

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**AND**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**CORRECTIONS**

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**October 1, 2025**

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**September 30, 2028**

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## **PREAMBLE**

This Agreement is primarily intended to promote the interests of the members of the public who are served by MCSO. It is contemplated that this Agreement will serve the public interest by ensuring that members of the bargaining unit will at all times be responsive to and make every reasonable effort to carry forward the Sheriff's activities and functions and will accept and execute all lawful instructions given to them. Further, this Agreement defines the Sheriff's obligations to the Union and members of the bargaining unit, thus avoiding disputes due to misunderstandings, as well as by providing a procedure for the resolution of any claims that the Agreement has been violated.

**ARTICLE 1**  
**RECOGNITION**

**Section 1**

The Martin County Sheriff (hereinafter referred to as the Sheriff or MCSO) recognizes the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association (hereinafter referred to as the PBA or the Union) as the exclusive collective bargaining representative of the bargaining unit certified by the Public Employees Relations Commission in Certification No. 1471, to include all full time certified deputy sheriffs in the Department of Corrections employed by the Sheriff, and No. 1882 to include all full time Sergeants in the Department of Corrections employed by the Sheriff.

**Section 2**

The Sheriff will not be called upon to recognize the PBA as agent for any of its employees other than those included in the certified units mentioned above, in the absence of a new PERC certification. When any new job classification is created, the Sheriff will notify the Union. Any dispute as to an individual employee's status or any new classification status as being included or excluded from the bargaining unit will be resolvable through normal legal procedures, and not through the contractual grievance procedure.

**Section 3**

The Sheriff shall send formal notices and communications pertaining to bargaining unit members' wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment to:

John Kazanjian, President  
Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association, Inc.  
2100 N. Florida Mango Road  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33409

**ARTICLE 2**  
**MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

Section 1

- A. Except as specifically and expressly abridged, limited or modified by the written terms of this Agreement, all of the rights, powers and authority previously possessed or enjoyed by the Sheriff prior to this Agreement are retained by the Sheriff.
- B. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to limit or impair the right of the Sheriff to exercise his sole and exclusive discretion on all the following matters, providing such exercise is consistent with the law and the express terms of this Agreement:
1. To manage the Sheriff's Office and exercise sole and exclusive control and absolute discretion over the organization and operations thereof.
  2. To determine the purpose and functions of the Sheriff's Office in its constituent divisions, bureaus, units or otherwise separated classifications.
  3. To perform those duties and exercise those responsibilities which are assigned and/or required by the Sheriff pursuant to applicable federal and state law, regulations, or other appropriate authority.
  4. To determine and adopt the policies and programs, standards, rules and regulations determined by the Sheriff to be necessary for the operation and/or improvement of the Sheriff's Office, and to

select, manage and direct management, administrative, supervisory and other personnel.

5. To alter or vary past practices and otherwise to take such measures as the Sheriff may determine to be necessary to maintain order and efficiency relative to both work force and operations/services to be rendered thereby, provided that such exercise is consistent with the express terms of this Agreement.
6. To set methods, means of operations and standards of services to be offered by the Sheriff's Office and to contract such operations/services to the extent deemed practical and feasible by the Sheriff in its sole discretion.
7. To determine and re-determine job content, work load and work force size.
8. To decide the number, location, design, and maintenance of the Sheriff's Office's facilities, supplies and equipment. To relocate, remodel, or otherwise revise operations and facilities as may be deemed necessary by the Sheriff.
9. To determine qualifications of all employees employed by the Sheriff's Office. To select, examine, hire, classify, train, lay off, assign, schedule, retain, transfer, promote, direct and manage all employees of the Sheriff's Office consistent with the existing provisions of law and this Agreement.

10. To select supervisory and managerial personnel from the working forces strictly on the basis of management's determination of individual ability, based on examination, performance, special skills, classifications, and other related elements at the discretion of the Sheriff consistent with this Agreement.
11. To increase, reduce, change, modify or alter the size and composition of the workforce.
12. To establish, change or modify the number, types and grades of positions, employees assigned to a division, bureau, unit or project of the Sheriff.
13. To determine the extent of the Sheriff's operations. To determine when any part of such operation shall function or be halted and to determine when, where and to what extent operations/services shall be increased or decreased, contracted inter-governmentally, subcontracted, continued or discontinued.
14. To establish, change or modify employee duties, tasks, responsibilities or requirements.
15. To make, issue, publish, modify and enforce policies, procedures, rules and regulations as the Sheriff may reasonably deem appropriate. The Sheriff will act in accordance with law and this Agreement on such matters.
16. To determine the organization of the Sheriff's Office.

17. To determine the purpose and/or need of any subdivision of the Sheriff's Office.
  18. To set standards for services to be offered to the public.
  19. To determine the number of employees to be employed by the Sheriff.
  20. To establish, implement, and maintain an effective internal security practice.
- C. The Sheriff has sole authority to determine and re-determine the purpose and mission of the Sheriff's Office.
- D. The Sheriff has the sole, exclusive right to direct the managerial, supervisory and administrative personnel to perform any task in connection with the operation of the Sheriff's Office, whether or not normally performed by the employees within the bargaining unit.
- E. The selection process and assignment of personnel outside of the bargaining unit is the sole responsibility of management and shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures provided in this Agreement.
- F. The PBA recognizes that the Sheriff has certain obligations to comply with federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, directives and guidelines that may be applicable to such matters as affirmative action, equal employment opportunities, etc., and shall cooperate in such compliance. Such matters shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures provided in this Agreement.

- G. The Sheriff shall have the right, during the term of this Agreement, to terminate selected services and/or operations permanently.
- H. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, any written rule, regulation, policy or procedure affecting those employees of the bargaining unit in effect prior to, as well as those issued after the effective date of this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect unless changed, modified, or deleted by the Sheriff. Final authority to change, modify or delete any rule or regulation rests with the Sheriff.
- I. It is expressly understood by and between the parties to this Agreement that the Sheriff shall not be deemed to have waived or modified any of the rights reserved to the Sheriff under this Article by not exercising said rights in a particular matter or in a particular manner.
- J. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall abrogate the rights, duties and responsibilities of the Sheriff, as provided by law.
- K. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the Sheriff in the exercise of its managerial functions. It is agreed that these enumerations of management prerogatives shall not be deemed to exclude other prerogatives of management not specifically enumerated. The Sheriff can exercise only those managerial functions that do not violate or abridge this Agreement.
- L. The exercise of the above enumerated managerial rights, except as otherwise provided herein, shall not preclude an aggrieved from filing a grievance, but such grievance can be filed only on the grounds that the action complained of by him is in violation of the express written terms of this Agreement.

- M. In the exercise of the above-enumerated rights, the Sheriff recognizes its obligations to bargain if the law so requires over such rights or decisions that alter, modify, or impact hours, wages, and terms and conditions of employment of bargaining unit employees.
- N. All other rights to manage the Sheriff's Office and the operations, functions, and purposes thereof, which are not recited in or expressly limited by this Agreement, are reserved exclusively to the Sheriff.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

##### **Section 1**

The Sheriff and the PBA agree that neither Party will discriminate or interfere whatsoever with the right of any employee covered by this Agreement to belong or not belong to the PBA. No bargaining unit employee will be discriminated against by MCSO for engaging in authorized activity, as required by this Agreement, on behalf of the PBA.

##### **Section 2**

No bargaining unit employee will be discriminated against on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, handicap/disability, marital status, familial status, pregnancy, sexual orientation or religion. However, the parties also recognize that MCSO has established an internal procedure to investigate and resolve alleged cases of discrimination, which is in addition to existing and adequate procedures established by the State of Florida and the federal government. Accordingly, it is agreed that allegations of employment discrimination prohibited by this Article cannot be processed through the contractual grievance procedure.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURE**

#### **Section 1**

In a mutual effort to provide a harmonious working relationship between the Parties to this Agreement, it is agreed that there is a procedure for the resolution of grievances between the Parties arising from any alleged violation of a specific term of this Agreement.

#### **Section 2**

For the purpose of this Agreement, a grievance is defined as a dispute, claim or complaint that any employee or the Union may have as to the interpretation, application, and/or alleged violation of some express provision(s) of this Agreement which is subject to the Grievance Procedure.

#### **Section 3**

A. Every effort will be made by the Parties to settle all grievances as soon as possible. The time limits set forth shall be strictly complied with and can only be extended by mutual agreement of the Parties in writing. Any grievance shall be considered settled at the last level considered if the grievant fails to timely process the grievance to the next level.

- B. The commencing of legal proceedings against the Sheriff in a court of law or equity, or before the Public Employee Relations Commission, for misapplication or misinterpretation of the terms of this Agreement, shall be deemed an election of remedy and shall be a waiver by the Party commencing the proceeding of its/their right to resort to the grievance and arbitration procedure contained in this Article and any grievance that has already been filed over the same subject will be dismissed. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the Grievance and Arbitration Procedure is the sole remedy for any alleged violations of this Agreement. It is the intent of both parties that the same relief not be heard under both the Arbitration Procedure and before PERC or a court or any administrative agency or body.

#### Section 4

All grievances must be in writing and must contain the following information:

- A. Article(s) and Section(s) of the Agreement alleged to have been violated;
- B. A general statement of the grievance, including facts, dates and times of events and the remedy or adjustment desired;
- C. Signature of aggrieved employee or the Union representative and date signed.

#### Section 5

Grievances shall be processed in accordance with the following procedures:

**STEP 1:** The grievant or PBA shall present in writing his/her grievance to the employee's immediate supervisor within fourteen (14) calendar days of the occurrence of the action giving rise to the grievance. Discussions will be informal for the purpose of settling differences in the simplest and most effective manner. The supervisor shall

reach a decision and communicate in writing to the grievant within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date the grievance was presented to him/her. Failure of the supervisor to timely respond shall be considered a denial of the grievance and shall entitle the grievant to appeal to Step 2.

**STEP 2:** If the grievance is not settled at the first step, the grievant or PBA within fourteen (14) calendar days of the answer in Step 1, or if no answer was received under Step 1, within fourteen (14) days of the date the answer was due, may appeal the grievance to the appropriate Captain. The Captain or designee may investigate the alleged grievance and may, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the written grievance, conduct a meeting between the Captain, other Sheriff's representatives as necessary, the grievant and/or the grievant's Union representative. The Captain shall notify the aggrieved employee of a decision no later than fourteen (14) calendar days following the submission of the grievance at Step 2. Failure of the Captain to timely respond shall be considered a denial of the grievance and shall entitle the grievant to appeal to Step 3.

**STEP 3:** If the grievance is not settled in Step 2, the grievant or PBA within fourteen (14) calendar days of the answer in Step 2, or if no answer was received under Step 2, within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date the answer was due, may appeal the Step 2 answer to the Sheriff. The Sheriff or designee, may investigate the grievance as appropriate and may, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the written grievance, conduct a hearing or meeting between the Sheriff, other MCSO representatives as needed, the grievant and/or the grievant's Union representative. The Sheriff shall notify the grievant in writing of a decision not later than fourteen (14)

calendar days following the submission of the grievance at Step 3. Failure of the Sheriff to timely respond shall be considered a denial of the grievance and shall entitle the grievant to appeal to Step 4.

**STEP 4:** If a grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved within the grievance procedures, the PBA may, within fourteen (14) calendar days after the response is received at Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure, request a panel of seven arbitrators from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (“FMCS”). A copy of the written request will be provided to the Sheriff who will be referred to as the MCSO representative on the request form. Only the PBA may request an arbitration.

#### Section 6

Upon receipt of the list, each Party shall alternate striking arbitrators, beginning with the Party who requested the arbitration panel. The last remaining arbitrator shall hear and rule upon the grievance. The Parties can mutually agree to change to the American Arbitration Association during the term of the contract. Either party may strike an entire panel.

#### Section 7

The following general rules are applicable to this Article:

- A. The PBA may abandon or settle a grievance. Grievances settled under this Article shall be non-precedent setting and cannot be offered as evidence or precedent in any subsequent arbitration case unless the Union and the Sheriff mutually agree in writing that the grievance is precedent setting.
- B. No grievance can be amended or supplemented after the initial management response at Step 1 without the written consent of the Sheriff.

- C. The arbitrator shall not have the power to add to, subtract from, modify, or alter the terms of this Agreement.
- D. The arbitrator shall have no power to establish wages, rates of pay for new jobs, or to change any wage, unless the arbitrator is specifically empowered to do so by both parties.
- E. The arbitrator shall have only the power to rule on grievances arising under this Agreement, as defined under Sections 2 and 4 above.
- F. The arbitrator shall determine each dispute in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and in accord with a Submission Agreement, if one can be agreed to. If there is no Submission Agreement, then the arbitrator will rely on the grievances as written under Step 1 of this Agreement.
- G. Unless the parties agree in writing to the contrary, only one grievance may be submitted to an arbitrator at any one hearing; however, it is agreed that grievances effecting two (2) or more members, arising out of the same facts, may be filed by the PBA as a group grievance.
- H. Upon request, the arbitrator shall rule on arbitrability before issuing a decision on the merits. If a lawsuit is filed over arbitrability, the arbitration shall not commence until the suit has terminated in the trial court.

### Section 8

The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on the Union and on all bargaining unit employees and on the Sheriff, provided that the arbitrator's decision is not outside or beyond the scope of the arbitrator's jurisdiction and authority as set forth in this Agreement.

### Section 9

Each Party shall bear the expense of its own witnesses and its own representatives, except on duty employees may be on call to appear. The arbitrator's bill shall be equally shared by the parties. Expenses of obtaining a hearing room, if any, shall be equally divided between the parties.

### Section 10

The Parties may agree in writing that with respect to any arbitration that there will be no transcript of the proceeding and/or no post arbitration briefs.

**ARTICLE 5**  
**PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

**Section 1**

The standard probationary period for all bargaining unit employees shall be twelve (12) months from the date of hire/re-hire or twelve (12) months from the date of promotion. The standard probationary period for all bargaining unit employees shall be six (6) months from the date of transfer. With respect to new hires, any time spent out of work attending CJSTC Basic Corrections Academy or on modified duty for any reason, including a worker's compensation injury, shall be deducted from the twelve (12) months, thus extending probation.

**Section 2**

Prior to the expiration of the time period as outlined in Section 1, the Sheriff will make a final decision on retention of the employee in a regular status position; which written decision shall be provided to the employee and the PBA contemporaneously. The failure of an employee to pass or complete probation shall not be appealable to any authority, nor shall such be subject to the grievance procedure contained in this Agreement; however, an employee who fails their promotional probation period shall be offered a position of previous rank held prior to the promotion.

**Section 3**

Bargaining unit members do not have to complete a probationary period when involuntarily transferred at the Sheriff's discretion.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **BASIC WORKWEEK AND OVERTIME**

#### **Section 1**

Bargaining unit members assigned to 12-hour shifts shall work a FLSA, 207(k) 7-day work period, which begins on each Sunday and ends the following Saturday. Though the overtime threshold is 43 hours, both parties contractually agree that all bargaining unit personnel assigned to 12-hour shifts shall receive overtime in accordance with the following:

- For “long weeks”, overtime shall be paid for all hours in excess of 43 hours in a 7-day work period
- For “short weeks”, overtime shall be paid for all hours in excess of 37 hours in a 7-day work period

A “long week” is defined as a 7-day work period in which a bargaining unit member has 4 regularly scheduled 12-hour shifts. A “short week” is a 7-day work period in which a bargaining unit member has 3 regularly scheduled 12-hour shifts. For the purposes of calculating overtime, bargaining unit members that are assigned to 8 or 10-hour shifts will be paid overtime for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in a 7-day work period. Authorized PBA time pool, taken during the member’s regularly scheduled work hours, shall be considered time worked.

Provision shall be made to give bargaining unit members an opportunity to have a meal break, unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

## Section 2

Compensatory time is time earned at the same rate the employee would receive if he/she were being paid i.e., if pay would be at the overtime rate then compensatory time is accrued at time and one half time; if pay would be straight time then compensatory time, in lieu of pay, is accrued at straight time. The choice of compensatory time or overtime pay shall be at the bargaining unit member's option.

The accrual of compensatory time off may not exceed the following:

- 2019 – one hundred twenty (120) converted hours
- 2020 – one hundred forty (140) converted hours
- 2021 – one hundred sixty (160) converted hours

Upon separation from Martin County Sheriff's Office, the bargaining unit member shall be paid for all approved accrued, unused compensatory time at the bargaining unit member's then existing rate. Once the maximum accrual has been reached, bargaining unit members required to work overtime shall be paid overtime at the rate of one and one-half times their regular rate of pay. Time worked outside of an employee's regular Division cannot be earned as compensatory time, unless otherwise approved by their Department Director.

## Section 3

Bargaining unit members may be required to work overtime both scheduled and unscheduled. To the extent reasonable and appropriate, under the circumstances as determined by the Sheriff or his designee, overtime will be distributed equitably among bargaining unit members in their particular job classification in organizational units, as work permits.

#### Section 4

Payment for earned overtime shall be made in the pay period immediately following the period in which the overtime was submitted to Finance.

#### Section 5

Once a year, in September, or any other time mutually agreeable to the parties, the Sheriff shall have the right to buy back accrued compensatory time of bargaining unit members.

#### Section 6

The Sheriff will continue to maintain the following work schedules which will not be altered without giving at least sixty (60) days' notice (unless mutually agreed upon by both parties) during which time the Sheriff agrees to bargain the impact of any such changes with the PBA. The schedules for specialized units may be modified as needed. Such modifications are not subject to impact bargaining.

- Corrections Operations - Day Shift  
(2 on/ 2 off / 3 on/ 2 off/ 2 on/ 3 off)
- Corrections Operations - Night Shift (4 on/4 off)

#### Section 7

Notwithstanding the varying work schedules established herein, all formal corrective action suspensions shall be effected upon the basis of an eight (8) hour "day". Accordingly, for example, a two (2) day suspension shall mean 16 hours without pay.

If a bargaining unit member is assigned to work shifts longer than 8 hours, any portion of a shift remaining after serving the suspension may be worked by the member, or subject to the member's use of compensatory time or accrued annual leave at the discretion of the bargaining unit member.

For example: if a bargaining unit member works ten (10) hour shifts and is suspended for one (1) day, the member is suspended for 8 hours and may choose to work the remaining two (2) hours, or may choose to utilize two (2) hours of compensatory time or annual leave. The hours to be worked shall be determined by the Sheriff. Neither compensatory time nor annual leave shall be denied for the purpose of completing a shift or portion thereof remaining after serving a suspension.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### **Section 1**

All sections of MCSO's Personnel Rules and Regulations, including any amendments thereto, are applicable to the bargaining unit members unless there is an express conflict between the Personnel Rules and Regulations and the Agreement, in which case this Agreement shall apply. Reasonable rules and regulations, not in conflict with this Agreement, shall be formulated and implemented by the Sheriff as deemed necessary for the operation of the MCSO.

#### **Section 2**

The Sheriff shall have the right to promulgate any reasonable rule, policy or procedure not in conflict with this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**DUES DEDUCTION**

**Section 1**

During the term of this Agreement the Sheriff will deduct PBA dues and other authorized deductions in an amount established by the PBA and certified in writing by the PBA to the Sheriff, from employee's pay for those employees who individually make such request on the deduction form provided by the PBA. Such deductions will be made by the Sheriff when other payroll deductions are made and will begin with the pay for the first full pay period following receipt of the authorization by the Sheriff.

**Section 2**

The PBA shall advise the Sheriff of any increase in dues or other authorized deductions in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to its effective date.

**Section 3**

This Article applies only to the deduction of membership dues and uniform assessments, if any, and shall not apply to the collection of any fines, penalties, or special assessments.

The Sheriff will not be required to process Dues Deductions Authorization Forms that are: (1) incorrectly and/or incompletely filled out; (2) postdated; or (3) submitted to the Sheriff more than sixty (60) days following the date of the employee's signature.

**Section 4**

Deductions of dues and other authorized deductions shall be remitted exclusively to the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association by the Sheriff within thirty (30)

days after the deductions are made, or as soon as practical thereafter, along with a list containing the names of the employees from whom the remittance is made.

#### Section 5

In the event an employee's salary earnings within any pay period are not sufficient to cover dues and any other authorized deductions, it will be the responsibility of the PBA to collect its dues and uniform assessments for that pay period directly from the employee.

#### Section 6

Deductions for PBA dues and other authorized deductions shall continue until either: (1) revoked by the employee by providing the Sheriff and PBA with thirty (30) days written notice that the employee is terminating the prior checkoff authorization; (2) revoked pursuant to Section 447.507 Florida Statutes or (3) the termination of employment. If these deductions are continued when any of the above situations occur, the PBA shall, upon notice of the error, reimburse the employee for the deductions that were improperly withheld.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **STRIKE PROHIBITION AND WORK REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Section 1**

The Union will not, under any circumstances or for any reason, call, encourage, authorize, ratify or engage in any strike, slowdown, concerted abuse of sick leave, unauthorized picketing, or other interruption of work of any kind against MCSO. The Union will also not engage in such activities in sympathy for or in support of any other employees or union. The Union shall be responsible for any act alleged to constitute a breach of this Article if the Union or any of its authorized officers instigated, authorized, condoned, sanctioned or ratified such action. "Unauthorized picketing", as used herein, shall mean any action which has the effect of preventing employees from reporting to or continuing work.

#### **Section 2**

The bargaining unit employees will not, under any circumstances or for any reason, call or encourage any strike, slowdown, concerted abuse of sick leave, unauthorized picketing or any other interruption of work. The bargaining unit employees will not engage in such activities in sympathy for or in support of any other employees or union.

#### **Section 3**

Any alleged violation of this Article shall be resolved in a court of competent jurisdiction and shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure under this contract.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **LAYOFFS**

#### **Section 1**

In the event of a reduction in force the Sheriff will consider a number of relevant factors in determining selections for layoff, the public interest being of prime importance.

Factors to be considered include:

- A. Seniority, as defined in Article 36.
- B. Special Training / Certifications
- C. Employee's performance and/or disciplinary record for the past two (2) years.

As between two employees, if two and three above are relatively equal, then seniority shall prevail.

#### **Section 2**

Individual bargaining unit employees will be recalled in reverse order. No new bargaining unit employees will be hired by the Sheriff unless laid off members of the bargaining unit are offered recall. This recall procedure will be effective for a period of thirteen (13) months from the date of their layoff. All individuals recalled may be subject to pre-employment testing in accordance with Human Resources personnel processing procedures.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Section 1**

The filling of vacant positions should be used to provide career mobility for employees and should be based on the relative merit and fitness of the applicants. The Sheriff shall fill a vacant position with the applicant who, in his judgment, is most qualified and best fits the needs of the Sheriff to perform the duties as described in the class specification, position description, and other documents describing the position. The Sheriff will promulgate testing and selection criteria after consulting with the Union and receiving its input.

#### **Section 2**

Anytime the Sheriff has the right to take an action or an obligation to do so, the Sheriff may utilize a designee. While the Sheriff is referred to in many Articles, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to imply that an employee should or can violate the established chain of command.

#### **Section 3**

The assignment or reassignment of an employee on a temporary or permanent basis shall remain the prerogative of the Sheriff and the exercise of this right is not subject to the provisions of Article 4. With respect to temporary assignments (21 working days or less) the Sheriff will give as much notice as possible. With respect to permanent reassignments, the Sheriff shall give at least ten (10) working days' notice unless the parties agree to lesser notice. Schedules shall not be modified in any given work week for the purpose of avoiding overtime or premium rates of pay.

#### Section 4

Where his, he or him is used herein it is for convenience and not reflective of gender.

**ARTICLE 12**

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## **ARTICLE 13**

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND OUTSIDE ACTIVITY**

#### **Section 1**

On the effective date of this Agreement, any employee who is performing employment outside of MCSO shall notify the Sheriff of such employment.

#### **Section 2**

If an employee anticipates accepting employment outside of MCSO, the employee shall notify the Sheriff of such outside employment prior to the date of employment and verify that such employment does not conflict with the employee's employment with the Sheriff or with applicable laws or rules. Should such conflict(s) exist, the outside employment shall not be approved.

#### **Section 3**

The Sheriff may make reasonable inquiries of the employee to ensure that the employee's employment outside of MCSO does not constitute a conflict of interest or interfere with the employee's primary duties.

#### **Section 4**

Employees are not permitted to wear their uniform and/or use their MCSO property during outside employment or any other non-agency related purpose unless they have received prior approval from the Sheriff or designee.

**ARTICLE 14**  
**COURT APPEARANCES**

**Section 1**

Any bargaining unit member who is required to appear as a witness in court, court-related or other legal or administrative proceedings as a result of their employment with MCSO shall be entitled to the following:

- A. Regular pay if called to testify during regularly scheduled work hours.
- B. Employees shall receive a minimum of three (3) hours, including travel time, if called to testify, give a deposition, appear in court, present a case to the State Attorney's Office, or any other official legal or administrative proceeding or action, outside the bargaining unit member's regular hours of work. Time will be computed from 30 minutes prior to the appearance time or subpoena time.
- C. If a bargaining unit member is required to appear more than once a day he will receive an additional two (2) hour guarantee if the second appearance is at least one (1) hour after the end of the first three (3) hours minimum or actual hours worked beyond the three (3) hour minimum. If the second appearance falls within the three (3) hour minimum it will be paid as continuous time. Time will be computed from 30 minutes prior to the appearance time or subpoena time.
- D. Any witness, mileage or other fees paid to the member will be turned over to the MCSO.

## Section 2

A bargaining unit member subpoenaed to appear as a witness in a case involving their prior employment with a law enforcement agency will be allowed time off with pay for this purpose if otherwise scheduled to work. Adequate prior notice must be provided by the bargaining unit member. If a MCSO vehicle is approved and utilized, any witness, mileage or other fees paid to the member will be turned over to the MCSO.

## Section 3

Time off to respond to a subpoena to appear as a witness in a case related to a bargaining unit member's personal affairs will be at the bargaining unit member's own expense (vacation or approved unpaid leave). Adequate prior notice must be provided by the bargaining unit member to his/her command.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

#### **Section 1**

All employees required to wear uniforms by the Sheriff shall receive a standard issue of uniforms (winter and summer) and uniform accessories consistent with MCSO Policy and Procedure Manual, and may request replacement of such uniforms as needed. Requests for replacement of uniforms shall be honored in a timely fashion and not unreasonably denied.

#### **Section 2**

All bargaining unit members required to wear shoes/boots meeting MCSO standards and subject to MCSO approval shall receive a voucher on their anniversary date, for a pair of shoes/boots from the agency's vendor. A list of pre-approved shoes/boots that the bargaining unit member will be allowed to select from will be provided. If a bargaining unit member is unable to utilize a shoe/boot from the pre-approved list, the bargaining unit member must supply a note of medical necessity from their physician, and a \$200.00 shoe allowance will be received on their anniversary date. New hires will be provided a voucher upon employment.

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **REPLACEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**

#### **Section 1**

An employee, while on duty and acting within the scope of employment, who suffers damage or destruction of the employee's watch, prescription eyewear, sunglasses or such other items of personal property as have been given prior approval by the Sheriff as being required by the employee to adequately perform the duties of the position, will be reimbursed or have such property repaired or replaced as provided herein. A written report must be filed detailing the circumstances under which such property was damaged or destroyed.

#### **Section 2**

Specific Reimbursement Allowances and Approvals.

- A. Upon proper documentation by the employee of the amount expended, the Sheriff shall authorize reimbursement for repair or replacement of such property, not to exceed the following amounts per calendar year:
1. Watch - \$200;
  2. Prescription eye wear - \$up to \$400 (including any required examination);
  3. Other items – The Sheriff shall have final authority to determine the reimbursement value of any items other than watches or prescription eye wear.
- B. Members may make a written application to the Sheriff or designee for reimbursement or replacement of personal property lost or damaged in the performance of their duties. The written application will include the

circumstances under which the personal property was lost or damaged, as well as the description of the personal property to include its original purchase price and replacement cost. The Sheriff or designee shall approve or deny funds for the repair, reimbursement, deductible, or replacement of the lost or damaged personal property. The final decision shall not be subject to grievance and arbitration procedures.

- C. Such reimbursement shall be with the approval of the Sheriff. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **TOTALITY OF AGREEMENT**

#### **Section 1**

The Sheriff and the PBA acknowledge that, during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to present proposals with respect to any and all matters lawfully subject to collective bargaining, and that all of the understandings and agreements arrived at by the Sheriff and the PBA thereby are set forth in this Agreement between the parties for its duration.

#### **Section 2**

The Sheriff and the PBA, during the term of this Agreement, voluntarily and unqualifiedly waive the right, and agree that the other shall not be obligated, to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter whether or not referred to or covered by this Agreement, even though such subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of the parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement. The Sheriff agrees to meet with the Union on substantive issues with reasonable notice.

#### **Section 3**

Modifications. Nothing herein shall preclude the Sheriff or the PBA from mutually agreeing to alter, amend, supplement, delete, enlarge, or modify any of the provisions of this Agreement in writing.

**ARTICLE 18**

**SAVINGS CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Agreement should be rendered or declared invalid, unlawful, or not enforceable by any court action or by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation; or if the appropriate governmental body having amendatory power to change a law, rule, or regulation which is in conflict with a provision of this Agreement, fails to enact or adopt an enabling amendment to make the provision effective, in accordance with Section 447.309(3), Florida Statutes; then such provision shall not be applicable, performed, or enforced, but the remaining parts or portions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the term of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 19**  
**ANNUAL LEAVE**

**Section 1**

During the term of this Agreement the following Annual Leave shall be granted to all bargaining unit members based upon their years of continuous service with the Sheriff as follows:

<b><u>Years of Service</u></b>	<b><u>Hours of Annual Leave Accrued Monthly</u></b>
0 – 5 years	6.66 hours
5 + years	10.00 hours
10 + years	10.67 hours
11 + years	11.33 hours
12 + years	12.00 hours
13 + years	12.66 hours
14 + years	13.33 hours
15 + years	13.33 hours
16+ years	14.00 hours
17+ years	14.67 hours
18+ years	15.33 hours
19+ years	16.00 hours
20+ years	16.67 hours

- A. The employees' paychecks shall reflect the current annual leave balances as of last payroll cut-off date.

- B. Employees will be eligible to use annual leave after six (6) months of employment and successful completion of Field Training. Newly hired employees may use a maximum of forty (40) hours annual leave during their first year of employment.
- C. Any employee who has sustained an injury in the line of duty and who has time previously scheduled which falls within the period of disability shall be entitled to reschedule the vacation time after returning to duty. It is the intent of the parties that any previously scheduled vacation time falling within a period of disability incurred in the line of duty shall not be forfeited or otherwise expended due to the unforeseeable circumstance of the injury.

## Section 2

A bargaining unit member is allowed to utilize up to five hundred (500) total hours, using a combination of annual leave (up to 400) and accrued compensatory leave time, which is payable upon entering the DROP and/or separation of employment, unless at the time of entry into the DROP or at the time of separation of employment, the bargaining unit member's FRS benefits have been forfeited or their certification has been revoked. If there is an investigation or charges pending at the time of entry into the DROP or at separation which could result in either forfeiture of the unit member's FRS benefits or revocation of certification, payout of annual leave shall be suspended until a final determination is made as to the status of FRS benefits and certification.

The maximums set forth in this section represent the total amount of annual leave payable to the member, upon entering the DROP and separation from

employment combined. Nothing herein shall affect the member's ability to accrue and utilize annual leave while participating in the DROP.

If a member elects to exercise his or her right to utilize the annual leave payout prior to participating in the DROP, he or she will not be eligible for a second payout of annual leave upon final separation from employment (annual leave accrued during participation in the DROP will be "use it or lose it").

### Section 3

Supervisors may allow members off for annual leave as long as the manpower standards, as determined by the Division Commander, are maintained.

### Section 4

Members shall be able to maintain a maximum of twenty four (24) months' worth of accrued annual leave at their current yearly rate.

## **ARTICLE 20**

### **CORPORAL / FIELD TRAINING OFFICER PROGRAM**

#### **Section 1**

A Corporal / Field Training Officer Program shall be established which combines the responsibilities of a Field Training Officer (FTO) / Fire Safety and Sanitation Officer (FSSO) with the duties and responsibilities of the position of Corporal (for the purposes of this Article, the combined position of Corporal / FTO (FSSO) shall be referred to as Corporal). The Corporal will be a lead worker and will be the Acting Sergeant in the absence of the Squad Sergeant, but will otherwise have limited supervisory responsibilities as directed by the Division Commander or designee. The Corporal position shall not be utilized for the purpose of avoiding / supplanting overtime or premium rates of pay for Sergeants. A Corporal may be assigned as an acting Sergeant by the Shift Commander to take the place of an absent Shift Sergeant. A Corporal may be assigned as acting Sergeant as long as two other supervisors with the rank of Sergeant or Lieutenant are also on duty.

#### **Section 2**

Minimum Qualifications – The minimum qualifications for the position of Corporal are as follows:

- A. Completion of no less than two (2) years of full-time corrections service, at least one (1) year of which is with the Martin County Sheriff's Office.
- B. Successful completion of the CJSTC forty (40) hour Field Training Officer course, sixty-four (64) hour General Instructor Techniques, and one hundred twenty (120) hours of career development training.

- C. A Bachelor's Degree shall be equivalent to one hundred and twenty (120) hours of the required one hundred and twenty (120) hours of career development training. An Associates Degree shall be equivalent to sixty (60) hours of the required one hundred and twenty (120) hours of career development training.
- D. Members must not have received formal corrective action as defined in standard operating procedure 222.00, within 365 days from the date of the position posting. Any formal corrective action received during the above specified time frame for traffic crashes involving Sheriff's office vehicles will be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis.
- E. The Sheriff may include additional job relevant requirements for the position of Corporal as deemed necessary.

Members currently in the Corporal position shall be exempt from the requirements set forth in subsection (B).

### Section 3

Assessment Process – Members meeting the minimum qualifications for the position of Corporal shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in the assessment phase of the process. This shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. Screening Device – Members must successfully complete a written examination for the position of Corporal with a minimum score of seventy-five percent (75%).
- B. Oral Interview – Members will be scheduled for an oral interview with designated supervisory staff member(s).

#### Section 4

Selection – Members selected for the position of Corporal shall be appointed for a period of up to three (3) years. Members interested in remaining in the position beyond three (3) years will be required to re-apply. To re-apply, the member must submit a letter of interest to remain in their current position, via chain of command.

If a Corporal is transferred to a non-Corporal position, they shall remain eligible for a Corporal position one (1) year from the date of transfer. After one (1) year, members wishing to be eligible for future Corporal positions must participate in the assessment process.

#### Section 5

Removal – members shall be removed from the position of Corporal for any of the reasons listed below (Removal from the position of Corporal shall not be subject to appeal under the Grievance and Arbitration Provisions of Article 4 or the Career Service Appeals provisions of Article 31):

- A. The member fails to re-apply or is not re-appointed prior to the completion of the three (3) year appointment period.
- B. Transfer to a job classification or assignment where there are no open or authorized Corporal positions available.
- C. Transfer to a job classification or assignment where the member has minimal experience and cannot be utilized in an FTO / FSSO capacity.
- D. The member receives a promotion.

- E. The member's performance is deemed to be substandard as documented on an Annual Performance Evaluation or Memorandum summarizing issues and substandard performance.
- F. The member receives Formal Corrective Action (Removal based on Formal Corrective Action will be considered on a case by case basis).
- G. The number of Corporal positions is reduced due to budgetary constraints.
- H. Removal at the Sheriff's discretion.

#### Section 6

- A. Compensation – Members appointed to the position of Corporal by the Sheriff shall receive a (6.5%) percent increase to their base salary. Members removed from the position of Corporal will not continue to receive the (6.5%) percent increase.
- B. Incentive Points – Members appointed to the position of Corporal shall receive 1 additional incentive point toward the Sergeant's examination, for every year of service as Corporal. The maximum incentive points awarded will be six (6).
- C. Based on operational necessity, the Corrections Department Shift Operations Division Commander or designee may authorize an interim FTO assignment. Interim FTO assignments shall only be authorized for members who are on the current Corporal's eligibility list or Sergeant's eligibility list. For the duration of the interim FTO assignment, the member shall receive a five (5%) percent increase to their base salary.

Section 7

Allocation and Assignment of Corporal Positions – The Sheriff or his designee shall determine the number of Corporal positions that are approved and the related assignment of those positions.

## ARTICLE 21

### CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CANINES

#### Section 1

Bargaining unit members who are assigned canines (dogs) owned by the MCSO shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the dog assigned to them based upon the conditions of the Article. The care and maintenance of the assigned dog shall be reasonable based upon standards established by the Sheriff.

#### Section 2

The care and maintenance of each canine is in the best interest of the MCSO. As such forty-five (45) minutes each day (per dog) shall be designated for the dog's routine care and maintenance. If such routine care and maintenance is performed during time other than a canine handler's regularly scheduled hours, the canine handler shall be compensated for said forty-five (45) minutes as time worked pursuant to this Agreement.

If the member is required to take the canine (dog) to veterinary appointments or certification activities outside of their regularly scheduled shift they shall be compensated for such time worked.

#### Section 3

The MCSO shall pay for all canine maintenance expenses including but not limited to:

- A. Dog food.
- B. Veterinary bills.
- C. Harnesses, bite sleeve and other control, safety and training devices.

- D. Monthly pest control services of the handler's residence and patrol vehicle.
- E. Floor cleaning of the handler's residence two times per year.
- F. If required, boarding of the canine (dog) at a professional kennel during the handler's annual leave or other times when the handler is unable to care for the dog. Anytime, such as when the dog is boarded, when the member is not caring for the dog he/she shall not receive the forty-five (45) minutes pay referred to in Section 2 above.
- G. Upon request, the Sheriff will provide a canine crate to any handler.

## **ARTICLE 22**

### **COMMUNICATIONS POLICY**

#### **Section 1**

In order to maintain an efficient working relationship, the PBA Lead Representative or designee shall be placed on the emergency contact list maintained by the MCSO Department of Corrections Central Control. In those cases in which a bargaining unit member requests a PBA representative to respond or be contacted and the affected Party is unable to make such notifications, the MCSO Department of Corrections Central Control, upon request, will attempt to make such contact.

#### **Section 2**

The PBA will provide the MCSO with the necessary information to facilitate compliance with this Article.

## **ARTICLE 23**

### **PBA REPRESENTATIVE AND UNION BUSINESS**

#### **Section 1**

The Sheriff recognizes the right of the PBA to designate PBA representatives as it deems appropriate.

#### **Section 2**

The Sheriff and PBA agree that it is the best interest of all parties to expedite whenever possible the resolution of grievances, internal investigations and contractual issues. In order to accomplish this goal, the Sheriff and PBA will work together and meet periodically to address issues of mutual concern. Such meetings shall not interfere with MCSO operations or service provided to the community. On duty PBA members shall not participate in political activity or attend PBA meetings.

#### **Section 3**

The Sheriff agrees to establish a PBA Time Pool. Each PBA member shall contribute two (2) hours of their annual leave to the PBA Time Pool on an annual basis. These contributions will be deducted from the member's accrued leave and reflected on the October pay check. Donated PBA members' time will be carried over from year to year. The MCSO Financial Services Section bi-annually shall provide the PBA lead representative with the current balance of hours in the PBA Time Pool.

#### **Section 4**

Hours from the PBA Time Pool may be utilized by the PBA representatives to attend PBA meetings, PBA approved training classes, arbitrations or other union related business. PBA members may be authorized to use hours from the PBA Time Pool

upon authorization from the PBA lead representative. PBA representatives complete their standard MCSO Notice of Time Earned/Used Form via the timecard system to request use of hours from the PBA Time Pool. The request will be submitted to the member's supervisor who will use the same guidelines as used for annual leave. However, requests received in a timely fashion for PBA time pool to be used for negotiations with the Sheriff will not be unreasonably denied.

#### Section 5

The PBA shall provide MCSO a current listing of designated representatives including lead representatives who are authorized to approve time pool usage. Any time there is a change in the designated/lead representative(s) the PBA shall notify the Sheriff within ten (10) calendar days.

**ARTICLE 24**  
**BULLETIN BOARDS**

**Section 1**

The Sheriff shall provide dedicated bulletin board space located within the Headquarters Building, Sub-Stations, Divisions, and off-site locations for the PBA to post notices related to official PBA business. The location of these bulletin boards shall be in areas commonly used to post information for corrections personnel, and easily accessible to the membership.

**Section 2**

These bulletin boards shall be used for posting authorized Union notices, but restricted to the following:

- A. Notices of Union recreational and social affairs.
- B. Notices of Union elections and results of such elections.
- C. Notices of Union appointments and other official Union business.
- D. Notices of Union meetings.

Copies of all notices to be posted on the bulletin board shall be signed and dated by the authorized PBA representative and sent to the Sheriff at least forty eight (48) hours before posting or less if approved.

## **ARTICLE 25**

### **SICK LEAVE**

#### **Section 1**

Bargaining unit members shall accrue sick leave at the rate of eight (8) hours monthly. There shall be no limit as to the amount of sick leave that members can accrue. Sick leave shall accumulate during absences because of illness, injury (including workers compensation), military leave, educational leave and annual leave. Employees utilizing the sick leave pool or who are on unpaid leave of absence do not accrue sick leave.

#### **Section 2**

Sick leave may be used at any time by a member when they are unable to report for duty by reason of personal illness, family illness (immediate family), medical treatment or disability. Immediate family is defined as spouse, children, mother, father, brother, sister, grandparents, father-in-law, and mother-in-law or other family as authorized by the Sheriff.

The minimum period of absence to be charged to sick leave will be one (1) hour. Time in excess of one (1) hour will be rounded off to the nearest half hour.

In the event that a holiday occurred while a member, who does not work a rotating schedule, is on sick leave, the member will not be charged sick leave for that day, provided the member was scheduled to be off.

Members working rotating schedules who are on sick leave during a holiday will be charged sick leave for that day, and will receive compensation for the holiday.

A member on annual leave, who requires hospitalization due to a sickness or injury, may change such period to sick leave.

Section 3

Members shall follow procedures established by the Sheriff for notification and documentation of the use of sick leave.

Section 4 (Sick Leave Incentive)

As an incentive members who have been employed by the MCSO for two (2) consecutive years may convert a portion of their sick leave into sick leave incentive time as provided in the following chart:

<b>Hours of Accumulated Sick Time</b>	<b>Maximum Amount Allowed to Convert</b>
120 – 239 hours	12hours
240 – 359 hours	16 hours
360 – 479 hours	24 hours
480 – 599 hours	32 hours
600 – 719 hours	40 hours
720 – 839 hours	48 hours
840 – 959 hours	56 hours
960 – 1079 hours	64 hours
1080 – 1199 hours	72 hours
Over 1200 hours	80 maximum hours

The MCSO Finance Services Unit shall notify each member immediately after their anniversary date of any hours they are eligible to convert. The member shall have the option of not converting any hours, or converting some or all of their allowed amount in any combination (in 1 hour increments) to sick leave incentive time. If the member chooses sick leave incentive time, the amount chosen shall be transferred to and shown on their sick leave incentive time leave balance, and may be used as annual leave in accordance with Article 19 of this Agreement. The maximum balance for sick leave incentive time will be eighty (80) hours.

The Sheriff shall have the right to buy back accrued sick leave incentive time of bargaining unit members at any time mutually agreeable to the parties.

Section 5

Upon retirement or resignation in good standing, bargaining unit members shall be reimbursed for unused sick leave at the member's current rate of pay at separation according to the following schedule:

<b>Years of Continuous Service</b>	<b>Payout</b>
5 – 24	25% of their accrued sick leave up to a maximum of 500 hours.
25 or greater	50% of their accrued sick leave up to a maximum of 500 hours.

**ARTICLE 26**

**VACANT**

## **ARTICLE 27**

### **INSURANCE**

#### **Section 1**

Medical insurance is available to all full-time employees and their families. The Sheriff will pay a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost of either single or dependent medical and dental coverage and the employee will pay the remaining percentage due.

#### **Section 2**

No less often than once each year, during the annual insurance renewal period, the Sheriff shall provide for an open enrollment period.

#### **Section 3**

Bargaining unit members who are in good standing upon their retirement, may receive certain benefits. Currently, upon retirement, bargaining unit members will be asked if they wish to continue with their health, dental, vision and life insurance. This will be the retiree's only opportunity to accept continuing with these insurance benefits. The cost of the retiree's monthly health insurance premiums is based in part on the hiring date of the retiree, and the years of creditable, continuous service with the MCSO.

In determining the costs of the retiree's monthly health insurance premium, the following applies:

- A. Bargaining unit members hired prior to January 1, 2001, and who have completed ten or more years of creditable, continuous service with MCSO will receive the benefit of the agency covering 75% of their insurance costs and the

employee covering 25% of their insurance costs if they elect to continue their health insurance with this agency.

- B. Bargaining unit members hired from January 1, 2001 to May 31, 2007, who wish to continue their health insurance benefits upon their retirement shall receive coverage's based on the following sliding scale:

Less than 10 years of Service with MCSO – Employee will pay 100% of insurance costs

10 Years of Service with MCSO – Agency will pay 60% insurance costs employee will pay 40%

15 Years of Service with MCSO – Agency will pay 65% insurance costs employee will pay 35%

20 Years of Service with MCSO – Agency will pay 70% insurance costs employee will pay 30%

25 Years of Service with MCSO – Agency will pay 75% insurance costs employee will pay 25%

- C. For those bargaining unit members hired on or after June 1, 2007, who wish to continue their health benefits upon retirement, the MCSO will contribute to the cost of insurance only for those bargaining unit members who have worked for the MCSO for ten (10) continuous years and be at least 55 years of age, or have worked for a Florida Retirement System (FRS) Employer for at least twenty-five (25) years, including ten (10) continuous years with the MCSO, regardless of age. For those employees, sliding scale reflected in (B) above shall apply.

- D. For those bargaining unit members hired on or after January 1, 2010, the following sliding scale will apply:

20 Years of Service with MCSO – Agency will pay 70% insurance costs employee will pay 30%

25 Years of Service with MCSO – Agency will pay 75% insurance costs employee will pay 25%

In all of the above cases, the retired employee must be receiving retirement benefits from the FRS in order to participate in the program. The Defined Contribution Option, as well as any other future retirement options made available by FRS, shall fulfill the eligibility requirements of this provision.

E. Full-time bargaining unit members hired on or after April 1, 2011, who wish to continue their health insurance benefits upon their retirement, shall be responsible for 100% of their insurance costs.

#### Section 4

The Sheriff and the PBA agree to create a Health Insurance Task Force to provide input and recommendations to the Chief Financial Officer and Major of Administration, regarding carriers, medical benefits and coverage's. Up to two (2) representatives of the bargaining unit will be included in the task force. The Health Insurance Task Force, at their request, will meet with the Chief Financial Officer and Major of Administration once annually. The role of the Health Insurance Task Force is advisor and at no time will bargaining/negotiations occur during meetings of the Health Insurance Task Force.

**ARTICLE 28**

**CALL OUT**

When off duty employees are called out to work, they will be guaranteed a minimum of two hours pay. Time is calculated from the time the employee arrives at the assigned destination.

**ARTICLE 29**

**HOLIDAYS**

**Section 1**

During the term of this Agreement, the Sheriff recognized the following ten (10) paid holidays and two (2) personal days off:

**Holidays:**

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Third Monday in January
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving	Fourth Thursday in November
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday after Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25

2 Personal Days

**Section 2**

Bargaining unit members scheduled to work and who are directed to work on a designated holiday shall be paid at the bargaining unit member's regular rate of pay for all hours worked on the holiday and shall receive holiday pay at the regular rate of pay of up to 12 hours. Example: A bargaining unit member working on a holiday who is assigned to a 12 hour shift schedule, will receive 12 hours of holiday pay, as long as the deputy works 6 hours or more on the holiday. Should the bargaining unit member work less than 6 hours on the holiday, they will receive 8 hours of holiday pay.

**Section 3**

Bargaining unit members not normally scheduled to work, but who work on a designated holiday, shall receive the bargaining unit member's regular rate of pay for all

hours worked on the holiday, plus an eight (8) hour “day” at the regular rate of pay, notwithstanding the varying work schedules established.

#### Section 4

When a holiday falls on a bargaining unit member’s regularly scheduled day off, he/she shall receive an eight (8) hour “day” at the regular rate of pay, notwithstanding the varying work schedules established.

#### Section 5

A holiday will be considered hours worked. Example #1: Det. Jones and D/S Smith are off for the Christmas holiday. Det. Jones is on call and is called out for a missing child. He determines that a K-9 is needed and D/S Smith is activated, but was not on-call. Det. Jones works three hours and D/S Smith works two hours. For over-time purposes, both bargaining unit members’ time worked shall be reported at the time and a half rate (assuming he worked all other scheduled hours in the work week). Example #2: Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. day, and is a designated holiday. Det. Jones is off for the holiday. On Wednesday, Det. Jones is on call, and is called out for two hours. Det. Jones’ time would be reported at the time and a half rate (if he worked all other scheduled hours in the work week).

#### Section 6

Bargaining unit members shall receive two (2) Personal Days during each fiscal year of this Agreement. The personal days will be based upon the member’s regularly scheduled shift hour-for-hour. Example: Members assigned to Corrections Operations shall receive 24 hours. All other members will receive 16 hours, notwithstanding the varying work schedules established. The member may submit pursuant to MCSO

procedures a request to take the day off and still receive his/her normal rate of pay for the day.

## **ARTICLE 30**

### **WAGES**

The parties understand and agree that the amounts set forth in this Article and in Appendices A and B are contingent upon the Martin County Board of County Commissioners providing the funding necessary in Fiscal Years 2025/2026, 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 to adequately fund the amounts set forth therein. Should the funding be inadequate, the parties agree to reopen the Agreement as to this Article only.

#### **Section 2**

During each year of this contract, on their anniversary dates, bargaining unit members will be advanced to the next step identified in the Step Pay Plan.

- A. Example: On his/her anniversary date, a Step 4 bargaining unit member shall move to Step 5 of their respective pay plan.
- B. Bargaining Unit Members, who are on probationary status, will not be advanced from their salary level to the next higher level of their respective pay plan, as set forth in Section 2, until they have received a satisfactory Summary Evaluation and have obtained a non-probationary status.

#### **Section 3**

Effective October 1, 2025, Corrections Candidates who are not FDLE certified will receive a starting salary of \$50,000.

#### **Section 4**

At the conclusion of this contract (September 30, 2028), a formal negotiation between MCSO and the PBA will be held in a reasonable time prior to submission of the

proposed MCSO budget to the Board of County Commissioners. The meeting may be delayed due to emergencies or natural disasters.

#### Section 5

Acting Supervisory Assignment shall be established as follows:

- A. The Division Commander will submit a memorandum via chain-of-command to the Sheriff or designee for approval, prior to the start of an acting assignment in a supervisory position.
- B. A full-time bargaining unit member, while assigned in an acting capacity in a higher supervisory classification for a full three (3) day period, will receive an additional five (5) percent of their base pay during that period, as acting assignment pay.
- C. The acting assignment shall not exceed one hundred and eighty days.
- D. Upon termination of the acting assignment, the Division Commander will immediately notify the Human Resources Unit of the ending date of the acting assignment.
- E. If the bargaining unit member is permanently promoted to the Acting Assignment, time spent in that position will count toward their probationary period.
- F. A bargaining unit member classified as a Corporal who is assigned to an acting capacity in a higher supervisory classification for a full three (3) day period, will receive an additional one and one-half (1.5) percent of their base pay during that period, as acting assignment pay.

Section 6

All bargaining unit members who have completed the years of service indicated below will be entitled to the lump sum longevity incentive reflected:

Years of Continuous Service	Annual Monetary Award
10+	\$3,000.00
20+	\$5,000.00

All incentives will be paid based on continuous full-time years of service with the MCSO. Incentive payments will begin on the employee's tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) anniversary and will be paid thereafter upon the completion of subsequent anniversary dates. Continuous service shall accumulate during paid FMLA leave, paid sick leave, workers' compensation leave, annual leave and military leave.

Section 7

Beginning October 1, 2023, newly hired Corrections personnel with prior United States state, local or federal sworn or certified corrections experience will be compensated commensurate with their prior corrections experience as follows:

- \* New Hires with 1 – 4 years of prior corrections experience shall be compensated at Step 2 on Appendix A.

- \* New Hires with 5 or more years of prior corrections experience shall be compensated at Step 3 on Appendix A.

Beginning October 1, 2023, the compensation structure delineated in Section 7 will be applied to Law Enforcement personnel with the aforementioned prior experience hired

since October 1, 2022; however, there will be no backpay in conjunction with this provision.

**ARTICLE 31**  
**MASTER DEPUTY**

**Section 1**

A Master Deputy program shall be established for bargaining unit members who are not presently appointed to Corporal and who have not been promoted to the rank of Sergeant or above. Master Deputy status may be conferred by the Sheriff if the requirements of Section 2 are satisfied. Bargaining unit members who are conferred Master Deputy status will receive an approved Master Deputy badge to be worn. Bargaining unit members shall not hold status as a Master Deputy and appointment as Corporal at the same time.

A Master Deputy may be assigned to fill-in as a trainer for a trainee should a Corporal/FTO be unavailable (i.e. regularly assigned Corporal/FTO is out sick or on vacation).

**Section 2**

Minimum Qualifications – The minimum qualifications for the status of Master Deputy are as follows:

- Ten (10) years of uninterrupted sworn law enforcement service (with at least five (5) years of service at the Martin County Sheriff's Office.
- Any AA or AS Degree or higher, fully satisfies the "advance training requirement" for this section; or three hundred and fifty (350) or more hours of advanced and/or career development courses.
- Field Training Officer Certification (40 hour course).
- Crisis Intervention Training (40 hour course).

- MCSO Certifications:
  - OC
  - Taser (C.E.W.)
- Firearms Qualifications
  - Most recent handgun and shotgun qualification at 85% or higher and maintained.
- Fitness:
  - Must maintain fitness level as prescribed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement P.A.T. – course must be completed in 6:04.

### Section 3

If the requirements of Section 2 have been satisfied, bargaining unit members may apply for Master Deputy classification by submitting a request to Human Resources. Bargaining Unit Members may apply for Master Deputy classification up meeting the minimum qualifications in Section 2 of this Article.

### Section 4

Removal – Master Deputy status shall be removed for any of the reasons listed below (removal shall not be subject to appeal under the Grievance and Arbitration Provisions of Article 4 or the Career Service Appeals provisions).

- A. Failure to maintain all requirements in Section 2 of this Article.
- B. The member receives a promotion.
- C. The member's performance is deemed to be substandard as documented on a Memorandum summarizing issues and substandard performance.

- D. The member receives Formal Corrective Action (removal based on Formal Corrective Action will be considered on a case by case basis).
- E. The number of Master Deputy positions is reduced due to budgetary constraints.
- F. Removal at the Sheriff's discretion.

#### Section 5

Compensation – Members conferred with the status of Master Deputy by the Sheriff shall receive \$100.00 per pay period. Members whose Master Deputy status is removed for any reason will not continue to receive the increase.

#### Section 6

Allocation of Master Deputy Positions – The Sheriff or his designee shall determine the number of Master Deputy positions that are approved and the related assignment of those positions.

## **ARTICLE 32**

### **DURATION**

#### **Section 1**

This Agreement shall become effective the first day of October, 2025 and shall remain in full force and effect through the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2028 and will continue thereafter in full force and effect from year to year or not less than sixty (60) days prior to the termination date above or any anniversary thereof, either Party gives notice in writing to the other of its desire to amend, add to, or terminate this Agreement.

#### **Section 2**

A. As mutually agreed upon, up to two articles shall be re-opened for negotiations, effective October 1, 2026 & October 1, 2027.

#### **Section 3**

The parties recognize that during the term of this Agreement situations may arise which require that terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement must be clarified or amended. Under such circumstances, the Union is specifically authorized by bargaining unit members to enter into the settlement of grievance disputes or memorandums of understanding that clarifies or amends this Agreement, without having to be ratified by bargaining unit members.

## **ARTICLE 33**

### **ON CALL**

Bargaining unit members who are required to be on call, as determined by the division Captain, for at least eight (8) consecutive hours within a twenty-four (24) hour period shall receive \$20.00 on call pay. The on call period may be from eight (8) to twenty-four (24) consecutive hours. Bargaining unit members shall comply with Agency polices/guidelines for on call status, including being able to respond within thirty (30) minutes. When on call members are contacted regarding their on call status, members shall be compensated for the time spent on the phone calls. Compensation shall be based upon 0.25 increments, and all time will be rounded up to the nearest 0.25 hour. For example, a call from 0-15 minutes will be billed as 0.25 on the employee's timecard.

## **ARTICLE 34**

### **SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL**

Employees who work fifty percent (50%) or more of their assigned shift between the hours 2300 and 0500 hours shall receive a two (2) percent increase to base pay. Effective October 1, 2026, employees who work fifty percent (50%) or more of their assigned shift between the hours of 2300 and 0500 hours shall receive a three (3) percent increase to base pay. If the employee's assigned shift changes so that it does not meet the criteria above, he/she shall relinquish the shift differential. A temporary assignment of thirty (30) days or less will not affect shift differential.

## **ARTICLE 35**

### **DEPUTIES' RIGHTS IN ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS**

The Sheriff agrees that in the investigation of any and all bargaining unit member's conduct, the Sheriff's Office shall comply with the provisions of Section 92.525 and Chapter 112 of the Florida State Statutes, as amended.

## **ARTICLE 36**

### **SENIORITY**

#### **Section 1**

Seniority, as used herein, is defined as continuous time in rank and classification (Law Enforcement/Corrections), while employed by MCSO, which entitles members to certain considerations and preferences as provided for in this Agreement. Seniority shall accumulate during approved absence due to illness, injury, vacation leave and military leave. Employees on other authorized leave shall maintain the seniority they had when their leave commenced. Any re-hired bargaining unit member hired under this section will be considered a new hire in regards to probationary and seniority purposes.

Bargaining unit members who terminate service with MCSO and are rehired within a one (1) year period, shall be returned to duty at the same pay grade they held prior to terminating employment. However, any bargaining unit member of the rank of Sergeant who terminates employment and is rehired within a one (1) year period shall be rehired at the highest deputy sheriff pay-grade for which they could qualify.

#### **Section 2**

Seniority for Corrections Deputies who transfer/transferred to other Departments within the agency in a sworn capacity, while continuously employed by the MCSO, and return/returned to Corrections in a sworn capacity shall be applied as follows:

- A. Prior to October 1, 2009: Corrections Deputies who transferred to other Departments and return(ed) to Corrections, without a break in service, shall have as a seniority date in Corrections, their original date of hire in a sworn position.

- B. After October 1, 2009: Corrections Deputies who transfer to other Departments and then return to Corrections, without a break in service, within one (1) year, shall have as their seniority dates in Corrections, their original date of hire in a sworn position.
- C. After October 1, 2009: Corrections Deputies who transfer to other Departments and then return to Corrections, without a break in service, but after one (1) year, shall have seniority dates which will include all the time they served as a Corrections Deputy, both before and after the transfer to the other Department. The time spent in the other Department will not be credited toward seniority.
- D. In any case, regardless of hire date, when a Corrections Deputy transfers to other Departments, but then returns to Corrections, he/she will forfeit their seniority for the ensuing vacation bidding process. Thereafter, he/she will be entitled to use their seniority for vacation selection.

### Section 3

Bargaining unit members with the same classification date shall have their seniority determined by their date of application with MCSO. If the date of hire and application are the same for bargaining unit members, then seniority will be determined by alphabetical order using the employees' last name as listed on their application.

### Section 4

Seniority shall apply in the following matters:

- A. Vacation selection for each calendar year. Selections will be made in three (3) rounds, and employees shall select one (1) vacation period consisting of up to

fourteen (14) contiguous days each round. All bargaining members will submit their vacation preferences prior to November 30 and the new vacation schedule will be completed by December 31. Additional vacation selections will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis.

- B. Unless operational needs dictate to the contrary, seniority shall govern in filling shift vacancies within a member's current assignment.
- C. Shift assignments shall be based on seniority bidding, unless operational necessity dictates otherwise. All bargaining members will submit their shift preference prior to October 15, and the new shifts will be determined by November 15. The new shifts will become effective the first shift immediately following the January payroll cut off. Probationary employees who are assigned to an FTO will be ineligible for shift bidding.
- D. Layoffs shall be made in accordance with Article 10 of this agreement. For the purposes of layoffs, seniority is the total length of continuous sworn service in the MCSO computed from the date of last hire in a sworn position. However, members who do not have seniority in their current classification may be subject to reassignment to another sworn position within the Sheriff's Office based on seniority.
- E. Employees shall be recalled from lay off in accordance with Article 10 of this Agreement.

All vacant or newly created Sergeant positions shall be posted.

#### Section 5

If a bargaining unit member is denied a position based on operational needs, the

bargaining unit member may appeal the decision to the Sheriff. The Sheriff's decision will be final and binding.

#### Section 6

For members assigned to specialized units, shift and days off shall be determined by seniority; which shall be based upon continuous time within the Department of Law Enforcement/Corrections, unless operation necessity dictates otherwise.

## **ARTICLE 37**

### **FORMAL CORRECTIVE ACTION**

#### **Section 1**

The Parties recognize that the interests of the public who are served by MCSO and the job security of bargaining unit members depends on the Sheriff's success in providing proper and efficient services. Towards this end, the Sheriff and the PBA encourage to the fullest degree, behavior which is positive and supportive of the goals of effective management and public safety. Accordingly, the Parties recognize the need for progressive and appropriate formal corrective action when an employee's conduct and job performance are determined to be inconsistent with said goals.

#### **Section 2**

The Sheriff agrees that no bargaining unit member shall receive formal corrective action except for just cause. Progressive, consistent, and appropriate formal corrective action will be administered according to the seriousness of the offense. The following levels of formal corrective action may be utilized and, depending upon the severity of the offense, the first action may be at any level, including dismissal:

- A. Written Reprimand
- B. Suspension without Pay
- C. Demotion
- D. Dismissal

#### **Section 3**

- A. Formal corrective action resulting in a suspension of three working days or less within a calendar year cannot be grieved under Article 4 of this Agreement or

under the Career Service Law, 9.2. The reference to 9.2.1 (A) to a calendar year is understood and agreed to mean twelve (12) months.

- B. Formal corrective action resulting in a suspension of more than three working days within a calendar year is grievable under Article 4 of this Agreement or under Career Service Law, 9.2. The reference to 9.2.1 (A) to a calendar year is understood and agreed to mean twelve (12) months. Employees may avail themselves of only one (1) of these forums, and once an option is chosen the other procedure shall be foreclosed to them.
- C. Formal corrective action involving termination can be advanced to arbitration under Article 4. The terminated employee may elect the grievance procedure under Article 4 of this Agreement or Career Service Law, 9.2. Employees electing to grieve under Article 4 shall proceed directly to Step 4. Employees may avail themselves of only one (1) of these forums, and once an option is chosen the other procedure shall be foreclosed to them.

#### Section 4

If an employee, who is not represented by the union because of non-membership in the PBA, chooses the option of arbitration, then that employee shall post a bond of \$2,500.00 to ensure payment of their portion of the costs of arbitration.

#### Section 5

Appeals heard before the five (5) member Board shall be in accordance with 9.2.2 and 9.2.3 of the Career Service Law except that the burden of proof shall be on the Sheriff.

## Section 6

A voluntary Corrective Diversion Process (CDP) may be extended to bargaining unit members who meet established criteria. Appendix C outlines the terms and conditions of the CDP.

## **ARTICLE 38**

### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION / DUTY DISABILITY**

#### **Section 1**

A bargaining unit member covered by Florida Statute, Chapter 440, Workers' Compensation, and in accordance with provisions set forth hereunder, shall be authorized to be absent from work due to injury or illness incurred while on duty, and directly related to work performed, until he/she reaches maximum medical improvement or one (1) year, whichever comes first.

#### **Section 2**

A member who sustains a job-connected injury/illness that is compensable under Workers' Compensation law shall receive one hundred percent (100%) of his/her pay, based on the preceding thirteen (13) week average take home pay, for a period not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the injury without being required to use accrued leave credits.

#### **Section 3**

A sworn bargaining unit member who sustain a serious injury/illness on-duty while in fresh pursuit (as defined in F.S. 112.19(d), Florida Statutes (2003)) or in the apprehension of a violent person, or who sustain a serious injury under extraordinary circumstances while engaged in Law Enforcement/Correction activities may receive a supplement to the workers' compensation that will provide 100% of their base salary.

This full-pay status shall be granted only after submission of medical certification which clearly demonstrates that the injury/illness is the result of one of the aforementioned criterion. A bargaining unit member shall receive an amount equal to

the difference of his/her Workers' Compensation benefit and their thirteen (13) week average take home pay, for up to an additional two hundred seventy five (275) calendar days after the initial ninety (90) day period. All questions regarding eligibility for the supplemental payment provided in this section shall be finally resolved in the sole discretion of the Sheriff without resort to the grievance and arbitration procedure.

#### Section 4

Workers' compensation time off from work shall be considered time worked for the purposes of calculating overtime, only during the work week that the job-connected on duty injury/illness actually occurred.

## **ARTICLE 39**

### **WELLNESS PROGRAM**

#### **Section 1**

All bargaining unit members shall be required to complete an annual medical examination.

- A. Medical examination shall be administered using the guidelines, reflected in Medical Examination Verification Form (Appendix W-1). The purpose of this form will be to verify that bargaining unit members have received an annual physical.
- B. Medical examinations will be provided at no cost for bargaining unit members at the Employee Health Center.
- C. Bargaining unit members may choose to use their own physician in lieu of the Employee Health Center for the medical examinations. However, bargaining unit members who choose this option shall be responsible for the following:
  - 1. Bearing the cost of any co-pays related to the medical examination.
  - 2. Ensuring that medical examinations are conducted using the same guidelines, criteria and standards as the Employee Health Center.
- D. Once completed, the verification (W-1) form shall be forwarded to Human Resources for placement in the bargaining unit member's medical file.
- E. All bargaining unit members shall have their medical exams completed within the 90 day period preceding their anniversary date. Requests for extensions based on extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis by the bargaining unit members respective Department Director.

- F. Medical Examinations shall be conducted during on duty time, whenever possible. To ensure adequate coverage, bargaining unit members will be responsible for coordinating their appointments with their respective supervisors. Bargaining unit members who are unable to schedule medical exam appointments during on duty time, as verified by a supervisor, will be eligible for up to 2 hours comp. time / overtime based on the actual duration of the appointment.
- G. Failure to complete the medical examination during this time frame may result in the bargaining unit member being placed on unpaid Administrative Leave until the examination is completed. Refusal to complete the medical examination will result in formal corrective action.

## Section 2

The parties recognize and agree to participate in the Wellness Committee. The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Union and representatives designated by the Sheriff. The Committee shall meet to identify criteria, make recommendations, and evaluate Wellness Standards. The goal of the Program shall be to improve individual physical and mental health, reduce disabling injuries, reduce the use of sick leave, reduce health cost expenditures, and positively impact the quality of life of bargaining unit members.

## Section 3

During the contract period, the Wellness Committee shall meet as necessary to establish a Physical Fitness Program to enable bargaining unit members to develop and maintain an appropriate level of fitness to safely perform their assigned functions. The

implementation of this program will be optional and should be based on incentives and/or recognition for those members who participate.

#### Section 4

Health and Wellness related programs will be made available through Human Resources. Members are encouraged to utilize these services which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Stress Management
2. Smoking Cessation
3. Weight Control
4. Nutritional Counseling
5. Fitness / Exercise Options
6. Diabetes Prevention
7. Heart Disease
8. Arthritis / Osteoporosis
9. Cholesterol / High Blood Pressure

#### Section 5

Bargaining unit members are encouraged to utilize the Sheriff's Office fitness area to help them meet their individual fitness / wellness goals. In addition, bargaining unit members may take advantage of reduced rate Wellness Center memberships. Specific information regarding these memberships will be made available through Human Resources.

**ARTICLE 40**  
**OFF-DUTY DETAIL**

**Section 1**

Bargaining unit members may be assigned to perform corrections related off-duty details provided all such activity is coordinated through the Sheriff's Office Off-Duty Detail Coordinator.

**Section 2**

Bargaining unit members who wish to engage in corrections related off-duty details must utilize the Off-Duty Detail Website.

1. A link for the Off-Duty Detail Website is located on the Martin County Sheriff's Office Intranet Page.
2. The website shall be maintained by the Off-Duty Detail Coordinator and operated in accordance with policy.

**Section 3**

All requests from public, private or commercial organizations for assignment of off-duty deputies shall be made through the Off-Duty Detail Coordinator.

**Section 4**

Payment: Contractors of off-duty deputies shall be responsible for payment of all services rendered.

- A. Contractor payments shall be made directly to the Sheriff's Office.
- B. The Sheriff's Office shall process payments to members who work off-duty details after all necessary deductions are made.

- C. Members who work off-duty details shall receive “gross pay” based upon the hours worked.
- D. Partial hours worked shall be recorded and paid in quarter hour increments.
- E. Members shall receive a minimum fee of either two (2) or three (3) hours pay as specified in the detail posting for any work of less than two (2) hours duration.
- F. Detail fees to client will include the members pay, taxes, pension contributions and administrative costs the Sheriff’s Office deems necessary.

Section 5

Requests for the assignment of five (5) or more deputies shall require the assignment of an off-duty supervisor.

- A. One (1) Sergeant will be required for each group of five (5) to 10 (10) deputies.
- B. Two (2) Sergeants will be required for groups of eleven (11) to twenty (20) deputies; three (3) Sergeants for twenty-one (21) to thirty (30) deputies, etc.
- C. A Sheriff’s Office supervisor with the rank of Lieutenant or above shall be required for work details which require three (3) or more Sergeants; further assignments are to be determined by the Operations Division Commander.

Section 6

Deputies working off-duty assignments shall be subject to inspection by supervisors and responsible for all related Standard Operating Procedures of the Sheriff’s Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto by their duly authorized representative have set their hands and seals this 24 day of September, 2025.

Witness as to Sheriff's  
Negotiating Committee

Joanne Costello  
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MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By: [Signature]  
John M. Budensiek,  
Sheriff  
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness as to Union  
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PALM BEACH COUNTY POLICE  
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: [Signature]  
John Kazanjian, President  
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_