who may be assigned involuntarily.

Section 15.10. Special Deputies: Special Deputies may only be used in the replacement of scheduled time off, and elsewhere as provided for in this Agreement.

Section 15.11. TAC Officer: The Sheriff's Office TAC Officer will be paid \$750 per year and the Assistant TAC Officer will be paid \$500 per year for performing their required duties.

Section 15.12 FTO Incentive: Field Training Officer's (FTO's) will be paid \$500 per employee that they train the road patrol division. In the event that a trainee is with more than one FTO, the FTO incentive shall be split with each FTO by the percent of time each FTO has trained the trainee.

Section 15.13 FLSA Overtime: FLSA Overtime for Law Enforcement Employees

Pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §207(k), law enforcement employees are subject to a partial overtime exemption. The Employer has established a 28-day work period under this provision.

For employees engaged in law enforcement, overtime shall be paid for all hours actually worked in excess of 160 hours in a 28-day work period.

Because overtime is calculated on the 28-day work period and not on a 7-day week or 14-day pay period, the number of hours worked in individual pay periods may vary. Employees may work fewer than 80-86 hours in some pay periods and more in others, depending on the sliding schedule. Such variations do not trigger overtime unless the employees' total hours in the full 28-day work period exceed 160.

Interaction with Other Overtime Provisions

Nothing in this Article shall eliminate or reduce overtime eligibility otherwise provided for in this Agreement. Overtime required under this section is based solely on the 160-hour threshold in a 28-day work period. Employees remain entitled to overtime compensation or premium pay as set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, including but not limited to:

- Hours worked beyond the employee's scheduled shift,
- Hours worked on call-in or holdover assignments,
- Daily overtime provisions (e.g., beyond 8 or 12 hours), and
- Contractually specified holiday pay or premium rates.

Note: This change aligns with applicable provisions under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) for law enforcement personnel and the specific schedule model (28-day/160-hour exception).

ARTICLE 16
WAGES

A. Effective January 1, 2026, bargaining unit base wage rates will increase by 3.5% over current 2025 rates:

	Step 1 Probation	Step 2 1 Year	Step 3 2 Years	Step 4 3 Years
Correction Officer				
Hourly	\$19.90	\$21.54	\$22.29	\$22.86
Annual	\$41,398.34	\$44,799.77	\$46,371.31	\$47,555.35
Road Deputy				
Hourly	\$21.54	\$23.16	\$24.17	\$24.98
Annual	\$44,799.77	\$48,179.66	\$50,267.88	\$51,968.59

Detectives shall maintain a base wage rate five percent (5%) above the base wage rate of a Road Deputy in Step 4.

Road Patrol Sergeants will maintain a base wage rate seven percent (7%) above the base wage rate of a Road Deputy in Step 4.

Corrections Sergeants will maintain a base wage rate seven percent (7%) above the base wage rate of a Correction Officer in Step 4.

B. Effective January 1, 2027, bargaining unit base wage rates will increase 3.5% above 2026 rates:

	Step 1 Probation	Step 2 1 Year	Step 3 2 Years	Step 4 3 Years
Correction Officer				
Hourly	\$20.60	\$22.29	\$23.07	\$23.66
Annual	\$42,847.29	\$46,367.76	\$47,994.31	\$49,219.79
Road Deputy				
Hourly	\$22.29	\$23.97	\$25.01	\$25.86

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Annual \$46,367.76 \$49,865.95 \$52,027.26 \$53,787.49

Detectives shall maintain a base wage rate five percent (5%) above the base wage rate of a Road Deputy in Step 4.

Road Patrol Sergeants will maintain a base wage rate seven percent (7%) over the base wage rate of a Road Deputy in Step 4.

Corrections Sergeants will maintain a base wage rate seven percent (7%) above the base wage rate of a Correction Officer in Step 4.

C. Effective January 1, 2028, bargaining units base wage rates will increase 3.5% above the 2027 rates:

D.	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Correction Officer	Probation	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years
Hourly	\$21.32	\$23.07	\$23.88	\$24.49
Annual	\$44,346.94	\$47,990.63	\$49,674.11	\$50,942.48
Road Deputy	Step 1 Probation	Step 2 1 Year	Step 3 2 Years	Step 4 3 Years
Hourly	\$23.07	\$24.81	\$25.89	\$26.76
Annual	\$47,990.63	\$51,611.26	\$53,848.21	\$55,670.05

Detectives shall maintain a base wage rate five percent (5%) above the base wage rate of a Road Deputy in Step 4.

Road Patrol Sergeants will maintain a base wage rate seven percent (7%) over the base wage rate of a Road Deputy in Step 4.

Corrections Sergeants will maintain a base wage rate seven percent (7%) above the base wage rate of a Correction Officer in Step 4.

Salaries indicated are for illustrative purposes and do not reflect a guaranteed income, the hourly rate is accurate.

Section 16.2.

- A. The Employer shall advance the employee to the next highest pay step on the first pay period following the required months of service in each step.
- B. Employees shall not suffer a reduction in pay in order to progress upward through the classifications.
- C. Employees shall not suffer a reduction in pay as a result of being placed on the wage schedule initially.
- D. Employees shall be placed in the step in any classification that reflects their department seniority.

Section 16.3. Shift Differential

Employer agrees to pay a Shift Differential for Corrections Officers, Road Patrol Deputies and Sergeants of \$0.50(fifty cents) per hour for afternoon shift and \$0.50(fifty cents) for night shift. Overtime hours are paid at the rate of the original shift and shift differential will not be included. There is no shift differential for day. If shift starting hours are modified (4-10hr. workdays) the terms of afternoon shift and night shift will still apply for the purposes of the units that will receive shift differential.

ARTICLE 17
HOLIDAYS

Section 17.1. Holidays:

A. The following are designated as paid holidays:

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	3rd Monday of January
President's Day	3rd Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth	June 19
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	1st Monday in September
Columbus Day	2nd Monday in October
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November
Day after Thanksgiving	Fourth Friday in November
Christmas Day	December 25

B. The enumerated holiday shall fall on the calendar days listed above or as declared by the appropriate governmental body, or in the absence of such declaration, as declared by the Sheriff.

Section 17.2. Holiday Overtime:

- A. If an employee does not work on the holiday, the employee shall receive either eight (8) hours straight time pay for the holiday or another day off, at the discretion of the employee. However, if an employee fails to use their time or receive pay for the holiday during the first ten (10) months of the year, the Sheriff reserves the right to pay straight time for the holiday.
- B. If an employee works any listed holiday in Section A, the employee shall receive double time for all hours worked on the holiday, or time and one-half (1.5) plus another day off, at the employee's discretion. However, if an employee fails to use their time or receive pay during the first ten (10) months of the year, the Sheriff reserves the right to pay for the time for the holiday.
- C. Employees who do not work on the holiday will receive their rate of pay equal to their regularly scheduled hourly work shift.
- D. Detectives may work a holiday if their caseload requires and will be permitted another day off. However, the detective(s) shall not receive the double time unless they are called out to work. In the event that a Detective is called out on a holiday, the Detective shall be paid the normal 10 hours of Holiday Pay and double time for the actual time spent working.

ARTICLE 18
VACATION

Section 18.1. Amount of Vacation: Employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to vacation in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>	<u>ANNUAL LEAVE</u>
Less than 1 year	0
1 through 7 years	2 weeks (80 hours)
8 through 14 years	3 weeks (120 hours)
15 through 21 years	4 weeks (160 hours)
22 years and up	5 weeks (200 hours)

Annual leave accrues to employees during the course of each year at the following rate for each biweekly pay period:

<u>ANNUAL LEAVE</u>	<u>CREDIT PER BIWEEKLY PAY PERIOD</u>
2 weeks	3.1 hours
3 weeks	4.6 hours
4 weeks	6.2 hours
5 weeks	7.7 hours

All vacation pay in accordance with the above schedule shall be paid at the employee's regularly scheduled rate of pay.

Section 18.2. Vacation Eligibility: Vacation scheduling shall be arranged with the prior approval of the Sheriff (or designee). Insofar as practicable, vacation time off shall be granted at the times most desired by each employee, with the order of preference being determined on the basis of classification seniority as follows:

- A. Vacations are scheduled in accordance with the workload requirements of the Employer. All time off requests shall be submitted in writing and shall be responded to in a timely manner. A Vacation Request window period will be held after all employees have signed the bid schedule for the upcoming six (6) month Bid Schedule. This window will be open for approximately one (1) week. Vacation requests submitted during this window period of five (5) or more consecutive working days shall be given first priority and will be granted based upon classification seniority. Vacation requests of less than five (5) or more consecutive days will be granted based upon classification seniority. Vacation requests

received after the and submitted more than thirty (30) days in the advance of the requested date will be granted, based upon workload requirements and classification seniority. Vacation requests submitted less than thirty (30) days of the requested date will be granted, based on workload requirements and on a first come-first served basis. If two (2) or more bargaining unit employees in the same work unit submit their request on the same day, the determining factor will be seniority. The parties recognize that the Employer has the authority to determine the number of employees that may be on vacation leave at any given time, however, vacation leaves will be granted at times most desired by employees provided the workload is not adversely affected. The schedules for the calendar year will be posted and the vacation selections will be posted as they are approved.

Section 18.3. Additional Considerations:

- A. At the end of each vacation year, an employee in full-time status shall be paid for any vacation balances in excess of two hundred (200) hours accumulation.
- B. Any member in full-time status who is to be separated from employment through removal, resignation, retirement, or layoff, and who has accrued but unused vacation leave shall be paid in a lump sum for such unused vacation leave in lieu of granting such employee a vacation leave after the employee's last day of service with the County. However, in the case where a member is removed by the Employer, no-compensation will be given for the period of time in which the member's conduct is proven to have caused the removal.
- C. When an employee dies while in paid status during County employment, any accrued but unused vacation leave shall be paid in a lump sum to the surviving spouse or to the estate of the deceased.
- D. Regularly scheduled annual vacation shall take precedence over casual vacation time.
- E. Vacation days must be taken in full shift increments.

**ARTICLE 19
PERSONAL TIME**

Section 19.1. Personal Time: After one (1) year service. Employees shall have thirty (30) personal hours awarded January 1st of each year. Personal time must be used in the same calendar year as awarded. If an employee is separated from employment before December 31st, they shall pay back a prorated amount of personal time they have used prior to leaving for unaccrued days. Payback shall be based on an accrual of 10 hours of personal time every 4 months.

All personal time must be approved and will be granted based on available staffing provided the employee requests the personal time no less than one (1) hour prior to the start of the work shift.

ARTICLE 20
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Section 20.1. Allowance: The Employer shall furnish the basic uniform for all employees required to wear same according to the schedule in Section 20.4. All uniforms purchased by the Employer remain the property of the Employer and must be turned in when separated from employment.

Uniform items not accounted for shall be replaced at the employee's expense. Failure to do so shall result in the value of the uniform items not accounted for being withheld from the employee's separation pay.

Employees who are assigned to duty which does not require the wearing of a uniform will be given a clothing allowance in January of each year in the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00). Any clothing purchased under this allowance must be approved by the Sheriff.

All bargaining unit members shall receive a maintenance allowance of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in January of each year.

Section 20.2. Repair or Replacement of Uniforms: The Employer shall repair or replace all uniform items damaged or destroyed in the line of duty so long as the damage is not due to the employee's negligence. Cleaning of uniforms shall be the responsibility of the employees.

Section 20.3. Repair or Replacement of Personal Items: The Employer shall replace or repair the following personal items damaged or destroyed in the line of duty so long as the damage is not due to the employee's negligence:

Eyeglasses - replacement cost.

Watches - replacement cost

Cellular telephone – replacement cost or repair cost (whichever is less).

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Section 20.4. Schedule:

	<u>Deputy</u>	<u>Corrections</u>
TROUSERS	3	3
SHIRTS – W	3	3
SHIRTS – S	3	3
TIES	2	2
JACKET- W	1	1
HAT-W	1	
RAINCOAT	1	
HAT BADGE	1	
BREAST BADGE	1	
COLLAR BRASS	1 set	
NAMEPLATE	1	
WHISTLE	1	
WHISTLE CHAIN	1	
HANDCUFFS	1	
PROTECTIVE VEST	1	
SHOES	1 pair	1 pair

ARTICLE 21
LEAVES

Section 21.1. Sick Leave: Sick leave may be requested for the following reasons:

- A. Illness of the employee or illness of the employee's immediate family that requires the employee's presence.
- B. Exposure of an employee or a member of the employee's immediate family to a contagious disease which would have the potential of jeopardizing the health of the employee or the health of others.
- C. Medical, dental, or optical examinations or treatment of an employee.
- D. Childbirth and/or related medical conditions.
- E. Injury of the employee.

An employee requesting sick leave shall cause notification to his immediate supervisor or other designated person of the facts and the reason two (2) hours prior to the time the employee is scheduled to report to work on each day of absence, unless other arrangements have been made with the supervisor or the employee is unable to report. The Employer may require an employee to furnish a signed statement to justify the use of sick leave.

Upon the employee's request, vacation leave may be used as sick leave after sick leave is exhausted. Employees who have exhausted sick leave and vacation leave may, at the discretion of the Employer, be granted an unpaid personal leave of absence, not to exceed six (6) months. For each completed eighty (80) hours in active pay status, an employee earns 4.6 hours of sick leave. (Active pay status shall be defined as hours worked, hours on approved paid leave, and on paid sick leave.) The amount of sick leave time anyone employee can accrue is unlimited. Sick leave shall be charged in minimum units of one (1) hour. Employees absent on sick leave shall be paid at the regular rate.

Employees who transfer between departments or agencies or from other public employment, or who are reappointed or reinstated within ten (10) years of prior public service employment, will be credited with unused balance of sick leave. All employees will be eligible for payment of sick leave at time of retirement up to a maximum of thirty (30) days. When an employee passes away while in active employment, the surviving spouse or the estate of the deceased will be eligible to receive sick leave payment for which the decedent would otherwise have qualified.

- A. For purposes of this Section regarding sick leave, immediate family is defined as: spouse child, mother, father, foster parent or guardian, current mother-in-law, current father-in-

law, or any dependent person living in the same household on a continuous basis as well as extended family members at the Employer's discretion.

Any employee fraudulently obtaining sick leave, or anyone found falsifying sick leave records, shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the provisions of this agreement. Altering a physician's certificate or falsification of a written signed statement may be grounds for immediate dismissal. The Office retains the right to investigate any employee's absence.

All employees, the Union, and the Employer recognize that abuse or misuse of sick leave is of mutual concern and that all parties recognize their responsibility to use sick leave only for legitimate uses.

Sick leave abuse/pattern of abuse or misuse of sick leave is the use of sick leave for any purpose other than that for which it was intended or provided.

Consistent periods of sick leave usage may indicate a pattern of abuse, for example, but not limited to:

1. Before or after holidays without a doctor's excuse.
2. Before or after vacation/weekends or scheduled days off without a doctor's excuse.
3. Continued long term pattern of using sick leave without doctor's excuse or medical justification.
4. Absence following overtime/off-duty assignments without a doctor's excuse.
5. Three (3) or more incidents of usage within any sixty (60) day calendar period without medical documentation. An incident of sick time use in any single block of time for which sick leave was utilized.
6. Fraudulent use of sick leave documents/altering physician's statements.
7. Other facts which may demonstrate abuse/misuse.

Employees who use more than thirty percent (30%) of their annual sick leave may be subject to evaluation by the Office, including complete physical and psychological examinations by medical personnel chosen and paid for by the Office. Such examinations which fail to substantiate the excessive use of sick leave may result in appropriate departmental action, including suspension or termination. The Employer reserves the right to terminate the employment of an individual who is unable to perform the duties of his/her position.

Anytime the Employer believes an employee may be abusing or misusing sick time, they will notify the employee in writing. If the employee continues the actions of abuse or misuse, the Employer will schedule a meeting with the employee and discuss the problems. The Employer reserves the right to have an employee undergo a medical examination, at the Employer's cost, by a physician of the Employer's choosing.

When sick leave abuse and/or misuse is substantiated, the Employer may initiate corrective action pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 21.2. Funeral Leave:

- B. Employees shall be entitled to one (1) day off with pay not chargeable to accumulated sick leave. Sick leave may be taken up to two (2) days. For purposes of this paragraph regarding funeral leave, immediate family is defined as: grandchildren, brother-in-law, sister-in-law or any dependent person living in the same household on a continuous basis, as well as extended family members at the Employer's discretion.
- C. Employees shall be entitled to up to three (3) days off with pay not chargeable to sick leave for the death of the employee's mother, father, brother, sister, child, or spouse.

Section 21.3. Military Leave:

All employees who are members of the Ohio National Guard, the Ohio Defense Corps, the State and Federal Militia, or members of other reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States are entitled to leave of absence from their respective duties without loss of pay for such time as they are in the military service as defined in Section 5903.01 of the Ohio Revised Code on field training or active duty for up to twenty-two (22) eight (8) hour workdays in anyone (1) calendar year. The maximum numbers of hours for which payment can be made in anyone (1) calendar year is one hundred seventy-six (176) hours. The employee is required to submit to the Employer an order or statement from the appropriate military commander as evidence of such duty. There is no requirement that the service be in one (1) continuous period of time.

Employees who are members of those components listed above and who are called or ordered to military service for longer than a month for each calendar year, because of an executive order issued by the President of the United States or an act of Congress are entitled, during the period designated in the act or order, to a leave of absence from their respective duties and to be paid each monthly pay period of that leave, the lesser of:

- A. the difference between the employer's gross monthly wage or salary and the sum of the employee's gross military pay and allowances received that month;
- B. five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

No employee will receive payment under this section, if the sum of the employee's gross military pay and allowances received in the period exceeds the employee's gross wage or salary.

Section 21.4. Leave of Absence:

Employees will be granted Family Medical Leave consistent with the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") of 1993 as amended.

A. Disability Leave: A physically or mentally incapacitated employee who has completed his/her probationary period may request in writing an unpaid disability leave. A disability leave may be granted for a period up to six (6) months provided the employee furnishes satisfactory medical proof of such disability with the written requests, and the disability leave can be extended for another six (6) months by the Employer upon the written request of the employee and with satisfactory medical proof for the extension, and the employee if:

1. Hospitalized or institutionalized;
2. On a period of convalescence following hospitalization authorized by a physician at the hospital or institution;
3. Declared incapacitated for the performances of the duties of his/her position by a licensed physician designated by the Employer.

It is the employee's responsibility to request a disability leave since leave is not granted automatically when an employee's sick leave has expired.

When an employee is ready to return to work, he shall furnish a statement by a physician releasing the employee to perform the duties of his/her position.

The Employer may require an employee to be examined by a licensed physician designated by the Employer, at the Employer's expense. An employee found unable to physically or mentally perform the duties of his/her position by such physician shall be placed on disability leave.

B. Education/Personal Leave: The Employer may grant a leave of absence to any employee for a maximum period of twelve (12) months for education reasons or for personal reasons of the employee. Such leave may be renewed at the discretion of the Employer.

- C. Rules Regarding Unpaid Leave: The authorization of a leave of absence without pay is a matter of administrative discretion. The Employer will decide in each individual case if a leave of absence is to be granted.

The granting of a leave of absence is subject to approval of the Employer. Except for emergencies, employees will advise the Employer thirty (30) days prior to the requested commencement of the desired leave.

Upon completion of a leave of absence, the employee is to be returned to the rank level formerly occupied.

An employee may return to work before the scheduled expiration of leave is requested by the employee in writing and agreed to by the Employer. If an employee fails to return to work at the expiration of an approved leave of absence, such employee shall be considered to have resigned his/her position, unless an employee has provided proof of extenuating circumstances which are accepted by the Employer.

Section 21.5. Special Leaves:

- A. Jury Duty Leave: An employee, while serving upon a jury in any court of record, will be paid regular salary for each work day during the period of time so served. Time so served shall be deemed active and continuous for all purposes.
Any fees received for such duty shall be remitted to the Employer.
- B. Examination Leave: Time off with pay shall be allowed to employees to take a required examination, pertinent to their employment.

Section 21.6. Injury Leave: Any employee who is disabled because of an injury suffered in the active performance of law enforcement activities on behalf of the Sheriff, shall receive paid injury leave for absences due to the injury after the first three (3) days, for which sick leave shall apply. If determined to be bona fide injury leave, such sick leave shall be reimbursed to the employee's account.

Examples of the active performance of law enforcement duties are: Officer responding to an emergency call or in pursuit of a subject, Officer checking a suspicious vehicle, incident or issuing a citation is injured by any means would be covered by injury leave. Officer walking across the parking lot falls and injures himself would not be eligible for injury leave. Officer checking a business falls and injures himself would be eligible for injury leave. Injuries resulting from horse play or gross negligence are not grounds for injury leave.

Injury leave shall be available during a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the injury. After one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of injury, absences due to such injury shall be charged to sick leave.

An employee requesting injury leave shall, upon request by the Sheriff, submit to an examination by the County physician who shall determine the extent of the disability.

The Employer has sole discretion to require that an employee whom requests injury leave will apply to BWC for medical benefits only, and not lost income benefits.

The Employer has sole discretion to extend injury leave beyond ninety (90) workdays for the employee.

For an employee to qualify for injury pay, the employee must file within twenty-four (24) hours, if known at the time or immediately when it becomes known, with the Employer a written statement of the circumstances for the injury showing conclusively that the injury was sustained in the line of duty, how inflicted, and did not result from an accident, from misbehavior, or from negligence on the part of the employee. The employee must report the injury to their supervisor immediately, but not later than the end of their shift. A doctor's statement will be included stating nature and extent of employee's injury.

For an employee to qualify for injury pay, the employee must first sign all salary continuation agreements and/or other documents requested by the Employer to evidence that the Employer is paying salary continuation in lieu of temporary total disability compensation pursuant to Ohio Workers' Compensation Act.

Any disputes regarding injury leave shall be submitted according to Article 8; Grievance Procedure, of this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

ARTICLE 22 INSURANCE

Section 22.1. Health Insurance: The Employer agrees to maintain the same level of benefits (Family/per person deductibles, co-pays, coverage percentages and maximum out of pocket expenses) as is provided to other Gallia County general fund employees or employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement (excluding Job & Family Services and County Engineer). Employees shall pay, by payroll deduction, 15% per family and 12 1/2% per single with the Employer paying the remaining 85% per family and 87 1/2% per single coverage. Proposed changes in insurance benefits shall be discussed with the FOP/OLC at least thirty (30) days prior to implementation. The FOP/OLC shall have the right to raise questions and/or suggest alternatives to the County. This discussion may be accomplished by utilizing the joint committee or procedure anticipated in Paragraph 2 of this section.

If any committee or procedure is established for the purpose of seeking employee input on any insurance benefit provided to bargaining unit employees, such committee or procedure shall include the participation of one (1) bargaining unit employee. The bargaining unit employee who participates in such committee or procedure shall be selected by the FOP/OLC.

Section 22.2. Life Insurance: Employees may purchase life insurance in addition to that life insurance provided with the health insurance plan, through the County payroll deduction plan, at the rates and increments established under that program at the employee's expense.

ARTICLE 23 WORK OUT OF CLASSIFICATION

Section 23.1. Higher Classification Work: If the Sheriff or Sheriff's designee determines that an employee has not adequately discharged the duties of an OIC, the Sheriff may discipline the employee as per Article 9 of this Agreement. Unless otherwise designated by the Sheriff at his sole discretion, the most senior deputy on that shift shall assume OIC duties.

ARTICLE 24 COPIES OF AGREEMENT

Section 24.1. Copies: The Employer will provide three (3) original copies of this Agreement within thirty (30) days from the date this Agreement is ratified by both parties.

Section 24.2. The FOP will provide each employee with one (1) copy of this Agreement, and ten (10) copies to the Employer within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 25
MISCELLANEOUS ECONOMIC

Section 25.1. Expenses Reimbursement: The Employer shall reimburse employees for all reasonable job-related expenses, including meals, while working on assigned special details. The employees must submit necessary receipts along with the request for payment. Meals shall be reimbursed under the same provisions as found in Section 14.2.

Section 25.2. Return of Equipment: Upon separation or death of a bargaining unit member, whichever is applicable, no unused comp time, vacation, or sick leave will be paid until all County owned property and uniforms are returned.

Each employee shall be furnished a list of items they must return which will be updated as necessary.

ARTICLE 26
WAIVER IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Section 26.1. Waiver: In cases of emergency declared by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Ohio, the Gallia County Sheriff, the Federal or State legislature, or where acts of God affect the safety and health of the citizens of Gallia County, the following conditions of this Agreement shall automatically be suspended:

- A. Time limits for Management's or the Union's replies on grievances.
- B. All work rules and/or agreements and practices relating to the assignment of all employees.

Upon the termination of the emergency, should valid grievances exist, they shall be processed, in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Grievance Procedure, and shall proceed from the point in the Grievance Procedure to which they (the grievance[s]) had properly progressed.

ARTICLE 27
PROMOTIONS

Section 27.1. Vacancies: Whenever the Employer determines that a vacancy exists, a notice of such vacancy shall be posted on the Employer's electronic announcement system for a period of seven (7) consecutive workdays, not including the date of posting. The written posting shall include the classification title, rate of pay, a brief summary of job duties and the minimum qualifications.

During the posting period, anyone wishing to apply for the vacant position shall do so by submitting a written application to the Employer. The Employer shall not be obligated to consider any applications submitted after the seven (7) day period has expired or who do not meet the minimum qualifications for the job. Postings shall contain the classification title, rate of pay, a brief summary of job duties, and the minimum qualifications.

Anyone employed in the Bargaining Unit may submit a letter of intent to be considered for the promotion. Such letter may include a resume and supporting documentation of qualifications, experience, education, etc. Letters of intent to be considered received after 4:00 pm on the day that the posting expires do not have to be considered by the Employer.

Section 27.2. Promotions: For promotional appointments, the Employer shall consider applications of employees that have been employed by Gallia County Sheriff's Office in the next lower classification with the Corrections Officer classifications being equal. For the purposes of this section, a vacancy in the rank of Sergeant shall be open to Detectives and Road personnel equally. Every qualified applicant currently employed with the Gallia County Sheriff's Office for the vacant position will be considered based upon the following criteria.

Having a passing score of at least seventy percent (70%) or more on the Gallia County Sheriff's Office promotional written examination for the vacant position. Disputes concerning the appropriateness of a particular examination shall first be referred to the Labor Management Committee and, if not resolved in that forum, may be the subject of a grievance initiated at Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

Job performance based on work record within the Sheriff's Office: The said job performance evaluation shall be obtained from the employees' last two (2) written annual performance evaluations. A maximum of ten percent (10%) of the total grade attainable on the written examination may be awarded by the Sheriff, based on such work record.

An oral interview of the candidate discussing the pertinent issues relating to the position, including the job requirements.

An assessment interview demonstrating the candidate's supervisory skills in a series of job related tasks. Tasks will determine the candidate's ability to successfully complete duties required and assigned to supervisors. All assessments will be standardized for all candidates and a total score assigned.

A physical fitness qualification including 50 push-ups, 50 sit-ups, agility course and 1.5 mile run. Such qualification shall be completed within one (1) hour for staff under the age of 40 and one (1) and fifteen (15) minutes for staff that is 40 years or older.

Section 27.3. A Promotional Committee selected by the Sheriff will consist of, at minimum, the Chief Deputy and two (2) Road Patrol Sergeants for Road Patrol Promotions. For Corrections, the Committee will consist of the Chief Deputy and the Jail Administrator. The FOP shall be notified of the individual selected within five (5) working days of appointment. The eligibility list from the promotional exam shall be good for a period of three (3) years from the date of the test. Both sides agree that outside candidates can be considered.

Section 27.4. An employee selected shall be considered to have qualified for the position when he has completed the probationary period.

Section 27.5. Should an employee fail to satisfactorily complete his probationary period, he shall be returned to his former position.

Section 27.6. An employee or new hire who is awarded a position as a result of a successful application may not apply for another vacant position for a period of one (1) year from the date the employee assumes the new position.

Section 27.7. "Promotional position" is defined as any position that carries a higher rate of pay than the position the employee currently holds.

Section 27.8. Every newly hired employee will be required to successfully complete a probationary period. The probationary period for new employees shall begin on the first day for which the employee receives compensation from the Employer and shall continue for a period of one calendar year except as follows. Any absences from work individually or collectively exceeding twenty (20) working days shall automatically extend the new hire probationary period for an equal number of scheduled working days over twenty (20) days, and no advance notice to the employee or FOP/OLC is required for such extension of new hire probationary period due to absence from work. However, the Employer agrees to notify the employee and the FOP/OLC of the extension and newly set expiration of the new hire probationary period. A newly hired probationary employee may be terminated any time during the probationary period and such termination shall not be appealable through the grievance procedure of this Agreement.

Section 27.9. Any employee who is promoted under provisions of Article 27 of this Agreement, shall not be considered a newly hired employee. However, employees who are promoted will be required to successfully complete a promotional probationary period for the new position. The probationary period shall begin on the effective date of the promotion and shall continue for a period of six (6) calendar months. In the event that by the end of the six (6) calendar month a newly promoted officer cannot perform the new job satisfactorily, the employee shall be returned to the employee's former position.

ARTICLE 28
LONGEVITY PAY

Section 28.1. Longevity Pay: Bargaining Unit members shall receive longevity compensation for full-time service with the Gallia County Sheriff's Office, as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Hourly Adjustment</u>
Five years	.40 cents
Ten years	.50 cents
Fifteen years	.60 cents
Twenty years	.70cents
Twenty-five years	.80-cents

These amounts are not cumulative, but are the total which will be added upon completion of five (5), ten (10), fifteen (15), twenty (20), or twenty-five (25) years' service.

ARTICLE 29
SICK LEAVE CONVERSION

Section 29.1. Employees who maintain a sick time balance of two hundred fifty (250) hours may convert four (4) days of sick leave to vacation or cash buyout.

Section 29.2. Employees who maintain a sick time balance of three hundred fifty (350) hours may convert five (5) days of sick leave to vacation or cash buyout.

Section 29.3. Employees who maintain a sick time balance of five hundred fifty (550) hours may convert six (6) days of sick leave to vacation or cash buyout.

Section 29.4. The employee may decline to convert any portion of their accumulated sick leave. Conversion is at the employee's sole discretion.

Section 29.5. Sick time conversion will take place anytime the employee becomes eligible and requests such conversion in writing, however not more than once during any calendar year.

Section 29.6. In addition to the above conversion, employees who use less than five (5) days of sick time during the present calendar year may convert one (1) sick day to vacation or cash buy out.

Section 29.7. This Article shall not apply to employees who use more than one-hundred and twenty (120) hours of sick leave during the present calendar year. (Said calendar shall occur on the second Monday of December).

ARTICLE 30
NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL DAY

- A. One employee from each classification who elects to attend National Police Memorial Day ceremonies at the Ohio Police Officers Academy, or any other site approved by the Sheriff may attend while on duty. If more than one employee from any division requests to attend the ceremonies, the most senior member shall be granted. However, the Sheriff may grant additional requests based on operational requirements.
- B. Employees who are not on duty during scheduled ceremonies and elect to attend may change their work shift in order to attend scheduled ceremonies as long as they provide a minimum of three (3) days prior notice to the Sheriff.
- C. Employees who attend National Police Memorial Day ceremonies shall be considered on duty and will be compensated accordingly.

ARTICLE 31
SUBSTANCE TESTING

Section 31.1. Drug/alcohol testing may be conducted on employees randomly, pre-promotional, post-accident or if there is reasonable suspicion to believe that an employee used or is using a controlled substance or alcohol in an unlawful or abusive manner which may be based upon, but not limited to:

- A. Observable phenomena, such as direct observation of drug or alcohol use or possession and/or physical symptoms of being under the influence of a drug or alcohol;
- B. A pattern of abnormal conduct or erratic behavior, including abnormal leave patterns;
- C. Arrest or conviction for a drug or alcohol-related offense, or the identification of an employee as the focus of a criminal investigation into illegal drug or alcohol possession, use, or trafficking;
- D. Information provided by reliable and credible sources which is independently corroborated;
- E. Evidence that an employee has tampered with a previous drug test;
- F. Facts or circumstances developed in the course of an authorized investigation of an accident or unsafe working practice.

Reasonable suspicion shall be recorded and reduced to writing as soon as practicable and a copy thereof given to the member.

Post-accident testing may occur whenever there is reasonable suspicion the employee is impaired, substantial damage done to the County vehicle, injury or death of anyone involved in the accident, or the employee is cited by the investigating law enforcement agency.

Section 31.2. Drug Testing Procedures: All drug screening tests shall be conducted or confirmed by laboratories certified by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or certified by DHHS-recognized certification program. No test shall be considered positive until it has been confirmed by a gas chromatography/mass spectrometry full scan test. The procedures utilized by the Employer and testing laboratory shall include an evidentiary chain of custody control. The split sample method of collection shall be used and will follow prescribed testing procedures. All procedures shall be outlined in writing and this outline shall be followed in all situations arising under this article.

Section 31.3. Alcohol Testing Procedures: Alcohol testing shall be done in accordance with the law of the State of Ohio to detect drivers operating a motor vehicle under the influence. A positive result, above .03% by weight of alcohol per two hundred ten liters of his breath, shall entitle the Employer to proceed with sanctions as set forth in this article. This allowance recognizes that certain substances (e.g., medicines, mouth washes) may contain alcohol.

Section 31.4. Test Results/Refusal to Submit to Testing: Prior to any testing, the member shall be given the opportunity to request the presence, or seek the advice, of an FOP/OLC representative, which will not delay the test. The results of the testing shall be delivered to the Employer and the employee tested. An employee whose confirmatory test result is positive shall have the right to request a certified copy of the testing results in which the vendor shall affirm that the test results were obtained using the approved protocol methods. The employee shall provide a signed release for disclosure of the testing results. A representative for the bargaining unit shall have a right to access to the results upon request of the employer, with the employee's consent. Refusal to submit to the testing provided for under this Agreement may be grounds for discipline.

A test result will be considered "positive," and grounds for discipline in each of the following situations:

- The test result shows a presence of the alcohol or illegal drug in the employee's system, and is without explanation sufficient to satisfy the medical review officer;
- The employee refuses to participate or submit to testing;
- The employee adulterates, attempts to adulterate, substitutes, or dilutes a specimen collected for testing;
- The employee fails to fully cooperate with the employer or laboratory in the collection of a specimen for testing, including failing to sign necessary consent and release forms required by the facility;
- The employee fails to appear for testing when scheduled, purposely delays, or does not immediately report directly (no stops or detours) to the testing facility upon request of the employer and in the manner directed by the employer; or
- The employee engages in other conduct which demonstrates the employee has interfered with the testing process or report of results to the employer.

Section 31.5. Confirmatory Testing:

- A. If a drug screening test is positive, a confirmatory test shall be conducted utilizing the split sample collected in the manner prescribed above, and retested by another DHHS certified laboratory. The request to retest must be presented to the Employer within seventy-two (72) hours of the employee being notified of a positive result.
- B. In the event the split sample test confirms the result of the first test, the Employer may proceed with the discipline as set forth in this article.

- C. In the event that the split sample test contradicts the results of the first test, or the results are negative, the employee shall be given the benefit of the doubt and no sanctions shall be imposed.
- D. In the event that the split sample test contradicts the result of the first test, the split sample result is determined to be the final result. The results of this test, if positive, shall allow the Employer to proceed with discipline as set forth in this Article. If the results are negative, the employee shall be given the benefit of the doubt and no sanctions shall be imposed, and the employer will pay for the split sample.

Section 31.6. Positive Test Results:

- A. In all cases of drug and alcohol use and abuse, the Employer will give strong consideration to the use of rehabilitation instead of discipline. However, if circumstances warrant, the Employer reserves the right to impose appropriate discipline.
- B. If the employee is not terminated for just cause, the Employer may require the employee to participate in any rehabilitation or detoxification program that is covered by the employee's health insurance. Discipline allowed by the positive findings shall be deferred pending rehabilitation of the employee within a reasonable period. An employee who participates in a rehabilitation or detoxification program shall be allowed to use sick leave, compensatory days, vacation leave, and personal days for the period of the rehabilitation or detoxification program. If no such leave credits are available, the employee shall be placed on medical leave of absence without pay for the period of the rehabilitation or detoxification program. Upon completion of such program, and upon receiving results from a retest demonstrating that the employee is no longer abusing a controlled substance, the employee shall be returned to the employee's former position. Such employee may be subject to periodic retesting upon return to work for a period of one (1) year from the date of return to work. Any employee in a rehabilitation or detoxification program in accordance with this article will not lose any seniority or benefits, should it be necessary for the employee to be placed on medical leave of absence without pay, for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

If the employee refuses to undergo rehabilitation or detoxification, or if he tests positive during a retesting within one (1) year after his return to work from such a program, the employee shall be subject to disciplinary action, including removal from his position and termination of his employment.

Section 31.7. Payment of Testing Costs: Costs of all drug screening tests and confirmatory tests shall be borne by the Employer except that any test initiated at the request of the employee shall be at the employee's expense.

Section 31.8. The Employer may conduct four (4) tests of an employee during the one (1) year period after the employee has completed a rehabilitation or detoxification program as provided above. This article will not be read to limit the number of tests that may be conducted with reasonable suspicion or post-accident.

Section 31.9. The provisions of this article shall not require the Employer to offer a rehabilitation or detoxification program to any employee more than once.

Section 31.10. An employee who is found to violate the employer's drug testing policy and the terms of this article will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

ARTICLE 32 RETIREMENT

Section 32.1. Retired employees in good standing shall be permitted to retain their Office credentials. The Employer may exercise the option to stamp said credentials with the tend "Retired".

Section 32.2. Employees within twelve (12) months prior to retirement shall be allotted a maximum of two (2) working days to be deducted from sick time to travel to P.E.R.S. and correlate any retirement affairs. Verification of attendance may be required by the Employer. In the event that the employee declines to retire, any leave time taken regarding this article shall be converted to any authorized paid leave from accumulated compensatory time, vacation time, compensatory or holiday leave time available to the employee. The paid absence day in this article is a one (1) per career usage.

Section 32.3 Upon completion of 25 years of full-time law enforcement service and eligibility for regular retirement or completion of at least 20 years of full-time law enforcement service and eligibility for disability retirement, any bargaining unit employee retiring from the Gallia County Sheriff's Office in accordance with the Ohio Public Retirement System (OPERS) shall have the right to purchase the employee's service weapon and badge for the fee of one dollar (\$1.00).

Such weapon shall be properly transferred and registered in accordance with applicable law and state and federal regulations. The Sheriff shall maintain a record of the make, model and serial number of said weapon with the name of the retired deputy.

ARTICLE 33
WAIVER OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE AND RELATED LAWS

Section 33.1. Except as may be expressly provided for in this agreement, Sections 9.44, 124.01 through 124.387, 124.39 - 124.56, 325.19, and 4111.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Administrative Code Chapters 123 and 124, and any other civil service provisions related to a matter generally addressed within this agreement, shall not apply to employees within the bargaining units. Rules, regulations and orders, where such does not conflict with an express provision of this agreement, shall continue to apply to bargaining unit employees in accordance with Article 13-Rules and Regulations. Further, Section 124.388 and 124.57 O.R.C. shall continue to apply to bargaining unit employees.

Section 33.2. It is expressly understood that the Ohio Department of Administrative Services and the Ohio Personnel Board of Review shall have no authority or jurisdiction as it relates to employees in the bargaining unit.

Section 33.3. For purposes of example, and in no way to be construed as all-inclusive or a limitation of Sections 1 and 2 above, in accordance with the provisions of 4117.10 (A) O.R.C., the following contract articles and/or sections thereof specifically supersede and/or prevail over those subjects described in the Ohio Revised Code and/or Ohio Administrative Code, as follows:

<u>Contract Article</u>	<u>Supersedes/Prevails Over</u>
Article 9, Discipline and Investigations	O.R.C. 124.03, 124.34 O.A.C. 124:1-31-01 through 124:1-31-04
Article 12, Layoff & Recall	O.R.C. 124.32, 124.321 through 124.328 O.A.C. 123:1-41-01 through 123:1-41-23
Article 15, Hours of Work/Overtime	O.R.C. 4111.03
Article 17, Holidays	O.R.C. 325.19
Article 18, Vacations	O.R.C. 9.44, 325.19
Article 21, Leaves	O.R.C. 124.387, 124.135; O.R.C. 124.38 through 124.391

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Article 27, Promotions	O.R.C. 124.27- 124.32 O.A.C. 123:1-19-01 through 123:1-19-05
Article 29, Sick Leave Conversion	O.R.C. 124.39, 124.391

ARTICLE 34
K-9 ISSUES

Section 34.1. Except in the case of an emergency requiring the presence of the K-9 Officer and/or the canine units, the K-9 Officer will be given adequate time while on duty (one [1] hour) daily for grooming and care of the canine unit.

Section 34.2. Subject to the operational needs of the Office 16 hours per month for which the Patrol K-9 Officer will be compensated shall be dedicated to the training of the canine unit. Therapy K-9 training will be conducted during normal work hours when available. Additional training for the Therapy K-9 will be at the discretion of the Sheriff or his designee.

Section 34.3. Any "call-in" from the regular shift of the K-9 Officer shall be handled in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.4 - Call-In Pay, of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Section 34.4. Upon prior approval of the Sheriff, which approval shall not be unreasonably denied, the Sheriff agrees to pay for any and all expenses related to the maintenance of the canine unit, including but not limited to, all veterinary bills, food, prescription drugs, and/or any other expenses reasonably related to the care and upkeep of the canine.

Section 34.5. The current Collective Bargaining Agreement applies to the K-9 Officer except to the extent that a specific addition or modification is set forth in this Agreement. Any further modification of the current contract or this Agreement as it applies to the K-9 Officer is ineffective unless set forth in a written document signed by all of the interested parties.

Section 34.6. The Sheriff agrees that the canine unit will be granted a full commission and therefore, the Sheriff agrees to assume full liability for any action or inaction of the canine unit with respect to any conduct of the canine unit's duties and the duties of the K-9 Officer as sworn law enforcement officers and/or employees of the Gallia County Sheriff's Office.

Section 34.7 The Sheriff agrees to reimburse the K-9 Officer for the cost of the steam cleaning of the carpets in his residence once annually.

Section 34.8. During the life of this Agreement, in the event that the canine program is terminated for any reason, the K-9 Officer shall have the right of first refusal to purchase the canine for one dollar (\$1.00). Purchase of a canine shall be conditioned upon the K-9 Officer entering into an agreement releasing the Sheriff's Office and its employees from any and all liability relative to the canine subsequent to purchase.

ARTICLE 35
POLITICAL ACTIVITY

The Employer shall not promulgate rules governing political activity that are more restrictive than applicable law.

ARTICLE 37
DURATION OF AGREEMENT


Section 37.1. Duration:


- A. This Agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 2026, and shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2028.
- B. If either party desires to modify or amend this Agreement, it shall give written notice of such intent no earlier than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the expiration date, nor later than forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the expiration date of this Agreement. Such notice shall be by a method approved by the State Employment Relations Board. The parties shall commence negotiations and shall meet to establish the bargaining guidelines within two (2) calendar weeks upon receipt notice of intent.

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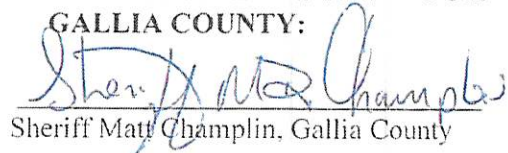

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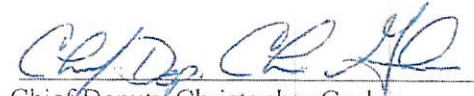

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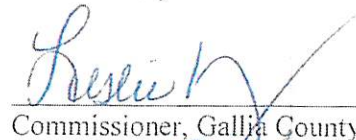

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