

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

and

LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF

and

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE

ON BEHALF OF THE

SERGEANTS' UNIT

OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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**ARTICLE 1
AGREEMENT**

1.1: This Agreement, made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 200____, effective **JANUARY 1, 2008**, by and between the **LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** and the **LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF**, hereinafter referred to as "Employer," and the **MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE**, hereinafter referred to as "Union."

**ARTICLE 2
RECOGNITION**

2.1: Collective Bargaining Unit. The Employer recognizes and acknowledges that the Union is the exclusive representative in collective bargaining with the Employer for the bargaining unit described herein.

Regular, full-time employees classified as Sergeants.

Excluding: All other Livingston County Sheriff's Department Personnel.

**ARTICLE 3
ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION**

3.1: Collective Bargaining Committee. The Employer agrees to recognize a Collective Bargaining Committee whose sole functions shall be to meet with Employer representatives for the purpose of negotiating modifications to this Agreement. The committee shall be composed of two (2) stewards from the bargaining unit together with the Union's Business Agent. The Employer agrees to pay committee members at their regular straight time rate for all time lost from their regular schedule of work while in collective bargaining meetings with Employer representatives.

3.2: Stewards. The Employer agrees to recognize a chief steward elected by the Union from the bargaining unit and one (1) steward for each regular shift who shall be elected by that shift, except that the chief steward shall also serve as the steward for the shift on which he is working. All stewards shall function for the purpose of processing grievances in accordance with the grievance procedure established in this Agreement. Upon receiving permission from their immediate supervisor, they may investigate and/or present grievances in accordance with the grievance procedure during their regularly scheduled work hours without loss of pay provided that it is understood such time shall be devoted to the proper processing of grievances and will not be abused by unreasonably interfering with the operations of the department. A steward who abuses such time may be subject to disciplinary action. Alternates may be appointed to serve only in the absence of the duly elected or appointed steward. The Union shall advise the Employer in writing of the names of its stewards or alternates before they shall be recognized.

ARTICLE 4
AGENCY SHOP AND DUES CHECKOFF

4.1: Membership in the Union is not compulsory. Regular employees have the right to join, not join, maintain or discontinue their membership in the Union as they see fit. The Union further agrees not to solicit Union membership and not to conduct activities, except as otherwise provided for by the terms of this Agreement.

4.2: Membership in the Union or compliance with payment of representation fees shall be a condition of continued employment. The Employer agrees to deduct Union dues or Union service fees to become effective for present regular employees thirty-one (31) days following the effective date of this Agreement. For new employees, this payment shall commence thirty-one (31) days following the date of employment.

4.3: The Employer agrees to deduct from the salary of each individual employee in the bargaining unit who becomes a member, the Union dues, subject to all of the following conditions:

- A. The Union shall obtain from each of its members a completed authorization form which shall conform to the respective State and Federal law(s) concerning that subject, or any interpretation(s) thereof.
- B. All checkoff authorization forms shall be filed with the Employer, who may return any incomplete or incorrectly completed form to the Union's treasurer, and no checkoff shall be made until such deficiency is corrected.
- C. All employees covered under this Agreement who do not voluntarily choose membership in the Union shall have deducted from their wages a service fee, equal to 100% of the regular membership dues. This sum shall accurately represent the amount for said employee due the Union as their fair share of costs attributable to negotiating the terms of this Agreement and servicing the contract, which sum shall not include, by way of example but not by way of limitation, state national or other dues and assessments, or other amounts for other Union activities.
- D. The Employer shall only checkoff obligations which become due at the time of checkoff, and will make checkoff deductions only if the employee has enough pay due to cover such obligation. The Employer is not responsible for refund to the employee if he/she has duplicated a checkoff deduction by direct payment to the Union.
- E. The Employer's remittance shall be deemed correct if the Union does not give written notice to the Employer within two (2) calendar weeks after remittance is transmitted of its belief, with reason(s) stated therefore, that the remittance is incorrect.
- F. The Union shall provide at least thirty (30) days written notice to the Employer of the amount of Union dues and/or representation fees to be deducted from the wages of employees in accordance with this Article. Any changes in the amounts determined will also be provided to the Employer at least thirty (30) days prior to its implementation. New checkoff authorization forms shall be submitted to the Employer in the event that an increase in the Union dues or representation fee is made.

- G. The Union agrees to defend, indemnify and save the County and/or Sheriff harmless against any and all claims, lawsuits, or other forms of liability arising out of its deduction from an employee's pay of Union dues, representation fees, or in reliance upon any list, notice, certification or authorization furnished under this Article. The Union assumes full responsibility for the disposition of the deductions so made once they have been sent to the Union.
- H. The Union shall exclusively use the checkoff authorization.
- I. The Union shall notify an employee who has not paid his/her dues or representation fee by certified mail, with a copy to the Employer. If said employee does not pay the dues or representation fee within thirty (30) days after said notice is received, the Union shall notify the Employer by certified mail of this omission. Fifteen (15) days after receipt of notification by the Employer, the Employer shall terminate said employee.

**ARTICLE 5
RESIDUAL SUBCONTRACTING CLAUSE**

5.1: It is not the Employer's intention to decrease the number of positions in the department. It is understood, however, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Employer may not have available or sufficient manpower, proper equipment, capacity and ability to perform work within required amounts of time during emergencies or when work of the Department cannot be performed by bargaining unit employees on an efficient and economical basis. In the event that any of the foregoing necessitate subcontracting, the Employer shall have the right to subcontract work subject, however, to notification to the Union to insure that regular full-time employees are not laid off in the event of the need to subcontract.

**ARTICLE 6
SPECIAL CONFERENCES**

6.1: The parties agree to meet and confer upon any terms of this Agreement needing clarification upon the written request of either party. The written request shall be made in advance and shall include an agenda stating the nature of the matters to be discussed and the reasons for requesting the meeting. Discussion shall be limited to matters set forth in the agenda, but it is understood that these special meetings shall not be for the purpose of conducting continuing collective bargaining nor to in any way modify, add to, or detract from the provisions of this Agreement, excepting the parties may enter into written letters of understanding. Special meetings shall be held within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of the written request and shall be held between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at a time and place which is mutually agreeable to the parties. Each party shall be represented by not more than two (2) persons, and the Union representatives may be comprised of Union members or Union representatives or any combination thereof.

6.2: Employee representatives of the Union at special meetings will be paid by the County for time spent in special meetings, but only for the straight time hours they would otherwise have worked on their regular work schedule.

**ARTICLE 7
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

7.1: The Union acknowledges that the Employer hereby retains and reserves unto itself, except as specifically limited or abrogated by the express terms of this Agreement, all of the powers, rights and authority conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and Constitutions of the State of Michigan and the United States of America including those inherent and traditional rights of the Employer to operate and manage the affairs of Livingston County. Among the rights reserved, included by way of illustration and not by way of limitation are:

- A. To determine all matters pertaining to the services to be furnished including the methods, procedures, equipment and machines to provide such service.
- B. To study and utilize new and improved methods and equipment within or without of the Employer's facilities.
- C. To determine the number and location of facilities, stations and departments including their functions and operation.
- D. To determine the number and qualifications of personnel including the establishment of and removal of classifications of work.
- E. To determine schedules of work and to alter those schedules.
- F. To hire, promote, demote, assign, transfer, layoff or recall personnel.
- G. To maintain order and efficiency; to establish reasonable rules and regulations and to enforce those rules and regulations; to discipline and discharge employees for just cause.

**ARTICLE 8
GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURES**

8.1: A grievance is defined as a claim reasonably and sensibly founded of an alleged violation of this Agreement. Any grievance filed shall refer to the specific provision alleged to have been violated and shall adequately set forth the facts pertaining to the alleged violation. All grievances shall be commenced within ten (10) days following the incident which caused the grievance. Any claims not conforming to the provisions of this definition shall be automatically defined as not constituting a valid grievance.

8.2: An employee having a grievance in connection with the terms of this Agreement shall present it as follows:

GRIEVANCE PRESENTMENT	
STEP 1:	The grievance shall be reduced to writing by the employee and/or Union representative and presented to his/her immediate supervisor within said ten (10) day period, requesting that the grievance be adjusted. The supervisor shall meet with the employee to discuss the grievance and will attempt to respond to said grievance within three (3) days of said meeting, but in no event more than six (6) days after the grievance has been presented to the supervisor. He/she shall have his/her steward present. No settlement shall be final and binding until it has been approved by the Sheriff or his designated representative. The employee shall suffer no loss of pay for the time spent with the supervisor to discuss the grievance. The answer of the immediate supervisor may be given verbally.
STEP 2:	If the answer of the immediate supervisor received in Step 1 is not satisfactory to the employee, the grievance shall be appealed within three (3) days of receipt of the answer in Step 1 by submitting the grievance in writing, specifying the provisions of the contract allegedly violated and the facts thereof, and by signing his/her name to the grievance, to the Division Commander, or his/her designated representative. A copy of the grievance shall be sent to the Personnel Director of the County. Within five (5) days following receipt of the written grievance, the Division Commander, or his/her representative, shall schedule a meeting with the Local President and the affected employee for the purpose of discussing the grievance. The Division Commander, or his/her representative, shall submit a written answer to the affected employee and the Local President within ten (10) days following such meeting.
STEP 3	If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at Step 2, the decision rendered may be appealed to the Sheriff by giving the Sheriff written notice thereof within five (5) days following receipt of the Division Commander's written answer in Step 2. Upon appeal, the matter shall be reconsidered at a meeting scheduled within ten (10) days. The Union shall be represented at this meeting by the Local President and the Business Agent. The Employer shall be represented by the Sheriff and/or other Employer representatives. The Sheriff shall reply to the appeal in writing within ten (10) days following such meeting.
STEP 4	In the event that the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved in Step 3, the Union may appeal the matter to an arbitrator by giving the Sheriff written notice of intent to arbitrate within ten (10) working days following receipt of the Employer's answer in Step 3.

8.3: If a timely request for arbitration is filed by the Union on a grievance, the parties shall attempt to select within ten (10) days following the receipt by the Sheriff of the Union demand for arbitration as stated in Step 4, by mutual agreement, an arbitrator. If no agreement is reached, an arbitrator shall be selected from a panel supplied from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) under the rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA). The fees and

services of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the Union and the Employer, but each party shall bear the costs of its own expenses and witnesses.

8.4: Arbitrator's Powers. The arbitrator's powers shall be limited to the application and interpretation of this Agreement as written. He shall at all the times be governed wholly by the terms of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall have no power or authority to amend, alter, or modify this Agreement either directly or indirectly. If the issue of arbitrability is raised, the arbitrator shall only decide the merits of the grievance, if arbitrability is affirmatively decided. It is the intent of the parties that arbitration shall be used during the life of this Agreement to resolve disputes which arise concerning the express provisions of this Agreement which reflect the only concessions which the Employer has yielded. The arbitration award shall not be retroactive earlier than the date the grievance was first submitted in writing. The arbitration award shall be final and binding on the Employer, Union and employees. However, each party reserves the right to challenge arbitration or awards thereunder if the arbitrator has exceeded his jurisdiction or has arrived at his award fraudulently or by improper means.

8.5: Time Computation. The time limits established in the grievance procedure shall be followed by the parties. If the time procedure is not followed by an employee or the Union, the grievance shall be considered settled. If the time procedure is not followed by the Employer, the grievance shall remain active and automatically advance to the next step, provided, however, that arbitration shall not occur unless the Union submits written notice of its desire to arbitrate. The time limits established herein may be extended by mutual agreement in writing. In computing days under the grievance and arbitration procedures, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays shall be excluded.

8.6: Election of Remedies. When remedies are available for any complaint and/or grievance of an employee through any administrative or statutory scheme or procedure, in addition to the grievance procedure provided under this contract, and the employee elects to utilize the statutory or administrative remedy, the Union and the affected employee shall not process the complaint through any grievance procedure provided for in this contract. If an employee elects to use the grievance procedure provided for in this contract and, subsequently, elects to utilize the statutory or administrative remedies, then the grievance shall be deemed to have been withdrawn and the grievance procedure provided for hereunder shall not be applicable and any relief granted shall be forfeited.

ARTICLE 9 STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

9.1: The Union agrees that during the life of this Agreement, neither the Union, its agents, nor its members will authorize, instigate, aid, condone or engage in a work stoppage, slowdown, stay-away, strike, or other concerted activity which interferes with the operation of the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff agrees that during the same period, there will be no lockouts. Individual employees or groups of employees who instigate, aid, or engage in a work stoppage, slowdown, stay-away or strike may be disciplined or discharged in the sole discretion of the Sheriff.

ARTICLE 10
DISCHARGE OR SUSPENSION

10.1: The parties agree that the employees covered hereby will not be subject to discharge solely because of political reasons. Further, the Union recognizes and respects the statutory rights of the County and Sheriff; and the Employer recognizes and respects the statutory rights of the employees.

10.2: The Sheriff and/or his designate shall not discharge or suspend any employee without just cause. Any violation(s) which warrants a suspension shall be in writing. One (1) copy will be given to the employee, one (1) copy will be forwarded to the Union, one (1) copy will be forwarded to the Personnel Director by the Sheriff, and the Sheriff will retain the original. An error in furnishing copies shall not affect the merits of the discipline. Suspension notices shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) calendar months from the date of the suspension notice. Any employee receiving three (3) suspension notices within fifteen (15) calendar months may be discharged with cause; however, this shall not be construed as requiring a specified number of suspension notices before discharge may be imposed.

10.3: All suspensions and/or discharges issued by designates of the Sheriff shall be reviewed by the Sheriff or his designee within twenty-four (24) hours following the suspension and/or discharge. If, in the opinion of the Sheriff, the suspension or discharge was unwarranted, the employee shall be reinstated in his position without loss of seniority or wages for the period of his discharge or suspension.

10.4: In the event an employee is accused and/or charged with an offense or with acts of misconduct that involve possible criminal action, the employee shall not be required to make any statements concerning the alleged offense without:

- A. Having a Union representative present, or,
- B. Without being presented with a written charge. Such written charges shall be provided as soon as possible but not more than seventy-two (72) hours subsequent thereto. The meeting with the Sheriff or his designated representative shall then be held as soon as possible but not more than forty-eight (48) hours after receiving the written charges. The employee against whom charges have been made may be represented at such meeting by a steward or any Union member of his own choosing.

10.5: The Employer shall provide to an employee civil legal counsel necessary to cover any civil litigation arising out of the good faith performance of the officers duties by any law enforcement officers covered by this Agreement. The Employer will not provide legal assistance in defense of violations to the statutes or any ordinances, state, federal or local, allegedly committed by any law enforcement officers covered by this Agreement. The Employer shall not provide legal assistance for any alleged criminal misconduct of an officer at any time.

ARTICLE 11
SENIORITY

11.1: Upon completion of an employee's probationary period, he/she shall be granted seniority, and his/her name shall be added to the department seniority list. The seniority list shall contain the names

of all seniority employees, their job title and their length of service with the Department. The Employer shall provide its most current seniority list to the Union President upon his/her request.

11.2: Loss of Seniority. An employee shall lose his/her seniority and employment for the following reasons:

- A. By voluntary termination. Note: Voluntary terminations are accepted by written or verbal notice or are assumed if any employee misses three (3) consecutive work days without notifying the Employer or by failure to return to work at the designated time upon the conclusion of a leave of absence, or by failure to reply to a layoff rehire notice within three (3) working days following receipt of a certified rehire notice. Exceptions may be made to "assumed" terminations provided the employee can prove his/her inability to call in or return as required.
- B. By retirement.
- C. By layoff which exceeds one (1) year.
- D. He/she is discharged and not reinstated.
- E. If he/she fails to report for work within ten (10) days following notification of recall from layoff sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to his/her last known address.
- F. A settlement with the employee has been made for total disability.
- G. Conviction of a felony.

ARTICLE 12 PROBATIONARY PERIOD

12.1: New employees hired in the bargaining unit shall be considered probationary employees for the first twelve (12) months of their employment. If more than fourteen (14) consecutive days are lost from work, an employee's probationary period shall be extended by the number of days that an employee is absent from work during the probationary period. An employee who fails to satisfactorily complete the probationary period(s) shall be returned to their former classification. Employees who wish to be returned to their former classification within the probation period shall be returned.

ARTICLE 13 LAYOFF AND REHIRE

13.1: Layoff. In reducing the work force, the last employee hired/promoted in the classification sergeant shall be the first employee laid off provided employees with more seniority in the classification sergeant are qualified to perform the work available. The last employee laid off shall be the first employee re-hired, provided the employee is qualified to fill the open position. The president-elect shall have top seniority and shall continue to work as long as a job prevails which he/she is qualified to perform. However, should the President elect to be laid off, he/she shall be re-hired in accordance with his/her position on the seniority lists.

13.2: Notification. Employees affected by a permanent reduction in force shall be notified of their pending layoff two (2) calendar weeks in advance. The notice for informational purposes shall state the reasons for such action. A copy of the notice will be simultaneously forwarded to the Union.

13.3: Recall. Notice of re-hire may be made by telephone and shall be confirmed by certified mail to the employee's last address of record. An employee shall reply to the certified re-hire notice within three (3) working days following receipt of such notice or the Sheriff may assume that the employee has voluntarily resigned and the Sheriff shall re-hire the next eligible employee from the seniority list qualified to perform the work available. An employee, upon request, may be granted up to ten (10) working days to return to work at the discretion of the Sheriff only.

ARTICLE 14 VACATIONS

14.1: On or before the first of April and the first of October for the duration of this Agreement, the Sheriff shall post a seniority list on which vacation times shall be scheduled by all employees covered by this Agreement for the respective succeeding six (6) month period.

14.2: The seniority list shall be posted on the Union activities bulletin board for the entire month of April and October. Employees failing to request a vacation time thereon during the month of April or October shall forfeit all seniority rights to choice of vacation time during the succeeding six (6) months.

14.3: Employees shall accumulate vacation days as provided below:

YEARS OF SERVICE	VACATION DAYS
1 YEAR'S SERVICE BUT LESS THAN 5 YEARS' SERVICE	10 DAYS
5 YEARS' SERVICE BUT LESS THAN 10 YEARS' SERVICE	15 DAYS
10 YEARS' SERVICE AND THEREAFTER	20 DAYS

14.4: Employees may accumulate one and one-half (1½) times their annual vacation accumulation to which they are eligible. Time earned in excess of one and one-half (1½) times the annual accumulation not taken by December 31 shall be paid to the employee at his/her rate of pay.

14.5: If an employee falls ill during his vacation period and is cared for by a duly licensed physician, he/she shall be allowed to convert the number of vacation days ill to paid sick leave providing the employee has accumulated an equal number of sick leave days, and a physician verifies the illness and the employee's physical fitness to return to work. The employee's unused vacation for the number of sick days shall be rescheduled by the Sheriff.

14.6: When a holiday declared by the Employer falls during an employee's scheduled vacation, the holiday will be allowed and the vacation leave shall be rescheduled.

14.7: The Sheriff shall retain the right to limit the number of employees on vacation at any one time and to reschedule vacation periods when vacation periods requested by personnel would interfere with the operation of the Sheriff's Department.

14.8: Vacation days shall be considered from 0001 hours to 2400 hours.

**ARTICLE 15
HOLIDAYS**

15.1: Employees covered by this Agreement will have the following paid holidays:

#	HOLIDAY	DATE
1	NEW YEAR'S DAY	JANUARY 1 ST
2	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	3 RD MONDAY IN FEBRUARY
3	GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY BEFORE EASTER
4	EASTER SUNDAY	-----
5	MEMORIAL DAY	LAST MONDAY IN MAY
6	INDEPENDENCE DAY	JULY 4 TH
7	LABOR DAY	1 ST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER
8	VETERANS' DAY	NOVEMBER 11 TH
9	THANKSGIVING DAY	4 TH THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER
10	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING DAY	4 TH FRIDAY IN NOVEMBER
11	CHRISTMAS EVE DAY	DECEMBER 24 TH
12	CHRISTMAS DAY	DECEMBER 25 TH

15.2: Employees scheduled to work on a holiday, the day preceding a holiday and/or the day following a holiday must report for work according to their schedule or be on an authorized leave of absence with pay in order to be paid for the holiday. Failure to report for work as scheduled or to make known the reason for the absence as required under Section 16.5, 16.6, 16.7 and 16.8 may result in loss of pay for the holiday and/or be cause for disciplinary action.

15.3: Holiday Pay. Employees working eight (8) hours shifts who do not work on a holiday shall receive eight (8) hours pay for that holiday. Officers who work a holiday (8 hours) shall receive time and one-half for all hours worked on the holiday, plus the eight (8) hours of holiday pay. Employees working twelve (12) hour shifts who do not work the holiday shall receive eight (8) hours for that holiday, and employees that do work the holiday shall receive time and one-half for all hours worked on the holiday, plus the eight (8) hours of holiday pay.

15.4: The Sheriff or his designee reserves the right to schedule personnel on holidays. Employees assigned to functions deemed non-essential services may, at the discretion of the Sheriff, be scheduled

off on the holidays. In such case, those employees will be compensated as outlined in Example A above. The subparagraph does not apply to employees working twelve (12) hour shifts.

ARTICLE 16 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

16.1: Personal Leave. An employee may request a personal leave of absence for a period not to exceed six (6) calendar months in any one (1) calendar year. All requests must be made in writing and approved by the Sheriff. A personal leave of absence may be granted in cases not covered by the FMLA as approved by the Sheriff. All personal leaves of absence shall be without pay, and the employee will not accumulate sick leave or vacation time, nor will the employee be paid for holidays which may fall during his/her leave. When a leave of absence is granted for more than thirty (30) calendar days for whatever reason (other than a medical leave), the Sheriff does not guarantee that the employee will be reinstated in his former position. However, every effort will be made to place the employee in a position for which he/she is qualified. If no positions are available, the employee will be given top consideration as job openings occur in line with their qualifications.

16.2: During the period of absence, the employee shall not engage in gainful employment and must pay BC/BS and any other insurances provided for hereunder, including, but not limited to, life insurance premiums, to the County Clerk's office to keep the policies in force.

16.3: Sick Leave. All employees covered by this Agreement shall accumulate sick leave days at the rate of one (1) working day for each full calendar month of service. Sick leave days may be used upon completion of the six (6) month new hire probationary period, at which time an employee shall be credited with six (6) sick leave days. No sick leave payment for any reason shall be made to newly hired employees during their employment probationary period. The term "day" or "days" shall mean eight (8) hours for employees working both eight (8) hour shifts and twelve (12) hours shifts.

16.4: Sick leave days may be used for:

- A. Doctor and/or Dentist appointments.
- B. Funeral attendance (see Article 18).
- C. Short term illness.
- D. Care for a sick member of the family defined as a "legal dependent".
- E. Medical leaves of absence (see Section 16.13).
- F. Exposure to a contagious disease (a physician's statement shall be required recommending absences).
- G. Lost time not covered by Worker's Compensation but not to exceed regular straight time salary.

16.5: The term "legal dependent" used herein means employee's spouse, children and other persons solely dependent upon the employee for their entire support.

16.6: Sick leave days may accumulate to a maximum of one hundred (100) days.

16.7: Return to Work. An employee, upon returning to work from an illness of three (3) working days, or more, may be required to submit a statement, if requested by the Sheriff, from his physician qualifying his ability to return to work.

16.8: Notification. When an employee finds it necessary to be absent for any reason, he shall cause the facts to be reported to his supervisor prior to the date of absence when possible and, in any event, such report must be made at least one (1) hour before the employee is to report for work. Failure to do so may be cause for denial of sick leave with pay for the period of absence and shall subject the employee to disciplinary action.

16.9: Use of sick leave for personal business is not allowed, and its use as such may also be cause for disciplinary action, except as provided in Article 49.

16.10: Employees who abuse the sick day privilege policy by using most of their accumulated sick leave as they become eligible for sick day pay shall be issued a written reprimand for excessive absenteeism. An employee receiving two (2) written reprimands within a twelve (12) month period shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge at the sole discretion of the Sheriff. Employees calling in sick either the day before or the day after a holiday may be required to obtain proof of illness from a doctor. An employee who makes a false claim for paid sick leave shall be subject to disciplinary action or dismissal depending upon the circumstances involved.

16.11: Sick Leave Payoff. Any hours accumulated in excess of 800 hours shall be paid out to the employee at fifty (50%) percent if unused at the end of each calendar year.

16.12: Sick Leave Payoff Upon Retirement. After an employee retires, the Employer will pay to the employee or the employee's estate in the event of death after retirement, seventy-five (75%) percent of unused accumulated sick leave up to a maximum accumulation of one hundred (100) days over a seven (7) year period after the date the employee retires. Accumulated sick leave shall be converted to a monetary amount, based on the employee's regular straight time hourly rate of pay in effect at the time of retirement, and paid to the employee or the employee's estate in equal monthly installments for a period of eighty-four (84) months.

E X A M P L E	MAXIMUM ACCUMULATION:	100 Days
	RATE OF PAY:	\$21,000 annually = \$10.10 per hour
	DURATION OF PAYMENTS:	84 months (7 years)
	RATE OF PAY-OFF:	75%
	MAXIMUM DAYS FOR PAY-OFF:	100 days x 75% = 75 days
	MAXIMUM HOURS FOR PAY-OFF:	75 days x 8 hours per day = 600 Hours
	MONETARY TOTAL PAY-OFF:	600 Hours x \$10.10 per hour = \$6,060.00
	MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENT:	\$6,060.00 ÷ 84 months = \$72.14 per month

16.13: Medical Leaves of Absence. When recommended by an employee's personal physician in writing, a medical leave of absence for a three (3) month period will be granted by the Sheriff. Such leave may be extended for a like three (3) month period or shorter period, within the sole discretion of the Sheriff, up to a maximum of one (1) year. Such extension, if granted, shall be based upon the written certification by the employee's physician that the continued illness or disability precludes the employee from working and the continuation of the leave of absence is necessary. Such leave, up to a maximum of three (3) months, if granted, will be allowed and credited as continuous county service, i.e. seniority continues for the three (3) months only. The employee shall be entitled to his former position or a position for which he is able and capable of performing upon return to work. A medical leave of absence shall be without pay and other fringe benefits, except an employee may use his accumulated sick leave time and accumulated vacation time to avoid loss of wages during such leave.

16.14: The Employer shall continue to pay the employee's Blue Cross/Blue Shield premiums and any other insurances provided for hereunder, including but not limited to, Life Insurance Premiums for ninety (90) calendar days during the time of such medical leave of absence. After the ninety (90) day period, the employee must make arrangements to pay his premiums to the County Clerk in accordance with the federal law. No employee shall become gainfully employed while on a leave of absence without written permission of the Sheriff.

16.15: Leaves of absence shall be granted only to employees whose names appear on the Department seniority list.

16.16: Payment of Insurance. An employee who is laid off or is on a non-medical non-paid leave of absence, must assume the required premiums for all insurance commencing the first month immediately following such layoff or leave of absence in accordance with the federal law.

16.17: In the event of any unpaid leave of absence which exceeds ninety (90) days in any one (1) anniversary year, the normal step increase of employee shall be deferred until the completion of the actual, continuous work time required for advancement to the next step increase.

16.18: The parties agree that each has the right to exercise its rights under the Family and Medical Leave Act in addition to rights contained under this contract.

16.19: The parties acknowledge that they are bound by the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), the Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA"), and their amendments.

ARTICLE 17
MEDICAL EXAMS

17.1: The Sheriff's Department may require a physical and/or psychological exam by a doctor, at the Employer's expense, to determine the employee's ability to perform his/her regular duties, if deemed appropriate. The employee may obtain a second opinion, at the employee's expense, and in the event there is a dispute between the Employer's doctor and the employee's doctor, both of these doctors shall select a third doctor, whose decision shall be final and binding on the parties. The expense for the third doctor's opinion shall be split 50-50 by the Employer and the employee if not covered by the employee's insurance.

17.2: The Employer reserves the right to request an employee to take a test for non-prescribed controlled substances use in the event the Employer has a reasonable suspicion of such use, in accordance with the duly adopted Livingston County Sheriff's Department Drug Testing Policy and regulations dated June 1, 1994.

ARTICLE 18 BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

18.1: In the event that a death occurs in an employee's immediate family, i.e., spouse, parent, child, brother or sister, mother-in-law and father-in-law, the employee, on request, will be entitled to three (3) days off with pay for the purpose of attending the funeral and/or making funeral arrangements. If any additional funeral leave is requested, it shall be deducted from the employee's sick leave up to a maximum of two (2) additional days.

18.2: Pall bearers service (maximum of one (1) day). This leave shall be taken from paid leave or compensatory time, whichever is elected by the employee.

18.3: An employee excused from work under this provision shall, after completing required forms, receive the amount of wages, exclusive of any and all premiums that he would have earned by working straight time hours on such scheduled days of work for which he was excused. Time thus paid will not be counted as hours worked for purposes of overtime.

18.4: In addition to bereavement leave, as set forth above, in the event the employee seeks to extend the bereavement leave for the death of a parent, spouse, child, brother, sister, mother-in-law or father-in-law, or in the event of a death of a grandparent, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchild or other dependent living directly with the employee (i.e., foster child), the employee shall be permitted to use two (2) days from his sick leave days to attend the funeral. When a death occurs to a member of the employee's immediate family who resides in another state, additional sick leave time may be granted by the Sheriff for travel time. However, the maximum leave (sick and bereavement) shall not exceed five (5) working days.

ARTICLE 19 MILITARY LEAVE

19.1: The Employer will abide by all mandatory and Federal law dealing with military leaves of absence.

19.2: Any employee in the active reserves of any branch of the service of the United States may be granted a military leave of absence to engage in a temporary tour of duty as required by law.

**ARTICLE 20
MEDICAL AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE**

20.1: The Employer shall provide full family, except dependents nineteen (19) years of age or older, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Community Blue PPO Option 6; \$10 office co-pay , \$10 chiropractic visit co-pay; with a \$10 generic/\$20 brand name drug card at no cost to the employees.

Mail order prescriptions - "Maintenance" prescriptions that are prescribed for chronic conditions of a duration not less than ninety (90) days, shall be filled through the Blue Cross/Blue Shield sponsored mail order drug program, subject to the terms of that plan or other equivalent plan approved by the employer.

Generic version - Employees will be required to use the generic version of all prescribed drugs if one is available, unless the prescribing physician documents a bona fide medical reason for requiring a name brand drug. If an employee opts to receive the name brand drug without physician documented need, the employee shall be responsible for paying the difference between the actual cost of the name brand drug and the actual cost of the generic version. Where no generic version is available, the standard drug card provisions apply.

The County may substitute an alternate medical and hospitalization insurance carrier provided 90% of the doctors in the Community Blue PPO 6 network are in new network.

**ARTICLE 21
LIFE INSURANCE**

21.1: The Employer shall provide, to permanent full-time employees only, a \$40,000 term life insurance policy. The entire premium shall be paid for by the Employer.

**ARTICLE 22
WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

22.1: The Employer agrees to provide Worker's Compensation insurance in accordance with the Worker's Compensation laws of Michigan. Any employee sustaining an occupational injury, for which compensation is paid by the Worker's Compensation insurance carrier, shall receive from the Employer a salaried payment equal to the difference between the compensation benefits and his/her regular bi-weekly straight time salary for a period not to exceed three (3) calendar months, less normal tax withholdings. The Employer further agrees to provide, if possible, a position that the employee is able and capable of performing upon termination of his Worker's Compensation injury if a position is available. Fringe benefits shall terminate after an employee has been on Worker's Compensation for one hundred eighty (180) days.

ARTICLE 23
BOND AND LIABILITY INSURANCE

23.1: Bonds. All employees hired must be bondable as a condition of employment or continued employment. The cost of the bond shall be borne by the Employer.

23.2: Liability Insurance. The Employer agrees to notify the Union if it is changing from its liability coverage with its current carrier, and if such change occurs, the Union will be entitled to negotiate regarding the same.

ARTICLE 24
DENTAL INSURANCE

24.1: The Employer shall provide the same dental insurance for all employees covered under this Agreement as is provided to non-union County employees. In the event that the County eliminates the dental plan for non-bargaining unit employees, the Employer will continue to provide the current plan for bargaining unit employees.

ARTICLE 25
WORK SCHEDULE

25.1: Employees covered by this Agreement working eight (8) hour shifts are scheduled for work on the basis of eighty (80) hours bi-weekly. No employee shall be scheduled to work more than seven (7) consecutive eight (8) hour days except when a state of emergency exists and is declared as such by the Sheriff or the Board of Commissioners. The basic work day schedule shall consist of three (3) shifts per day, each equal to eight (8) hours per day, inclusive of paid lunch periods. Employees scheduled to work twelve (12) hour shifts shall be paid for eighty (80) hours and may choose to have the remaining four (4) hours in straight pay or straight compensatory time. The Sheriff shall have the authority to make all personnel shift assignments and/or changes he deems necessary to maintain and/or improve the operation of the Department, providing such shift assignments and/or changes are not made arbitrarily or capriciously.

Employees covered by this agreement that are scheduled on a twelve (12) hour per work day, shall be scheduled to work on the basis of up to eighty-four (84) hours bi-weekly. No employee shall be scheduled to work more than four (4) consecutive twelve (12) hour days except when a state of emergency exists and is declared as such by the Sheriff or the Board of Commissioners. The basic work day schedule shall consist of two shifts per day, each equal to twelve (12) hours per day, inclusive of paid lunch periods. The Sheriff shall have the authority to make all personnel shift assignments and/or changes he deems necessary to maintain and/or improve the operation in the Department, providing such shift assignments and/or changes are not made arbitrarily or capriciously.

All employees shall not be required or permitted to work more than sixteen (16) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period, unless deemed necessary by the Sheriff or his designee in an emergency situation or unless the employee is scheduled to be off the next day after the overtime in which case the employee may work eighteen (18) hours in the twenty-four (24) hour period.

ARTICLE 26
SHIFT PREFERENCE

26.1: On December 1st of each year during the term of this Agreement, the Sheriff shall post a seniority list for the purpose of allowing officers to indicate their shift preferences for each of the four (4) quarters of the ensuing calendar year. The seniority list shall remain posted for the first fifteen (15) days of December. Sergeants shall be entitled to shift assignments by seniority.

26.2: Officers failing to register a shift preference during the first fifteen (15) days in December, forfeit all seniority rights regarding shift assignments.

26.3: Officers may trade shifts with prior written approval of the Sheriff.

26.4: The Sheriff retains the right, solely and exclusively, to determine, within his discretion, how many officers shall be on each shift.

26.5: The Sheriff shall inform the officers of their shift on or before December 25.

ARTICLE 27
OVERTIME

27.1: Overtime for employees working eight (8) hour shifts shall be paid for all authorized hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in any scheduled shift or in excess of eighty (80) hours worked in any bi-weekly pay period at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) the employee's regular straight hourly rate of pay. Overtime at the rate of two and one-half (2 1/2) times shall be paid for all overtime hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours worked on a holiday. Overtime for employees working twelve (12) hour shifts shall be paid for all authorized hours worked in excess of twelve (12) hours in a scheduled shift or in excess of eighty-four (84) hours worked in any bi-weekly pay period. Overtime shall be paid on the payday for the pay period in which overtime was worked when possible, but no later than on the next scheduled payday following the pay period in which it was worked. If any employee is compelled by the Employer to work back-to-back shifts, then they shall be paid overtime. If an employee trades shifts, or, if any employee changes shifts by shift preference, then no overtime shall be paid.

27.2: Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in this contract to the contrary, employees covered by this Agreement have the option to exchange any overtime hours earned for comp time under the following conditions:

- A. A maximum accrual of comp time of forty (40) hours for each calendar year.
- B. Any usage or partial usage of comp time will be subtracted from the maximum of forty (40)

hours so that the employee can accumulate, once again, to forty (40) hours.

- C. Accumulated comp time will be paid off at the end of each calendar year at the same rate it was earned if not taken. Payment shall be made within sixty (60) days after the end of the calendar year.
- D. The comp time option will be made by the employee at the pay period that it is earned per the employee's turning in of his/her time report.
- E. An employee may use earned comp time only with the prior approval of the Sheriff or his designee, which shall be within his sole discretion.

ARTICLE 28 CALL-IN

28.1: Voluntary call-in overtime shall be rotated on the basis of seniority in accordance with departmental policy. Call-in overtime is defined as when an officer is not on duty and is required to return to work. If an employee is missed on the call-in list, the employee shall be allowed by the end of the next pay period to work eight (8) additional hours at his/her shift choice at the overtime rate for the overtime opportunity missed.

28.2: An officer on duty can be required to work four (4) hours overtime, or more, in emergency or manpower shortage situations.

28.3: In the event of manpower shortages, the Sheriff or his designee shall abide by the prior practice of calling in another officer from the overtime list.

ARTICLE 29 CALL BACK AND/OR COURT TIME

29.1: Employees who are called back to work after leaving the Employer's premises shall receive three (3) hours call back, inclusive of court appearances.

ARTICLE 30 PAYMENT FOR AND WORK IN A HIGHER CLASSIFICATION

30.1: An employee assigned to work in a higher classification for a period of five (5) consecutive days shall receive the higher rate for those days.

ARTICLE 31 NEW STATIONS

31.1: In the event new facilities, stations or departments are created, prior to implementation, a special conference shall be held between the Sheriff and/or his representatives and Union representatives to discuss assignments or other impact on the bargaining unit. The Sheriff reserves the right, after said discussion, to implement any such changes.

ARTICLE 32 RETIREMENT PLAN

32.1: Effective July 1, 1994, employees covered by this Agreement shall continue to participate in the county-adopted retirement program administered by the Michigan Municipal Employees' Retirement System as provided by Act 135, the Public Acts of 1945, as amended, including the B-3 benefit level, the E-2 escalator, the F-50 with 25 years of service waiver and FAC-3.

32.2: All eligible employees shall contribute 1.1% of payroll, to be paid by the employees through payroll deduction toward the B-3 pension plan described above with the Employer contributing the balance.

32.3: Employees who retire during the period of this Agreement who are immediately eligible for retirement benefits shall be entitled to continue up to two (2) person health and hospitalization coverage under the same group plan offered to active employees, until the employee is eligible for Medicare. Thereafter, such an employee may participate in Blue Cross/Blue Shield Medicare Supplement insurance. This continued health and hospitalization insurance and the Medicare Supplement insurance shall be at the Employer's expense. In the event that a national catastrophic insurance is established, the retiree health insurance shall be coordinated with such national coverage. The retiree shall not be eligible for this coverage if they or their dependent have available coverage by any other source. At the time a retiree submits application for this coverage and each year thereafter, he/she must certify that such other coverage is not available.

ARTICLE 33 CREDIT UNION

33.1: The Employer agrees to deduct from each employee, who so authorizes it in writing, a specified sum each and every payroll and to remit this sum to the Employee's Credit Union.

ARTICLE 34 UNIFORMS AND CLEANING

34.1: The Employer shall continue furnishing uniforms, shoes and other wearing apparel as it has in the past.

34.2: Cleaning. The Employer will provide cleaning for all uniformed sergeants as it has in the past provided, however, employees will be responsible for picking up and dropping off their own clothing at a cleaners designated by the Employer.

34.3: While the Employer recognizes that for professional as well as hygienic reasons, it is a prudent endeavor to keep uniforms clean, the Union recognizes that undue usage of the cleaning policy cannot be tolerated. As such, any employee found to be abusing the cleaning privilege may be subject to disciplinary action.

**ARTICLE 35
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

35.1: Upon obtaining prior approval by the Sheriff, employees covered by this agreement shall be reimbursed for costs, upon successful completion ("C" or better) for college courses relating to law enforcement.

35.2: Reimbursement shall include the cost of tuition and books required by the course instructor. Receipts for costs must be provided by the employee in order to be eligible for payment.

**ARTICLE 36
SUCCESSOR CLAUSE**

36.1: The parties agree that the employees covered hereby will not be subject to discharge solely because of political reasons. Therefore, to the extent that it is not contrary to, or does not infringe upon, the statutory rights of the Sheriff, the parties agree that political considerations shall not be a factor in the termination of employment of any employee covered hereby.

**ARTICLE 37
EXTRA CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

37.1: The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement with another labor organization during the life of this Agreement with respect to the employees covered by this Agreement; or any agreement or contract with the said employees individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms or provisions of this Agreement, excepting, however, the Employer may enter into signed letters of understanding with the Union business agent.

**ARTICLE 38
UNION ACCESS**

38.1: The Employer and the Sheriff agree that they will allow the proper accredited representative of the local union access to the Sheriff's Department at any reasonable time upon receiving the Sheriff's or his/her designee's, prior approval for the purpose of policing the terms and conditions of this Agreement, provided however, that such representative shall not interfere with the normal operations of the Sheriff's Department. Prior approval by the Sheriff or his/her designee shall not be unreasonably withheld.

38.2: The Union shall have the right, upon reasonable notice, to examine time sheets at the Sheriff's office and pay records pertaining to the computation of compensation of any employee covered by this Agreement whose pay is in dispute.

ARTICLE 39 SAFETY PROCEDURES

39.1: The Employer shall not require any employee to operate any equipment or vehicle which is not in safe operating condition or is not equipped with the safety appliances as required by law. The Employer shall furnish a suitable form on which an employee shall document all equipment defects and/or appliance shortages, such reports shall be completed in multiple copies and turned in at the end of the employee's regular work shift. No employee shall be required to operate any vehicle declared unsafe by the Sheriff after inspection by a certified mechanic.

ARTICLE 40 MARINE DIVISION AND UNDERWATER RECOVERY UNIT

40.1: Marine Division. Full-time employees covered by this Agreement may volunteer to work in the Marine Division. Contractual overtime pay provisions will be applicable only to those officers assigned to work marine duty full-time. Full-time employees volunteering to work marine duty part-time will be paid their regular hourly rate of pay up to a total of eighty-six (86) hours per two week pay period inclusive of all hours worked in any division of the department. Any time taken off during that period will not be deducted from the eighty-six (86) hours, except for sick time, which shall not count for overtime purposes. Any hours in excess of eighty-six (86) hours working marine duty will be paid at the overtime rate of the individual working. Example: An employee working 84 hours during their two week pay period would be paid at regular rate for the first two hours of marine time and overtime for all other marine hours during that pay period.

The Sheriff may choose to hire part-time employees to supplement the marine division. Full-time employees covered by this Agreement shall not be limited by or replacing by part-time employees working marine duty. Part-time employees will only be used to work marine duty in the event that openings exist after full-time employees have had the opportunity to work each opening.

40.2: Practice Dives. The number of practice dives per year will depend on the Marine budget. Every reasonable effort will be made to schedule dives several times a year if permitted by the budget. All practice dives shall be paid at two (2) times the employee's regular hourly rate. Employees may choose to be paid in compensatory time for practice dives at the rate of two (2) times the employee's regular hourly rate. It is recognized that Boat Operators and Rope Handlers will be included in these practice dives whenever a practice dive necessitates the use of a boat and a tow bar. Paid practice dives will be at two (2) times the hourly rate for Dive Master, Diver, and Rope Handler as per Section 42.2 of the parties' collective bargaining agreement. Boat Operators not working regular duty hours will receive one and one-half (1.5) times the hourly rate except when they may be called upon to relieve Rope Handlers. When relieving a Rope Handler, the employee shall receive two (2) times the hourly rate of pay, during the period of time that the employee is acting in the capacity of a Rope Handler. The relieved employee will become a Boat Handler and receive one and one-half (1.5) times the hourly pay rate for that period (unless working regular duty hours). The determination of Dive

Master, Diver, Boat Operator, and Rope Handler will continue to be within the Department's discretion.

40.3: Underwater Recovery Operations. Full-time employees covered by this Agreement who act as a dive master, rope handler, or participate in actual recovery operations shall be paid 2.5 times their regular hourly rate while participating in recovery operations. This rate of pay is limited to actual divers, dive masters and rope handlers. This section shall be applicable to all underwater recovery operations, including practice and actual recovery operations.

ARTICLE 41 AMMUNITION

41.1: Fresh ammunition shall be furnished annually to all employees carrying sidearms.

41.2: The Employer shall supply each officer required to carry a sidearm with one hundred (100) rounds of practice ammunition per month, not to accumulate if not used each month. Employees must return all brass or pay for it.

ARTICLE 42 WEAPON QUALIFICATION

42.1: Weapons Qualification. All employees in the bargaining unit who are required to carry sidearms shall qualify with their service revolver annually. The Sheriff shall give thirty (30) days written notice to the aforesaid employees to enable said personnel to attend practice sessions prior to the test. If an officer fails to qualify, he will be provided with practice ammunition as is necessary in order to practice for qualification. Employees who fail to qualify will be allowed to attempt to qualify three (3) times within one (1) month of failure on three (3) different days. If the employee still fails to qualify after three (3) attempts, the employee may be suspended without pay on a day-to-day basis until such time as qualification is achieved. Qualification shall not be between the months of November and March, inclusive, though shooting may be required throughout the year.

42.2: Firing Range. The Employer shall make available a firing range for weapons qualification. Employees shall be scheduled to qualify during their normal regular working hours when possible. For those employees who have to qualify at time other than their normal working hours, they shall receive their regular hourly rate of pay during the hours they are scheduled to qualify.

ARTICLE 43 LOCKERS

43.1: The County shall furnish to each employee in the bargaining unit a storage locker for their personal use. A copy of the combination and/or the key shall be provided to the Sheriff. Either the employee or Union representative shall be present during the examination.

**ARTICLE 44
USE OF CARS**

44.1: Mileage. Should it be necessary for an employee of the bargaining unit to use his personal car in the performance of County business, that employee is to be reimbursed at the rate of twenty-eight (\$.28) cents per mile.

**ARTICLE 45
GENDER CLAUSE**

45.1: The masculine pronoun wherever used in this Agreement shall include the feminine pronoun and the singular pronoun, the plural, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

**ARTICLE 46
PAYCHECKS**

46.1: Paychecks shall be made available every other Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

**ARTICLE 47
LONGEVITY**

47.1: All regular full-time employees having completed five (5) years, or more, of continuous regular employment prior to December 1st, shall be eligible to receive a longevity bonus for service with the Employer. Payment to employees who become eligible to receive a longevity bonus, shall be paid the same the first regular pay day of December. Employees who retire before December 1st, shall be paid a prorated bonus when they retire, based on the number of calendar months of full-time active employment credited to them from the preceding December 1st to the date of cessation of their active employment.

47.2: Employees whose employment terminates for other reasons prior to December 1st, shall not be eligible to receive a longevity bonus.

47.3: Employees on unpaid leaves of absence in excess of thirty (30) days for reasons other than illness, shall not be eligible to receive a longevity bonus. Employees on unpaid leaves of absence due to illness during the twelve (12) month eligibility period for a longevity bonus, other than their initial longevity bonus, shall receive a pro-rata payment based on the number of complete months he/she received full compensation.

47.4: The longevity bonus payment schedule shall be as follows:

Effective January 1st of each year the longevity bonus payment schedule shall be as follows:

YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE	ANNUAL BONUS
5 YEARS OR MORE, BUT LESS THAN 11 YEARS	ONE PERCENT (1%)

11 YEARS OR MORE, BUT LESS THAN 16 YEARS	TWO PERCENT (2%)
16 YEARS OR MORE	THREE PERCENT (3%)

**ARTICLE 48
PERSONAL LEAVE DAYS**

48.1: Employees shall be entitled to three (3) personal leave days per year. Personal leave days shall not accumulate from year to year.

48.2: Two (2) such personal leave days shall be deducted from the employee's accumulated sick time. One (1) such personal leave day shall be in addition to all other time off and shall not be deductible from sick leave. Employees must have the prior approval of the Sheriff before personal leave days are used.

48.3: Personal leave days shall not be allowed to be taken for the first six (6) months of employment. Personal leave days will be prorated on a monthly basis, based upon the commencement of the anniversary date of the employee.

**ARTICLE 49
NON-DISCRIMINATION**

49.1: The parties to this Agreement shall not discriminate predicated upon age, religion, physical handicap, sex, marital status, race, creed, or national origin, as required by law.

**ARTICLE 50
SAVINGS CLAUSE**

50.1: If any article or section of this Agreement or any addendum thereto should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Agreement and addendums shall not be affected thereby, and the parties shall enter into immediate collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such article or section.

**ARTICLE 51
WAIVER**

51.1: The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining and that the understandings arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, the Employer and the Union, for the life of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter referred to or covered by this Agreement or with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered by this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 52
EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

52.1: This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect commencing on the 1st day of January, 2008, through the 31st day of December, 2010. Either party may serve upon the other a notice no earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of this Agreement as noted above, that they wish to enter into collective bargaining sessions to negotiate a new contract. In the event of receipt of such notice, the parties shall determine mutually agreeable times and shall commence negotiations for a new contract.

**ARTICLE 53
CLASSIFICATION AND WAGES**

53.1: Sergeants of the Livingston County Sheriff's Department will be paid as follows:

Upon ratification by all parties, employees shall receive a \$1,000 signing bonus. Employees must be currently employed at the time of ratification to be eligible for signing bonus.

2008				
HIRE	6 MONTH	1 YEAR	2 YEAR	3 YEAR
55,876	56,994	58,133	59,296	60,482

2009				
HIRE	6 MONTH	1 YEAR	2 YEAR	-3 YEAR
57,133	58,276	59,441	60,630	61,843

2010				
WAGE ONLY REOPENER				

53.2: Employees must be employed on the date of ratification by all the parties, or the date of any 312 award, to be eligible to receive retroactive increase.

**ARTICLE 54
FLEXIBLE BENEFITS**

54.1: Livingston County offers a flexible benefit program for unit employees. This program allows each employee to choose those benefits that best meet their individual needs. The program year for the plan is from July 1st to June 30th and is renewed on an annual basis. To be eligible to enroll in the program year beginning July 1st, an employee must be hired by the County prior to April 1st.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

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