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ARTICLE 1. PARTIES

This agreement is entered into this 3rd day of September, 2015, by and between the County of Douglas ("County"), and the Douglas County Sheriff's Protective Association ("Association" or "DCSPA").

ARTICLE 2. TERM OF AGREEMENT

A. The term of this Agreement will commence on July 1, 2015, and end on June 30, 2016.

B. This Agreement will remain in full force and effect during any subsequent labor negotiations between the Association and the County.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement and Article 2, after June 30, 2016, no increase in salaries, wages, or other monetary benefits will occur or be paid by the County until a successor labor agreement is executed by the Association and the County. However, the County may elect to pay any increase in the employer's portion of the matching contribution rate required by the Public Employee's Retirement System of Nevada pursuant to NRS 286.450.

ARTICLE 3. AUTHORIZED AGENTS

For the purpose of administering the terms and provisions of this agreement, the following agents have been designated:

A. County's Principal Authorized Agent Shall Be:

County Manager
Douglas County
P.O. Box 218
Minden, Nevada 89423

B. Association Principal Authorized Agent Shall Be:

President
Douglas County Sheriffs' Protective Association

P.O. Box 1153
Minden, Nevada 89423

ARTICLE 4. RECOGNITION

A. Collective Bargaining Agent

The County recognizes the Association as the sole collective bargaining agent for all regularly budgeted employees of the County within job classifications covered by this Agreement who are presently employed and subsequently hired by the County at its location in Nevada.

B. Negotiating Team

The size of the respective bargaining teams for contract negotiations shall be no more than seven (7) members. The seven (7) members shall not include the chief negotiator for either party or any professionals hired by either the County or the Association. In addition, either party may, with prior notice to the other party, bring an additional member with special skills or information to the negotiation session.

ARTICLE 5. ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

A. Bulletin Boards.

The County will furnish bulletin board space where currently available. Only areas designated by the appointing authority may be used for the posting of notices. Bulletin boards shall only be used for the following notices:

1. Scheduled DCSPA meeting, agenda, and minutes.
2. Information on DCSPA elections and the results.
3. Information regarding DCSPA social, recreational, and related news bulletins.
4. Reports of official business of DCSPA, including reports of committees or the Board of Directors.

Posted notices shall not be obscene, defamatory, or relate to political office, ballot issues or proposed ballot issues or the ballot process, nor shall they pertain to public issues which do not include the County or its relations with members of the Association. All notices to be posted must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of DCSPA. County equipment, materials, supplies, or interdepartmental mail systems shall not be used for the preparation, reproduction, or distribution of notices, except as specifically allowed below, nor shall such notices be prepared by County employees during their regular working time.

B. Interdepartmental Mail System.

County agrees to allow limited use of the County's interdepartmental mail system and the County's e-mail system to the Association. Such use shall not include mass mailings of materials not suitable for posting under Section A. All use of the County e-mail system is subject to the County's internet and e-mail policy, including the provision that there is no reasonable expectation of privacy for messages placed on the system, and that all messages are subject to applicable provisions under the Nevada Public Records Law.

C. Use of County Copy Machines.

County agrees the Association may use County copy machines providing the following conditions are met:

1. DCSPA would reimburse County for cost of usage.
2. All copying would be done off County time.
3. No DCSPA use of copying facilities shall interfere with use of such facilities for County business.

D. Dues Deductions.

The parties agree that the County will provide payroll deduction to the Association on the following terms:

1. *Authorization.*
   The County shall deduct dues from the salaries of Association members and remit the total deductions to the designated Association officer(s) on a monthly basis. However, no deductions shall be made except in accordance with a deduction authorization form individually and voluntarily executed by the employee for whom the deduction is made. The deduction authorization form shall specify any Association restriction on the employee's right to terminate his/her dues deduction authorization. No stated restriction shall require the employee to remain a member or continue dues deduction beyond the end of the calendar month of the employee's action to terminate such status.
2. *Amount of Dues.*
   The Association shall certify to the County in writing the current rate of membership dues. The Association will notify the County of any change in the rate of membership dues at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of such change.
3. *Indemnification.*
   The Association shall indemnify and hold the County harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits and all other forms of liability or costs which shall arise out of or by reason of action taken or not taken by the County at the request of the Association under the provisions of this Article or through the proper execution of this

Article.

ARTICLE 6. COUNTY RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

County retains, solely and exclusively, all the rights, powers and authority exercised or held prior to the execution of this Agreement, except as expressly limited by specific provision of this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the rights, powers, and authority retained solely and exclusively by County and not abridged herein, include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To manage and direct its business and personnel;
2. To manage, control, and determine the mission of its departments, building facilities, and operations;
3. To create, change, combine or abolish jobs, departments and facilities in whole or in part;
4. To direct the work force;
5. To increase or decrease the work force and determine the number of employees needed;
6. To hire, transfer, promote, and maintain the discipline and efficiency of its employees;
7. To establish work standards, schedules of operation and reasonable work load;
8. To specify or assign work requirements and require overtime;
9. To schedule work, working hours and shifts;
10. To adopt rules of conduct;
11. To determine the type and scope of work to be performed by County employees and the services to be provided;
12. To classify positions;
13. To establish initial salaries of new classifications;
14. To determine the methods, processes, means and places of providing services; and
15. To take whatever action necessary to prepare for and operate in an emergency.

Should the County desire to make a substantial change on an item within the mandatory scope of bargaining causing a major impact on unit employees, it shall first offer to meet and consult with the Association in an effort to reach a mutually agreeable course of action.

ARTICLE 7. SALARIES

A. Salary.

1. The County has established and proposed new pay ranges for all County employees. The Association agrees to the full implementation of the new pay ranges for all of the employees covered by this Agreement effective July 1, 2015. A current summary of the new pay ranges is attached as Appendix "A" to this Agreement.

2. The County's job classification plan contains Association positions that fall within job "bands." Job bands for the Association are:

   a. Deputy Sheriff I to Deputy Sheriff II; and
   b. Investigator I to Investigator II.

Employees may progress within their job band at any time if the employee's supervisor has determined that the employee has acquired the necessary skills and abilities of the higher level position within the job band. Each position's required skills and abilities are detailed in the County's job descriptions.

3. Upon progression from one job band to a higher job band, the employee shall be placed at the minimum of the new pay range or shall receive an increase of 10% for progression from Deputy Sheriff I to Deputy Sheriff II or a 5% increase for progression from Investigator I to Investigator II in the employee's current wage, whichever is greater. The new wage must not exceed the maximum wage rate of the new pay range.

4. If the progression to a higher job band occurs at the time of the employee's annual performance evaluation, then the pay grade adjustment associated with the job progression will occur after the merit salary increase adjustment.

5. Progression within a job band is not subject to the rules for probation under Article 18.

B. Education Incentive.

An amount shall be paid on a prorated basis as compared to full-time employment for each six (6) month period semiannually, in the first pay period of December and June to recognize the following listed educational achievements.

1. *Intermediate Level.* Employees who possess a Nevada P.O.S.T. Intermediate Certificate shall be compensated with an additional $686.40/yr. above his/her normal base salary.

2. *Advanced Level.* Employees who possess a Nevada P.O.S.T. Advanced Certificate shall be compensated with an additional $1040/yr. above his/her normal base salary.

C. Merit and Pay for Performance.

1. The purpose of the Pay for Performance plan is to recognize and reward employees who demonstrate motivation, performance above the standard scope of work, and efficiency, skill, and initiative in their work, while also appropriately ranking employees who perform at or below the established level of performance for a particular position.

2. All employees covered by this agreement will receive annual performance evaluations.

3. The range for merit increases will be on a 0-6% scale and any merit increase will be applied to the employee's base pay on the first day of the pay period in which the anniversary of the date the employee was hired or received a promotion, whichever is later, occurs.

4. The maximum merit increase an employee may receive during FY2015-16 is 5% (i.e., a merit score equivalent to a 5% or 6% increase will result in a 5% increase to the employee's wage).

5. Employees who receive a performance rating of 5% or 6% and who are at the top of their pay range or would exceed the top of their pay range after receiving the pay for performance increase, will be eligible for a lump sum payment of .5% or 1%, respectively, of their base pay. The lump sum payment and salary increase must not exceed the amount of the pay for performance increase would have provided if the employee was not at the top of the range. Any portion of a salary adjustment above the top of an employee's pay range will be paid to the individual in a lump sum payment.

6. An employee who has received a Pay for Performance evaluation that has a decrease of two or more levels from the previous Pay for Performance evaluation and contends that the evaluation does not contain adequate written information to support the decrease, or that the employee did not receive notice during the evaluation period that the employee was not performing at an expected level, may request a review of the evaluation. The employee must submit a request for review to the Human Resources Manager within fourteen (14) days of receiving the evaluation and must provide written information supporting the employee's position with the request for review. The Sheriff, the Human Resources Manager and County Manager will review the evaluation, the information provided by the employee, and any additional information provided by the evaluating supervisor. The employee's information must show that the

evaluation rating was baseless or without supporting evidence. A nonbinding recommendation will be made to the evaluating supervisor which may include recommending no change, an increase, or a decrease in the Pay for Performance level.

7. The award of any merit increase will not change the maximum amount of a job classification's salary range as adopted by the parties in Appendix "A" and may not exceed the top of the employee's salary range.

8. Merit increases shall not be withheld because of budgetary constraints during the contract term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

D. Field Training Officers.

1. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) may designate qualified individuals as Field Training Officers (FTO).
2. Upon assignment to train an individual "trainee officer," the FTO will receive an incentive increase of five percent (5%) of the employee's base wage in addition to his/her normal base hourly rate of pay for each hour of actual FTO duties performed pursuant to such assignment.
3. The FTO incentive pay applies to all FTOs regardless of the Division they are assigned to.
4. The Sheriff shall have the sole and full discretion to make the FTO assignment and to remove someone from such assignment.

E. Hazardous Duty Assignment.

1. Bomb Squad. For those employees assigned by the Sheriff as regular members of the interagency Bomb Squad, the County shall pay the equivalent of that amount paid to other members of the squad by the Tahoe-Douglas Fire Department, or an additional $150 per month above base salary, whichever is greater. Such pay shall continue for the duration of the assignment

2. Motorcycle Duty. For those employees assigned to motorcycles, they shall receive an additional $150 per month above base salary for those months in which they perform at least 60% of their hours worked per month while on the motorcycles.

3. The Sheriff shall have the sole and full discretion to make assignments to the Bomb Squad or motorcycle duty and remove an employee from any such assignment.

F. Night Shift Differential.

For actually working any assigned shift at least half of which includes the hours between 2100-0700 hours (patrol) and 2300-0800 hours (detention), an Association employee will receive $11 per shift. To qualify, the employee must work at least one-half (½) of the qualifying shift. The

Sheriff shall have full discretion to make or not make such assignment or remove someone from such assignment.

G. Canine Assignment.

Canine handlers that provide for the care and maintenance of the canine will be paid for no more than 31 hours per month ($420 per month) for providing this service. This pay shall be the exclusive compensation for the off-duty care and maintenance of the canine. No further hours for the care and maintenance of the canine will be worked by a canine handler without prior approval by the division commander. Such pay shall continue for the duration of the assignment. The Sheriff shall have full discretion to make the assignment or remove someone from such assignment.

H. Extra Duty Pay.

Employees will earn $250 annually per special assignment or a maximum of $500 for two (2) assignments for serving in the following assignments for a consecutive six (6) month period: SWAT, Coroner III, Crisis Negotiation Team, Range Master, or Defensive Tactics Trainer. This extra duty payment will be made in two payments the first full pay period in June and December.

ARTICLE 8. MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE

A. Cafeteria Plan.

1. The County will continue to maintain a cafeteria benefit package. A cafeteria plan recognizes that staff have diverse needs and will allow employees to choose benefits based on their individual needs.
2. The County will provide eligible employees with core medical, dental, vision and individual life insurance coverage, and a specific dollar amount, which will vary dependent upon whether the employee has individual coverage or dependent coverage.
3. Employees may use remaining funds or salary deductions toward benefits on the cafeteria menu.
4. The core medical package may be optional for employees that can provide acceptable proof of similar coverage through another source. Approval for waiver of a core medical package will be at the County's sole discretion.

B. Contribution Toward Health Benefit Package.

A traditional medical plan and, if available, a High Deductible Plan will be offered to employees. One of these must be purchased unless waived pursuant to A(4) above. If the lowest cost employee-only **PPO** medical/RX plan exceeds **$668.35**/month, the County will provide the

employee additional funds to cover the employee-only premium cost for that plan.

Effective January 1, 2015:

1. Traditional Medical Plan contribution

Employee Only:	
HMO	$515.00/month
Employee Only:	
PPO	100% of plan premium
Employee Plus One or More Dependents:	
HMO and PPO	$826.31/month
Employee Plus Family:	
HMO and PPO	$858.74/month

2. High Deductible Plan (if available)

<u>High Deductible Plan (both plans)</u>

Employee Only:	$410/month + $1,500 per Year Annual Account Contribution
Employee Plus Spouse:	$550/month + $2,500 per Year Annual Account Contribution
Employee Plus Child(ren):	$550/month + $2,500 per Year Annual Account Contribution
Employee Plus Family:	$550/month + $2,500 per Year Annual Account Contribution

a. *Annual Account Contribution Distribution.* Fifty percent (50%) of the annual account contribution will be deposited in individual accounts two times each calendar year (the first full pay period in January and July).

b. If a plan participant experiences a qualifying event which results in a status change between January and July, the account contribution for July will be $750 or fifty percent (50%) of the employee-only annual account contribution. The employee will receive the next scheduled account contribution payment based on the new status and contribution rate at that time.

C. County Benefits Committee

Two representatives from DCSPA will serve as members of the County Benefits Committee.

D. Monthly Contribution in Lieu of Medical Package

Any employee who obtains a waiver of core dental, vision and life

insurance pursuant to A(4) above will receive a monthly contribution of $350 from the County that must be used to purchase core dental, vision and life insurance by the employee.

ARTICLE 9. HOURS

A. Work Hours.

Except in emergencies, the work week of full-time Association employees shall normally consist of five (5) days of eight (8) hours each, exclusive of a lunch hour. Each employee will be assigned regular starting and quitting times, which shall not be changed without a reasonable attempt to give twenty-four (24) hour prior notice. Should an employee be required to work during his/her lunch hour, the length of such interruption shall be counted as time worked unless other arrangements are made with his/her supervisor. In the event the Sheriff determines that a nine (9) hour, ten (10) hour or other workday is more beneficial to the DCSO, those hours will become a normal workday.

B. Rest Periods.

When practical, employees shall be granted a fifteen (15) minute rest period during each half work shift of four (4) hours or longer. Such breaks shall not be taken within one (1) hour of the employee's starting time, quitting time or meal break and shall not be accumulated or used to supplement meal breaks, arrive at work late or leave work early. Such rest periods shall be taken without loss of pay and the employee shall not be required to make up such time.

ARTICLE 10. OVERTIME

A. Definitions.

1. *Overtime.*
   That time worked as authorized and directed by management, which exceeds eighty (80) hours worked in the pay period. The DCSO shall designate a work period for FLSA purposes as necessary.
2. *Hours Worked.*
   Those hours during which the employee is actually at work or on annual leave or compensatory time off, which leave or time off has been prescheduled in advance of the overtime assignment.
3. *Scheduled Overtime.*
   Those actual hours worked beyond the employee's normal work week schedule which do not qualify as "call back."

B. Overtime Compensation.

1. Employees who have worked over eighty (80) hours in a biweekly pay period, shall have the option to receive Compensating Time Off (CTO) or pay for those hours over eighty (80) on a time and one-half basis. The choice shall be made prior to the point that time sheets are turned into Sheriff's administration. There shall be no restriction to the number of hours an employee can accumulate in the employee's CTO bank during a pay period.
2. *CTO Bank.* Effective the first full pay period following the adoption of this agreement, the maximum accumulation of CTO by an employee is 140 hours. Effective July 1, 2013, the maximum accumulation of CTO by an employee is 160 hours. Effective July 1, 2014, the maximum accumulation of CTO by an employee is 180 hours. The County may pay off an employee's CTO bank in its sole discretion.

C. Rescheduling.

Nothing in this article shall prohibit DCSO's ability to schedule or reschedule an employee's work in order to operate within the confines of budgetary constraints. To the extent possible, however, DCSO will reschedule additional time off to extend the employee's normal weekend. DCSO will also give at least twenty-four (24) hours advance notice of the schedule change for purposes of this paragraph.

D. Compliance with FLSA.

DCSO management shall make such changes in this article and any others as well as in practice in order to fully comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") and any implementing regulations thereto. The County shall notify the Association of proposed changes prior to implementation. Upon request, the County shall meet with Association representatives to discuss the proposed changes.

ARTICLE 11. STANDBY DUTY AND CALL BACK

A. Standby.

1. Standby duty is defined as that circumstance which requires the employee so assigned to:
   a. Be ready to respond in a reasonable time to calls for her/his service,
   b. Be readily available at all hours by telephone, or other communication devices, and
   c. Refrain from activities which might impair her/his performance of assigned duties upon call.
2. Standby duty shall be assigned in writing and shall be compensated at $3.00 per hour effective the first full pay period

following the effective date of this contract.

3. An employee shall not receive standby pay for hours actually worked or for hours reimbursed by a call-back minimum.

B. Call Back.

1. *Definition.* For employees hired on or before July 1, 2008: Call Back means compensation earned for returning to duty after an employee has completed a regular shift, if off duty for any period of time, and is requested to return to duty with less than twelve (12) hours notice.
2. *Definition.* For employees hired after July 1, 2008: Except as it may conflict with NAC 284.214, callback pay is defined as compensation earned for returning to duty after an employee has completed his/her regular shift and is requested to return to duty with less than 12 hours' notice to respond to an emergency, except for any employee who is:
   (1) Called into work while on standby status, *or*
   (2) Not required to leave the premises where he/she is residing or located at the time of notification in order to respond, *or*
   (3) Called back to work if the work begins 1 hour or less before or after his/her scheduled work shift.
3. *Minimum.* All employees duly Called Back to work shall receive credit for a minimum of two (2) hours at time and one-half or for time actually worked, whichever is greater. There will be no overlapping minimums. No minimum will apply to any other overtime worked.

ARTICLE 12. COURT TIME

Officers required to appear in criminal Court, as a result of their employment duties with Douglas County, shall have all hours required to be in court credited as hours worked, with a minimum of two (2) hours credit. Court appearances are considered to be prescheduled duty and not subject to the call back provisions of this agreement. While FLSA applies to members of this unit, an employee shall be required to immediately convey to the County Clerk/Treasurer any reimbursement received from the Court for duty-related Court appearances. When and if FLSA no longer applies to this Association, this article shall become null and void and the previous court time policy shall be reinstituted.

ARTICLE 13. ACTING PAY

A. Above Class.

A Deputy Sheriff or Investigator who is either designated by a Sergeant or

higher officer to serve as acting supervisor for 50% or more of a shift or who actually serves as a an acting supervisor for 50% or more of a shift shall receive pay, in addition to the normal base, at the same rate as FTO hourly rate for that service.

B. Special Assignment.

A Deputy Sheriff or Investigator who is temporarily assigned to a narcotics task force or other special assignment deemed necessary by the Sheriff, shall receive above class compensation up to five percent (5%) for the duration of that assignment. Special assignments do not include assignments otherwise provided for in this agreement.

ARTICLE 14. LEGAL HOLIDAYS

A. Legal Holidays.

The following days will be County holidays:

1. New Year's Day (January1)
2. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (the third Monday in January)
3. Presidents Day (the third Monday in February)
4. Memorial Day (the last Monday in May)
5. Independence Day (July 4)
6. Labor Day (the first Monday in September)
7. Nevada Day (the last Friday in October)
8. Veteran's Day (November 11)
9. Thanksgiving Day (the fourth Thursday in November)
10. Family Day (the Friday after the fourth Thursday in November)
11. Christmas (December 25)

B. Eligibility.

1. Work Shift
   a. Employees who work day, swing, or graveyard shifts in a seven (7) day a week, twenty-four (24) hours per day will observe all holidays on the date of the actual holiday.
   b. Employees working a Monday through Friday schedule will observe New Year's Day, Independence Day, Veteran's Day, and Christmas Day on the Friday preceding the holiday whenever the holiday occurs on a Saturday or on Monday following the holiday whenever the holiday occurs on a Sunday.
2. In addition to the above paid holidays, any other day that may be appointed by the President of the United States, the Governor of Nevada or the Board of County Commissioners, shall be a paid holiday for County employees.
3. If a holiday falls during an employee's leave, it will not be charged as leave.

4. "Holiday Pay" is the equivalent of eight (8) hours at the straight-time rate. Holiday hours paid is not defined or included as hours worked.
5. Employees in assignments that are part of 24-hour coverage will receive straight time holiday pay for eleven (11) eight (8)-hour holidays per year and will observe all holidays on the date of the actual holiday. No other observance will be recognized by the County. The employee has the right to request, and the DCSO has the right to approve, time off on a holiday providing the employee uses CTO, annual leave, or takes leave without pay.
6. In work weeks containing a holiday, employees scheduled to work Monday though Friday or any shift other than a 24-hour shift covered by subsection 1(a) and 5, will receive only eight (8) hours of straight time holiday pay for eleven (11) eight (8)-hour holidays per year including the four (4) observed holidays. Work schedules will be modified by mutual agreement between the employee and the County to allow for the completion of a forty (40)-hour work week.
7. For the term July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015, when employees, who are eligible for holiday pay, are required by order of the Sheriff to work during their scheduled holiday, they will receive, in addition to their eight (8)-hour holiday pay, one and one-half (1.5) times the employee's regular hourly rate of pay for each hour or major fraction thereof worked for the holiday.

ARTICLE 15. ANNUAL LEAVE

A. Basis of Accrual.

All Association employees who are employed on a continuous full-time basis shall accrue annual leave credits on the basis of the schedule below. Part-time employees who work at least twenty-one (21) hours per week shall earn annual leave on a prorated basis based on the number of hours worked in the pay period.

B. Schedule of Accrual.

The following schedule of accrual of annual leave shall apply to Association members based on full-time employment:

CONTINUOUS SERVICE	HRS EARNED/HRS PAID	MAX/YR
1st through 4th years	.0385	80
5th through 9th years	.0635	132
10th through 14th years	.0731	152
15th year and after	.0808	168

Only regular hours paid shall effect annual leave accrual.

C. **Accrual during Probation.**
Each employee shall accrue annual leave during his/her probationary period but shall not be granted annual leave during said period until he/she has been employed continuously for at least six (6) months.

D. **Payment on Separation.**
Employees who have completed at least six (6) months of continuous service and leave the County service shall be paid for accrued leave.

E. **Payment on Death.**
If an employee dies who was entitled to accumulated annual leave under the provisions of this Article, the heirs of such deceased employee shall be paid an amount of money equal to the number of hours of annual leave earned or accrued multiplied by the hourly rate of such deceased employee.

F. **Carry-over of Annual Leave to Following Year.**
All annual leave not taken in excess of the following hours will be forfeited at the end of the last biweekly pay period of the calendar year. Effective January 1, 2010 employees may carry-over 240 hours of annual leave per year.

A ninety (90) day extension of up to an additional eighty (80) hours may only be granted by the County Manager in the event the employee was unable to utilize his/her hours due to management requirements.

G. **Approval for Use of Annual Leave.**
All annual leave will be taken at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and his/her supervisor. Requests for annual leave use shall be solicited by the DCSO during the month of January with the resulting vacation schedule based upon legitimate operating needs. Requests for annual leave shall not be unreasonably denied. Conflicts between annual leave requests submitted in accordance with this section shall be resolved by: A) granting leave on a first-come, first-served basis and B) if two employees submit leave requests on the same day and those request conflict, then the more senior employee will be granted the leave.

Notwithstanding the above, annual leave requests submitted later than the conclusion of the annual shift bidding process shall be granted or not granted based on legitimate operating needs and not unreasonably denied. If such request conflicts with that of a request scheduled in accordance with the above paragraph, no seniority privilege to resolve the conflict shall apply and the request scheduled in accordance with the above paragraph shall stand.

ARTICLE 16. SICK LEAVE

A. Entitlement.

All Association employees who are employed on a continuous full-time basis shall be credited with sick leave according to the schedule below. Part-time employees who work at least twenty-one (21) hours per week shall earn sick leave credits on a prorated basis, based on hours worked in the pay period. Employees working less than twenty-one (21) hours per week will not accrue sick leave credits.

B. Sick leave accrual.

Eligible employees shall accrue sick leave at the rate of .0462 hours for each hour worked up to a maximum of ninety-six (96) hours per year. Only regular hours worked shall affect sick leave accrual.

C. Maximum Accrual Cap Provisions.

1. An employee may not carry over more than the annual maximum hours per year. A total of no more than nine hundred and sixty hours (960) of sick leave may be credited to an employee (Maximum Accrual Cap).
2. Employees whose sick leave bank balance is at the Maximum Accrual Cap shall continue to accrue hours at the normal rate for utilization only during that calendar year. Any unused balance of the annual maximum accrued hours as of December 31st shall be deleted from the employee's sick leave bank.

D. Authorization for Usage.

Employees are entitled to use sick leave only when incapacitated due to sickness, injury of when receiving necessary medical or dental service, or in the event of an illness, per the FMLA policy, or death in the immediate family. Sick leave used for bereavement shall not exceed twenty-four (24) hours per incident, except as approved in advance by the Sheriff. Such use for bereavement is limited to relatives listed in the section below.

1. *Family Defined.*
   Immediate family is defined as parents, children, brothers, sisters, grandparents and legal guardians of the employee or the employee's spouse. In the case of any other relative of the employee, the applicable appointing authority may authorize such sick leave and shall notify Human Resources in writing.
2. *Evidence of Authorized Usage.*
   The appointing authority shall approve sick leave only after having ascertained that the absence was for an authorized reason, and the employee may be required to provide substantiating evidence.

E. Certificate of Illness.

Physician certificates may be required by the County when there is:

absence in excess of three (3) consecutive days or whenever there is reason to believe that sick leave is being abused or the absence is questionable. An employee may be required to be examined by a physician selected by the County for verification purposes. In the event of family/personal medical leave, the employee will complete the appropriate authorization form supplied by Human Resources in accordance with County policy. If an employee becomes ill or injured during a vacation leave of three (3) or more consecutive work shifts, the time will be recorded as sick leave only if the substantiated by a physician's written certification.

F. Reporting Requirements.

Except in emergencies where the employee is incapacitated, employees are expected to report any absence and the reason therefore to his/her supervisor two (2) hours prior to when the employee's normal work shift commences. Failure to do so may cause the absence to be deemed unexcused an unpaid. If the employee's supervisor is unavailable, the employee should notify his/her respective Department Head regarding the absence.

G. Family Medical Leave Act.

Family and medical leave for employees shall be governed by the provisions of the federal family leave act and County policy. Nothing is this section is intended to extend to County employees rights or benefits not extended in that law. General conditions are as follows:

1. Employees who have one (1) year (52 weeks) of service and have worked at least 1250 hours in the past year, are eligible to take up to twelve (12) weeks leave during a twelve (12) month period as defined in County policy for family or medical leave per the FMLA. Family members are those persons who are so defined in the FMLA. Each time an employee takes FMLA leave, the County will compute the amount of such leave the employee has taken under the FMLA policy and deduct it from the twelve (12) work weeks of available leave.
2. The employee must provide reasonable advance notice if the need for the leave is foreseeable. The Department Head shall not deny leave to any eligible employee who requests family or medical leave pursuant to the provision of the FMLA. The employee has the right to reinstatement to the same or a comparable position unless the employee is exempted from such right under the provisions of the FMLA.
3. The employee shall exhaust accrued sick leave and comp leave when on an FMLA leave.
4. The County shall maintain coverage under any medical health plan for the duration of the leave at the level and under conditions that

would have been provided had the employee been working. An employee on leave without pay will be expected to make prompt monthly payments to the County for dependent coverage and elected benefits per County policy, and the failure of the employee to make the payment shall result in cancellation of the coverage. While on paid leave, the County will continue to make payroll deductions to collect the employee's regular share of any premiums. While on unpaid leave, the employee must continue to make this payment, either in person or by mail. The County shall only maintain such group medical plan coverage per County policy.

H. Injury on Duty.

Any Association employee who suffers an injury while working during the course of his/her employment for the County shall be entitled to injury leave until said employee is able to return to work or is terminated in any manner and subject to any limitations imposed by this article or State Law. Injury means a sudden and tangible happening of a traumatic nature, producing an immediate or prompt result and resulting from external force, including injuries to artificial members. Any injury sustained by an employee while engaging in an athletic or social event sponsored by the County shall be deemed not to have arisen out of or in the course of employment unless the employee received regular compensation from the County for participating in such event.

For employees injured on duty and accepted for worker's compensation benefits which exceed 40 regularly scheduled hours, the County will cover the remainder of all required leave up to 120 calendar days (780 work hours). During the 120 calendar days no employee leave deduction (sick, annual or comp time) will be used. After 120 calendar days the employee will use accrued leave. Light duty will be made available to the employee at the convenience of the County. The employee must follow all prescribed written safety policies and procedures to qualify for injury leave (e.g. wearing full protective clothing and equipment when necessary, using tools and equipment properly, and exercising prudent care while performing assigned functions).

Acceptance or denial of Injury Leave is not subject to the grievance procedure. However, the employee may appeal in writing to the Human Resources Manager and County Manager within ten (10) days of being denied Injury Leave.

When an employee is eligible at the same time for benefits under applicable sections of the Nevada Revised Statutes for sick leave or injury leave benefit, the amount of sick leave or injury leave benefit paid to said employee shall not exceed the differences between their normal salary and the amount of any benefit received, exclusive of payment of medical

or hospital expenses under required sections of the Nevada Revised Statutes for that pay period.

I. Sick Leave Payoff.

1. Upon the employee's death or retirement, if the employees has a minimum of 400 hours in their sick leave bank are eligible to receive payment for any accrued sick leave hours.

2. Employees shall be compensated based on the employee's years of service, up to a maximum of 960 hours, as a percentage of their sick leave balance as follows:

Years of Service	Percentage of Sick Leave Paid
0-9	- 0 -
10-14	25%
15-19	50%
20 or more years	75%

3. At the employee's option, instead of receiving a sick leave payoff as provided above, the County will convert compensable sick leave to a monetary value that will be transferred to the employee's Deferred Compensation account.

J. Accumulation of Leave.

During the first sixty (60) calendar days of an employee's absence because of industrial injury, the employee shall continue to accumulate sick leave and vacation at the same rate and in the same amount if he/she had been working.

K. Light or Modified Duty Assignments.

1. For any Association employee whose physical condition prevents him/her from performing his/her normal work duties as Deputy Sheriff, the County agrees to make reasonable effort to place him/her in an assignment in which the employee can perform work consistent with his/her condition. Association employees are required to accept light duty assignments offered by management. If an employee refuses a light duty assignment, he/she will be required to use accrued annual or CTO leave. Whenever possible, the County agrees to place employees into light duty assignments within the DCSO.
2. Employees who have been on authorized injury leave due to work-related injury under applicable workers' compensation law, shall upon written release from his/her doctor and upon presentation of said release to the Sheriff return to work in a light duty assignment if one is available. Any assignments to light duty shall be in conformance with limitations imposed by the employee's doctor and

no employee shall be assigned light duty tasks that would predictably prolong the rehabilitative process or otherwise increase the risk of further injury.

3. The intent of the provision is to permit employees to return to work as soon as is medically possible within the requirements of applicable workers' compensation laws. Further, the parties understand that light duty refers to duty other than the full range of normal Deputy Sheriff's duties.
4. Nothing in this section shall require the County or the DCSO to create a light duty assignment.

L. Leave Donation.

Employees covered by this contract who require additional leave time due to a catastrophic illness or injury may request additional leave time through notification to the DCSPA executive board. All donations to the requesting employee will only be donated from the donor's annual leave or comp time bank at the donating employee's current base rate of pay then recalculated based on the requesting employee's base rate of pay in order to determine the number of hours the donor's time represents to the requesting employee. Any unused donated time will be returned to all donors on a prorated basis after being recalculated. No employee will receive more than 480 donated hours in a calendar year.

M. Sick Leave Buyback.

Association employees shall have the option of participating in the County's annual sick leave buyback program. If any such employee has in excess of 300 hours accrued as of the first paycheck issued in November of each calendar year, the employee shall have the option to cash in up to a maximum of sixteen (16) hours less any sick leave hours used during the year (e.g., 16 hours less 8 hours of used sick leave would equal 8 hours eligible for buyback). After utilizing the buyback provisions, the employee must have no less than 300 hours of sick leave remaining in his/her sick leave account.

ARTICLE 17. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Eligibility.

Leave without pay may be granted only to an employee who desires to return therefrom to County service and does not have annual leave or compensatory time off available.

B. Short-Term Leave Without Pay.

Leave without pay (LWOP) of less than thirty (30) days maybe granted by the appointing authority.

C. **Procedure for Short-Term LWOP.**
Leave without pay of thirty (30) days or less may be granted for the good of the public service by the appointing authority, when such leave is granted, the appointing authority will formally notify Human Resources of such action.

D. **Long-Term LWOP.**
For a period of thirty (30) days or more, leave without pay may be granted by the Sheriff. The employee shall retain his/her status as a public employee and the pay, leave and benefits accrued prior to the leave for a period not to exceed twenty-six (26) consecutive pay periods.

E. **Family Medical Leave.**
A family and/or medical leave of absence provides up to total of twelve (12) work-weeks of leave during a 12 month period as defined in County policy due to the birth of a child and the care of such child, the adoption/foster placement of a child, the need to care for a family member with a serious health condition, or the employee's own serious health condition which makes the employee unable to do his/her job. If the employee has exhausted all accrued sick leave and comp time, he/she will be placed on a leave of absence without pay in accordance with the provisions in Article 16, Section G, and County policy.

F. **Elected Benefits.**
Arrangements regarding employees' payment of dependent medical/dental insurance premiums and/or other voluntary deductions, if continuity is desired, must be made with Human Resources prior to starting unpaid leave of absence.

G. **Military Leave**.
An employee who is an active member of the National Guard or reserve component of the United States Armed Forces must notify the County of their active status upon their hire date or immediately upon activation. An employee who is an active member of the National Guard or any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces shall, upon request, be relieved from his or her duties to serve orders for military duty, without loss of pay or accrued leave for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) workdays in any calendar year. The duration of the workday will be dependent upon the orders received, and the employee's ability to return to work. The employee must make their reserve status known to the County yearly and must provide any known reserve obligations to those responsible for staffing a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance except during times of military conflict or other emergency activations.

ARTICLE 18. PROBATIONARY PERIOD

A. Initial Probation.

Upon initial appointment, all Association employees shall serve the equivalent of twenty-six (26) biweekly pay periods of full-time service as probationary period, during which time the employee may be dismissed without cause or right of appeal.

B. Promotional Probation.

Upon promotion to a classification with a higher salary schedule, an Association employee shall serve the equivalent of twenty-six (26) biweekly payroll periods of full-time service as a probationary period, during which time the employee may be returned to his/her previous classification without cause or right of appeal. An employee who has not successfully completed an initial probationary period in the lower classification shall not have a right to return to his/her previous classification.

ARTICLE 19. EFFECTS OF LAY OFF

A. Identification of Positions.

If, due to lack of funds, lack of work, for enhanced efficiency, or curtailment of operations, it is necessary to reduce the County work force, the appointing authority will determine the classes and number of positions to be reduced. All nonpermanent employees of the DCSO shall be laid off before any permanent employees. After the County has notified the employees who are to be laid off, the County will provide a list of such employees to the Association along with the applicable seniority list(s). The Association may request to meet and discuss the layoffs with the County.

B. Seniority Determination.

Seniority for the purpose of a layoff is defined as length of continuous employment within the class and higher classes within the DCSO. Seniority points shall be determined by the allocation of one point for each month or major fraction thereof of full-time continuous service in the layoff class and higher classes within the DCSO. Such service credit shall be prorated for regular part-time employees based on the full time equivalent of total actual paid regular hours. Seniority shall be retained, but shall not accrue, during any period of leave without pay.

C. Retention Points.

In addition to service credit, each affected employee will have additional points added to or subtracted from his/her retention points dependent upon his/her most recent annual performance rating according to the following scale:

Annual Rating Points	Performance Points
Below 59	-12
59-70	-6
71-82	00
83-92	+6
93-100	+12

D. Layoff Order.
Employees will be laid off in reverse order of Retention Points which comprise Seniority Points and Performance Points added together.

E. Notice.
All career employees due to be laid off shall be given written notice of such layoff at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date.

F. Bumping.
In lieu of being laid off, an employee may elect to demote to any class of a lower maximum salary within the same class series as long as the employee demoting has greater retention points than an incumbent in the lower salaried class with the least retention points when measured as if the demoting employee were in the lower class. An employee being bumped shall be treated as if laid off.

G. Posting.
The names of permanent and probationary employees laid off shall be placed on the reemployment list within the DCSO which laid off the employee for the class of position involved in reverse order of layoff. Employees shall be recalled in the order in which their names are listed on the reemployment list.

H. Reemployment.
Employees who are reemployed within one calendar year after they are laid off will be entitled to reinstatement of accrued and unused sick leave remaining to their credit at the time of their layoff.

ARTICLE 20. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Definitions.

1. *"Grievance."* A grievance is a claimed violation, misapplication, or misinterpretation of a specific provision of this Agreement, which adversely affects the grievant. The exercise or lack of exercise of County Rights (Art. 5) is not grievable. Grievances arising out of disciplinary actions are covered by Article 21, Employee Disciplinary Procedures.

2. *"Grievant."* A grievant is an employee in the Association who is filing a grievance as defined above. Alleged violations, misapplications, or misinterpretations, which affect more than one employee in a substantially similar manner, may be consolidated at the discretion of management or the Association as a group grievance and will be represented by a single grievant. The Association may be a grievant in cases limited to alleged violations of sections which provide specific benefits to the Association under Articles 5, 10, and 27.
3. *"Day."* Day means a calendar day.

B. General Provisions.

1. If a grievant fails to carry the grievance forward to the next level within the prescribed time period, the grievance must be considered settled based upon the decision rendered at the most recent step utilized.
2. If a supervisor or manager fails to respond with an answer within the given time period, the grievant may appeal the grievance to the next higher level as if the employee had received a negative answer on the final day of the period available for the management response.
3. The grievant may be represented by a person of his/her choice at any level of this procedure.
4. Time limits and formal levels may be waived by mutual written consent of the parties.
5. Any service must be by certified mail or personal service.
6. A copy of all grievances filed at the Sheriff's level of this grievance procedure, not being processed by the Association, will be sent to the Association.

C. Process.

1. *Informal Level.*
   Within ten (10) days from the event giving rise to a potential grievance or from the date the employee could reasonably have been expected to have had knowledge of the event, the employee may orally discuss the problem with his/her immediate supervisor. A supervisor has seven (7) days to give an answer to the employee.
2. *Formal Levels.*
   Level 1: If the employee is not satisfied with the resolution proposed at the informal level, the employee may, within ten (10) days of receipt of an answer, file a formal written grievance with his/her Division Commander (or designee) containing a statement describing the grievance, the section of this Agreement allegedly violated, and remedy requested. The Division Commander (or designee) will, within ten (10) days, have a meeting with the

grievant and within ten (10) days give a written answer to the grievant.

Level 2: If the grievant is not satisfied with the written answer from the Division Commander (or designee), the grievant may, within ten (10) days from the receipt of the answer, file a written appeal to the Undersheriff. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the written appeal, the Undersheriff (or designee) will investigate the grievance, which may include a meeting with the concerned parties, and give written answer to the grievant within ten (10) days. Both parties may agree to waive Level 2 and proceed to Level 3.

Level 3: If the grievant is not satisfied with the written answer from the Undersheriff (or designee), the grievant may, within ten (10) days from the receipt of the answer, file a written appeal to the Sheriff. Within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of the written appeal, the Sheriff, or his/her designee, must investigate the grievance, which may include a meeting with the concerned parties, and give a written answer to the grievant within ten (10) days. The answer is final and binding unless, within fourteen (14) days, the Association notifies the County Manager of its intention to appeal the matter to the External Hearing Officer (EHO) as provided for in Article 22.

ARTICLE 21. EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

A. Basis for Disciplinary Action.

The tenure and status of every Association employee is conditioned on reasonable standards of personal conduct and job performance. Failure to meet these standards will be grounds for appropriate disciplinary action. Disciplinary action is for just cause and may, in addition to the causes set forth in the Personnel ordinances and policies, rules or regulations, be based upon any of the following grounds: Failure to fully perform required duties, insubordination, failure to comply with or abuse of County policies or rules, unexcused absences, misuse or abuse of County property or equipment, substandard job performance, commission of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude, and commission of other acts which are incompatible with service to the public.

B. Types of Discipline.

Three (3) types of discipline are recognized for purposes of applying one of the procedures under this article. They are:

1. *Written Reprimands.* A reprimand, the details of which are committed to writing and placed in the employee's personnel file.
2. *Short Suspensions.* Includes any disciplinary suspensions without pay which, when accumulated with previous disciplinary

suspensions within a twelve (12) month period, if any, does not exceed three (3) working days.

3. *Severe Disciplinary Action.* Includes disciplinary suspensions without pay of four (4) or more working days within a twelve (12) month period, demotion, or discharge.

C. Appeal from a Written Reprimand.

An employee receiving a written reprimand may, within ten (10) calendar days, appeal the action to the Undersheriff (or designee) in writing or by personal interview. Within ten (10) calendar days of the appeal, the Undersheriff (or designee) must respond to the employee in writing by either granting, modifying, or denying the appeal. The response is final.

D. Notice.

For discipline other than written reprimands, the Division Commander (or designee) is designated by the Sheriff to advise the employee in writing of the proposed disciplinary action.

The written statement must contain:

1. A description of the events which necessitated the proposed suspension.
2. A statement of the charges.
3. A statement of proposed disciplinary action.
4. Notification that the employee may review or make copies of available materials leading to the suspension.
5. The right of the employee to submit in writing a response to the proposed action.
6. The right to meet with the Division Commander (or designee) at a given time and place to discuss the discipline and present witnesses in support of the opposition to the discipline. This is not intended to be an adversarial hearing.
7. A statement of the employee's right to representation.

E. Division Commander's (or Designee) Decision.

Following the meeting and a review of a proposed disciplinary action by the Division Commander (or designee) will forward a recommendation to the management representative to make a decision in the form of a signed statement indicating, if applicable, the decision based on the employee's response and, if the proposed action is to be implemented, the specific charges against the employee and the effective date of the action. The decision will be served on the employee by certified mail or personal delivery. The limited nature of this response does not change Management's authority to initiate further investigation if the employee's version of the facts raises doubts as to the accuracy of the supervisor's information leading the proposed discipline.

F. Appeal from a Short Suspension.

An employee receiving a suspension without pay of one through three (3) working days, has the opportunity to respond within ten (10) calendar days of the alleged incident or receipt of notice outlined in Section D above, whichever is later. If not satisfied with the Division Commander (or designee)'s decision in F above, the appellant may within ten (10) calendar days appeal to the Sheriff for a final decision. The Sheriff shall hear the appeal and issue a final and binding decision promptly in the normal course of business.

Nothing in this agreement prevents the DCSO from instituting the proposed discipline prior to the date of the meeting contemplated in D.6 above, but if the discipline is overturned or reduced, the employee must be made whole for any time actually suspended beyond that which is approved by the Division Commander (or designee) or the Sheriff.

G. Appeal from a Severe Disciplinary Action.

An employee receiving a proposed suspension of four (4) working days or longer, demotion to an established classification with a lower maximum salary range, or discharge has the opportunity to appeal as described below.

1. Following a review of a proposed disciplinary action, the Undersheriff (or designee of the Sheriff) will serve on the employee affected, by certified mail or personal delivery, a statement signed by the Undersheriff (or designee) indicating, if applicable, his/her decision based on the employee's response and, if the proposed action is to be implemented, the specific charges against the employee and the effective date of the action. This statement must clearly inform the employee that the employee, through the Association, has the right, within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of this notice, to request in writing an appeal hearing before the Sheriff or his/her designee. The request must be filed by the Association with the Human Resources Manager.
2. If, within the appeal period the Association does not file the appeal, the action of the Undersheriff (or designee) is conclusive.
3. If, within the appeal period, the Association files a notice of appeal by giving to the Human Resources Manager written notice of appeal, then the Human Resources Manager will set a time for an appeal hearing before the Sheriff or his/her designee. The hearing must be held within ten (10) calendar days and a decision must be made within ten (10) calendar days after the hearing.
4. If the Association files a notice of appeal within ten (10) calendar days from the decision of the Sheriff or his designee by giving to the Human Resources Manager written notice of appeal, an External Hearing Officer (EHO) must be chosen, not be less than

fourteen (14) calendar days, nor more than sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the filing of the appeal. All interested parties must be notified in writing of the date, time, and place of hearing at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the hearing.

5. All hearings are private. However, the appellant may request that a hearing be opened to the public.
6. The hearing must be conducted in a manner most conducive to determinations of the truth and NRS 233B.123 will be used by the EHO as a guide in ruling on evidentiary matters.
7. Each party has these rights: to be represented by legal counsel or other person of his/her choice; to call and examine witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues; to introduce exhibits, to cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues even though the matter was not covered on direct examination; to impeach any witness regardless of which party first called the witness to testify; and to rebut the evidence against the party. If the respondent does not testify on the respondent's own behalf, the respondent may be called and examined by the Sheriff's representative as if under cross-examination. Every witness shall declare by oath or affirmation that the witness will testify truthfully.
8. During the examination of a witness, all other witnesses, except the parties, will be excluded from the hearing upon motion of either party.
9. The EHO shall determine whether to sustain, reject, or modify the action demoting, suspending, or discharging the employee. The determination of the EHO is final.
10. The mutually incurred costs for the EHO procedure will be divided equally between the County and the Association.

H. Reduction in Pay.

An employee faced with a disciplinary suspension may, upon mutual agreement between the employee and the DCSO, agree to continue working during the period of suspension. The County, Association and the employee will agree to reduce the employee's base pay a fixed percentage amount for a period not to exceed thirteen (13) consecutive pay periods or until the way reduction reflects the loss of pay the employee would have realized by serving the suspension, whichever is sooner.

ARTICLE 22. EXTERNAL HEARING OFFICER

A. Designation.

The External Hearing Officer (EHO) shall be selected from a six (6) person list established by the parties. Each party shall name three (3) individuals to the list. To be eligible for inclusion on the list, the EHO applicant must

be a licensed attorney and have labor law and arbitration experience.

The individuals selected by the parties to the EHO list are as follows (or as updated by mutual consent):

Charles Askin (DCSPA)
Landsford Leavitt (County)
Geraldine Randall (DCSPA)
David Robinson (County)
Franklin Silver (County)
Barry Winograd (DCSPA)

If the parties cannot agree on the selection of an EHO from the list, the following procedure must be utilized:

1. For the first matter that requires an EHO during the life of the agreement, DCSPA will first strike a name off the list, followed by a strike by the County. The parties will then continue to strike names in the same order until only one name remains. That person shall serve as EHO.
2. On the second matter that requires an EHO during the life of the agreement, the County will strike first, followed by DCSPA until only one name remains.
3. Once a person has been selected and served as an EHO following this procedure, their name will be removed from the list until only two (2) names remain. At that time, all six (6) names will be reinstated on the list for the alternating strike procedure.
4. If the individual selected as the EHO cannot hear the matter within a reasonable time, the parties will repeat the striking procedure

B. Costs.

The fees and expenses of the EHO and of a court reporter, if used, shall be shared equally by DCSPA and the County. Each party shall bear the cost of its own presentation including preparation and post-hearing briefs, if any. If either party rejects the EHO's decision as evidenced by overturning it or seeking relief in Court to have it vacated or modified, that party shall assume full responsibility for all jointly incurred costs of the EHO process.

C. Effect of Decision.

Except as provided in Article 21, section G(9), decisions of an EHO on matters properly before him/her shall be advisory to the Board of County Commissioners. Within sixty (60) days of receipt of the EHO's recommendation, the Board shall make the final decision which in its discretion it deems proper after review of the EHO's report or conducting further investigation as it sees fit.

D. Authority of EHO.

No EHO shall entertain, hear, decide, or make recommendations on any dispute unless such dispute involves an eligible employee in the Association and unless such dispute falls within the definition of a grievance as set forth in Section A(1) of Article 20, Grievance Procedure, and has been processed in accordance with all provision thereof and herein.

No EHO shall have the power to amend or modify a negotiated agreement or addenda supplementary thereto or to establish any new terms or conditions of employment. The EHO's authority shall be limited only the application and interpretation of the provisions of the negotiated agreement. No EHO shall have the power to alter, amend or modify any County or DCSO policy, procedure or regulation.

E. Matters Subject to EHO Procedure.

Proposals to create, add to, or change this written agreement or addenda supplementary hereto shall not be grievable nor submitted to an EHO and no proposal to modify, amend, or terminate a negotiated agreement, nor any matter or subject arising out of or in connection with such proposal, may be referred to this process.

F. Rules of Evidence.

Strict rules of evidence shall not apply. However, rules of evidence and procedures for conduct of hearings shall be guided by the standards in the American Arbitration Association voluntary arbitration rules.

ARTICLE 23. SAFETY

A. Safety Committee.

The parties agree to set up a DCSO Safety Committee to review complaints regarding unsafe working conditions and equipment. The Committee shall consist of two (2) members of the bargaining unit and two (2) members of DCSO management. Meetings shall be held as required, but regular meetings shall not be scheduled more often than once a month.

B. Safety Complaints.

Complaints regarding unsafe working conditions and equipment may be submitted in writing to the Committee by any Association member. The compliant shall state the problem, propose a reasonable solution, and be signed by the complainant.

C. Committee Action.
The Committee shall review and discuss the written complaint at a regular meeting. The complainant may be asked to appear and offer further explanation. After reviewing the complaint, the Committee shall make a written recommendation to the Sheriff.

D. Sheriff's Review.
The Sheriff shall review all committee recommendations and make a decision to approve, modify or reject such recommendation within thirty (30) days.

E. Appeal to Commission.
Should the Safety Committee's recommendation not be approved, the Committee may request that the Safety Officer meet with the Committee in an attempt to resolve the difference or present the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. The action taken by the Board of County Commissioners after reviewing the matter shall be final and binding. Safety complaints shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 24. UNIFORMS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

A. Uniforms.

1. The County agrees to provide an annual uniform allowance as of $1,200 per employee.

2. Annual uniform allowances shall be paid one-half in December and one-half in June.

3. A new hire employee will not receive a uniform allowance the first year of their employment with the County.

B. Safety Equipment.
Upon initial employment, the County shall provide each new employee with $500 to purchase safety equipment. Additionally, the County will provide each new hire, upon successful completion of the JTO Program, a protective vest, up to the 3a threat level. The purchase price will not exceed $675. Any protective vest that the County has purchased for an employee must be returned to the County upon replacement or upon ending employment.

C. Initial Allowance.

The County will provide each new hire with a full uniform and equipment, to be obtained from a vendor the County has chosen, with the style, make and manufacture of the uniforms and equipment to be determined by the County. Any additional equipment, upgrades or substitutions to the equipment will be at the new hire's own cost. There will be no allowance given to a new hire that chooses not to acquire any portion of the County-provided uniforms or equipment. Attached as Appendix "B" to this Agreement is a list of what uniforms the County will supply to a new hire. The County will meet and confer with the Association prior to making any significant changes in what it will provide in Appendix "B."

D. Return of Equipment and Uniforms.

An employee who fails to pass initial probation shall turn in all equipment or uniforms issued or purchased through the provision of this article. Original purchase uniforms/equipment lost or damaged shall be reimbursed to the DCSO by the departing employee. The County may require probationary employees to sign an agreement that allows the County to deduct the costs of unreturned equipment or uniforms from a separating employee's check or provide for other relief. The County is solely responsible for any such program that it chooses to create and implement.

No used equipment or uniforms shall be reissued to unit members unless properly cleaned or reconditioned as necessary. The Undersheriff shall administer the provisions of this paragraph.

E. Uniform Requirement Changes.

If the Sheriff changes the uniform requirements which necessitate the purchase of additional equipment or uniform articles, the County agrees to provide the initial piece of equipment or uniform article to each employee.

F. Replacement of Destroyed or Damaged Uniforms and Safety Equipment.

If an employee's uniform or safety equipment is destroyed or damaged beyond repair during an on-duty enforcement action, the County will replace that uniform or equipment provided that the employee has prepared a report and pulled a case number documenting the destruction.

ARTICLE 25. REPLACEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Replacement Cost Limits.
The County and the Association agree that reasonable replacement cost limits may be placed upon certain items. The employee shall, to the extent practicable, provide receipts or other document justifying the loss and verifying the purchase. Following is a list of items and replacement cost limits. Reasonable replacement cost limits for items not listed but approved for reimbursement, will be determined by the Sheriff and shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

	ITEMS	MAXIMUM AMOUNT
1.	Prescription Eyeglasses	$200
2.	Contact Lenses	$200
3.	Watches	$50
4.	Cellular Phone	$100

ARTICLE 26. DRUG TESTING

The County's drug and alcohol testing policy shall be in effect. The parties will meet and confer if substantial changes regarding discipline are proposed by the County. However, if state or federal law requires the County to make those changes, they will be implemented as required and within applicable time frames, with notification to the Association. Nothing in this article shall preclude an employee or the Association from appealing disciplinary action pursuant to Article 21.

ARTICLE 27. PEACEFUL PERFORMANCE

The parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge that the services performed by the County employees covered by this Agreement are essential to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the County of Douglas. The Association agrees that under no circumstances will the Association recommend, encourage, cause or permit its members to initiate, participate in, nor will any member of the Association take part in, any strike, sit-down, stay-in, sickout, slowdown, or picketing in connection with a labor dispute (hereinafter collectively referred to as work-stoppage), in any office or department of the County, nor to curtail any work or restrict any production, or interfere with any operation of the County. In the event of any such work-stoppage by any member of the Association, the County shall not be required to negotiate on the merits of any disputes which may have given rise to such work-stoppage until said work-stoppage has ceased.

In the event of any work-stoppage, during the term of this Agreement, whether by the Association or by any member of the Association, the Association by its officers, shall immediately declare in writing and publicize that such work-stoppage is in violation of this Agreement and unauthorized, and further direct its members in writing to cease the said conduct and resume work. Copies of such written notice shall be served upon the County. In the event of any work stoppage the Association promptly and in good faith performs the obligations of this paragraph, and providing the Association had not otherwise authorized, permitted or encouraged such work-stoppage, the Association shall not be liable for any damages caused by the violation of this provision. However, the County shall have the right to discipline, to include discharge, any employee who instigates, participates in, or gives leadership to, any work-stoppage activity herein prohibited, and the County shall have the right to seek full legal redress, including damages, as against any such employee.

ARTICLE 28. FULL UNDERSTANDING, MODIFICATION AND WAIVER

A. Full Understanding.
It is intended that this Agreement set forth the complete understanding of the parties regarding the matters included herein.

B. Alteration of Economic Benefits.
During the term of this Agreement specific economic benefits which are listed as a subject of mandatory bargaining in NRS 288.150.2 shall not be changed, except by mutual agreement.

C. Modification Requirements.
Any agreement, alteration, understanding, waiver or modification of any of the terms or provisions contained in this Agreement shall not be binding on the parties unless made and signed in writing by all of the parties to this Agreement, and if required, approved and implemented by the Board of County Commissioners.

D. Waiver.
The waiver of any breach, term or condition of this Agreement by either party shall not constitute a precedent in the future enforcement of all its terms and provisions.

E. Compliance with ADA.
The parties recognize that the County may be required to make certain accommodations to carry out its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Some of these accommodations may require actions which are contrary to the language or intent of existing provisions

of the Agreement. The parties agree that such accommodation shall not constitute a past practice or waiver by either party to its right to fully enforce such provision in the future with regard to persons not subject to the protections of the ADA.

Recognizing that circumstances surrounding ADA compliance in individual cases necessarily involve matters which are personal and require the utmost confidentiality, specifics of an individual case shall not be divulged by the County. This section shall not be grievable nor subject to arbitration.

ARTICLE 29. LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A. Representatives and Function.
A committee of a minimum of three (3) representatives of the Employer and three (3) representatives of the Association will meet upon the request of either party. The meetings will be held at mutually agreed times and places and are for the purpose of:

1. Discussing the administration of this Agreement.
2. Exchange of general information of interest to both parties.
3. Giving the Association representatives the opportunity to share the views of their members or make suggestions on subject of interest to their members.
4. To meet and confer on health insurance when required by this Agreement.
5. Market comparisons at the end of this Agreement.
6. The Pay for Performance Plan.

B. Notice of Issues.
Any issues to be discussed must be in writing and delivered by the requesting party to the other party at least seventy-two (72) hours before the scheduled meeting.

C. Recommendations.
Any conclusions or mutual recommendations of this Committee must be reduced to writing.

D. Advisory Function.
The Labor Management Committee is advisory only and may not engage in collective bargaining or reach any agreements to amend the contract.

E. Chairperson.
The initial Chairperson will be an Association representative and at six (6) month intervals the position will alternate between the two sides.

F. Attendance by Other Persons.
Additional persons may attend the Labor Management/Committee meetings at the request of either party, with twenty-four (24) hours notice, to present information to the Committee members.

ARTICLE 30. SAVINGS PROVISION

A. Should any provision of this Agreement be found to be in contravention of any Federal or State law, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, such particular provision shall be null and void, but all other provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until otherwise canceled or amended. In the event that any provision shall be held unlawful and unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the parties agree to meet forthwith for the purpose of renegotiating such provision in an attempt to reach a valid agreement.

B. In the event that Section A above is applicable or Chapter 288 of the Nevada Resided Statutes is amended, at the request of either party the County and Association negotiating teams will meet to discuss the ramification(s) of the changes in the law on the current Agreement.

FOR THE COUNTY

Douglas V. Ritchie, Chief Negotiator

Doug N. Johnson, Chairman
Douglas County
Board of Commissioners

03 Sept 2015
Date

FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Todd Vinger, Chief Negotiator

Jesse McKone, President
Douglas County Sheriff's Protective
Association

9/2/15
Date

Appendix "A"

APPENDIX "A"

DOUGLAS COUNTY PAY PLAN - DCSPA Positions

Effective 07/01/2015

PAY GRADE	TITLE	JOB CODE	HOURLY MIN	HOURLY MID	HOURLY MAX	ANNUAL MIN	ANNUAL MID	ANNUAL MAX
PS1	Deputy Sheriff I	1840	$20.02	$23.88	$28.66	$41,641.60	$49,670.40	$59,612.80
PS2	Deputy Sheriff II	1850	$21.08	$26.35	$31.63	$43,846.40	$54,808.00	$65,790.40
PS3	Investigator I	2280	$23.89	$29.87	$35.84	$49,691.20	$62,129.60	$74,547.20
PS4	Investigator II	2290	$25.51	$31.89	$38.27	$53,060.80	$66,331.20	$79,601.60

Appendix "B"

The County will provide the following to each new hire, to be obtained from a vendor the County has chosen, with the style, make and manufacture of the uniforms and equipment to be determined by the County:

3 BDU Pants with one belt

3 BDU Long Sleeve Shirts

3 BDU Short sleeve Shirts

1 Complete Dress Uniform with Jacket

1 pair of black duty boots

1 Jacket (combined parka and windbreaker)

1 "Sam Browne style" leather including holster, belt, keepers, radio holder, cuff case, magazine holder and key holder.

Any additional equipment, upgrades or substitutions to the equipment will be at the new hire's own cost. There will be no allowance given to a new hire that chooses not to acquire any portion of the County-provided uniforms or equipment.

The County will meet and confer with the Association prior to making any significant changes in what items it will provide to each new hire as identified in this Appendix "B."

Douglas County State of Nevada

CERTIFIED COPY

I certify that the document to which this certificate is attached is a full and correct copy of the original record on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office on this

8th day of July, 2015

By _____ Deputy