

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

For

**Solano County Deputy Sheriff's
Association
Unit #3**

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Unit #3, Law Enforcement Employees

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This **AGREEMENT**, hereinafter referred to as the Agreement, entered into by the **COUNTY OF SOLANO**, hereinafter referred to as the County, and **SOLANO COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION**, hereinafter referred to as the Union, Association, has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious labor relations between the County and the Association; establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of employment.

Representatives of the County of Solano and the Solano County Deputy Sheriff's Association and conferred in good faith regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment, have freely exchanged information, opinions, and proposals and have endeavored to reach agreement on all matters relating to the employment conditions and employer-employee relations of such employees.

The legal relationship between the Solano County Deputy Sheriff's Association ("Union") and the County of Solano ("County") is governed by the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (California Government Code sections 3500, et seq.), the County's Employer-Employee Relations Rules and Regulations, the Civil Service Rules, and this Memorandum of Understanding. Whenever this Memorandum of Understanding contains a provision relating to the subject matter which is also referred to in the Civil Service Rules or any other County ordinance, policy or regulations, the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall prevail.

The term "Agreement" as used herein means the written agreement provided under Section 3505.1 of the Government Code.

1. RECOGNITION

1.1 Union Recognition

Solano County recognizes the Solano County Deputy Sheriff's Association, (hereinafter designated as "Union") as the exclusive bargaining organization for all permanent full and permanent part-time employees in the following unit:

Unit #3 – Law Enforcement Employees

Classifications represented under this Agreement are identified in **Appendix A**.

1.2 County Recognition

The Union recognizes the Director of Human Resources or their designee as the County's designated representative for negotiations.

1.3 Release Time

The County agrees to provide a reasonable amount of release time for designated officers and representatives of the Union, with the Director of Human Resources' or their designee's approval, to engage in meet and confer/consult sessions with official representatives of the County.

2. TERM

This Memorandum of Understanding will be in effect the later of October 22, 2022 or on the date it is adopted by the Board of Supervisors except those provisions that have been assigned other effective dates and will remain in effect to and including October 25, 2025.

3. UNION SECURITY AND RIGHTS

3.1 The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding mutually understand and agree all employees subject to this agreement have the right to join or not join the Association.

3.2 Any Unit employee who has a dues deduction authorization on file with the Auditor Controller's Office as of June 27, 2018 shall be deemed to have signed up for union deductions.

3.3 Employees may sign up for Payroll Deductions of Association dues with the Association. The Association will certify, in a letter to the County's Auditor Controller's Office – Payroll Bureau, new members of the Association. If employees opt for such deduction, it is understood that the dues will be deducted starting from the first day of the pay period following receipt of the certification and shall continue for the duration of this agreement, or until: 1. the last day of the last pay period following the transfer, promotion, or demotion of the employee to a different unit; or 2. Until the end of the pay period following notification from the Association to the County to cease deducting Association dues, or a later date as specified by the Association (to coincide with the end of a pay period).

3.4 Dues deductions shall be made to the extent that net pay is available after mandatory deductions have been made from the gross pay of any pay period. Mandatory deductions include PERS, State and Federal Taxes, F.I.C.A., garnishments, etc.

3.5 Dues deduction shall not be retroactive.

3.6 The County will not deduct any Union fines, penalties, or special assessments from the pay of any employees.

3.7 It shall be the sole responsibility of the Union to procure and enforce payroll deductions of dues from Unit employees, and to see that the certified list is properly completed and delivered to the County Payroll Bureau of the Auditor- Controller's Office.

- 3.8 The County will provide a list of employees newly hired into regular positions to the Union on at least a monthly basis.
- 3.9 The Union shall indemnify, defend and hold the County of Solano, its officers, officials, agents and employees, harmless against any claim, demand, suit or liability (monetary or otherwise) and for all legal costs arising from any action taken or not taken by the County, its officials, agents and employees in complying with this section. The Union shall promptly refund to the County any funds received in accordance with this agreement, which are in excess of the amount of dues, which the County has agreed to deduct.
- 3.10 Human Resources New Employee Orientation
1. A representative of the Recognized Employee Organization (Union) shall be permitted twenty (20) minutes to meet with employees of the bargaining unit at the beginning of the New Employee Orientation conducted by Human Resources (HR).
 2. The County shall advise the employee organization of the dates and times at which the Union Representative can present to employees covered by their bargaining unit. Such notice shall be provided no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled orientation.
 3. The Union Representative shall advise the County ten (10) days prior to the scheduled HR New Employee Orientation if it will be meeting and presenting information to the employees. Failure to provide notice of its intent to present will result in the Union waiving its right to present at the meeting.
 4. No later than two (2) days prior to any scheduled New Employee Orientation for which the Association has provided notice of its intention to present, the County shall provide a list to the Association that includes the names, job titles, and departments of all new employees within the bargaining unit who are expected to attend the orientation.
 5. If the Union representative is not available to present at its designated time slot, the Union will be deemed to have waived its right to present at that meeting. No additional time or rescheduling will be afforded.
 6. If multiple Unions attend HR's New Employee Orientation, each Union will meet with employees of the bargaining group at the same time. Separate meetings rooms may be provided but are not guaranteed; however, groups will be divided into "break-out" sessions in the room and/or close proximity to the room scheduled for new employee orientation.
 7. The employees shall have the sole option to meet with the Union during this time or may take the time to review County policies or other materials as provided by the County associated with the new employee orientation.

8. The Union agrees to stay within its designated time period and will not cause a delay to the new employee orientation schedule. For example, if the Union representative is scheduled to present from 9:15a.m.-9:30a.m., and they arrive at 9:20a.m., the Union representative shall have from 9:20a.m. - 9:30a.m. to present. If the Union representative arrives at 9:35, they will have waived their opportunity to present to the group. No additional time or rescheduling will be afforded.
9. The Union may provide copies of Union materials to employees within its bargaining unit during HR's New Employee Orientation. The Union is responsible for producing, copying and distributing materials to employee. If the Union Representative confirms its attendance at the meeting, this provision shall relieve the County from any other provision requiring the County to distribute Union materials.
10. The Union may discuss only the following topics during the new employee orientation:
 - a. The structure of the Union
 - b. How to contact the Union and/or Union stewards
 - c. Union's role in collective bargaining
 - d. Benefits of Union membership
11. The Union agrees to not disparage the County and/or its supervisors or management during this meeting.

4. COUNTY MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

It is the exclusive right of the County to determine the mission of each of its constituent departments, boards, and commissions, set standards of services to be offered to the public, and exercise control and discretion over its organization and operations. The exclusive rights of the County also include, but are limited to the right to direct its employees; to hire, promote, demote, transfer, assign, classify, layoff and retain employees in positions within the County; to take disciplinary action against its employees for just cause; to determine the methods, means and personnel by which the County's operations are to be conducted; to determine its budget, organization, and merits, necessity and level of any activity or service provided to the public, and to take whatever action is necessary and level of any activity or service provided to the public, and to take whatever action is necessary in emergency situations, The exercise of such rights shall not preclude employees or their representatives from meeting and conferring in advance with management representatives about the practical consequences that decisions on these matters may have on wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.

5. SALARIES

5.1 Salary Ranges and Pay Date

Salary ranges for classifications represented by the Union are listed in **Appendix B** of this Agreement. Employees shall be paid every other Friday.

5.2 Pay for New Employees

Normally new employees shall be appointed at the recruiting step of the salary range in effect for the particular class of position to which the appointment is made. The department head/appointing authority may authorize that a particular position be filled at step one, two or three following guidelines issued by the Department of Human Resources. Requests for appointment at step four or five must be approved by the Director of Human Resources.

5.3 Salary Upon Reemployment

- A. A former employee, off probation at the time of separation, who is re-employed in the same class or in a lower class in the same series, within two (2) years, may upon the request of the department head in which they are being re-employed and approval of the Director of Human Resources, be appointed at any step within the salary range. Subsequent merit increases shall follow the normal time period progression between steps.
- B. An employee who voluntarily separates and:
 - 1. Is subsequently re-employed in the same department; and
 - 2. Begins work within a period of not more than one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the last day they previously actually worked for the County; and
 - 3. Completes a new probationary period; and
 - 4. Either did not withdraw from PERS or “bought-back” their County PERS service credits, shall, upon approval by the Director of Human Resources, have continuous service credited to the employee for purposes of vacation and longevity pay eligibility. Prior service restored shall not apply toward seniority for lay-off purposes, floating holidays, step raise eligibility, or any benefit other than vacation and longevity eligibility.

5.4 Merit Increases within Range

- A. Advancement within a salary range is not automatic for merely completing a specific period of service but rather based on merit as documented on a performance

evaluation form prescribed the Director of Human Resources or their designee. The merit increase shall consist of one step on the salary schedule for the class.

A performance evaluation must be submitted within six (6) pay periods following the employee's performance evaluation eligibility date. If the supervisor fails to render a performance evaluation within the specific timeframe, then the employee shall receive, if available, a salary step increase.

The merit increase eligibility dates for all employees hired or promoted into classifications in this unit, shall be the first day of the pay period following completion of (26) full pay periods as indicated in the chart below.

After	26 Pay Periods	26 Pay Periods	26 Pay Periods	26 Pay Periods
Salary Range Steps	2	3	4	5

If an employee begins employment on the first working day of a pay period, it shall be considered for purposes of this Section that such employment began on the first calendar day of that pay period. If the employee's first working day is after the first Monday (Tuesday, if Monday is a holiday or if the employee's regular schedule begins on a Tuesday) of the pay period, the employee's time will accrue from the first day of the next pay period for step increases and eligible fringe benefit accrual determinations.

The granting of any leave of absence without pay, other than military leave, or workers' compensation, exceeding seven (7) consecutive calendar days in a pay period shall cause the merit increase eligibility date to be deferred by an amount equal to the number of pay periods during which the employee was on the leave-of-absence without pay.

In addition to the above provision, and as an exception to **Section 12.G**, if an employee is off work for a leave of absence with or without pay, exceeding seven (7) consecutive calendar days, within the first three (3) years of employment with the County, except for administrative leave with pay as a result of an investigation, the employee's merit increase eligibility date shall be deferred by an amount equal to the number of full pay periods the employee was off on such leave.

- B. An employee in a regular part-time position shall be treated identically to the employee in the regular full-time position; except, that they shall be granted merit increases in the same proportion as the employee's hours of work relate to the hours of work of a regular full-time position.
- C. An overall evaluation of either unacceptable or improvement needed requires a performance re-evaluation no later than seven (7) pay periods following the

scheduled merit increase eligibility date. If the employee shows no improvement, the appointing authority will comment on any action to be taken. Such evaluation shall be on forms and under procedures prescribed by the Director of Human Resources.

- D. Merit Increase Deferral: If, in the department head's (or designee's) judgment, the employee's performance does not merit a salary increase on the merit increase eligibility date, and a deferment of a decision accompanied by an effort at improved performance might be productive, the department head or designee shall complete the structured merit rating and defer a decision regarding the merit increase any number of pay periods, but not to exceed thirteen (13) pay periods. A merit increase may be deferred only once for any given step on the range for the class. The responsibility for reopening the matter by submitting another merit rating and recommendation shall lie with the department head. The employee must be re-evaluated seven (7) pay periods following the scheduled merit increase eligibility date, but in any event, the merit increase must be granted or denied prior to the deferment date, supplemented by a structured merit rating, which has been discussed with the employee. The employee's merit increase eligibility date shall not be changed by such deferment.
- E. Merit Increase Denial: If in the department head's (or designee's) judgment, the employee's performance is unacceptable or improvement is needed and the employee's performance does not merit a salary increase on the merit increase eligibility date, or after a period of deferment, the merit increase shall be denied until the next evaluation cycle (twenty-six (26) pay periods from the most recent evaluation due date.)
- F. If an employee's merit increase eligibility date is overlooked through an error, and upon discovery of the error, the employee is recommended for merit increase, the Auditor-Controller shall compensate the employee for the additional salary they would have received dating from the merit increase eligibility date.

5.5 Salary Upon Promotion

Any permanent, probationary or limited term employee who is promoted to a position in a class with a higher salary range, shall receive the recruiting salary for the class or such higher amount as would constitute at least a one (1) step increase over the salary received prior to the promotion, not to exceed the top step of the new range. The effective date of all promotions shall coincide with the first day of the pay period.

5.6 Salary Upon Transfer

When an employee is transferred from one position to another in the same class, the salary and merit increase eligibility date shall not change.

5.7 Salary Upon Demotion

- A. When a permanent employee is demoted for reasons of unsatisfactory performance, the employee's salary shall be reduced one step, or they shall receive the maximum salary step of the new class, whichever is lower. Merit increase eligibility date shall be the first day of the pay period following completion of the number of pay periods service corresponding to the required period of service as is governed by the Memorandum of Understanding.
- B. If a permanent employee in good standing is demoted as an accommodation for ADA purposes or reasons other than unsatisfactory performance they shall receive the highest salary in the new classification that does not exceed their rate of pay immediately prior to demotion. The merit increase eligibility prior to demotion shall be retained.
- C. When a probationary employee is demoted to a class not previously occupied by the employee, they shall receive the recruiting salary for the lower class and shall receive a new merit increase eligibility date as provided by the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- D. A promotional probationary employee demoted to a class formerly occupied in good standing shall retain the step status, probationary status and merit increase eligibility date that would have been achieved if they would have remained in the lower class.

5.8 Salary Upon Reclassification

The salary of an incumbent permanent or probationary employee in a position, which is reclassified, shall be determined as follows, if the incumbent remains in the position that is reclassified:

- A. If the position is reclassified to a class with the same salary range, the salary and the merit increase eligibility date of the employee shall not change.
- B. If the position is reclassified to a class with a higher salary range, reclassification shall be considered to be a promotion.
- C. If the position is reclassified to a class with a lower salary range, the salary of the employee shall be determined as follows:
 - 1. If the salary of the employee is the same or less than the maximum of the new class, the salary and merit increase eligibility date of the employee shall not change.
 - 2. If the salary of the employee is greater than the maximum salary of the new classification, the salary of the employee shall be designated as a Y-Rate and

shall not change during continuous regular service until the maximum salary of the new classification exceeds the salary of the employee or until the period of calendar time indicated in the schedule below has elapsed, whichever is sooner. If, at the end of the calendar period indicated below, the salary of the employee still exceeds the maximum of the new salary range for the new classification, the salary of the employee shall be reduced to the maximum salary for the new class.

Years of Continuous Regular Service Effective Date of Salary Change

Less than 5	2 years from date of reclassification
5 but less than 10	3 years from date of reclassification
10 but less than 15	4 years from date of reclassification
15 but less than 20	5 years from date of reclassification
20 but less than 25	6 years from date of reclassification
25 or more	7 years from date of reclassification

5.9 Longevity Pay

All employees employed in regular or limited-term full-time positions, upon the completion of ten (10) years continuous full-time service, shall be entitled to a two and one-half per cent (2.5%) increase in compensation; employees who complete twenty (20) years of continuous full-time service, shall be entitled to an additional two and one-half percent (2.5%) increase in compensation (a total of 5%); employees who complete twenty-five (25) years of continuous full-time service shall be entitled to an additional two-and one-half percent (2.5%) increase in compensation (a total of 7.5%); employees who complete thirty (30) years of continuous full-time service shall be entitled to an additional two and one-half percent (2.5%) increase in compensation (a total of 10%) employees who complete thirty-five (35) years of continuous full-time service, shall be entitled to an additional two and one-half (2.5%) percent increase in compensation (a total of 12.5%), over the rate for the class in which employed.

- A. All employees employed in regular or limited-term part-time positions, shall be entitled to longevity compensation in the same ratio to the longevity compensation received by employees in regular or limited-term full-time positions as the number of hours in the part-time work schedule is to the number of hours in the fulltime work schedule.
- B. Upon qualifying for longevity increase, any further pay increase shall be in the addition to thereto, and not restricted or reduced by reason of the longevity increase.

5.10 Working Out of Class

- A. A working out-of-class assignment occurs when an employee receives a formal, written assignment by a department head to perform all of the work characteristics of a higher paying classification. With prior approval from the Director of Human

Resources, a department head may assign an employee the duties of another vacant position in a higher classification which (a) is specifically allocated to the department, and (b) will require the duties of the position to be performed by the individual for a period of not less than two (2) pay periods. Such temporary assignment shall not be considered a promotion. The employee shall receive the recruiting salary for the class or such higher amount as would constitute at least a one (1) step increase on the range over the salary received prior to the assignment not to exceed the top step of the new range. Such compensation shall begin on the first working day of the third pay period the employee works out-of-class.

- B. If the employee is eligible for a merit increase in the class occupied prior to the temporary assignment, such employee will be eligible for a rate increase on the temporary assignment class range provided; however, such increase in the prior class would result in more than the rate being earned on temporary assignment.

5.11 Changes in Salary Allocation

If a class is reassigned to a different salary range, each employee in the class shall be compensated at the same step in the new salary range as they were receiving in the range to which the class was previously assigned.

5.12 Overpayment / Underpayment

- A. This provision applies when the Auditor-Controller determines that an error has been made to the employee's earnings, taxes, deductions or accrued leaves. In such cases, the County, for purposes of future compensation, shall adjust such earnings, taxes, deductions, or accrued leaves to the correct rate. The Auditor shall give written notice to the employee of the error, which shall include the option to meet with the Auditor to discuss the over/underpayment. As used in this section:
1. "Earnings" means the biweekly rate of pay including additional pays, differentials, and overtime.
 2. "Taxes" means payment of Social Security, Medicare or State Disability taxes; excluding federal and state withholding taxes.
 3. "Deductions" means employee paid deductions, including but not limited to medical premiums and retirement deductions; excluding voluntary deductions (such as deferred compensation) and union deductions.
 4. "Accrued Leave" means vacation, sick leave, compensatory time off and all other types of authorized leave with pay.
 5. "Overpayment" means any compensation or accrued leave that has been overpaid or over-credited to an employee regardless of the reason, including but not limited to, administrative, clerical or system errors.
 6. "Underpayment" means any compensation or accrued leave that has been underpaid or under-credited to an employee regardless of the reason, including but not limited to, administrative, clerical or system errors.

- B. In the case of an overpayment of earnings or under withheld taxes or deductions, the employee shall reimburse the County. The employee has the following options for reimbursement:
1. Full payment through a payroll adjustment if total amount of reimbursement does not exceed biweekly earnings.
 2. Full payment by personal check, money order, or cashier's check if total amount of reimbursement exceeds biweekly earnings.
 3. For installments made through payroll, the number of installments shall not exceed the number of pay periods over which the error occurred.
 4. An alternative method mutually agreed upon by the employee and the Auditor-Controller.
- C. In the case of a leave accrual error which results in an overpayment, reimbursement may be made through one (1) of the following methods as mutually agreed to by the employee and the Auditor-Controller:
1. Full payment through a payroll adjustment if total amount of reimbursement does not exceed biweekly earnings.
 2. Full payment by personal check, money order, or cashier's check if total amount of reimbursement exceeds biweekly earnings.
 3. For installments made through payroll, the number of installments shall not exceed the number of pay periods over which the error occurred.
 4. An alternate method mutually agreed upon by the employee and the Auditor-Controller.
- D. In the case of a leave accrual error, which results in an incorrect accrued leave balance, a one-time adjustment will be processed through payroll.
- E. In the case of an underpayment, the County will pay the employee a one-time adjustment through payroll. The limit described in number 7 of this section shall not apply to underpayments.
- F. An employee whose employment terminates prior to any reimbursements or adjustments being fully completed or satisfied; shall have the remaining balance withheld from any final compensation due to the employee, providing the final compensation is sufficient to provide for full reimbursement or adjustment. If the employee's final compensation is not sufficient to provide for full reimbursement or adjustment, the County retains the right to exercise other legal means to recover the remaining amount owed.
- G. Any amount of overpayment for a period earlier than three (3) years prior to the date of the Auditor's initial written notice to the employee shall be deemed waived and not reimbursable.

- H. The provisions of this section do not apply to grievance disputes which contend that the County has underpaid by misapplying or incorrectly interpreting the terms of this or any previous agreement. The time limits for the filing and processing of any grievance shall not be deemed to be excused, extended, or otherwise modified by the provisions of this section. Nor shall the relief available through the grievance procedure be enlarged by or as a result of the provisions of this section.
- I. The provisions of this section apply only to errors involving earnings, over payment, taxes, deductions, and accrued leave. No provision of this section shall preclude the correction or recovery of past errors (overpayments or other losses) which were the result of other matters.
- J. Any disagreement concerning actions taken under this sub-section may be referred to the grievance procedure contained in this MOU.

6. BENEFITS

6.1 Medical Insurance

Regular and limited term employees have the option of becoming members of the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act ("PEMHCA" or "PERS Health") insurance program. The County's monthly contribution to provide health insurance benefits for the individual employee and the employee's eligible dependents shall be adjusted in accordance with the Minimum Employer Contribution ("MEC") established by PEMHCA.

6.2 Retiree Medical Insurance

All employees who have concurrently retired from the County and from the California Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS") may participate in the PERS Health Insurance program at their own expense. The County shall contribute the MEC established by PERS.

6.3 Cafeteria Plan

Effective January 1, 2023 or the first of the month following the Term of Agreement's start date, whichever is later, the County's contribution to the cafeteria plan, as historically administered, shall be set at eighty percent (80%) of the 2023 PEMHCA Region 1 Kaiser Permanente family rate minus the PEMHCA MEC.

Effective with the coverage effective January 1, 2024, the County's contribution toward the cafeteria plan, as historically administered, shall be set at eighty percent (80%) of the 2024 PEMHCA Region 1 Kaiser Permanente family rate minus the PEMHCA MEC.

Effective with the coverage effective January 1, 2025, the County's contribution toward the cafeteria plan, as historically administered, shall be set at eighty percent (80%) of the

2025 PEMHCA Region 1 Kaiser Permanente family rate minus the PEMHCA MEC.

An employee may use the County's contribution to the cafeteria plan toward the medical insurance plan for which the employee has elected to enroll.

An employee who has unused (unspent) cafeteria plan contributions shall retain those contributions as additional earnings (wages), but only to a maximum of three hundred thirty-four dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$334.58) per month.

An employee who waives health insurance because the employee demonstrates to the County that the employee has alternate health insurance coverage shall receive five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per month minus the PEMHCA MEC.

A regular or limited term part-time employee shall receive a pro-rata amount of the total sum of the PEMHCA MEC and the cafeteria plan of the full-time employee contribution in proportion to the relationship their basic workweek bears to forty (40) hours. That total amount shall first be allocated to the PEMHCA MEC and any remaining employer contribution shall then be allocated to the cafeteria plan.

Additionally, through December 16, 2022, or the start date of the increase to the County's contribution to the cafeteria plan to eighty percent (80%) of the PEMHCA Region I Kaiser Permanente family rate minus the PEMHCA MEC, whichever is sooner, an employee enrolled in PEMHCA for "employee plus two or more dependents" shall receive a County contribution of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month into the Cafeteria Plan. Said employee may use this County contribution for health insurance premium conversion, health care reimbursement account, and/or dependent care reimbursement account. In the absence of a cafeteria plan election form, the County contribution shall be used for health insurance premium conversion. The County contribution of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall sunset at the end of the pay period which includes the expiration of the 2022-2025 collective bargaining agreement.

Health Care Reimbursement Account: During an annual open enrollment period (normally November), an employee may elect to enter into a salary reduction agreement with the County whereby the County will direct the amount of the salary reduction on a pre-tax basis into the employee's Health Care Reimbursement Account ("HCRA"). The employee's election is irrevocable until the next open enrollment period, except on the occurrence of a qualifying event specified in the County's Plan Document. The employee will forfeit all unused funds remaining in their HCRA at the end of the plan year or at the end of the grace period, if any, allowed under the County's Plan Document, whichever is later. During the period allowed under the Plan Document, the employee may use the funds in their HCRA to obtain reimbursement for otherwise unreimbursed eligible medical expenses.

Dependent Care Reimbursement Account: During an annual open enrollment period (normally November), an employee may elect to enter into a salary reduction agreement whereby the County will direct the amount of the salary reduction on a pre-tax basis into

the employee's Dependent Care Reimbursement Account ("DCRA"). The employee's election is irrevocable until the next open enrollment period, except on the occurrence of a qualifying event specified in the County's Plan Document. The employee will forfeit all unused funds in their DCRA at the end of the plan year or at the end of the grace period, if any, allowed under the County's Plan Document, whichever is later. During the period allowed under the Plan Document, the employee may use the funds in their DCRA to obtain reimbursement of eligible dependent care expenses.

6.4 Dental Insurance

Regular or limited-term employees are eligible for dental insurance coverage for the employee and eligible dependents beginning the first of the month following appointment with the County.

The County pays one hundred percent (100%) of the monthly dental care insurance premium rate on behalf of each regular or limited-term full-time employee and their eligible dependents. The County's contribution will be a pro-rated amount of the full-time premium for regular or limited-term part-time employees in proportion to the relationship their basic workweek bears to forty (40) hours. Premium amounts in excess of the County contribution will be paid by the participating employee by payroll deduction.

The County shall maintain the existing dental insurance benefits throughout the term of this Agreement. However, it is understood that insurance plan providers from time to time mandate changes in benefits and the County has no responsibility for replacement of benefits which may be eliminated or modified by any plan provider.

The County reserves the right to provide additional dental insurance plans.

6.5 Vision Insurance

Regular or limited-term employees are eligible for vision insurance coverage for the employee and eligible dependents beginning the first of the month following appointment with the County.

The County pays one hundred percent (100%) of the monthly vision plan insurance premium rate on behalf of each regular or limited-term full-time employee and their eligible dependents. The County's contribution will be a pro-rated amount of the full-time premium for regular or limited-term part-time employees in proportion to the relationship their basic workweek bears to forty (40) hours. Premium amounts in excess of the County contribution will be paid by the participating employee by payroll deduction.

The County shall maintain the existing vision insurance benefits throughout the term of this Agreement. However, it is understood that insurance plan providers from time to time mandate changes in benefits and the County has no responsibility for replacement of benefits which may be eliminated or modified by any plan provider.

The County reserves the right to provide additional vision insurance plans.

6.6 Life Insurance

Regular or limited-term employees are eligible for life insurance coverage and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for the employee beginning the first of the month following appointment with the County.

The basic life insurance policy and the accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy are each valued at one times the employee's annualized monthly wage valued up to the next thousand dollars (e.g., if annualized wage equals \$21,100 then life insurance policy is valued at \$22,000) to a maximum policy of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). An employee may purchase supplemental life insurance under costs, terms and conditions specified by the insurance plan provider.

The County pays one hundred percent (100%) of the life insurance premium on behalf of each regular or limited-term full-time employee. The County will pay a pro-rated amount of the full-time premium for regular or limited-term part-time employees in proportion to the relationship their basic workweek bears to forty (40) hours.

The County shall maintain the existing life insurance benefits throughout the term of this Agreement. However, it is understood that insurance plan providers from time to time mandate changes in benefits and the County has no responsibility for replacement of benefits which may be eliminated or modified by any plan provider.

The County reserves the right to provide additional life insurance plans.

6.7 Deferred Compensation

A Deferred Compensation Program as established by the Board of Supervisors is available to all employees employed in regular or limited-term positions. Such programs are hereby incorporated by reference.

To encourage County employee participation in the deferred compensation program, the County will contribute a dollar for dollar match up to a maximum of five dollars (\$5.00) a pay period to the deferred compensation account of any County employee who is actively enrolled in the deferred compensation program. Effective January 8, 2023, the County will contribute a dollar for dollar match up to a maximum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) a pay period to the deferred compensation account of any County employee who is actively enrolled. Effective the first pay period in January 2024, the County shall increase its contribution to fifty dollars (\$50) per pay period, and effective the first pay period in January 2025, the County shall increase its contribution to seventy-five dollars (\$75) per pay period. The employee must contribute a minimum of ten dollars (\$10) per pay period in the deferred compensation program to receive the dollar-for-dollar match.

6.8 Short Term Disability Insurance

Employees represented by this bargaining unit do not participate in any County sponsored

short term disability insurance program.

6.9 Long Term Disability Insurance

Employees represented by this bargaining unit do not participate in any County-sponsored long-term disability insurance program.

6.10 Retirement

A. PERS Contract.

Subject to the terms of this **subsection 6.10**, the County will maintain its contract with the State Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the benefits currently provided there under.

B. PEPRA Tier.

The County implemented a new pension tier in accordance with and subject to the terms of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013. The new pension tier is referred to in this MOU as the "PEPRA tier."

C. PEPRA Basic Retirement Formula.

For non-safety (miscellaneous) employees required by law to participate in the PEPRA tier, the PEPRA established a pension formula of 2% of pensionable compensation for each qualifying year of service at the normal retirement age of sixty-two (62) years. For purposes of this formula, PERS will calculate an eligible retiree's pension based on the average annual pensionable compensation earned by the member during the thirty-six (36) consecutive month period immediately preceding retirement (or date of last separation from service if prior to retirement) or any other period of thirty-six (36) consecutive months during the member's applicable service that the member designates.

For full safety employees required by law to participate in the PEPRA tier, the PEPRA established a pension formula of 2.7% of pensionable compensation for each qualifying year of service at the normal retirement age of fifty-seven (57) years. For purposes of this formula, PERS will calculate an eligible retiree's pension based on the average annual pensionable compensation earned by the member during the thirty-six (36) consecutive month period immediately preceding retirement (or date of last separation from service if prior to retirement) or any other period of thirty-six (36) consecutive months during the member's applicable service that the member designates.

D. Disputes Over PEPRA.

If an employee or the Union disputes the manner in which the County applies the PEPRA Tier to a bargaining unit member, neither the Union nor employee may submit the matter as a grievance under **Section 19**, Grievances. If any term of this MOU conflicts with the PEPRA or any amendment thereto, the PEPRA or such amendment will prevail.

E. Pre-PEPRA Tier 1.

The County's contract with the Public Employees' Retirement System provides the Miscellaneous Retirement (2.7% @ age 55) for employees in the bargaining unit who are not required by law to participate in the PEPRA Tier and who are not participants in the formula described in **6.10.F** below.

The County's contract with the Public Employees' Retirement System provides full Safety Retirement (3% @ age 50) for employees in the bargaining unit who are not required by law to participate in the PEPRA Tier and who are not participants in the formula described in **6.10.F** below.

F. Pre-PEPRA Tier 2

The County amended its contract with CalPERS to provide employees hired on or after May 4, 2012 in bargaining unit classifications with a Miscellaneous Retirement formula of 2% @ age 60 in lieu of the 2.7% at 55 formula described in subsection **6.10.E** above. This provision applies to employees who are not eligible under the County's contract with PERS to participate in the pension tier described in paragraph **6.10.E** above and who are not required by law to participate in the PEPRA tier described in paragraph **6.10.C** above.

The County amended its contract with CalPERS to provide employees hired on or after January 17, 2011 in bargaining unit classifications with a full Safety Retirement formula of 3% @ age 55 in lieu of the 3% at 50 formula described in subsection **6.10.E** above. This provision applies to employees who are not eligible under the County's contract with PERS to participate in the pension tier described in paragraph **6.10.E** above and who are not required by law to participate in the PEPRA tier described in paragraph **6.10.C** above.

G. Employee Payment of PERS Member Contributions.

1. PEPRA Member Contributions.

Members of the PEPRA Tier will contribute toward the PEPRA Tier an employee contribution in an amount equal to not less than fifty percent (50%) of the normal cost of the new tier, as determined from time to time by PERS, or the amount of the contribution provided by this MOU for members of the PEPRA Tier, whichever is greater. Such contribution will be made by payroll deduction.

2. Non-PEPRA Member Contribution.

Employees subject to the Pre-PEPRA formulas described in paragraphs **6.10.E** and **6.10.F** above will contribute in full the applicable PERS member contribution by payroll deduction.

3. Employee Payment For Pre-PEPRA Formula Enhancement.

The County amended its contract with PERS to provide for the above-referenced pre-PEPRA Tier I retirement formulas. The cost of this benefit

was established by PERS. The Parties agreed that such cost would be the responsibility of the employees. The county agreed to allow the employees to pay for that plan enhancement by payroll deduction with the cost amortized over twenty (20) years. That payment will continue to take the form of a percentage deduction made from the paycheck of each employee in the plan, until the above established cost has been recovered. Each year (July) the County will calculate the amount due for the subsequent 26 pay periods, based on the formula presented during negotiations (see **Appendix D**).

- H. The parties agree that employees shall share in the PERS employer rate increases for employer rate costs between 16% - 18% as an additional employee deduction. This provision is sunset effective January 1, 2017.

6.11 Social Security and Medicare

Employees represented by this bargaining unit who participate in the non-safety (miscellaneous) PERS plan have coverage under the federal Social Security system. The Social Security system requires contributions by both the employee and the employer in accordance with schedules provided by the federal government.

Employees represented by this bargaining unit who participate in the safety PERS plan do not have coverage under the federal Social Security system.

All employees represented by this bargaining unit participate in the Medicare program. The Medicare program requires contributions by both the employee and the employer in accordance with schedules provided by the federal government.

6.12 Tuition Reimbursement Program

- A. **Objectives**
The Tuition Reimbursement Program is designed to encourage employees to continue their self-development by enrolling in classroom courses, which will prepare them in new concepts and methods in their occupational fields and prepare them to meet the changing demands of their jobs.
- B. **Eligibility of Employees for Tuition Reimbursement**
Only full-time employees filling regular positions, on other than a limited-term basis, who have completed their initial County probationary period and who are performing their jobs satisfactorily are eligible to participate in the Tuition Reimbursement Program. Employees in Federally funded, limited-term positions are eligible to participate in the program provided such reimbursement can be provided by Federal funds. Employees are eligible for reimbursement if their educational costs are being defrayed by another agency such as the U.S. Veterans Administration, the California State Department of Veterans Affairs or the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training.

C. Policy for Tuition Reimbursement

1. Courses must be job related to the position held. With prior approval, General Education courses required for a job-related degree program shall be eligible for reimbursement.
2. Courses must be taken for credit; audited courses will not be reimbursed.
3. Courses must be taken at accredited institutions. Correspondence courses from reputable institutions will be considered only when equivalent courses are not available at local accredited schools, or when the employee's circumstances prevent them from attending local courses.
4. Prerequisite courses for eligible courses or courses, which are required for the completion of a specific program, are also eligible for tuition reimbursement. However, reimbursements shall not be made until the appropriate eligible courses have been satisfactorily completed.
5. Courses are not eligible for tuition reimbursement if they:
 - a. Are taken to bring unsatisfactory performance up to an acceptable level.
 - b. Are taken to acquire skills or knowledge, which the employee was deemed to have when appointed.
 - c. Duplicate in-service training which is available.
 - d. Duplicate training which the employee has already had.
6. Conventions, workshops, institutes, etc., are not included in the Tuition Reimbursement Program. Departments shall continue to use their conference and convention funds and make their requests in conformance with the policy of the Board of Supervisors.
7. Reimbursement shall be subject to certification by the department concerned that the course of study is directly related to the work of the employee and subject to the approval of the Director of Human Resources.
8. Requests for reimbursement must be approved before the course is undertaken.
9. Reimbursement shall be made only upon presentation of evidence of payment for and successful completion of courses (as evidenced by a grade of "C" or its equivalent) and a satisfactory (standard or above) current performance evaluation.

D. Nature of Reimbursement

1. Reimbursement may be made in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of actual out-of-pocket expenditures for tuition, registration fees, laboratory fees, and

required textbooks. Other related expenses and incidental costs are not reimbursable.

2. Reimbursement shall be limited as follows
 - a. No employee shall be reimbursed for more than two (2) courses in a single semester or quarter.
 - b. The maximum reimbursement that may be received by an employee in one fiscal year shall be two thousand dollars (\$2,000). Effective July 1, 2023, the maximum reimbursement that may be received by an employee in one fiscal year shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000).
 - c. An employee shall be reimbursed for expenses totaling five dollars (\$5.00) or more for a single course. Expenses less than five dollars (\$5.00) for a single course are not reimbursable.
 - d. No employee shall be reimbursed for non-resident fees above the normal resident fees.

E. Procedure for Tuition Reimbursement

1. The employee shall apply for Tuition Reimbursement through such supervisory channels as are designated by the head of their department, on forms provided by the Director of Human Resources.
2. The employee's department head shall either recommend approval of the request or deny it, based on the criteria set forth in this policy. If the department head recommends approval, the department head shall forward the application to the Director of Human Resources.
3. The Director of Human Resources shall evaluate the request for reimbursement and approve or deny the request.
4. An employee may appeal denial of the request by the department head to the Director of Human Resources and the Director of Human Resources' decision to the Civil Service Commission, which shall make a final decision to approve or deny the request.
5. Upon completion of an approved course, the employee shall request the institution to certify fees paid and grade achieved, and to send certification to the Department of Human Resources. The employee shall also present evidence of payment of required textbook costs.
6. The department head may require that the employee evaluate the course in writing and forward such evaluation to the Department of Human Resources through normal supervisory channels.

7. Upon being informed of certification by the Department of Human Resources, the Auditor-Controller shall issue a warrant to the employee for reimbursement.

F. Continued Service Requirement

An employee must continue in a full time, regular position in the County service for one (1) year from the date of completion of the course. Failure to continue in the County service, through resignation or discharge, will result in the forfeiture of any tuition reimbursement payments received less than one (1) year prior to separation. In such situation, the Union agrees that the Auditor-Controller is authorized to make a deduction from the employee's final payroll warrant for the appropriate amount of tuition reimbursement to be forfeited.

6.13 Uniform Allowance

The County agrees to provide an annual uniform allowance of one thousand four hundred and forty dollars (\$1440) to Deputy Sheriff classifications for the term of this contract.

New employees shall receive payment of the uniform allowance in biweekly payments. For all other employees, effective July 2023, the uniform allowance shall be paid biweekly.

An employee who is absent from work and in an unpaid leave status shall not be eligible for the uniform allowance during the pay period that the employee is in an unpaid leave status.

If an employee leaves the County after receiving an advance uniform allowance for that fiscal year, a prorated amount based on the remaining pay periods will be deducted from the terminating employee's last paycheck.

Employees are responsible for the purchase, maintenance, and replacement of their uniforms; uniform shirts, pants, jackets, socks, boots/shoes, Class "A" jacket, Class "A" hat. Uniforms damaged on duty shall be repaired or replaced at the discretion of the Sheriff's Office.

All law enforcement personnel will be issued safety equipment as listed below:

Body Armor, holster for the departmentally issued weapon, magazine holder for the departmentally issued weapon, Sam Brown belt, belt keeper, handcuffs, handcuff case, PR-24 baton, baton holder, flashlight and radio holder.

Uniforms and safety equipment shall meet departmental specifications and standards of appearance and be in good working order. Employees who leave the County shall return all issued safety gear to their respective department.

The County agrees to provide a seven hundred and twenty dollar (\$720) annual equipment allowance to employees in the class of District Attorney Investigator, Welfare Fraud Investigator (Entry) and Welfare Fraud Investigator.

6.14 Personal Effects Damage Reimbursement

If, in the line of duty, an officer's personal effects, as defined below, are damaged or ruined, and the officer is ineligible for using existing insurance or Workers Compensation (per Labor Code Section 3208) to repair or replace the item, the officer will be reimbursed for repair or replacement of such personal effects.

To qualify for reimbursement, the officer must file a request to include a complete report detailing the events that caused the damage, citing witnesses, if any, and presenting the physical evidence of damage to the immediate supervisor. Such a report must be submitted as soon as possible after the damage occurs and no later than the end of the assigned shift on which the damage occurs. The immediate supervisor will survey the damaged property; review the report; and make a recommendation to the Sheriff or District Attorney on whether or not reimbursement is to be made. The final decision will be made at the sole discretion of the department head, as appropriate.

<u>Reimbursable Items</u>	<u>Maximum Amount</u>
Sheriff, D.A, or Welfare Fraud approved optional Personal Weapon	\$100.00
Wrist Watch	\$75.00
Prescription Lenses*	\$50.00 per lens
Prescription Glasses Frames*	\$250.00
Hearing Aid*	\$300.00
Dentures	\$240.00/plate

*Required in the performance of law enforcement duties only. In no event will an officer be reimbursed if the damage is determined to have been caused by the officer's negligence.

To obtain reimbursement once eligibility has been established, the office must submit a copy of the paid bill for repair or replacement of at the time within 15 working days after submission of the request for reimbursement. The bill must clearly indicate it has been paid and must be dated. The date must be within the calendar dates between the date of the request for reimbursement and the date of the 15th working day.

6.15 Limited Extra Help Benefits

Extra-help employees shall not receive employee benefits, except as specifically provided in the following sub-sections:

- A. Employees appointed to extra-help positions created with the intent that said positions will become full-time regular positions may, upon approval by the Director of Human Resources, receive up to a maximum of one year accrual, the following benefits granted full-time permanent and probationary employees:
1. Vacation accrual
 2. Sick leave accrual
 3. Credit for merit increases as provided in this Memorandum of Understanding
- B. Extra help employees in classifications which would have been governed under this collective bargaining agreement if they had been permanent positions, and which later become full-time regular employees under this Memorandum of Understanding may, upon approval by the Director of Human Resources, retroactively to a maximum of one year, receive the following benefits granted full-time permanent and probationary employees:
1. Vacation accrual
 2. Sick leave accrual
 3. Credit for merit increases as provided in this Memorandum of Understanding
- C. The calculations for the benefits in paragraphs **6.15A** and **6.15B** will be based on the extra help service rendered to a maximum of one year immediately prior to the extra help conversion.

7. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

7.1 Workers' Compensation

- A. In accordance with the California Labor Code, the County provides all statutory workers' compensation benefits for County employees who sustain work-related injuries or illnesses. Pursuant to Labor Code 3700 et seq., the County is self-insured for Workers' Compensation at no cost to the employees.
- B. In lieu of the statutory three (3) days waiting period for temporary disability payments, pursuant to Labor Code section 4652, whenever an employee is compelled by direction of a physician to be absent from duty due to an injury or illness determined to be work related by the County, the employee shall receive full compensation for their scheduled workdays and paid holidays falling during the first three (3) days of such absence. Thereafter accrued leave shall be integrated with Worker's Compensation temporary disability benefits pursuant to Section 7.1H.

- C. In accordance with Labor Code 4850, whenever any employee is compelled by direction of a physician to be absent from duty due to an injury or illness determined to be work-related by the County, the employee shall receive full compensation, in lieu of Workers' Compensation temporary disability for a period not exceeding one year, or until such earlier date they are retired on permanent disability pension and is actually receiving disability pension payments or advanced disability pension payments pursuant to Labor Code 4850.3. If temporary disability exceeds the one-year period, the employee is eligible for temporary disability payments integrated with accumulated leave pursuant to Section 7.1I.
- D. In the event that the County is unable to determine if the injury or illness is work-related, the employee shall use sick leave and upon exhaustion of sick leave may utilize any other accumulated leave benefits. Once the injury or illness is determined to be work-related, leave benefits will be restored in accordance with Section E, above and Labor Code 4850.
- E. The County will continue to pay the employer share of the monthly premium for medical, vision, dental, and life insurance coverage on behalf of a qualified regular full or part-time employee who is receiving 4850 temporary disability benefits or Workers' Compensation temporary disability benefits for a maximum of 15 months.
- F. Sick leave and vacation credit shall accrue during any pay period in which the employee is eligible to receive 4850 temporary disability benefits or Workers' Compensation temporary disability benefits.
- G. Up to two (2) hours paid County time off may be used to attend repeat medical appointments due to a work-related injury or illness. Such appointments should be scheduled during the employee's off duty hours whenever possible. Sick leave may be used for medical appointments due to work related injuries beyond two hours.
- H. Service credit as provided in this Memorandum of Understanding or in the Personnel and Salary Resolution toward longevity compensation, seniority, and step increase eligibility shall not be affected by any pay period during which an employee received both County paid leave and 4850 temporary disability benefits or workers' compensation temporary disability benefits.
- I. Workers' Compensation temporary disability shall be integrated with accrued County leave as follows:
 - 1. Employees must promptly inform departmental payroll clerks of their workers' compensation temporary disability benefit amount and provide documentation of receipt for which h/she is eligible.
 - 2. Employees' pay, including leave accruals and workers' compensation temporary disability benefits shall not exceed the employee's regular gross

pay. Gross pay is made up of regular base pay, bilingual differential, and longevity compensation as applicable. Upon exhaustion of sick leave, other accumulated leave may be integrated with weekly workers' compensation temporary disability benefits, at the employees' discretion. Employees must integrate all required leave to equal 100% of their full-time equivalent position.

7.2 Temporary Modified Duty Assignments

- A. If an assignment exists, which the department head deems, in conjunction with the Director of Human Resources, to be filled on a temporary basis, first consideration shall be given to those industrially disabled employees within the department.
 - a. Whose authorized treating physician has indicated in writing that the employee is able to "perform the duties of the temporary assignment; and
 - b. Who has the capability and qualifications to perform the temporary assignment.
- B. The remuneration will be the employee's regular pay.
- C. The employee's department head will determine the assignment and its duration, but the employee shall return to their normal job as soon as released by their treating physician or is no longer temporarily disabled. Light duty is available for a maximum of eighteen (18) weeks.
- D. If there is more than one industrially disabled employee eligible for a light duty assignment, first consideration shall be given to the employee with the most pertinent qualifications, skills, and abilities who has been off work the longest period of time without pay.
- E. After industrially injured employees have been considered, non-industrial disabled employees will be given a second consideration on the same basis as provided above.

8. INCENTIVES AND DIFFERENTIALS

8.1 Bilingual Pay

- A. Eligibility
 - 1. Any bilingual person employed in a designated public contact position, which has been assigned duties involving regular and frequent use of bilingual skills, shall be eligible to receive the additional compensation.
 - 2. Regular and frequent use shall mean using the skill on the average of once per workday and/or fifty percent (50%) of the time. However, exceptions

can be made at the discretion of the department and concurrence of the Director of Human Resources for unique circumstances.

3. The provisions of this Section shall be limited to those employees occupying permanent, probationary, or limited-term full-time positions.
4. Any bilingual employee who has been assigned duties involving the use of bilingual skills (e.g., interpreter) may be eligible to receive the additional compensation provided in this Section.
5. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to supervisory positions with the exception of working supervisors who spend at least fifty percent (50%) of their time in direct contact with the public.
6. The compensable second languages shall be limited to those required in the delivery of public services to the various target groups within the County (e.g., Spanish, Filipino).

B. Bilingual Differential Allowance

1. Designated employees shall be eligible to receive additional compensation at the rate of \$65.00 per pay period (approximately \$1690.00 per year).
2. Such compensation shall be effective the first day of the payroll period following certification by the Department of Human Resources that the employee is eligible to receive the bilingual differential.

C. Termination of Compensation

The bilingual differential allowance shall cease when any of the following occurs:

1. The employee terminates their employment with the County
2. The employee is released from County employment.
3. The position is determined to no longer require bilingual skills.
4. The employee is assigned to a position not requiring the bilingual ability.

An employee who is on leave of absence without pay during a pay period shall receive the bilingual differential in proportion to the relationship the time worked during that pay period bears to eighty (80) hours.

D. Procedures for Requesting the Bilingual Differential Allowance

1. Recommendations for bilingual appointments shall be submitted by the department head to the Department of Human Resources and shall include:

- a. Name and class of each employee recommended for duties requiring bilingual skills.
 - b. A description of the bilingual duties to be performed by each employee in sufficient detail to indicate second language to be utilized, purpose, nature, and frequency of use.
 - c. Location of assignment
2. The Director of Human Resources shall evaluate the recommendation and approve or deny the request.

8.2 Call Back and Standby Pay Differential

- A. **Employees on Standby**
Employees called back while on standby shall be paid for call back duty at their straight time hourly rate, not to exceed the maximum step of the working level classification, with a guaranteed payment equivalent to two (2) hours straight time pay when the call back time worked is less than two (2) hours.
- B. **Employees not on Standby and Called back to Work**
Any employee, who is not on standby and is called back by the department during off-duty hours, shall receive a minimum of three (3) hours work time credit for any period worked less than three (3) hours.
- C. **Employees on Standby**
If an employee is required by the Sheriffs' Department to be on standby duty, such employee shall be compensated for the time spent on assigned standby at two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per hour. If such standby is spent on weekends or holidays, the employees shall be compensated at three dollars (\$3.00) per hour. No employees shall be paid for standby duty and call back work simultaneously. Classes used as standby and call back must be approved by the County Administrator both as to authorized classes and authorized numbers.

8.3 Shift Differential

1. An employee, who works eight (8) hours or more with at least five (5) hours between 5pm and 5am shall in addition to their regular salary, be paid a three percent (3%) shift differential above the employee's base hourly rate for each hour worked. This provision does not apply to employees working an overtime shift.

8.4 Court Time

Permanent and probationary employees shall be compensated at one and one-half times (1.5x) their normal hourly rate of pay for the actual time required to be in attendance for court appearances during off-duty hours with a minimum of four and one-half (4.5) hours for all court periods spent which are less than three (3) hours. If that sum is less than or equal to three hours, then the employee is compensated at four and one-half hours (e.g.

Court time is 2 hours * 1.5x (overtime rate) = 3 hours; employee is compensated the minimum of 4.5 hrs.).

The employee may elect, subject to conformance with compensatory time off accrual, to receive the compensation as an accrual to their compensatory time off bank and, absent such an election or non-conformance, will receive the court time compensation as additional earnings.

8.5 Career Incentive

The County agrees to provide Career Incentive pay to all members in the unit as follows:

Intermediate Certificate	An amount equal to five percent (5%) over the rate for which employed.
Advanced Certificate	An amount equal to ten percent (10%) over the rate for which employed.

Employees are eligible to receive pay for either an Intermediate Certificate or an Advanced Certificate, but not both.

8.6 Field Training Officer Differential

Deputy Sheriffs designated by the Sheriff or their designee, as a Field Training Officer (FTO) shall be eligible to receive additional compensation in the amount of five percent (5%) of the FTO's base pay per pay period.

8.7 Canine Compensation

1. **Agreement on hours worked** – The amount of off-duty compensable working time attributable to all ordinary aspects of canine care (including without limitation, caring, feeding, exercising, grooming, kennel cleaning, cleaning of County vehicles) by employees assigned to canine duty amounts to thirty (30) minutes per day, 3.5 hours per week. This amounts to a good faith estimate, intended to be comprehensive, accurate and inclusive of all pertinent facts.
2. **Compensation** – Employees assigned to canine duty shall be paid five percent (5%) of the canine handler's base pay per pay period.
3. If and when an employee assigned to canine duty performs any work involving the canine, the employee shall report such work immediately to the employer within 24 hours and shall submit a written report the next scheduled duty date. Extraordinary work includes, but is not limited to, unanticipated trips for emergency veterinary care, or any other canine related work, which causes substantial increase in canine work time beyond 3.5 hours, compensated per week.

4. **Miscellaneous** – In addition to the ordinary canine care compensation, Solano County shall provide for the canine’s food, grooming supplies, disinfectants, kenneling and all approved veterinary care.

All parties agree that upon retirement of the canine from active duty, the current handler may purchase the canine from the County for one (\$1). Upon the sale of the canine, the County will be absolved from all further costs associated with the care and feeding of the canine.

9. VACATION

- A. Full-time regular or limited-term employees receive vacation benefits for each pay period of continuous service according to the following schedule:

Vacation Credit

Pay Periods of Continuous Service	Per Pay Period of Continuous Service	Maximum Earnable Vacation Accrual
0 through 78 pay periods	3.08 hours	160 hours
79 through 260 pay periods	4.62 hours	240 hours
Over 260 pay periods	6.16 hours	320 hours

Vacation accrual shall date from the first of the pay period following the pay period in which the employee commenced such continuous service. If such commencement date was the first working day of the pay period, vacation accrual shall start from such commencement date.

- B. Part-time regular or limited-term employees receive vacation benefits and maximum earnable vacation accrual in the same ratio to the vacation benefits received by an employee in a full-time regular or limited-term position with like pay periods of consecutive service, as the number of hours in the part-time work schedule is to the number of hours in the full-time work schedule.
- C. Vacation time taken shall not be counted as time worked for purposes of overtime computation.
- D. Absence without pay for more than sixteen (16) working hours in a pay period shall cause the pay period's service not to be counted toward earning vacation credit.
- E. Employees who are terminating their employment for reasons other than paid County retirement shall not use vacation or comp time as their termination date (e.g., requesting vacation or comp time to begin 3-7 and the actual termination date to be 3-13, etc.).

- F. Employees do not become eligible to take their earned vacation until they have completed thirteen (13) pay periods of continuous service, which service includes successful completion of the probation period and the acquisition of status of a permanent or limited-term non-probationary employee. Employees in classes having a twenty-six (26) pay period probationary period will become eligible to take their earned vacation after completing thirteen (13) pay periods of continuous service. After completion of thirteen (13) pay periods of continuous service, employees then become eligible to take vacation as it is earned. Once an employee becomes eligible to take earned vacation, they may use this vacation as an extension of sick leave.
- G. Each department head shall be responsible for scheduling the vacations of their employees in such a manner as to achieve the most efficient functioning of the department and of the County service. No person shall be permitted to work for compensation for the County in any capacity during the time of their paid vacation from County service.
- H. Any person separating from County service who has not taken their earned vacation, if any, shall receive the hourly equivalent of their salary for each hour of earned vacation, up to the end of the last full pay period worked, based on the pay rate in effect for each person on the last day actually worked. Such payment shall be to the nearest one-tenth of any hour. For purposes of this Section, sick leave and compensatory time off with pay shall be counted as days worked. When separation is caused by death of an employee, payment shall be made to the estate of such employee, or in applicable cases, as provided by Section 630 of the Probate Code.
- I. A person receiving pay in lieu of unused vacation may not be re-employed by the County of Solano in any capacity until a number of working days equal to the number of days paid vacation has elapsed following the effective date of the separation. Nothing in this Section shall be interpreted as preventing a department head from filling a position vacated by separation immediately following the effective date of separation.
- J. In order to avoid the possibility of employees not receiving earned vacations, the County agrees to the following: If the department head does not provide a specific time for the use of vacation leave, an employee may, as a matter of right when the accumulated vacation to their credit reaches their maximum earnable vacation accrual, give oral or written notice to department head and take up to forty (40) hours. Officers must give seven (7) days' notice of intent to take vacation time off.
- K. If, due to an emergency or operational necessity, an employee at the vacation accrual maximum has a scheduled vacation canceled or a vacation request denied, they shall receive a ninety (90) day period during which they shall continue to accrue vacation while being afforded the opportunity to reduce their vacation below the allowable accrual maximums.

10. SICK LEAVE

- A. An employee who enters the service of the County in a regular or limited-term position shall begin earning sick leave dating from the first of the pay period following the pay period in which the employee commenced such continuous service, unless such commencement date was the first working day of a pay period, in which case, the first day of sick leave accrual shall date from the first of the pay period in which the service began.
- B. Every employee holding a regular or limited-term full-time position, shall accrue 3.70 working hours sick leave with pay for each pay period of service; except, that no employee shall earn sick leave credit during a pay period in which they are absent without authorization or in which they are absent without pay for more than sixteen (16) working hours. During the pay period in which a leave of absence without pay is granted for two (2) days or less, the employee shall accrue sick leave with pay in proportion to the relationship the time worked during that pay period bears to eighty (80) hours. It shall be computed to the nearest hundredth of an hour. Sick leave accrual is credited at the end of each pay period and may be taken in the following pay period.
- C. Every employee holding a regular part-time or limited-term part-time position shall accrue sick leave with pay in proportion to the relationship their basic workweek bears to forty (40) hours. No such employee shall earn sick leave credit during a pay period in which they are absent without pay more than fifteen (15%) percent of the regularly scheduled working hours for the position. The number of hours of entitlement for sick leave earned while employed as a full-time employee shall not be reduced by virtue of an employee's status being changed to part-time after such entitlement was earned as a full-time employee.
- D. Not more than eighty (80) hours of sick leave annually may be granted to an employee for absence due to the care or attendance of ill or injured members of their immediate family.
- E. Sick leave may be used during pregnancy when the employee's physician has certified that, due to her pregnancy, she is no longer able to perform the duties of her position. Sick leave may be used after the birth of the baby if the employee's physician certifies that the employee is not yet able to perform the duties of her position. Employees who have been cleared to return to work by their physicians after pregnancy, but who wish to delay their return to work may request use of vacation, comp time or a leave without pay following normal departmental procedures. However, sick leave is only available if there is a medical reason for the employee's continued absence from work.
- F. Sick leave shall not be used in lieu of vacation, but vacation or compensatory time off may be used in lieu of sick leave, after accrued sick leave has been exhausted.

Sick leave shall not be counted as time worked for purposes of overtime computation.

G. Termination of an employee's continuous service, except by reason of temporary layoff for lack of work or funds, shall cancel all sick leave accrued to the time of such termination, regardless of whether or not such person subsequently re-enters the County service. No payment shall be made to any employee for unused sick leave accumulated to their credit at the time of termination of employment except for reasons of regular or disability retirement, death, release from County employment as a result of a permanent reduction in the number of authorized regular help positions, or taking office as an elected County official. Employees terminating employment because of regular or disability retirement, release from County employment as a result of a permanent reduction in the number of authorized regular help positions, or to take office as an elected County official, shall be paid for their accumulated unused sick leave in the following manner:

1. Convert all to the retirement health savings account.
2. Prior to the expiration of this contract, if feasible, the County shall implement a program where sick leave, which is paid out in accordance with this section, may be placed into an employee's account on a pre-tax basis to pay for retiree health care. Any such program shall be at no cost to the County.

An employee who is rehired within one year from their date of employment separation shall, upon rehire, have their previously accrued and unused sick leave added back to their sick leave accrued leave balance. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "unused sick leave" means those sick leave hours which were accrued and not used in any fashion (e.g., hours used, paid out or converted as provided elsewhere within this Section 10).

H. For the purposes of this Section, a member of the immediate family is construed to mean the grandparent, mother, father, husband, wife, registered domestic partner, person assuming the role of the employee's spouse, son, daughter, brother, or sister of the employee, grandchild, or the minor child for whom the employee has legal custody.

I. Hospitalization of a member of the immediate family is a valid reason for sick leave under the following conditions:

1. A day's absence may be authorized for the employee to be at the hospital on the day of an operation, on the day of a birth of his child, or in the event of a critical illness of a member of the immediate family. Absences for these reasons for more than one day may be authorized on sick leave only if a doctor provides a written statement that the employee's presence away from work is required.

- J. Sick leave because of an employee's physical incapacity will not be approved when the injury or illness is directly traceable to employment other than the County or where the injury or illness is caused by the employee's serious and willful misconduct; as such, terms are defined and interpreted under the Worker's Compensation and Safety Act.

11. LEAVE CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

The Leave Contribution Program assists employees who have exhausted accrued leave time due to a serious or catastrophic illness or injury or other circumstances. The Program allows other employees to donate time to the affected employee so that they can remain in a paid status for a longer period of time, thus partially ameliorating the financial impact of the illness, injury, condition, or circumstance.

11.1 Eligibility for Leave Contribution Program

To be eligible for this benefit, the receiving employee must: 1) Be a permanent full-time or permanent part-time employee who has passed their initial County probationary period, 2) Have exhausted all accumulated leave including annual leave, sick leave (unless the leave involves the care of another and the six days of family sick leave have been used or involves other circumstances), administrative leave and/or compensatory time off, 3) Be able to return to work for at least 30 days, and 4) Have applied and received approval for a Leave of Absence Without Pay.

11.2 Benefits of the Leave Contribution Program

- A. Accrued vacation, compensatory time off, and/or Administrative Leave hours donated by other employees will be converted to sick leave and credited to the receiving employee's sick leave time balance on an hour-for-hour basis and shall be paid at the rate of pay of the receiving employee. For as long as the receiving employee remains in a paid status, seniority, and all other benefits will continue, with the exception of sick leave and vacation accrual. The total leave credits received by an employee will not normally exceed three months. However, if approved by the Department Head and the Director of Human Resources, the total leave credits may be extended on a case by case basis.
- B. If the leave is for reasons other than the employee's own illness or injury, the donated leave will be converted to vacation and credited to the employee's vacation accrual on an hour-for-hour basis.

11.3 Guidelines for Donation of Leave Credits to the Leave Contribution Program

- A. Accrued vacation and compensatory time off, and/or Administrative Leave hours may be donated by any permanent full or permanent part-time employee who has completed their initial County probationary period.

- B. Time donated will be converted from vacation, CTO, or administrative leave hours to sick leave hours and credited to the receiving employee's sick leave balance on an hour-for-hour basis and shall be paid at the rate of the receiving employee. For employees who are using leave, for circumstances other than their own injury or illness, the donated hours will be converted to vacation.
- C. The total amount of time donated to one employee by another employee shall not exceed forty (40) hours.
- D. Initial leave time donations must be a minimum of four (4) hours and thereafter, in four hour increments. An employee cannot donate leave hours, which would reduce their vacation balance to less than 40 hours.
- E. The use of donated leave hours will be in consecutive one shift increments (i.e., 8 hours for a full-time employee working five eight-hour days/week).
- F. While an employee is on leave using donated leave hours, no vacation or sick leave hours will accrue.
- G. Under all circumstances, time donations made by the employee are forfeited once made. In the event that the receiving employee does not use all transferred leave for the catastrophic illness/injury, any balance will remain with that employee until that employee's separation from County service.
- H. Payment for unused sick leave at the time of termination of employment shall be in accordance with **Section 3 (J) SICK LEAVE, of the Personnel and Salary Resolution.**
- I. In accordance with Internal Revenue Service Ruling 90-29, leave transferred for medical reasons will not be considered wages for the employees who surrenders the leave and will therefore not be included in gross income or subject to withholding.
An employee who donates leave incurs no deductible expense or loss either upon the donation or use by the recipient.

12. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Employees shall be entitled to a bereavement leave, not chargeable to vacation or sick leave in the event of the death of one of the following members of the employee's family:

- natural, step, adoptive parents and grandparents of the employee;
- natural, step, adopted children and grandchildren of the employee;
- natural and stepbrothers and sisters of the employee;
- present spouse of the employee;
- natural parents and grandparents of the employee's spouse;
- grandchildren of the employee's spouse;
- natural brothers and sisters of the employee's spouse;
- present spouses of the employee's natural brothers and sisters;
- son-in-law and daughter-in-law of the employee.

Such leave shall be a maximum of forty (40) hours within ten (10) consecutive calendar days, whether services are within the State or outside the State of California. Employees

desiring more time off under these circumstances, may request vacation or other appropriate leaves, which may or may not be granted at the sole discretion of the department head.

A female employee who has a miscarriage or who gives birth to a stillborn child shall be eligible for bereavement leave in accordance with Section 12, paragraph two. This provision shall be applicable only to the employee having the miscarriage. Bereavement leave for a miscarriage shall not be applicable for any other family members identified in Section 12, paragraph one.

13. OTHER LEAVES

13.1 Maternity Leave

Sick leave may be used during pregnancy when the employee's physician has certified that, due to her pregnancy, she is no longer able to perform the duties of her position. Sick leave may be used after the birth of the baby if the employee's physician certifies that the employee is not yet able to perform the duties of her position. Employees who have been cleared to return to work by their physicians after pregnancy, but who wish to delay their return to work may request the use of vacation, compensatory time off or a leave without pay following normal departmental procedures. An employee may use any accrued paid leave time or leave without pay for up to four (4) months in connection with the birth of a child. However, sick leave is only available if there is a medical reason for the employee's continued absence from work.

13.2 Family and Medical Leave

The County recognizes its obligations to employees who meet the eligibility requirements of the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act and the California Family Rights Act.

13.3 Jury Duty

Any permanent or probationary employee ordered to appear as a witness in court other than as a litigant, to serve on a jury or to respond to an official order from another governmental jurisdiction for reasons not brought about through the connivance or misconduct of the employee shall be entitled to their regular County pay provided they deposit their fees for such services, exclusive of mileage, with the County Treasurer within thirty (30) calendar days after their excused absence for such duty. Requests for Jury Duty leave should be made by presenting the official court summons to the employee's immediate supervisor as soon as possible after receipt.

13.4 Time Off for Blood Donation

Employees will be allowed to take the last two (2) hours of their work shift off without loss of pay and allowances for the purpose of donating blood. The employee will be required

to provide proof that they did in fact donate blood during this time. This provision shall not be exercised more frequently than once in any three (3) month period. Time provided under this provision shall not be cumulative and advance approval for each donation period shall be obtained from the appropriate department supervisor.

13.5 Time Off for Promotional Examination

Employees represented in this unit and are in the classified service shall be entitled to necessary time off with pay for the purpose of only taking a promotional examination for the County (includes, for example, written and oral examinations, hiring interviews).

13.6 Military Leave of Absence

A. Military Leave

All employees shall be entitled to military leave of absence and compensation as provided in California Military and Veterans Code Section 395-395.02 to the greater of either said law/code or one hundred ninety (190) hours of paid Temporary or Active-Duty Military Leave (excludes Inactive Duty such as weekend drills) per fiscal year for each hour in which the employee was otherwise scheduled to work.

Employees on Active Duty exceeding one hundred ninety (190) hours may receive "Supplemental Military Pay" up to the "Maximum Duration of Time," as defined in this Section. Supplemental Military Pay for time past 190 hours can be used for only one deployment during the term of this MOU.

The eligible employee must elect to receive Supplemental Military Pay by no later than the seventh (7th) calendar day of the employee's military leave, otherwise the employee shall not be eligible for Supplemental Military Pay during that particular deployment.

B. Eligibility

To be eligible for this benefit, the employee must have been employed by Solano County for a period of not less than one year immediately prior to the date upon which the employee's military leave of absence begins. In determining the one-year of public agency service, all recognized military service is considered as public agency service.

An employee on Active Duty on the effective date of this Agreement, and who exhausted paid military leave pay in accordance with Military and Veterans Code Section 395-395.02 during that same fiscal year is eligible under this Agreement, even though the effective date of this Agreement occurs *after* the employee's Active-Duty military service began. Timelines in this Agreement related to electing to receive supplemental military pay, submission of military pay documentation, and any other dues dates are based on the effective date of this Agreement for those employees who are on Active Duty on the effective date of this Agreement.

C. **Compensation**

1. Any eligible employee who is on military leave of absence, shall be entitled to compensation as provided in California Military and Veterans Code Section 395-395.02 to the greater of said law/code or one hundred ninety (190) hours of paid Temporary or Active-Duty Military Leave (excludes Inactive Duty such as weekend drills) per fiscal year for each hour in which the employee was otherwise scheduled to work.
2. Following exhaustion during the fiscal year of the greater of Military and Veterans Code Section 395-395.02 compensation or one hundred ninety (190) hours of paid Temporary or Active-Duty Military Leave, the eligible employee may receive "Supplemental Military Pay."
 - a. **"Supplemental Military Pay"** is defined as the difference in the employee's (Higher Paid) base County salary and the employee's (Lower Paid) base military salary. The employee's base County salary shall be identified by referring to the County's "Listing of Classes and Salaries" in effect on the first day of active military leave, and no incentive pays such as POST Pay, bilingual differential, or similar factors shall be considered. This calculation is made as of the first day of the employee's active military leave for that particular deployment and shall not be adjusted during the deployment, even if a general wage increase occurs during the deployment. The employee must furnish to the department a copy of the employee's military pay (e.g., through a military pay stub which documents the base pay rate) within thirty (30) calendar days of the employee's deployment.

Supplemental Military Pay is earnings and subject to payroll taxes (e.g., Medicare, Social Security, income taxes), recognized employee association/union dues, deferred compensation contributions, garnishments, and all other deductions in effect on the calendar day immediately prior to the start of Supplemental Military Pay with the exception of CalPERS retirement (see Benefits).
3. At the beginning of the next fiscal year, the eligible employee will again receive the greater of California Military and Veterans Code Section 395-395.02 or one hundred ninety (190) hours of paid Temporary or Active-Duty Military Leave.
4. The **"Maximum Duration of Time"** for Supplemental Military Leave is defined as eighteen (18) months (see subsection (C)(4)(a) below) less those periods of the greater of California Military and Veterans Code Section 395-395.02 or one hundred ninety (190) hours of paid Temporary or Active-Duty Military Leave. (See subsection (C)(4)(b) and (c) below.)
 - a. As an example, if an employee's military orders state that the employee will be deployed for eleven (11) months, then the Maximum Duration of Time is eleven

(11) months. Or, as an example, an employee's military orders state that the employee will be deployed for twenty (20) months, then the Maximum Duration of Time is eighteen (18) months.

- b. Example A: Employee begins Active Duty military leave on July 1, 2020 and receives the greater of M&VC Sections 395-395.02/190 hours, begins Supplemental Military Pay on approximately August 1, 2020 for approximately eleven (11) months, receives M&VC Sections 395-395.02/190 hours again on July 1, 2021, continues Supplemental Military Pay on approximately August 1, 2021 and the Supplemental Military Pay stops on approximately January 31, 2022 as the total of M&VC Sections 395-395.02/190 hours+ Supplemental Military Pay+ M&VC Sections 395-395.02/190 hours+ Supplemental Military Pay equals eighteen (18) months.
- c. Example B: Employee begins Active Duty military leave on April 1, 2020 and receives the greater of M&VC Sections 395-395.02/190 hours, begins Supplemental Military Pay on approximately May 1, 2020 for approximately two (2) months, receives Active Duty military leave on July 1, 2020 and receives the greater of M&VC Sections 395-395.02/190 hours, begins Supplemental Military Pay on approximately August 1, 2020 for approximately eleven (11) months, receives M&VC Sections 395-395.02/190 hours again on July 1, 2021, continues Supplemental Military Pay on approximately August 1, 2021 and the Supplemental Military Pay stops on approximately November 30, 2021 as the total of M&VC Sections 395-395.02/190 hours + Supplemental Military Pay + M&VC Sections 395-395.02/190 hours + Supplemental Military Pay+ M&VC Sections 395-395.02/190 hours + Supplemental Military Pay equals eighteen (18) months.

The eighteen (18) month period continues to run during times when an employee is not receiving Supplemental Military Pay but is instead receiving the greater of California Military and Veterans Code Section 395-395.02 or one hundred ninety (190) hours of paid Temporary or Active-Duty Military Leave.

5. An employee not receiving pay under the greater of Military and Veterans Code Section 395-395.02 or one hundred ninety (190) hours of paid Temporary or Active-Duty Military Pay, or the Supplemental Military Pay may use the employee's eligible accrued leaves (e.g., vacation, compensatory time off, administrative leave, attorney time off) (sick leave is not an eligible leave).

D. **Benefits**

1. During periods of pay during the greater of Military and Veterans Code Section 395-395.02 or one hundred ninety (190) hours of paid Temporary or Active-Duty Military Leave, the employee's benefits which were active on the prior calendar day shall continue (with the County and employee continuing to pay their own respective share of said continued benefits).

2. During periods of Supplemental Military Pay the following apply:
 - a. Health insurance coverage will continue, with both the County and the employee contributing their own respective shares.
 - b. Employees are not eligible to receive cafeteria plan "waive money" or "cash back." The employee may elect to continue other benefits which are subject to COBRA provisions by enrolling in said benefits during the COBRA election/enrollment period.
 - c. The employee shall not receive County paid holidays, and shall not receive accrued time off (such as vacation, sick leave, administrative leave, attorney time off, nor any accruals).
 - d. Unless otherwise directed by CalPERS law or regulation, during periods of Supplemental Military Pay, the employee does not receive CalPERS service credit and neither the County nor the employee pay into the CalPERS retirement system.

E. **Other**

1. A probationary employee or a promotional probationary employee on military leave shall be required to complete the balance of their probationary period upon the employee's return to work.
2. An eligible employee who is receiving pay under this program shall continue to receive service credit for the purposes of determining duration of County service. An eligible employee who is receiving pay not under this program but rather through the use of the employee's accrued leaves shall receive service credit for the purposes of determining duration of County service. An employee who is not receiving pay does not receive service credit for the purpose of determining duration of County service.
3. The parties agree that none of the above shall limit or waive any employee's rights or entitlements under applicable military leave laws and if those rights or entitlements are greater than those shall apply.

13.7 Leave of Absence Without Pay

- A. A leave of absence may be granted only to an employee having a satisfactory record. Department heads may authorize a leave of absence without pay for a permanent or probationary employee for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days. Successive leaves may not be granted by department heads.
- B. Any permanent or probationary employees may be granted a leave of absence without pay in excess of thirty (30) calendar days upon their written request and the recommendation of their department head to the Director of Human Resources. Requests for leave of absence without pay shall be made upon forms prescribed by

the Director of Human Resources and shall state specifically the reasons for the request, the date when it is desired to begin the leave and the probable date of return. The request shall normally be initiated by the employee, but may be initiated by their department head. The department shall indicate on the request form their recommendation as to whether the request should be granted, modified or denied and shall promptly transmit the request to the Director of Human Resources.

- C. A leave of absence without pay, either approved by the department head or approved by the department head and the Director of Human Resources, shall be transmitted by the Director of Human Resources to the Auditor- Controller for appropriate action.
- D. A leave of absence without pay may be for a period not to exceed one (1) year, such leave may be extended for an additional year, provided the request for the extension, processed as the original request, is made at least ten (10) days prior to the end of the original leave. The Director of Human Resources shall be promptly notified at the return of any employee from a leave of absence without pay.
- E. Immediately prior to or at the time of return from leave of absence to active duty the employee may be required by their department head to submit a statement from their physician certifying as to their physical and/or mental ability to resume the duties of their position.
- F. Benefits shall not accrue while an employee is on leave of absence without pay.
- G. Whenever an employee has been granted a leave without pay and desires to return before expiration of such leave, the department head may require that reasonable notice not in excess of fifteen (15) calendar days be given.
- H. A leave of absence may be revoked by the Civil Service Commission upon evidence submitted by the Department of Human Resources that the cause for granting leave was misrepresented or has ceased to exist.
- I. Failure to return at the expiration of a leave of absence or being absent without leave shall be considered as an automatic resignation. Such resignation may be rescinded by the department head if the employee presents satisfactory reasons for their absence within three (3) days of the date their automatic resignation became effective.
- J. A leave of absence without pay may be granted for any of the following reasons:
 - 1. Illness or disability
 - 2. Pregnancy
 - 3. To take a course of study which will increase the employee's usefulness on return to their position.

4. Recall to active-duty military status when 30 days of compensation for military leave has occurred.
5. For other reasons acceptable to the department head and/or the Director of Human Resources.

14. HOLIDAYS

14.1 Eligibility for Holidays

- A. Only permanent, probationary, and limited-term employees shall be eligible for paid holidays.
- B. An employee must work or be paid for all or part of both the employee's regularly scheduled workday before and after a holiday to be eligible for that holiday.
- C. An employee who is terminating their employment for reasons other than paid County retirement may not use annual leave, sick leave or comp time on the day after a holiday if their last actual working day falls before the holiday. A holiday or floating holiday shall not be used as the date of termination (e.g., January 1st) in order to be paid for that day.
- D. A part-time employee shall receive those paid holidays on the same basis as their basic workweek relates to forty (40) hours, regardless of work scheduled.

14.2 Holiday Compensation

- A. Any employee whose work schedule does not provide for paid holidays off shall, during any pay period in which a fixed holiday(s) occurs, receive eight (8) hours pay for each holiday in addition to their regular pay. Any such employee whose work schedule is more than eight (8) hours in a workday, shall use their leave accrual balances to make up the difference between the holiday pay received and the hours required to complete their full work shift for that workday. Previously accrued holiday compensatory time off shall be scheduled with the approval of the department head. If time off cannot be scheduled, the employee shall be paid at the straight time rate on an hour for hour basis for all accumulated but unused Holiday compensatory time off as of the fiscal year in the last full pay period in the outgoing fiscal year.
- B. When a paid holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday *is* a paid holiday. When a paid holiday falls on a Sunday, the Monday following *is* a paid holiday.

14.3 Holidays

- A. Fixed Paid Holidays Include:

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King's Birthday	3 rd Monday in January

Lincoln's Birthday	February 12
Washington's Birthday	3 rd Monday in February
Memorial Day	last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	1 st Monday in September
Indigenous Peoples' Day	2 nd Monday in October
Veterans' Day	November 11
Thanksgiving	4 th Thursday in November
Day following Thanksgiving	
Christmas	December 25

B. Other Paid Holidays Include:

1. Special or limited holidays appointed by the President or Governor
2. Such other days in lieu of holidays as the Board of Supervisors may determine.
3. Floating Holidays annually in accordance with the following:
 - a. Three (3) Floating Holidays effective January 1st of each year. (The conditions listed below must be met in order to qualify for Floating Holidays.)
 - 1) Only those employees who have either successfully completed their initial County probationary period within this bargaining unit, or 26 full pay periods of continuous service, whichever is less, are eligible to receive these Floating Holidays.
 - a) Employees who successfully complete their initial probationary period within this bargaining unit between January 1st and June 30th of any given year shall receive one (1) Floating Holiday effective July 1st of that year.
 - b) Employees who successfully complete their initial probationary period within this bargaining unit between July 1st and December 31st of any given year shall not receive any Floating Holidays for that year, but shall receive two (2) Floating Holidays effective January 1st of the succeeding year.
 - c) Employees who transfer or promote into this bargaining unit from a bargaining unit from which they have previously earned three (3) days of floating holiday eligibility shall retain their floating holiday eligibility.
 - 2) Subject to advance approval by the department, these holidays may be taken at any time during the calendar year, but must be taken within the calendar year in which they are given. Floating Holidays are to be taken eight (8) hours at a time and are not to be utilized on a partial basis. Part-time

employees shall receive Floating Holidays in proportion to the relationship their basic work week bears to forty (40) hours.

- 3) Any eligible employee separating from County service who has not taken that calendar year's Floating Holidays shall receive payment for such holidays at the rate, which the employee is currently employed.
- C. Employees assigned to non-24-hour positions shall take the fixed holiday, unless otherwise required to work, as directed by the Sheriff.
 - D. The County will recognize Juneteenth as an unpaid holiday but will not close County services. Employees may use their accrued holiday leave or a floating holiday.

15. PROBATIONARY PERIOD

15.1 Probationary Period

- A. All new or re-employed employees in full-time regular positions shall serve a probationary period of 26 biweekly full pay periods.
- B. For Deputy Sheriff (Entry):

All new full-time regular employees who do not possess a Basic P.O.S.T. Certificate shall serve a probationary period of twenty-six (26) biweekly pay periods extending from the first full pay period following the employee's completion of P.O.S.T. Academy Training. The probationary period shall not exceed thirty-nine (39) full pay periods of active duty following completion of P.O.S.T. Academy training, unless extended in whole or in part, by an employee's leave of absence.
- C. All part-time employees shall serve an extended probation period beyond twenty-six (26) pay periods in proportion to the relationship their basic workweek bears to forty (40) hours.
- D. Any leave-of-absence with or without pay, military leave-of-absence or jury duty exceeding seven (7) consecutive calendar days shall cause the employee's probation period to be extended by an amount equal to the number of pay periods during which the employee was on the leave-of-absence with or without pay, military leave or jury duty.
- E. There shall be an evaluation of each employee's job performance nine (9) pay periods from the date of appointment to a regular or limited-term position and before any merit increase or every twenty-six (26) pay periods after reaching the top step of the salary range for the class in which they are employed.

- F. The probationary period may exceed twenty-six (26) full pay periods of active duty when the extension is by mutual agreement between the probationary employee, appointing authority and the Director of Human Resources or when the probationary period is extended pursuant to Section 15.1 (D) above. Except as stated in section B above, the probationary period shall not exceed thirty-nine (39) full pay periods of active duty.

15.2 Rejection of Employee During the Probationary Period

- A. A probationary employee may be separated from the service at any time during the probation period without right of appeal or hearing unless the employee alleges that such separation was based upon discrimination. In such cases, the appeal and hearing shall be processed in accordance with Section 15 of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, an employee who has completed the probationary period following initial appointment, but fails to complete the probationary period for a position to which they have been promoted or transferred shall have the right of appeal in accordance with Section 15 of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, an employee rejected during the probation period from a position to which they had been promoted or transferred, may be restored to their former position. Such restoration is not mandatory, but is optional at the discretion of the department head of the position to be retreated into within the limits of available authorized positions.
- D. Any employee who (1) has completed an initial County probationary period and obtained permanent status; (2) is promoted from one class to another, both of which are in the same department and Representation Unit subject to these provisions; and (3) fails the promotional probation period, shall be restored to the classification held immediately prior to promotion if a position in that class is vacant. Such restoration includes restoration of the employee's former salary, merit increase eligibility date, and all other benefits to which the employee would have been entitled if the promotion had not occurred.
- E. If an employee cannot be restored to the former class,
1. The employee may be appointed by the department head to any other vacant position in any class provided:
 - a. the position is in the current department;
 - b. the class is in the same representation unit as the former class;
 - c. the employee meets the minimum qualifications for the class;
 - d. the salary range for the class does not exceed the range of the class held immediately prior to promotion;

- e. The Director of Human Resources concurs with the appointment.
2. The employee will serve a new probationary period.
3. The employee's name will be placed on the current or continuous eligible list for that classification held immediately prior or promotion. The employee's name will be certified along with the regular number of applicants to vacancies in the class until the employee is selected or the eligible list is abolished.

16. LAYOFF

Employees who are laid off and subsequently rehired within a ninety (90) calendar day period following the effective date of their layoff will be considered as having served continuously in County service for purposes of seniority and annual leave accrual. During this ninety (90) calendar day period, such laid off employees will not be entitled to cash out accumulated annual leave entitlement, sick leave, holiday leave or compensatory time off. In the event such laid off employee is not rehired within this ninety (90) day period, or if a laid off employee relinquishes all reemployment rights with the County within this ninety (90) day period, such employee shall be entitled to payoff of earned benefits as provided in this Memorandum of Understanding.

17. This Section Reserved for Expansion

18. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

18.1 Discipline Defined

Discipline means dismissal, demotion, suspension, reduction of salary within range, or a formal written reprimand which is filed in the employee's personal history file in the Human Resources Department.

18.2 Disciplinary Action Procedure

The appointing authority proposing that disciplinary action be taken shall provide the employee with written notice of the proposed action which must include:

- A. A description of the proposed action to be taken;
- B. The effective date or dates of the proposed action which must be at least ten (10) calendar days after notice is received by the employee;
- C. A clear and concise statement of the reasons for the proposed action;

- D. A statement that a copy of the materials upon which the action is based are either attached or available for inspection by the employee or the employee's representative; and
- E. A statement advising the employee of the right to respond to the charges within ten (10) calendar days either verbally or in writing to the appointing authority proposing the action prior to its effective date. Failure of the employee to respond will constitute a waiver of the right to respond.

If the employee elects to respond in person, a meeting shall be scheduled with the department head or their designee. The employee shall be given the opportunity to respond to the proposed action. The employee shall be entitled to be represented by the person of their choosing at the meeting.

The department director/designee may amend, modify or revoke any or all of the charges or proposed disciplinary action.

18.3 Disciplinary Action Appeal Process – Appeal to the Civil Service Commission

An employee, whose classification is governed under the Civil Service Commission, may either appeal such dismissal, suspension, demotion or reduction of salary to the Civil Service Commission or file an appeal as defined below. Appeal to the Civil Service Commission must be filed in writing within ten (10) calendar days of the decision of the department director/designee. An employee may not both appeal to the Civil Service Commission and file an appeal under this Disciplinary Action Appeal Process.

18.4 Disciplinary Action Appeal Process – Not to the Civil Service Commission

- A. **Appeal to the Director of Human Resources**
Disciplinary actions may be appealed to the Director of Human Resources within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date the Notice of Discipline is provide to the employee. The Director of Human Resources shall have twenty-one (21) calendar days to investigate the issues, meet with the grievant and attempt to reach a satisfactory resolution. No disciplinary action appeal may be processed under additional disciplinary action appeal steps which has not first been filed and investigated in accordance with this step.
- B. **Appeal to Mediation**
Disciplinary actions which have been investigated by the Director of Human Resources may be appealed to mediation within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the date the Director of Human Resources' decision is provided to the employee. Mediation shall be provided by the California State Mediation and Conciliation Services, unless the employee and County mutually agree to a different mediator. Mediation shall be advisory only and the parties shall not issue any public statement of fact or opinion on the matter in question. All discussions, notes, proceedings,

etc. shall neither be made public nor be introduced into any other disciplinary action step by either party.

If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute, then either party may appeal to arbitration as provided below.

C. Appeal to Arbitration

Either the Union or the County may require that the grievance be referred to an impartial arbitrator who shall be designated by mutual agreement between the Union and the Director of Human Resources or their designee.

In the event the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator, the parties shall solicit from the State of California Mediation/Conciliation Service a list of seven (7) arbitrators.

After a cost of coin to determine which party shall move first, the County or the Union shall alternatively strike one name from the list until one name remains and such person shall serve as the arbitrator.

The fees and expense of the arbitrator and of a Court Report shall be shared equally by the Union and the County. Each party, however, shall bear the cost of its own presentation, including preparation and post hearing briefs, if any. The request for arbitration shall be made in writing within twenty-one (21) calendar days following recommendation of the mediator.

D. Scope of Arbitration Decisions

Decisions of arbitrators on matters properly before them shall be final and binding on the parties hereto.

If the Director of Human Resources or their designee in pursuance of the disciplinary action procedures resolves a disciplinary action appeal which involves suspension or discharge, the Director of Human Resources/designee may agree to payment for lost time or to reinstatement with or without payment for lost time, but in the event the dispute is referred to arbitration pursuant and the arbitrator finds that the County had the right to take the action complained of, the arbitrator may not substitute their judgment for the judgment of management, and if they find that the County had such right. They may not order reinstatement and may not assess any penalty upon the County.

19. GRIEVANCES

19.1 Grievance Definition

A grievance is any dispute, which involves the interpretation or application of any provision of this Memorandum of Understanding and excluding those provisions of this

Memorandum of Understanding, which specifically provide that the decision of any County official shall be final, the interpretation, or application of those provisions not being subject to the grievance procedure.

19.2 Grievance Purpose

The purposes of this procedure are:

1. To resolve grievance disputes informally at the lowest possible level;
2. To provide an orderly and prompt procedure for resolving disputes which arise regarding the interpretation of the memorandum of Understanding.
3. To encourage communication between employees, the union, and County representatives;
4. To determine and correct, if possible, the causes of grievance disputes.

19.3 Grievance Steps

Grievances shall be processed in the following manner:

A. Step 1. Informal Discussion

Any employee who believes that they have a grievance shall discuss their complaint with their immediate supervisor (or such management official designated by the department head within fifteen (15) calendar days of the incident or occurrence. This meeting shall be held in an effort to resolve the grievance informally. The immediate supervisor/management official shall have ten (10) calendar days from the date of the informal discussion to respond to the employee. If an agreement is reached to resolve the issue, the supervisor will confirm the outcome in writing.

If the management official's response does not resolve the grievance, the employee has ten (10) calendar days from the management official's response date to file the grievance in writing with the department head or their designee. If the management official fails to respond, the employee has ten (10) calendar days from the date the management official's response was issued to file the grievance in writing with the department head or their designee.

B. Step 2. Department Head and/or the Designated Representative

The department head or their designated representative will meet with the grievant and their Union representative and shall provide a written response to the grievant within twenty-one (21) calendar day of having received it.

If the grievance is not resolved within the department, the employee or the union shall have the right to appeal the grievance to the Human Resources Director, in writing, within fifteen (15) calendar day of the response made at Step 2. Notwithstanding this procedure, all complaints involving or concerning the payment of compensation shall be in writing to the Director of Human Resources

or their designee with a copy to the department head. A grievance shall be initiated in writing on the Solano County Grievance Form.

C. Step 3. Director of Human Resources

Any employee or any official of the Association may notify the Director of Human Resources, or their designee, in writing that a grievance exists stating the particulars of the grievance and, if possible, the nature of the determination desired. The Director of Human Resources, or their designee, shall have twenty-one (21) calendar days in which to investigate the issues meet with the complainant and attempt to reach a satisfactory resolution of the problem. No grievance may be processed under Step (4) or Step (5) below which has not first been filed and investigated in accordance with Step (3).

D. Step 4. Mediation

If the parties are unable to reach a mutually satisfactory accord on any grievance which arises and is presented during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, the moving party shall have twenty-one (21) calendar days to request in writing that the grievant be scheduled for mediation.

Mediation will be convened within ninety (90) working days of receipt of the timely request for mediation. The Adjustment board shall be comprised of a mediator from the State Mediation Service, one (1) Union representative and one (1) representative of the County.

The mediator shall be selected by mutual agreement from the State Conciliation Service.

E. Step 5. Arbitration

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 4, either the Union or the County may require that the grievance be referred to an impartial arbitrator who shall be designated by mutual agreement between the Union and the Director of Human Resources or their designee.

In the event the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator, the parties shall solicit from the State of California Mediation/Conciliation Service a list of seven (7) arbitrators.

After the receipt of the list, the parties shall alternatively strike arbitrator's names from the list until one (1) arbitrator's name remains.

The fees and expense of the arbitrator and of a Court Report shall be shared equally by the Union and the County. Each party, however, shall bear the cost of its own presentation, including preparation and post hearing briefs, if any. The request for arbitration shall be made in writing within twenty-one (21) calendar days following completion of mediation.

19.4 Grievance Timelines

Failure of the grievant to adhere to the timeliness contained in this article shall be considered an abandonment of their grievance. Failure of the County to adhere to the timelines contained in this article shall allow the grievant to pursue their grievances to the next higher step.

If any of the time periods for processing a grievance, as outlined above, end on a day which is not a normal County workday (i.e., a weekend or recognized County holiday) the timelines shall be extended to 5:00 p.m. on the next regular County workday.

19.5 Scope of Grievance Decisions

- A. Decisions of arbitrators on matters properly before them shall be final and binding on the parties hereto.
- B. No arbitrator shall entertain, hear, decide, or make recommendations on any dispute unless such dispute involves a position in a unit represented by the Union, which has been certified as the recognized employee organization for such unit, and unless such dispute falls within the definition of a grievance as set forth in **Section 19.1**
- C. Proposals to add or to change this Memorandum of Understanding or written agreements to addenda supplementary hereto shall not be arbitrable and no proposal to modify, amend, or terminate this Memorandum of Understanding, nor any matter or subject arising out of or in connection with such proposal, may be referred to arbitration under this Section. No arbitrator shall have the power to amend or modify this Memorandum of Understanding or written agreements or addenda supplementary hereto or to establish any new terms or conditions of this employment.

19.6 Compensation Complaints

All complaints involving or concerning the payment of compensation shall be initially filed in writing with the Director of Human Resources. Only complaints, which allege that employees are not being compensated in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, shall be considered as grievances. Any other matters of compensation are to be resolved in the meeting and conferring process and if not detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding which results from such meeting and conferring process shall be deemed withdrawn until the meeting and conferring process is next opened for such discussion. No adjustment shall be retroactive for more than sixty (60) days from the date upon which the complaint was filed.

No change in this Memorandum of Understanding or interpretations thereof (except interpretations resulting from arbitrator proceedings) hereunder will be recognized unless agreed to by the Director of Human Resources or their designee, and the Union.

19.7 County Code and Civil Service Commission

- A. The provisions of this Section shall not abridge any rights to which an employee may be entitled under the County Code., nor shall it be administered in a manner which would abrogate any power, which under the County Code, may be within the sole province and discretion of the Civil Service Commission.
- B. All grievances of employees in representation units represented by the Union shall be processed under this Section. If the County Code requires that a differing option be available to the employee, no action under Step 3, 4 or 5 of Section 15.A above, shall be taken unless it is determined that the employee is not availing himself/herself of such option.

No employee may utilize the grievance procedure when another procedure has previously been utilized.

- C. If any award by an arbitrator requires action by the Board of Supervisors or the Civil Service Commission before it can be placed in effect, the Director of Human Resources will recommend to the Board of Supervisors or the Civil Service Commission as appropriate, that it follow such award.

20. HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

20.1 Hours of Work

- A. Work Hours

SAFETY - EXCLUDING D.A. INVESTIGATORS

One hundred sixty (160) hours per 28-day period shall be the standard work period.

NON-SAFETY AND D.A. INVESTIGATORS

Forty (40) hours per seven-day period shall be the standard work period.

- B. Workday

Except as may be otherwise provided by order of the Board of Supervisors, eight (8) hours of work shall constitute a day's work for all permanent and probationary full-time employees. The lunch period shall not be considered part of the eight (8) hours of work, except in operations where the employee continues to work during the lunch period.

During the annual time changes from Pacific Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time and Daylight Savings Time to Standard Time, employees will be paid for actual hours worked. Shift time lost due to the time change may be made up by using accrued compensatory time off (CTO), vacation time, or with the concurrence

of the Department Head, working an additional hour. Employees who do not have sufficient leave accruals and who do not work the additional hour will be recorded as time without pay.

C. Workweek

Except as may be otherwise provided, the official workweek shall be forty (40) hours of work in any seven (7) consecutive calendar days. The workweek schedule shall normally consist of five (5) workdays of eight (8) hours work each. However, department heads may establish workweek schedules, which differ from the normal schedule, upon recommendation of the County Administrator and approval by the Board of Supervisors. It shall be the duty of each department head to arrange the work of their department so that each employee therein shall work not more than forty (40) hours in any workweek; except, that a department head may require any employee of their department to temporarily perform service in excess of forty (40) hours when public necessity or convenience so requires.

D. Available Fixed Schedules (For All Unit Employees)

Following are examples of existing fixed schedules; a) 5 days work/2 days off and 8 hours per workday, b) 4 days work/3 days off and 10 hours per work day, c) 9/80 schedule 8 days at 9 hours and 1 day at 8 hours, d) Deputy Sheriff classifications, 12 hour schedule, 6 days work @ 12 hours, 1 day of work @ 8 hours in an eighty (80) hour fourteen (14) day pay period.

E. Alternate Schedule

Should the Department Head elect to end the 4/10 schedule, employees shall either be returned to the 5/8 schedule or a new alternate schedule. In either case, the County shall provide notice to the Association and, upon request, meet and confer.

Deputy Sheriff's assigned to the 4-10 schedule shall work 4 days on/3 days off and 10 hours per workday.

F. Time Off

1. Regardless of the schedule worked, all employees will accrue time off based on the five days per week, two days off (regular) work schedule.
2. Days in all work schedules shall be charged as time off based upon the number of hours missed (i.e., ten hours for a 4/10 schedule, twelve hours for a twelve-hour schedule; etc.).
3. Holiday compensatory time off for employees in patrol shall be taken off only on "overlap" Wednesdays for so long as the 4/10 schedule remains in effect.

G. Shift Assignments – Patrol

Once every twelve (12) months, full-time Deputy Sheriffs assigned to patrol shall indicate their team preference. Currently, patrol has four (4) teams; two (2) teams workday shift and two (2) teams work night shift. The Department shall then assign teams taking into account operational needs, indicated employee preference, special needs/skills, etc. All things being equal, length of service shall be used as an additional determining factor.

No Deputy Sheriff shall occupy the same team for more than two (2) consecutive rotations, except as specially waived by the Sheriff.

When a vacancy on a team occurs during a shift period, the Department shall fill that vacancy with another employee of their choosing for the remainder of the assignment period. Probationary employees shall be assigned at the discretion of the Department. If necessary, the Department may reassign other employees for the purpose of assigning probationary employees.

Should the Department's scheduling practice change, relative to teams and/or shifts, the parties shall reopen negotiations on rotation requirements only.

H. Schedule Changes

Employees assigned to fixed work schedules shall have specified starting and ending times to their work shifts. These employees shall have a fixed number of hours per shift. However, they may not have the same starting and ending times for their shifts on each workday. Except in cases of emergency, employees shall be provided at least seven (7) calendar days notice prior to a change in their work schedule. On the mutual agreement of the employee and the Department, employees' schedules may be modified without the seven (7) day notice requirement.

I. Breaks

Employees working work schedules of work shifts of ten (10) hours or less shall be entitled to one (1) thirty (30) minute lunch break and two (2) fifteen (15) minute breaks. Employees working shifts in excess of ten (10) hours shall be entitled to one (1) forty-five (45) minute lunch break and two (2) fifteen (15) minute work breaks. Compensated lunch and break period are understood to be considered work time and the employee may be required to perform work.

20.2 Overtime

- A. Employees shall be paid for all time worked in excess of eight (8) hours (or in excess of their regular workday if longer than eight (8) hours) in a workday at one and one-half times the base rate of pay. Employees covered under FLSA shall be paid for all time worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a workweek at one and

one-half times the regular rate of pay; however, employees may elect compensatory time off at one and one-half hours off for each overtime hour worked.

- B. Any CTO accumulated in excess of eighty (80) hours by an employee covered under FLSA shall be taken off within the fiscal year in which it is earned. If the department head is unable to schedule sufficient time off during the fiscal year, the employees' accrual balance shall be reduced to eighty (80) hours and the payoff shall be made to the employee prior to the end of the fiscal year in which it was earned.

In addition to the fiscal year end payout, a department head may authorize employees to reduce the accrued hours to eighty (80) hours on the first paycheck of December. The payout of compensatory time off may occur subject to it being offered (authorized) by the department head, in both December and June of any given fiscal year.

- C. Compensatory approved at time off, except for holidays, shall be approved at the sole discretion of the Appointing Authority.

20.3 Assignment Rotation

The purpose of the following is to outline procedures for determining internal transfers of Deputy Sheriffs to lateral assignments.

A. Policy

1. It shall be the policy of the Solano County Sheriff's Department to periodically reassign personnel laterally to various bureaus within the department in order to broaden and develop individual skills; utilize, where practical, particular talents and abilities; and carry on the many facets of the department's responsibilities in an effective and efficient a manner as possible. Lateral assignments will be made in a fair and equitable manner, consistent with the guidelines below.

The filling of lateral assignment positions must be considered in view of the attainment of overall departmental goals and objectives. Thus, the careful evaluation of the factors below will be done in conjunction with the requirements of the position and the needs of the department. The final selection for all lateral assignments rests solely with the Sheriff or their designee.

2. For the purpose of this policy, the term "lateral assignment" refers to the reassignment of Deputy Sheriffs form one bureau to another internally, for periods of up to four (4) years with the exception of the Coroner which shall be a minimum of five (5) years. The actual term of assignment will be

dependent on the employee performing satisfactorily and the needs of the organization.

- a. The term “**lateral assignment**” is synonymous with the internal reassignment of Deputy Sheriffs from one bureau to another.
 - b. The term “**lateral assignment**” most commonly refers to the reassignment of Deputy Sheriffs to one of the following bureaus: Civil, Marine Patrol, Investigations, SOLNET, SET and Coroner and other lateral assignments created and designated as such by the Sheriff, excluding the Resident Deputy.
3. For the purpose of this policy, the term “contract cities” refers to the reassignment of Deputy Sheriffs to a city that contracts with the County of Solano for police services.

B. Basic Lateral Assignment Eligibility

1. Candidates shall have completed a minimum of three (3) years law enforcement service, prior to the effective date of the transfer.
 - a. At least two (2) of those years shall have been continuous and current employment with the Solano County Sheriff’s Department.
 - b. If there are no candidates meeting the above criteria, selections shall be made in the following order:
 - a. Three (3) years of law enforcement service and successful completion of their probationary period.
 - b. Lateral peace officer who has completed their field training.
 - c. Any deputy successfully completed their probationary period.
 - c. Candidates who, subsequent to an authorized leave of absence, are duly reinstated will be entitled to consider service prior to the reinstatement as continuous with current employment, less the actual period away on leave.
2. Subject to (a) and (b) above, employees holding other lateral transfer assignments at the time of selection may be considered for a consecutive lateral assignment in the same bureau if the Sheriff determines it is necessary for the good of the department. Deputy Sheriffs may apply and be assigned to other bureaus for successive lateral assignments.

C. The Selection Process

An announcement of intention to fill lateral assignments will solicit from interested candidate and interoffice memorandum (an original, and one copy), stating the lateral assignment position the candidate is interested in ; the candidate's qualifications, experience, training or exposure, and other pertinent data the employee may wish to have considered. Memos shall be submitted directly to the office of the Sheriff or their designee.

Candidates may submit a memorandum of interest for any lateral assignment position to be filled. (Two different positions require two separate memos.)

The memorandum will be reviewed by the appropriate division commander to determine eligibility. The appropriate division commander will notify those candidates who are determined to be ineligible. Such notification shall be in writing to the candidate.

Candidates and supervisors will be notified as soon as practical of the final selection.

The results of a candidate's lateral assignment evaluation will be retained for a period of eight (8) weeks after the selection is made for the open position. These results will be open for review by the candidate. After the eight (8) week period, the results will be purged from the employee's file, unless a grievance has been filed.

All candidates are encouraged to discuss the results of their candidacy with the appropriate bureau supervisor, division commanders, and the Sheriff.

D. Evaluation Criteria

1. Interview

All eligible candidates will be interviewed. The interview will be conducted by at least one lieutenant and a member from the candidate's immediate supervisory.

2. Supervisory Input

Division commanders will consult with the supervisors within their divisions regarding all eligible candidates under consideration. Due consideration must be given for the timeliness of each supervisor's relationship with each candidate.

Supervisory input will be considered in the light of the supervisor's direct knowledge of the candidate's job performance in relation to the lateral assignment to be filled.

The commander of the division in which the vacancy exists will confer with their bureau supervisors, regarding the recommendation of their division, and will present their recommendations in writing to the sheriff.

3. Performance Evaluation

The candidate's last two (2) written evaluations will be reviewed by the division commander and summarized for the Sheriff.

4. The division commander will review the following items and prepare a summary for the Sheriff.

- Attendance

The candidate's attendance and punctuality record.

- Written Skills

The candidate's ability to prepare complete, concise, and grammatically written communications and reports.

- Interpersonal Relationships and Communication Skills

The candidate's verbal communications skills, including interviewing and interrogating, and their interpersonal relationship skills.

- Demonstrated Skills

The candidate's performance in current and previous assignments. The term "performance" includes initiative, tenacity, thoroughness, and proven ability.

- Training, Education and Specific Employee Interests

The candidate's formalized training and educational efforts will be reviewed by the Sheriff.

- Training, both inside and outside the department as well as self-initiated education, may be particularly helpful in certain lateral assignments.

Memorandums of interest should reflect any extracurricular training and education the candidate wishes to have considered.

An employee's specific job-related interests and dislikes, as expressed by the candidate in the employee's memorandum of interest, will be reviewed by the Sheriff.

E. Assignment to Contract City

Generally, assignment to the contract city will be up to four (4) years, however, the Sheriff may need to extend that timeline for the needs of the customer city. The actual term of assignment will be dependent on the employee performing satisfactorily and the needs of the organization.

21. NO STRIKE / NO LOCKOUT

The Union, its members and representatives, agree that they will not engage in, authorize, sanction, or support any strike, slowdown, stoppage of work, curtailment of production, and concerted refusal of overtime work. Refusal to operate designated equipment (provided such equipment is safe and sound), or to perform customary duties; and neither the Union nor any representatives thereof shall engage in job action for the purpose of effecting changes in the directives or decisions of management of the County, nor to effect a change of personnel or operations of management or of employees not covered by this Memorandum of Understanding.

The County agrees to engage in any lockout during the term of this memorandum.

22. OTHER PROVISIONS

22.1 Conflict of Interest

County employees shall not engage in any activity, which constitutes a conflict of interest due to the nature, conditions, or some other aspect of the activity. Any officer or employee wishing to engage in any occupation or outside activity or compensation shall inform their department head, in writing and in advance, of the time required and the nature of such activity. It shall be the responsibility of each department head to ensure that employees in their department do not engage in any activity, which constitutes a conflict of interest. The department head shall issue an opinion and reason to an employee if the employee's proposed activity constitutes a possible conflict of interest within seven (7) calendar days from the date the department head received notice of the proposed activity.

An employee who has followed this procedure will not be disciplined under the provisions of this section without such employee having received prior written notification of the possible conflict of interest. Disputes concerning this provision will be handled under.

22.2 Personnel Files

The official personal history file for each County employee shall be maintained by the Human Resources Department. An employee, or their representative, shall have the right to review the employee's official personal history file in Human Resources by scheduling

a specific date and time with the Human Resources staff. The employee's representative must present written authorization from the employee prior to reviewing the file.

A copy of any performance reviews, written reprimands, commendations or disciplinary actions placed in the employee's personal history file will be provided to the employee by the employee's department at the time the material is sent to Human Resources for placement in the official file. Any additional copies of documents from the employee's personal history file may be subject to reasonable changes in accordance with Human Resources Department and County policy. The employee may respond in writing through their department head to documents placed in the file. This response will be filed with the original document.

Performance evaluations and written reprimands shall only be placed in an employee's official personal history file if the employee has either, signed and dated the document, or a supervisor/manager has signed and dated it indicating the date the employee was given a copy. Disciplinary action shall only be placed in the file after the employee has been provided a copy of the action.

22.3 Joint Labor Management Committee

The parties agree to a joint labor management committee, to discuss DSA concerns involving the FLSA overtime rules as it relates to the definition of hours worked for purposes of calculating overtime. The joint labor management committee is contingent upon participation of Unit 4, Law Enforcement Supervisors, and will be comprised of a maximum of three (3) individuals appointed jointly by Unit 3, Law Enforcement Employees and Unit 4, Law Enforcement Employees and a maximum of three (3) individuals appointed by the County.

23. SEVERABILITY

If any provisions of this Agreement should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdictions, or if compliance with or enforcement of any such provisions shall be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

24. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

The parties acknowledge that each has had the unlimited right and opportunity to raise, discuss, and meet and confer with the other on all matters within the scope of representation and that the agreements reached between the parties are fully set forth herein in writing. There are no agreed upon terms, promises, binding practices, or conditions except as expressly set forth in this Agreement. Except as otherwise mandated by applicable state or federal law, the employees' entitlement to economic rights and benefits of County employment derive exclusively from the express terms of this Agreement. Pursuant to this

Article, the County may from time to time provide employees with additional economic benefits and may regulate employee conduct through its Personnel Policies as they currently exist or as the County may revise them from time to time.

Appendix A

Permanent and limited-term classifications represented under this Agreement are:

Deputy Sheriff
Deputy Sheriff (entry)
District Attorney Investigator
Welfare Fraud Investigator
Welfare Fraud Investigator (entry)

Appendix B

1. The present approximate monthly pay rate for the represented classification is:

Classification	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Deputy Sheriff	\$7,782.46	\$8,171.61	\$8,580.19	\$9,009.18	\$9,459.65
Deputy Sheriff (Entry)	\$6,997.09	\$7,346.94	\$7,714.24	\$8,100.02	\$8,505.03
District Attorney Investigator	\$9,190.52	\$9,650.07	\$10,132.56	\$10,639.22	\$11,171.14
Welfare Fraud Investigator	\$7,771.39	\$8,159.93	\$8,567.94	\$8,996.37	\$9,446.16
Welfare Fraud Investigator (Entry)	\$6,605.98	\$6,936.29	\$7,283.12	\$7,647.24	\$8,029.61

2. Effective the first pay period following the Board of Supervisors' adoption of the collective bargaining agreement or October 21, 2022, whichever is later, the base wage rates will increase by five percent (5%) of the base wage rates in effect the day before such increase takes effect. Effective concurrently with the wage increase, represented classifications shall receive a five percent (5%) equity adjustment, which shall be cumulative and not compounded (e.g., 5% + 5% = 10%).
3. Effective the beginning of the pay period of October 29, 2023, following the wage increase set forth in this Appendix B, paragraph 2 above, the base wage rates will increase by four percent (4%) of the base wage rates in effect the day before such increase takes effect.
4. Effective the beginning of the pay period of October 27, 2024, following the wage increase set forth in this Appendix B, paragraph 3 above, the base wage rates will increase by three percent (3%) of the base wage rates in effect the day before such increase takes effect. Effective concurrently with the wage increase, represented classifications shall receive a one percent (1%) equity adjustment, which shall be cumulative and not compounded (e.g., 3% + 1% = 4%).
5. The hourly rate is calculated by multiplying monthly pay rate by twelve (12) months and dividing that value by two thousand eighty (2,080) hours.

Appendix C

NOT IN USE

Appendix D
Retirement Payback Formula

Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) - Unit 3

Cost of the Benefit	\$4,921,043
Term in Years	20
Amount due to County each Year	\$220,742
Variable	Value
Pay Periods per year	26
Number of Pay periods	520
Number of Employees	113
Average Monthly Salary	\$5,122
Total Monthly Payroll	\$578,786
Average per pay period Gross Salary	\$2,364
Average Annual Gross Salary	\$61,464
Total Annual Payroll	\$6,945,432
Formula for Employee Share	Amount
Annual amount of payback = Total cost divided by 20 years.	\$220,742
Annual per employee pay back = Divide annual amount of payback by the average number of employees for the previous year.	\$1,953.47
Average pay back per employee per pay period = Divide the annual per employee payback by number of pay periods	\$75.13
Percentage of gross per pay period salary deducted from each probation employee = Divide the average pay back per employee per pay period by the average per pay period gross salary.	3.18%

Cost of the Benefit:

- \$4,921,043 for Safety, excluding District-Attorney Investigators (series)
Payroll deductions began on July 23, 2004 paychecks.
- \$731,985 for District-Attorney Investigators (series)
Payroll deductions began on January 5, 2007 paychecks.
- \$75,036,452 for all Miscellaneous (non-safety) employees
Payroll deductions began on December 13, 2002 paychecks.

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To the Memorandum of Understanding
Between the County of Solano and Solano County Deputy Sheriff's Association
Unit 3

Inflation Supplement

This will confirm an understanding reached between the County of Solano (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and Solano County Deputy Sheriff's Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Union"), representing Unit 3. Collectively, County and Union are hereinafter referred to as "the parties."

As an additional recognition for employees earning an annual base salary of \$85,000 or less, the County will provide an inflation supplement of eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) in the second pay period of November 2023. To qualify for this one-time lump sum bonus, employees must be (1) employed by the County and earning an annual base salary of \$85,000 or less on October 1, 2022, and (2) remain continuously employed by the County through the second pay period in November 2023.


FOR THE COUNTY:



Charmie Junn
Director of Human Resources

Date: 11/15/2022

FOR THE UNION:



David Brock (Nov 1, 2022 08:29 PDT)
David Brock
Chief Negotiator

Date: Nov 1, 2022

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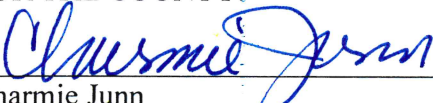
To the Memorandum of Understanding
Between the County of Solano and Solano County Deputy Sheriff's Association
Units 3 and 4

Comparable Counties and Cities

This will confirm an understanding reached between the County of Solano (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and Solano County Deputy Sheriff's Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Union"), representing Units 3 and 4. Collectively, County and Union are hereinafter referred to as "the parties."


The County has an established list of comparable counties and cities that it uses for classification and compensation (wage and/or total comp.) studies. The Union has proposed to alter this list of comparable counties and cities. The County recognizes that its list of comparable counties/cities has not changed since 2008 and that the County will relook at its comparable counties/cities by no later than October 2023. As such, the parties agree to meet and confer regarding any proposed changes to the comparable counties/cities used for all future classification and/or compensation studies. The County will perform a total compensation survey of Deputy Sheriff and Sergeant-Sheriff classifications, prior to negotiations over a successor MOU. The County will provide that study to Units 3 and 4 no later than June 30, 2025. The Association may perform its own total compensation survey and will provide that to the County prior to June 30, 2025. The parties will bargain over wage adjustments based on these results.

FOR THE COUNTY:


Charmie Junn
Director of Human Resources

Date: 11/15/2022

FOR THE UNION:


David Brock (Nov 1, 2022 09:33 PDT)
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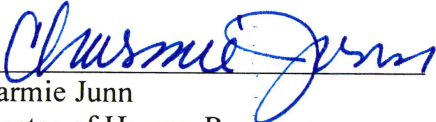
Early Settlement Agreement

This will confirm an understanding reached between the County of Solano (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and Solano County Deputy Sheriff's Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Union"), representing Units 3 and 4. Collectively, County and Union are hereinafter referred to as "the parties."

To encourage the early settlement of the successor collective bargaining agreement, upon the County's receipt of the signed, ratified Memorandum of Understanding, employees as of September 4, 2022 shall receive the following lump sum payment within sixty (60) days of ratification by the Board:

- If the Union signs a total tentative agreement on or before October 21, 2022 then employees shall receive a lump sum payment of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).
- If the Union signs a total tentative agreement after October 21, 2022 then there shall be no supplemental payment to employees under this Side Letter Agreement
- The parties intend that the lump sum payment is not subject to CalPERS reporting of benefits.
- A part-time employee shall receive a pro-rata amount based on the employee's full-time equivalence.

FOR THE COUNTY:


Charmie Junn
Director of Human Resources

Date: 11/15/2022

FOR THE UNION:


David Brock (Nov 2, 2022 15:43 PDT)
David Brock
Chief Negotiator

Date: Nov 2, 2022

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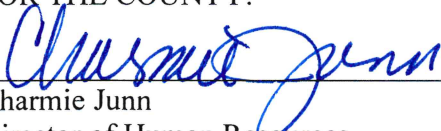
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Employee Retention/Recognition

This will confirm an understanding reached between the County of Solano (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and Solano County Deputy Sheriff's Association (hereinafter referred to as "Union"), representing Units 3 and 4. Collectively, County and Union are hereinafter referred to as "the parties."


In an effort to retain employees and recognize the work performed by unit members, the County shall provide a one-time bonus in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to all bargaining unit employees employed as of September 4, 2022. A part-time employee shall receive a pro-rata amount based on the employee's full-time equivalence. The payment shall be made on the last pay day of November 2022.

FOR THE COUNTY:


Charmie Junn
Director of Human Resources

Date: 11/15/2022

FOR THE UNION:


David Brock (Nov 2, 2022 15:44 PDT)
David Brock
Chief Negotiator

Date: Nov 2, 2022

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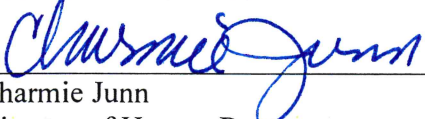
To the Memorandum of Understanding
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Units 3 and 4

Pay Parity

This will confirm an understanding reached between the County of Solano (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and Solano County Deputy Sheriff's Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Union"), representing Units 3 and 4. Collectively, County and Union are hereinafter referred to as "the parties."


The parties agree that if any other bargaining unit represented by a union/association receives a general wage increase greater than the general wage increase set forth in Appendix B during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, then the same general wage increase shall be provided to Units 3 and 4. The term "general wage increase" does not include any special adjustments/equity adjustments specific to a classification, subset or group of bargaining units and excludes any wage increase (or portion thereof) which is attributed to a change in other collective bargaining provisions.

FOR THE COUNTY:


Charmie Junn
Director of Human Resources

Date: 11/15/2022

FOR THE UNION:


David Brock (Nov 1, 2022 08:32 PDT)
David Brock
Chief Negotiator

Date: Nov 1, 2022

SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT
TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SOLANO AND
SOLANO COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION (DSA) UNITS 3 AND 4

MOU Language Clarification of Career Incentive Pay

This will confirm an understanding reached between the County of Solano (hereafter referred to as the "County") and the Solano County Deputy Sheriff's Association (hereafter referred to as the "Association"), representing Units 3 and 4. Collectively, County and Association are hereafter referred to as "the parties."

Following a pre-retirement special compensation review, CalPERS reported that Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) is not stated or defined in the MOU for Units 3 and 4 and therefore would not be accepted as part of pensionable income for retirement purposes.

In order to clarify that the intent of the language found in Section 8.5 entitled "Career Incentive" in the current 10/22/2022-10/25/2025 MOUs for both Units 3 and 4, the parties mutually agree that the "Intermediate" and "Advanced" certificates stated in the respective MOUs for Units 3 and 4 specifically refer to *P.O.S.T. Intermediate* and *P.O.S.T. Advanced* certificates. The Career Incentive MOU language has been consistently applied to obtaining an Intermediate or Advanced P.O.S.T. certificate since the language was added to the parties' MOUs, as far back as 1993.

Accordingly, while the current practice and evaluation criteria remain unchanged, the following language revisions will be incorporated into the Unit 3 and Unit 4 MOUs respectively:

Unit 3:

8.5 Career Incentive

The County agrees to provide Career Incentive pay to all members in the unit as follows:

<u>P.O.S.T. Intermediate Certificate</u>	An amount equal to five percent (5%) over the rate for which employed.
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<u>P.O.S.T. Advanced Certificate</u>	An amount equal to ten percent (10%) over the rate for which employed.
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Employees are eligible to receive pay for either a P.O.S.T. Intermediate Certificate or a P.O.S.T. Advanced Certificate, but not both.

Unit #4:

The County agrees to provide Career Incentive pay to all members in the unit as follows:

Sergeant – Sheriff <u>P.O.S.T. Intermediate Certificate</u>	An amount equal to three percent (3%) over the rate for which employed.
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P.O.S.T. Advanced Certificate An amount equal to five percent (5%) over the rate for which employed.

Welfare Fraud Investigator (Supervising):

P.O.S.T. Intermediate Certificate An amount equal to five percent (5%) over the rate for which employed.

P.O.S.T. Advanced Certificate An amount equal to ten percent (10%) over the rate for which employed

All other classifications:

P.O.S.T. Advanced Certificate. An amount equal to five percent (5%) over the rate for which employed.

Note: Employees are eligible to receive pay for either a P.O.S.T. Intermediate Certificate or a P.O.S.T. Advanced Certificate, but not both.

This Side Letter Agreement will be incorporated into the successor Memorandum of Understanding between the parties through the MOU language revision/"Housekeeping" process.

FOR THE COUNTY:



Niger Edwards
Director of Human Resources

Date: 12/20/2024

FOR THE UNION:



Ryan Wallace
President

Date: 12/18/2024



Mark Bartley
Labor Relations Consultant,
Mastagni Holstedt, A.P.C.

Date: December 18, 2024