

# AGREEMENT between

LYON COUNTY, NEVADA

and

LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION July 1, 2017-June 30, 2019

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## **PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS, County and Association are engaged in public services essential to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of County; and

WHEREAS, County, its employees and representatives of its employees have a high degree of responsibility to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement and the employees covered by this Agreement recognize their responsibility to provide the services for which they are involved without interruption; and

WHEREAS, the parties understand that the Board of Lyon County Commissioners is charged by law with the duty and responsibility of operating and providing county government services and in carrying out those duties and responsibilities in employing county employees in its operations. The terms and conditions of employment of employees and County regulations and rules affecting the employment of those employees are matters of mutual concern to County and Association. It is the intent and purpose of this Agreement to assure sound and mutually beneficial economic and employment relations between the parties hereto; to attempt to provide an orderly and peaceful means of conducting negotiations, exchange of communications and views, and resolutions of any misunderstandings or grievances, and to set forth in writing hereinafter the Agreement between the parties covering rates of pay, wages, hours of work and other conditions of employment so that both parties are accorded the rights granted to them by Nevada Revised Statutes and that each party recognizes and respects the statutory rights of the other party.

This agreement is entered into between the County of Lyon, Nevada, herein after referred to as the "County", and the Lyon County Sheriff's Employees Association, herein after referred to as the "Association." It is the intent and purpose of this Agreement to assure sound and mutually beneficial working and economic relationships between the parties hereto, to provide an orderly and peaceful means of resolving any misunderstandings or differences which may arise, and to set forth herein, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 288, the basic and full agreement between the parties concerning rates of pay, wages, hours of employment and other conditions of employment.

## ARTICLE 1. EFFECTIVE DATES

This Agreement shall be effective as of the1st day of July, 2017, and shall remain in full force and effect to and including the 30th day of June, 2019.

# ARTICLE 2. RECOGNITION, PARTIES

Association is hereby recognized as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative for the purpose of establishing wages, hours and conditions of employment pursuant to the provisions of NRS 288.010 et seq., for all classified employees in the bargaining unit(s) covered by this Agreement, which included all classified employees within supervisory and non-supervisory law enforcement officer positions in the following classifications:

- (1) Non-Supervisory Bargaining Unit
  - a. Deputy
- (2) Supervisory Bargaining Unit
  - a. Sergeant
  - b. Lieutenant

The parties recognize that additional classifications may be established which are assigned to the unit. In the event that the County establishes a new classification which is to be assigned to the bargaining unit or changes an existing bargaining unit classification, the Association will be notified in writing of the proposed new established wage rate and job description or changed classification prior to adoption to allow the Association an opportunity for discussion.

If within thirty (30) days of notification of the proposed wage rate for the new classification, the Association provides written notification of their disagreement with the rate established, the wage rate shall be subject to mandatory bargaining.

# ARTICLE 3. NO-STRIKE CLAUSE

The Association will not promote, sponsor or engage in any strike against the County, slow down or interruption of operation, concentrated stoppage of work, absence from work upon any pretext or excuse such as illness, which is not founded in fact; or any other intentional interruption of the operations of the County, regardless of the reason for so doing; and will use its reasonable efforts to induce all employees covered by this Agreement to comply with this pledge.

The County will not lock out any employees during the term of this Agreement as a result of a labor dispute with the Association.

## ARTICLE 4. RIGHTS OF MANAGEMENT

The County, Sheriff, and Commissioners retain, and do not waive in any respect, all rights conferred upon them, jointly and severally, by NRS Chapter 288, any and all other provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes, and relevant case law including current language under: NRS 288.150.

The parties agree that the specific subject matters listed under NRS 288.150 above will change as the law changes.

## ARTICLE 5. NON-DISCRIMINATION

- A. The County will not interfere with or discriminate against any employee covered by this agreement because membership in or legitimate activity as required in this Agreement on behalf of the members of a negotiating unit, nor will the County encourage membership in another employee bargaining organization.
- B. The Association recognizes its responsibility as the exclusive negotiating agent and agrees to represent all employees in the negotiating unit without discrimination, interference, restraint, or coercion.
- C. In Accordance with NRS Chapter 613 and all other applicable state and federal laws, the provisions of this Agreement shall be applied equally to all covered employees without discrimination as to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, political affiliation or disability, except when based upon a bona fide occupational qualification.

#### ARTICLE 6. RIGHTS OF ASSOCIATION

In accordance with the 2015 revision to N.R.S. 288, the parties agree that <u>an employee designated</u> by the Association to perform duties and/or provide services on behalf of the Association will use one or a combination of all, vacation leave, compensatory time off, and/or personal leave time to perform such Association duties/services. This Association representation time includes, but may not be limited to, representing the Association as a Grievance Committee Member, Negotiation Team Member, Labor Relations Workshops Member, Association grievances, Association disciplines, Association arbitrations, representation of Association Members, etc. N.R.S. 288 and this Section do not apply to the employee(s) themselves requesting/needing representation by the Association. If an Association representative does not have sufficient leave accruals for meetings with the County during the employee's normal working hours, the employee representative will then be on Leave Without Pay for the actual time spent in a meeting. Any meetings with the County that are scheduled during off-duty hours of such Association representative shall not be regarded as hours worked and no deduction of time/pay will be taken by the County.

- A. County recognizes and agrees to deal with representatives of Association on all matters covered by this Agreement and pursuant to the provisions of NRS 288.010 et seq., so long as the subject matter does not impinge upon County's management rights provided by NRS 288.150. To the maximum extent practicable, only non-supervisory employees shall represent non-supervisory employees. To the maximum extent practicable, only supervisory employees shall represent supervisory employees. Nothing in this agreement prevents the Sheriff from meeting and conferring with Association on matters covered by this agreement.
- B. Selection of representatives of non-supervisory employees and supervisory employees shall be the responsibility of Association. Association shall provide County with a list of its representatives and shall be responsible to maintain and provide County with notification of all changes.
- C. Leave time for employee representative shall be limited for the purpose of (1) attending County meetings, including negotiations, which have a direct impact on the Association, (2) investigating, processing or attending meetings in accordance with the provisions of the grievance-arbitration procedures of the Agreement, or (3) meetings called by the County for information exchange and other conditions designated by the County concerning the interpretation or application of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- D. If such Association business or representation must be conducted during an employee representative's regular work shift, the employee shall submit an advanced leave request (vacation, compensatory time or personal day for the employee to conduct Association affairs.
- E. The Sheriff shall not unreasonably withhold approval of requests for release time pursuant to this Article.
- F. Non-Employee Access: Authorized non-employee Association representatives will be given access to work locations during working hours to investigate and process grievances or post bulletins on bulletin board(s) without unreasonable interference with employee work. The Association shall give the Sheriff a written list of such authorized Association Representatives. Only those people whose name appears on the current list shall be granted access, with prior notification to and approval by the Sheriff or designee, under this provision.
- G. The Association will be provided space for a bulletin board not exceeding 3 x 4 feet at location the Sheriff's Office and Substations subject to location approved by the Sheriff or designee. The location approved shall not include areas that are hidden from the membership including locked rooms or closets. Materials to be posted subject to review and approval by the Sheriff or designee and shall not contain any obscene, defamatory, derogatory or of a partisan political nature nor shall pertain to public issues which do not involve the County or its relationship with the Association. The Association

may use county telephones and County e-mail as approved by the Sheriff regarding processing grievances and Association meetings and negotiations. The Association is authorized to use County copiers to reproduce materials regarding grievances and negotiations and will reimburse County for actual costs. County-owned meeting facilities may be made available to Association upon the same basis as the facilities are made available to the public. If a rental or use fee is charged to the public, the same rental or use fee shall be charged to Association.

H. The Sheriff, or his designee, and the Association will meet quarterly, and more or less frequently by mutual agreement for the purpose of engaging in labor management meetings. The purpose of said meetings is to informally discuss matters of concern and/or interest to either party. Up to three (3) employee representatives will be approved for leave time if meeting is scheduled during regular work hours subject to the operational requirements of the Sheriff's Department as determined by the Sheriff or designee.

## ARTICLE 7. COMPENSATION (WAGES)

## (1) Basic Compensation

The County will require direct deposit for all employees on and after July 1, 2002. Exceptions for good cause subject to approval by County Manager or designee.

All employees will be paid on each bi-weekly Friday with salary computed through the end of the preceding payroll cycle. The amount of pay shall be for the number of hours on duty or on authorized paid absence. Pay rates shall be as specified in the attached Appendices. Base hourly rate as used in this labor agreement shall be defined as the employee's step on the applicable salary appendix attached to this contract unless otherwise indicated. Base hourly rate shall be increased by the applicable special pays for any employee so assigned where specified under certain articles in this Agreement.

Basic compensation for all employees in the bargaining unit(s), shall be based upon a work year of 2,080 hours. The employee's basic hourly rate shall be the basic annual rate divided by 2,080. The employee shall record time worked/leave on the applicable day, defined as time between 00:00:00 and 24:00:00. This definition of a day applies to all time recorded, whether it is base pay, vacation, sick, overtime, shift, holiday, etc. The employee's 80 hour work period may not be the same as bi-weekly pay period. Overtime rates, where applicable, shall be compensated according to federal wage/hour law and terms and conditions of this Agreement. Basic compensation shall be:

FY 2018: There will be an increase to the 2016-2017 salary schedule (Appendix A to July 1, 2017 Agreement) of 1.0% effective the first full pay period after July 1, 2017 (See attached Appendix B).

FY 2019: There will be an increase to the 2017-2018 salary schedule (Appendix B to July 1, 2018 Agreement) of 1.5% effective the first full pay period after July 1, 2018 (See attached Appendix C).

Any employee hired to begin at Step 1 by reason of qualifications shall only be required to serve the requisite number of years in grade for the Step for which he/she was hired. In the following salary schedules the reference to year(s) is year(s) in the particular grade of Deputy, Sergeant and Lieutenant and is not a reference to total years of County employment. Employees who are Nevada POST certified (Category I/III) when hired will begin at Step 1, and will be required to serve 2 continuous years in Step 1. If employee is hired without Nevada POST certification (Category I/III) the employee will begin at Entry/Probationary Step and move to Step 1 on completion of 1 year of employment. Employees hired in at step 1 must still serve an eighteen (18) month probationary period.

Upon promotion the employee shall receive at least a five (5.0%) percent pay increase not to exceed the top step in the salary schedule.

Employees who have met or exceeded the standard performance on their annual evaluation, and are at the top step of their salary grade will receive a longevity bonus of two and one-half (2.5%) of their base pay, once a year, on the first pay period following the employee's anniversary date. Longevity bonus is not added to base salary.

Any employee hired to begin at Step 1 by reason of qualifications shall only be required to serve the requisite number of years in grade for the Step for which he/she was hired. In the following salary schedules the reference to year(s) is year(s) in the particular grade of Deputy, Sergeant and Lieutenant and is not a reference to total years of County employment.

#### (2) Incentive Compensation

On the recommendation of the Sheriff, and if budgeted by the Lyon County Commissioners, periodic bonus increases may be granted to employees as recognition for the duties assigned to their position in the form of a bonus payment. Any bonus granted to an employee shall not be considered an increase to basic compensation.

Bonuses shall be paid at the rate of \$.75 per hour effective the first full pay period following July 1, 2004 and \$1.00 effective the first full pay period following July 1, 2005, in addition to the basic hourly wage, while the employee is actively engaged in the following duties:

- a. FTO duties.
- b. Rangemaster duties.
- c. POST Certified Instructor Training
- d. Bilingual

## (3) Shift Differential

All classified employees shall receive shift differential pay on all hours worked between 6pm and 6am. Shift differential shall be paid at \$2.00 per hour.

## (4) Work Hours and Overtime

- A. The normal pay period of employees covered by this agreement shall consist of eighty (80) hours. Either an eight (8) hour, five (5) day work week or an ten (10) hour, four (4) day work week. The scheduling of work shifts and workweeks shall be as directed by the Sheriff. The parties hereby recognize that review of alternative work schedules (such as twelve (12) hour shifts) is ongoing. The Sheriff and the County may implement any subsequent Memorandum of Agreement or Understanding executed between the parties during the term of the labor agreement.
- B. Duty hours shall be devoted fully to the performance of assigned duties. Periods of absence for personal matters shall not be credited toward duty hours and must be charged to vacation leave, compensatory leave, sick leave, or other approved forms of leave, as contained in this Agreement or be recorded as an unexcused absence.
- C. This Article is intended to be construed only as a basis for calculating overtime and shall not be construed as a guarantee of hours of work per day or per week.
- D. Overtime shall be defined as any time worked in excess of the normal pay period or the normal work shift. Time worked shall include vacation, county approved personal days and CTO.
- E. Overtime shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) basic pay as defined by federal wage/hour law. Employees may elect compensatory time off in lieu of overtime pay. Compensatory time off will be earned at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) hours off of compensatory time for each hour of overtime worked. Compensatory time shall be taken within one hundred and twenty (120) work days of accrual, or else compensated in cash. In lieu of overtime or premium pay for working a holiday, compensatory time-off may be allowed and scheduled subject to the convenience of the employee and Department. Court appearance overtime shall be eligible for compensatory time-off. Compensatory time may be accrued up to a maximum of two hundred and forty (240) hours. Overtime shall be paid for all hours actually worked in excess of eight (8) hours in one work day in a 5 day workweek (the work week begins at 12:01 am on Saturday and ends at 12:00 midnight on the next Friday)/10 hours in one work day in a 4 day workweek (the work week begins at 12:01 am on Saturday and ends at 12:00 midnight on the next\_Friday), or in excess of eighty (80) hours in a 14 day work period provided that:
  - 1. No overtime shall be paid when an employee works two shifts in one twenty-four hour work day because of rotation from one shift to another.
- F. It is the policy of Lyon County that overtime shall be kept to an absolute minimum consistent with the basic functions and purposes of the Sheriff's Office. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted to restrict, in any fashion, the right of the Sheriff's Office to require employees to work overtime as determined appropriate by management, subject only to the payment as required by Sections B or D of this Article.

- G. Except as provided in (Article 8 Work Hours), overtime pay for law enforcement personnel shall be calculated at one and on-half (1-1/2) times the employee's regular straight time hourly rate for each hour or major fraction thereof worked.
- H. All overtime must have the previous authorization of the Sheriff except when, due to an emergency, the Sheriff's approval cannot be obtained and it appears to the supervisor of the employee that such overtime is necessary.

# (5) Call-Back Pay, Stand-by and Phone Calls:

- A. Any employee who is called in to duty during a time when the employee is not regularly scheduled to work, including court appearance, shall be paid at the rate of time and one half (1-1/2) basic pay for each hour worked, on duty, but not less than two (2) hours for the period called to duty. Employee may elect compensatory time off in lieu of overtime pay. Compensatory time off will be earned at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) hours off for each hour of overtime worked. The employee's duty time shall start when the employee reports for duty and ends when the employee is released from duty.
- B. Call-back pay and the two (2) hour minimum do not apply to overtime scheduled with more than 12 hours notice or where the employee is held beyond his/her regular shift. The work schedule as used in this Article is defined as indicated on the regular schedule as posted the fifteenth day of each month.
- C. Subsections (d) through (f) apply to all members with an effective date of membership on or before June 30, 2008.
- D. Except as it may conflict with the Nevada Administrative Code 284.214, call-back pay is defined as compensation earned for returning to duty after a member has completed his regular shift, is off duty for any period of time, and is requested to return to duty with less than 12 hours notice.
- E. Scheduling the 12-hour rule set forth in subsection (a) may be activated by an electronic call-out if required for the shift scheduling from the County. Any electronic response system must comply with the 12-hour rule and not allow the employee call-in response to govern notification for purposes of the 12-hour rule. An employer may not convert what would otherwise be an overtime shift to a call-back shift by waiting until there is less than 12-hours notice to request a return to duty, if the employer has knowledge more than 12 hours before the start of the shift to be staffed, either through notification or through normal staffing policies, of the staffing need.
- F. Subsections (g) through (k) apply to all members with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2008.

- G. Except as it may conflict with the Nevada Administrative Code 284.214, call-back pay is defined as compensation earned for returning to duty after a member has completed his regular shift and is requested to return to duty with less than 12 hours notice to respond to an emergency, except for any member who is (1) called into work while on standby status, (2) not required to leave the premises where he 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 scheduled work shift.
- H. For call-back pay purposes "emergency" means a sudden, unexpected occurrence that involves clear and imminent danger and requires immediate action to prevent or mitigate the endangerment of lives, health, or property. Such an emergency must be declared by the governing body or chief administrative officer of the County.
- I. Scheduling the 12-hour rule set forth in subsection (a) may be activated by an electronic call-out if required for the shift scheduling from the County. Any electronic response system must comply with the 12-hour rule and not allow the employee call-in response to govern notification for purposes of the 12-hour rule.
- J. An employer may not convert what would otherwise be an overtime shift to a call-back shift by waiting until there is less than 12 hours notice to request a return to duty, if the employer has knowledge more than 12 hours before the start of the shift to be staffed, either through notification or through normal staffing policies, of the staffing need.
- K. Whenever an employee is called back to work by his supervisor pursuant to the terms of this Article, he shall be credited with a minimum two (2) hours work at the rate of time and one-half.

#### L. Standby Time:

Standby time is defined as any time other than time when the employee is actually working, which has been specifically scheduled and directed by the Sheriff or his designee, during which the employee is restricted in order to be immediately available for call to duty. Immediately available means the employee will have a less than ninety (90) minute response time to their normally assigned duty station. Exceptions for inclement weather and other unforeseen circumstances will be taken into account.

Standby time does not include any time where an employee carries a pager to respond to calls when available. Employees on scheduled standby shall be compensated at the rate of one-eighth (1/8) hour pay at the regular hourly rate for each one (1) hour period of standby.

#### M. Phone Calls:

If an employee receives a duty related telephone call during non-duty hours from a supervisor, or at the request of a supervisor, the employee shall receive a minimum of 15 minutes of work time. If the work time actually extends beyond 15 minutes, the work time shall be rounded to the nearest 15-minute increment. This provision is intended to apply

to situations where it is necessary to obtain information from the employee regarding a work situation. It is not intended to apply to calls on matters such as requests to work overtime, or directives given to the employee to report to work early or other reporting instructions. For purposes of this article, supervisor means one rank higher, someone acting as the watch commander or as approved by the Sheriff or his designee.

# (6) Holiday Pay

- A. When a holiday occurs on an employee's scheduled work day and the employee receives the day off, the employee shall be compensated for their scheduled hours at regular pay, and such compensation shall be considered when computing overtime pay for that pay period.
- B. If an employee is required to work a holiday (not including callback), the employee shall be compensated at two and one-half time (2  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) basic hourly pay times their hours worked. The scheduled hours shall be included when computing overtime pay for that pay period.
  - 1. If the date that the State of Nevada recognizes a holiday differs from the date for the same holiday defined under Section f and the employee works both of these days, the employee may choose which of the two days to enter as holiday worked on their timesheet. The date not chosen should be entered as base pay on the timesheet. If an employee works only one of the days, they should report holiday worked on their timesheet for the day they actually worked. Under current state law, PERS will only be paid for holiday worked reported on a date recognized by the State for a holiday.
- C. If a holiday occurs on an employee's scheduled days off employee shall be compensated regular hourly pay for their scheduled hours, such compensation shall be considered when computing overtime for that period.
- D. If an employee is required to work callback on a holiday, the employee shall be compensated at triple (3 times) regular hourly pay for the callback hours worked. Employees are responsible for documenting holiday callback on timesheets.
- E. If a holiday occurs on an employee's scheduled day off the employee shall be eligible for use of vacation leave time up to 40 hours in the week for scheduled work days. The employee will also be eligible for Holiday pay for any holiday that occurs on the employees scheduled day off during the pay period. The extra day of vacation pay will not apply towards hours worked for calculating overtime.

F. Holidays for the purpose of this Section shall be as follows:

January 1 (New Year's Day)
Third Monday in January (Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday)
Third Monday in February (President's Day)
Last Monday in May (Memorial Day)
July 4 (Independence Day)
First Monday in September (Labor Day)
Last Friday in October (Nevada Day)
November 11 (Veterans' Day)
Fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day)
Friday following the fourth Thursday in November (Family Day)
December 25 (Christmas Day)

- G. The word schedule (d) as used in this Article is defined as indicated on the regular schedule as posted the fifteenth day of each month.
- H. For employees scheduled to work Monday through Friday, designated holidays falling on a Saturday shall be celebrated as paid time off on the preceding Friday and designated holidays falling on a Sunday shall be celebrated as paid time off on the following Monday.
- I. For employees scheduled to work a schedule other than Monday through Friday, a designated holiday falling on an employee's regularly scheduled work day or day off shall be paid as prescribed in Section f. of this Article.

# (7) Special Pay Practices

# A. Temporary Supervisor Pay:

In the unforeseen event an employee is assigned by the Sheriff or his designee to assume the duties of a shift supervisor for two (2) hours or more, he/she shall be paid at a Step 3 of the higher rank, for the duration of the assignment. Preference shall be given to employees on current promotional eligibility lists, then FTOs. No employee shall be assigned such duty nor permitted to assume such duty until he/she has completed probation. This is intended for unforeseen events not lasting longer than one (1) shift.

For longer periods, an employee assigned by the Sheriff or his designee in an acting capacity to work in a higher job classification than the employee's regular classification, shall be paid for the higher classification at a step of the higher rank, at least five (5%) higher than his/her current salary step.

B. Court Appearances: All employees, including supervisory Bargaining Unit employees, required to appear before courts or administrative agencies on County business shall be paid their regular pay, including overtime as appropriate. No employees shall receive or retain any witness fees for such appearances. If the employee is in an off duty status a minimum two (2) hours will be paid at the overtime rate of pay.

C. Cancellation of Court Appearances: If an employee is in an off duty status and does not receive at least twenty-four (24) hours notice of cancellation of said court appearance, he/she shall be paid 2 hours at the employee's regular hourly rate. Notice of cancellation may be in writing, by telephone, in person or by message left on the employee's answer phone or other electronic means. In order to be eligible for this benefit the employee must have called the Lyon County District Attorney between 36 and 24 hours prior to the scheduled court appearance.

# (8) Educational Incentive

Those employees who have the following Nevada POST Certificates at the beginning of each fiscal year:

Intermediate POST or Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice: \$250/year Advanced POST or Bachelors' Degree: \$500/year Supervisor POST: \$600/year Management POST or Master's Degree: \$750/year

Degrees must be from an institution accredited by the US Department of Education. The educational incentive pay may be received for either the POST certificate or the degree, not both. Employees are eligible for educational incentive pay for a collegiate degree upon the completion of their initial probation period.

This bonus will be paid in the second pay period of July of each Fiscal Year. Educational incentive payments will not be cumulative. If employee becomes eligible for this benefit after July 1st in any year he/she will not be entitled to this benefit until July 1st of the Fiscal Year following the year in which the employee became eligible.

# (9) Physical Fitness

Employees who successfully complete the physical fitness evaluation adopted by Nevada P.O.S.T. for category 1/3 P.O.S.T. certification administered by the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, shall receive \$250 the first pay period of the new fiscal year effective the first full pay period following July 1, 2006. A signature by the Sheriff on the physical fitness evaluation form and request for payment will satisfy the County's need for proof of completion. The standards for successful completion of the physical fitness evaluation and any denial are not negotiable or subject to the negotiated grievance procedure.

## ARTICLE 8. COMPENSATION (NON-WAGE BENEFITS)

## (1) Vacation

a. Employees shall earn vacation leave at the rate of 3.333 hours per month (40 hours per year) for the first year of continuous employment with the

- County. An employee is entitled to take vacation time after six (6) months service with County.
- b. After one year of continuous employment with the County, employees shall earn vacation benefits at the rate of ten (10) hours of vacation pay for each calendar month or major fraction thereof. Employees who have completed five (5) or more years of consecutive service shall earn vacation benefits at the rate of fourteen (14) hours of vacation for each calendar month or major fraction thereof. Vacation credits shall accrue for each pay period the employee is in full pay status for a major portion of regular scheduled biweekly hours.
- c. An employee shall be paid at his/her regular rate of pay for each hour of vacation time taken. Vacation shall be charged on the basis of one hour for each full hour or major portion of an hour of vacation time taken.
- d. Vacation dates shall be granted and scheduled at the discretion of the Sheriff. Where possible Sheriff will grant vacation dates on the basis of seniority within the classified job classification -- Deputy, Sergeant, Lieutenant.
- e. Vacations taken during a bi-weekly pay period shall be charged before vacation earned during the pay period is credited.
- f. An employee's accrued vacation shall not exceed two hundred forty (240) hours. In the event that an employee is not authorized to take vacation time to reduce accrued vacation time to the maximum permitted accrual, he/she shall be paid for all excess hours above two hundred forty (240). This maximum vacation accrual of two hundred forty (240) hours is mandated by Nevada Revised Statute 245.210 section 2. (a).
- g. Upon separation of employment County shall compensate employees for all accrued vacation time.
- h. Employee's becoming ill while on vacation leave may have leave charged to sick leave upon request and upon presentation of proper documentation.
- i. Sheriff in his discretion shall make available a reasonable period of time for employees to take earned vacation. In the event that scheduled leave shall be canceled or denied, the employee shall be paid for that amount of leave lost in excess off maximum accrual.

## (2) Sick Leave

- a. Each employee shall earn sick and disability leave with pay at the rate of ten (10) hours of leave for each calendar month, or major faction thereof. A maximum of one thousand two hundred and fifty (1,250) hours of sick leave may be accumulated.
- b. Sick leave with pay may be granted upon approval of the Sheriff in event of a bona fide illness of an employee or member of his/her immediate family (defined as spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, adopted child, step-child living with the employee, grandparent, grandchild, or corresponding relation by affinity). Family sick leave shall be counted as part of regular sick leave. Employees may use up to 12 weeks per year of family sick leave subject the requirements of the family Medical Leave Act.
- c. Sheriff may require a physician's statement as to the authenticity of the reasons for absence on sick leave when such sick leave is for more than three (3) consecutive days, or is taken more than twice in any two consecutive pay periods. If Sheriff shall have cause to believe sick leave is being abused, Sheriff shall require the employee taking sick leave to submit a physician's statement.
- d. The parties agree to abide by all state and/or federal laws applicable to leave for maternity, which shall include adoption of a child of less than six (6) years.
- e. After exhausting accumulated and applicable sick leave an employee may take accumulated vacation leave if employee needs additional time off from work. Leave without pay may be granted by Sheriff at his discretion.
- f. In the event of death of any person related to an employee as described in subparagraph b, preceding, the employee shall be entitled to take leave for the purpose of attending a funeral or other last rites for a period of five (5) days. Such leave shall be charged to sick leave, or to any other appropriate leave of absence, including leave without pay if no paid leave is accrued. At the discretion and approval of the Sheriff or designee based on extenuating circumstances the 5 day maximum may be exceeded with use of accrued vacation leave. No reasonable request will be denied depending on the operational requirements of the Sheriff's Department as determined by the Sheriff or designee.
- g. Effective first full pay period following July, 1, 2004, upon Nevada PERS retirement from Lyon County the employee shall be entitled to payment for unused sick leave in excess of thirty (30) days, according to his/her number of years of Lyon County public service, calculated using the employee's

basic hourly rate of pay as of the effective date of the Nevada PERS retirement as follows:

- For ten (10) years of service or more, but less than fifteen (15) years, employee will be paid for their accrued sick hours over 240 hours not to exceed \$5,000.
- 2. For fifteen (15) years of service or more, but less than twenty (20) years, employee will be paid for their accrued sick hours over 240 hours not to exceed \$6,000.
- 3. For twenty (20) years of service or more, but less than twenty-five (25), employee will be paid for their accrued sick hours over 240 hours not to exceed \$7,000.
- 4. For twenty-five (25) years of service or more, employee will be paid for their accrued sick hours over 240 hours not to exceed \$8,000.

To be eligible for this benefit the employee must be approved for a Nevada PERS retirement, be in good standing with Lyon County and not subject to disciplinary discharge or resignation to avoid a disciplinary discharge. The employee must repay any sick leave payoff received pursuant to this Article prior to the employee being eligible for reemployment with Lyon County. The employee is not entitled to reinstatement of any sick leave on reemployment other than that sick leave covered by the above repayment.

- h. Any employee using 16 hours or less of any combination of sick/family sick leave during current or future calendar years shall be entitled to one (1) personal day off with pay to be used or lost within one (1) year. Scheduling personal day off shall be in the same manner as scheduling vacation leave. The employee is responsible for requesting any earned personal day.
- i. The Sheriff or designee may grant permission to a probationary employee to utilize unaccrued sick leave with pay subject to deduction from future sick leave accruals for approved workers' compensation claims for which there is no workers compensation salary coverage.

## (3) Contractual Excess to Workers Compensation

An employee who suffers an injury or illness in the line of duty with County, and such injury or illness prevents the employee from performing normal or light duties, and who is being compensated under the workers compensation benefits of the State, shall be compensated additionally by County so that the employee's workers' compensation insurance pursuant to NRS Ch. 616/617 and additional County compensation shall total employee's regular take-home pay for the period of injury or illness. Effective on

ratification of this Agreement by the Association and approval by the County Commissioners the County will only pay contractual excess to workers compensation for the first ninety (90) calendar days following the date of the work related injury or illness. Thereafter the employee at his option may continue to receive full salary by utilizing accrued sick and the vacation time. Once such accrued sick and vacation time is exhausted the employee will only receive his worker's compensation salary entitlement pursuant to NRS Ch. 616/617. It is expressly understood that all authorized activities connected with the range (qualification or practice), whether on or off duty, are covered by applicable provisions of NRS Ch. 616/617. Authorized activity requires the presence of a Rangemaster.

# (4) Health Insurance

The County and the Association agree that the County will continue to pay 100% of the cost of the employee's hospitalization and health insurance policy including major medical co-insurance program.

The County and The Association agree that the topic of funding dependent health insurance may be discussed and acted upon during open budget workshops. The County agrees to invite the Association to those workshops.

The County will continue to pay thirty percent (30%) of dependent health insurance premium up to a maximum of \$200.00 per month per employee only for those employees that elect dependent health insurance coverage under the County plan. The thirty percent (30%) up to \$200 per month maximum may not be combined for employees married to another County employee. This contract provision regarding the County paying thirty percent (30%) of dependent health insurance premium up to a maximum of \$200.00 per month per employee expires and is of no further effect after June 30, 2019 without further action if the parties do not mutually agree in writing to continue this benefit in the successor agreement on or before June 30, 2019.

The employee will pay the entire cost of dental, vision and life coverage for his or her spouse or dependents under the group insurance program and seventy percent (70%) or more if 30% of total dependent medical premium exceeds \$200 per month of the cost for his or her spouse or dependent's coverage under the group health insurance program via automatic payroll deduction. This contract provision regarding the County paying thirty percent (30%) of dependent health insurance premium up to a maximum of \$200.00 per month per employee expires and is of no further effect after June 30, 2019 without further action if the parties do not mutually agree in writing to continue this benefit in the successor agreement on or before June 30, 2019.

# (5) Life Insurance

County shall provide a death benefit policy for each in the face amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). This insurance shall be in addition to worker's compensation and health insurance death benefits.

## (6) Retirement

- a. All employees covered by this Agreement shall be included in the State of Nevada Public Employees Retirement System providing benefits granted to firemen and policemen, pursuant to NRS Ch. 286.
- b. County agrees to pay retirement contributions for employees to the Nevada Public Employees Retirement System as provided by law under the employer-paid retirement plan, including the full payment of any increase in contribution.
- c. County agrees to make health insurance coverage available to all employees who retire from the Lyon County Sheriff's Department and who are eligible to receive retirement benefits. Participation in the health plan shall be by election and at the expense of the retired employee.
- d. Employees who have attained the age of seventy (70) years shall be eligible for continued employment on a year-to-year basis upon recommendation of the Sheriff and approval of the Commissioners.

# (7) Uniform Allowance

- a. The County shall pay each new employee a uniform allowance of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600.00).
- b. Lyon County shall pay to every employee, employed by Lyon County at least twelve months, a uniform allowance at the rate of five hundred dollars (\$500) per quarter, payable quarterly the first payday in April, July and October and the last payday in December.
- c. In the event sheriff should alter, modify, or change the existing uniform, County shall pay the cost of any such modification or changes unless the Association agrees that members will pay for some or all of the costs of the modifications or changes.
- d. The County will purchase ballistic vests for all sworn employees who do not have serviceable ballistic vests as determined by the Sheriff subject to the following:

The vests purchased pursuant to this article remain County property and will be returned to the County whenever the employee separates employment with the County unless the employee reimburses the County for full initial cost of the vest.

The County will replace ballistic vests purchased under this Article or previously purchased by sworn employees when the County, in consultation with the Association and manufacturer of the vest, determines the vest is no longer serviceable.

Probationary employees receiving ballistic vests purchased under this Article will reimburse the County through automatic payroll deduction from the probationary employee's final paycheck the full cost of the vest if the probationary employee fails to complete his/her probationary period for any reason.

Employees purchasing ballistic vests will be reimbursed for such vest up to a maximum of \$600 per employee subject to all other provisions of this Article including the vests becoming the property of the County upon presentation of valid dated receipt to the Sheriff or his designee.

The parties agree that the Sheriff will solely determine through general orders or written policy when protective vests will be worn by Sheriff's employees.

## (8) Weapon, Holster, and Magazine Pouch

a. The County shall furnish a weapon, holster, and magazine pouch to each employee in the bargaining unit. The County shall own this equipment and will be responsible to maintain and service the weapon. The employee must qualify with the County-provided weapon as directed by the Lyon County Sheriff's Office. Upon termination of employment, an employee shall return the County-purchased weapon, holster, and magazine pouch to the County.

## ARTICLE 9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

# (1) General Provisions - Unpaid Leaves

- a. A leave of absence may be granted to an employee in a regular (non-probationary) position who indicates in writing intention to return to County service and who has a satisfactory service record at the time the leave is granted.
- b. Leaves of absence for up to thirty (30) working days may be granted by the Sheriff. Leaves for longer periods, up to one (1) year, may be granted by the County Commissioners.
- c. Sheriff may grant an educational leave of absence, leave for temporary loan to another governmental agency for a specific assignment, leave for illness or pregnancy not covered by sick leave, or for other similar

reasons. A leave of absence shall not be granted to an employee who is accepting another position in the classified service or who is leaving County service to accept other employment except as provided in this subsection c.

## (2) Investigatory Leaves

- a. Any employee who is required to discharge a weapon in line of duty shall forthwith be placed on administrative leave with pay pending investigation of the incident by the Sheriff or his duly appointed incident officer or committee. If the investigation requires more than three (3) days Sheriff may assign the employee to other duties where carrying or use of a weapon is not required until completion of the investigation. If Sheriff or his incident officer determines that the weapon use was justified the employee shall be restored to regular duty. If the investigation indicates that the weapon use was not justified the employee shall be placed on unpaid leave pending final disposition of the matter. If the employee finally is found not culpable, the employee shall be restored to regular duty with back pay to the date of suspension.
- b. Any employee charged with any criminal act may be placed on paid or unpaid administrative leave forthwith pending final disposition of the matter at the discretion of the Sheriff. If the employee's innocence is found the employee shall be restored to regular duty with back pay to the date of suspension.

## (3) Jury Duty

a. Effective July 1, 2010 any employee called for jury duty regardless of their assigned shift shall be granted a leave of absence with pay. The employee shall retain any travel pay ordered by the court unless the employee's travel has been at County expense, but shall pay any other fees received to County. Such leave shall not be charged against employee's vacation credit.

## (4) Leave to Accept Unclassified Position

a. A classified employee who is accepting an unclassified position with the Sheriff's Office shall be granted an indefinite unpaid leave of absence from the classified service. This subsection is intended to permit an employee to return to classified service upon termination of service in the unclassified position if the employee otherwise remains in good standing and is not facing disciplinary charges or a substandard performance evaluation and if there is an opening in the classified service for which the employee remains fully qualified.

# (5) Extended Education Leave

a. Upon recommendation of Sheriff an employee may be granted an unpaid leave of absence in excess of one (1) year to attend extended courses at a recognized college or university.

#### (6) Use of Accumulated Vacation Leave

a. Any employee granted and taking an unpaid leave of absence may, at employee's option, utilize accumulated vacation leave to continue to receive pay during all or part of unpaid leave.

## (7) Military Leave

Any employee who is an active member of the Nevada National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, U.S. Air Force Reserve, U.S. Naval Reserve, U.S. Marine Corp Reserve, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve or U.S. Public Health Service Reserve shall be entitled to leave of absence to service under orders on training duty up to fifteen (15) working days with pay in any one calendar year.

# (8) Voting

a. Employees shall be granted leave of absence with pay for voting purposes, pursuant to NRS 293.463.

#### ARTICLE 10. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

## (1) General Policy

The parties to this Agreement confirm that the general employment policy of County with respect to employees shall be that County in all instances shall attempt to hire and retain the most competent and best qualified applicants and employees. The parties recognize that County believes that NRS 281.370 mandates that all County personnel actions "be based solely on merit and fitness". If two or more employees are equally competent and qualified, then seniority shall be used to determine which employee is to be retained. The parties recognize that Association may choose at some time during the pendency of this Agreement to challenge the legal effect of NRS 281.370. County agrees that in the event NRS 281.370 shall be determined by a court of proper jurisdiction not to be mandatory upon County, that County subsequently shall consider seniority equally with merit and fitness as factors determining personnel actions. Sheriff shall determine questions of merit and fitness (competence and qualifications). Ability to work well with the public and fellow employees shall be given substantial weight as a qualification.

An employee shall be entitled to retain employment with County only so long as the employee shall perform assigned duties satisfactorily and so long as employee's public and private conduct conforms to the high standards of conduct expected of a law enforcement officer. No permanent employee shall be discharged without just cause.

# (2) Hiring Policy

The parties agree that hiring is not subject to the terms of this Agreement, that a prospective employee is not subject to this Agreement until after the prospect has accepted employment with County. All hiring decisions are the sole prerogative of Sheriff. County may hire a new employee at the entry level, or at any other level, as to County may see proper. All new employees, whether hired at the entry level or other level, shall be classified as probationary employees for a period of eighteen (18) months; however, the Sheriff reserves the right to remove the probationary employee from a probationary status and place them into a regular full-time employee prior to the end of the eighteen (18) month period. Early removal from probation is an incentive for the new employee to excel in work performance; however, removal must be made in writing by the Sheriff and in no case will be less than twelve (12) months from date of hire. During the probationary period a probationary employee may be terminated in the sole discretion of Sheriff, with or without cause. The formal probationary period does not end until the employee is notified of such in writing regardless of whether or not the eighteen (18) month period is reached. There will be no allowed extension of the probationary period beyond the maximum eighteen (18) month period.

# (3) Promotion Policy

- a. County shall offer promotion to the most competent and best qualified employees ("merit and fitness" per NRS 281.370). Sheriff shall determine which employees are most competent and best qualified, meriting promotion. Any employee who feels qualified for promotion shall present a written resume to Sheriff stating employee's qualifications. Seniority shall not be a factor in promotion, per NRS 281.370, except that if two or more employees are equally competent and qualified then the more senior employee shall be promoted.
- b. Employees who have been promoted shall be on probation in the new position for a period of twelve (12) months for evaluation, during which time Sheriff at his sole discretion may retain the employee in the new position or demote employee to employee's former position.

# (4) Reduction in Force (Layoff/Recall) Policy

a. In event of a layoff or reduction in force due to lack of funds or lack or work temporary or probationary employees shall be laid off first. The County shall provide thirty (30) calendar days' notice to employees

- covered by this agreement who are subject to layoffs under the provisions of this article except in a fiscal emergency.
- b. If it is necessary to lay off permanent employees and two or more employees are equally competent and qualified then seniority shall be used to determine which employee(s) are to be laid off. Employees adjudged the least competent and least qualified shall be laid off first. The general policy set forth in paragraph (1) of this Article 10 shall be applicable to and govern all layoffs and recalls by County.
- c. Layoffs shall be made separately in the supervisory and non-supervisory units, provided however that a supervisory employee who is to be laid off may "bump" a non-supervisory employee and return to non-supervisory status if the supervisory employee is more capable and qualified to perform the non-supervisory position. In the event that a supervisory employee and a non-supervisory employee are equally competent and qualified to fill a non-supervisory position the employee with greater seniority shall be retained. Seniority is the total length of continuous full time paid employment with the Sheriff's Department as a sworn law enforcement officer.
- d. An employee who has been laid off may give notice to County that the employee wishes to be considered for rehire. The employee shall leave his/her name, current address, and telephone number on file with the Sheriff and the County's personnel officer. It is the employee's obligation to provide the Sheriff and the County's personnel officer with any address changes. Any laid off employee shall be considered for rehire for a period not to exceed twelve months from the date of lay off. In the event that a job opportunity shall arise in the employee's former classification, or a lesser classification, for which the employee is qualified, the laid off employee shall be given first consideration for rehire before other persons who have filed applications for employment in the vacant position. The laid off employee is not entitled to automatic rehire; as in all other hiring decisions County will employ the candidate who appears to be most competent and best qualified.

# (5) Shift Assignments and Transfers

a. Sheriff in his sole discretion shall determine shift assignments and days off, the number of employees to be assigned to each shift, division, unit, bureau, or specialized position, and duty locations, as well as other determinations which affect the amount and quality of service to be provided to the public.

- b. Sheriff's authority as set forth in subparagraph a, shall not be used in discriminatory fashion nor for purpose of harassment.
- c. An employee transferred to a new duty location shall be given as much notice of the transfer as County reasonably can provide. Notice is not required when transfer is required to serve the public in an emergency.

# (6) Resignation/Termination

- a. An employee who wishes to resign shall notify Sheriff in writing. Whenever possible, employee shall provide Sheriff with at least two (2) weeks' notice prior to the effective date of resignation. Failure to give notice at least two (2) weeks prior to the effective date of resignation, without good cause, may be cause to deny future employment with the Sheriff's Department.
- b. The term "Resignation" shall be used if an employee voluntarily ends his employment with County, and the termination of employment shall be recorded in employee's personnel file as "Resigned".
- c. The term "Termination" shall be used if an employee's employment with County is terminated involuntarily, and the termination of employment shall be recorded in the employee's personnel file as "Terminated".

## ARTICLE 11. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

## (1) General Policy

Discipline shall be administered or imposed on a basis of escalating punishment. No discipline shall be imposed except for just cause. All discipline shall be accompanied by counseling to the end that the competence and qualifications of the disciplined employee will improve so that further discipline will not be necessary. Authorized discipline shall range from written reprimand through and including termination of employment with County. The initial form of discipline and punishment shall be appropriate to the seriousness of the initial offense or condition.

# (2) Forms of Discipline

a. <u>Written Reprimand.</u> In situations where counseling and/or remedial training has not resulted in correction of the condition, or where more severe initial action is warranted, a written reprimand shall be sent to the employee and a copy placed in the employee's personnel file maintained at County's Personnel Office.

- b. <u>Suspension.</u> If the written reprimand is not effective, or in those cases where the seriousness of the offense or condition warrants, an employee for just cause may be suspended without pay by Sheriff for a period not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days.
- c. <u>Involuntary Demotion.</u> When other forms of disciplinary or corrective action have proven ineffective, or when the seriousness of the offense or condition warrants, Sheriff may demote for just cause.
- d. <u>Termination.</u> As a final disciplinary measure when other forms of discipline or corrective action have proven ineffective, or when the seriousness of the offense or condition warrants, Sheriff may terminate an employee for just cause.

# (3) <u>Notice of Written Reprimand, Suspension, Involuntary Demotion or</u> Termination

All notices of written reprimand, suspension, involuntary demotion or termination shall be given to the employee in writing specifying the action to be taken, detailing the grounds upon which the action is based, including specification of standards, rules, regulations or policies violated, and date of action taken. Sheriff or County may serve notice upon an employee by mail or personal service. Mailed notice shall be mailed to the employee at his last known address by certified mail, return receipt requested. Receipt shall be deemed the date of delivery as indicated on the return receipt. Should notice be returned to sender, receipt shall be deemed to be on the third day after the date of mailing of the notice.

## (4) Specification of Charges

The Specification of Charges to be noticed pursuant to paragraph 3 shall include a Statement of Facts constituting conduct for which discipline is to be imposed, together with a Statement of Specific Rules, regulations, ordinances, laws, policies, or performance standards which the employee is alleged to have violated. The Specification of Charges shall be signed by the Sheriff or his designee.

## (5) Grievance Review of Disciplinary Actions

All disciplinary actions as defined in this Article are subject to review as provided in the grievance procedures of this Agreement as set forth in Article 12.

(6) Right to Representation. Employees may request representation at any disciplinary interrogation or hearing as required by NRS Chapter 289. Representation is at the sole cost of the employee or Association if the employee is represented by the Association.

#### ARTICLE 12. GRIEVANCE/ARBITRATION PROCEDURES

(1) No grievance resolution accomplished at a level below a decision by the Sheriff shall be cited as or established precedent with respect to any other grievance or interpretation of this Agreement. Working days in this article are defined as Monday through Friday excluding recognized holidays as listed in Article 7 of this agreement.

# (2) <u>Individual/Association Employee Grievance Procedures</u>

- a. Any employee may file a grievance relating to any condition arising out of the employer-employee relationship or any dispute which involves the interpretation, application or compliance with the provisions of this Agreement that is not the exclusive right of management and the Sheriff as provided by NRS Ch. 288.150 Section 3. (Those subject matters which are not within the scope of mandatory bargaining and which are reserved to the local government employer without negotiation include:
  - (c) The right to determine:
    - (1) Appropriate staffing levels and work performance standards (this includes employee performance evaluations / appraisals / and employee counseling under Lyon County policies), except for safety considerations;
    - (2) The content of the workday, including without limitation workload factors, except for safety considerations;
    - (3) The quality and quantity of services to be offered to the public; and
    - (4) The means and methods of offering those services.
  - (d) Safety of the public and other relevant statutes, case law, rules and regulations and general orders of the Sheriff's Department. The parties agree that the specific subject matters listed under NRS 288.150 above will change as the law changes.
    - This procedure does not preclude, and the parties are encouraged to, engage in informal discussion in an attempt to resolve problems without filing a formal grievance, even though such discussions are not part of this procedure.
- b. Within twenty (20) working days after an employee discovers or reasonably should have discovered that a problem exists, the employee shall submit to the employee's immediate supervisor a grievance form duly signed and dated which shall contain the following:
  - 1. A detailed statement of the grievance; including factual information detailing that the issue being grieved is not in regards to a topic which is the exclusive right of management;

- 2. The date the facts constituting a grievance were discovered, and the date the incident occurred;
- 3. The signature of the employee;
- 4. The date of submission to the immediate supervisor.
- 5. The following statement: "Failure to respond within fifteen (15) working days will allow the employee to move the grievance to the next step as if the grievance was denied." The grievant will be responsible for moving the grievance to the next level.

If the grievance is denied at each supervisory level prior to reaching the Sheriff then, upon receipt of grievance, the Sheriff shall indicate his decision regarding the grievance in writing on the grievance form. Within fifteen (15) working days of its receipt by the Sheriff the completed form will be returned to the employee.

If the employee does not agree with the decision of the Sheriff, the employee may forward the grievance to arbitration in accordance with paragraph (c).

If the grievance concerns demotion, suspension, or termination, the grievance form may be submitted by the employee directly to the Sheriff for hearing.

- c. Should the employee wish to appeal the final administrative decision of the Sheriff, a written notification requesting arbitration must be served upon the Sheriff within fifteen (15) working days of the Sheriff's decision. The Association and County shall mutually select a disinterested third person to serve as arbitrator. In the event agreement cannot be reached to select a neutral arbitrator, the parties agree to solicit a list of seven (7) professional neutrals from the FMCS and alternatively strike names from such list until one name remains. That remaining person so selected shall serve as arbitrator. The party to strike first shall be determined by lot.
- d. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the Association, provided the arbitration is approved by the Association's Executive Board of Directors in accordance with the Association's By-Laws, and County. Each party however, shall bear the costs of its own presentation, including preparation and post-hearing briefs and legal fees, if any. In the event that an employee pursues the arbitration without the Association's approval, the employee will assume the Association's responsibility of the arbitration expenses and any or all of the costs of their presentation, including preparation, post-hearing briefs and legal fees.

- e. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding upon both parties. The arbitrator's authority shall be limited to the application and interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement and no arbitrator shall have the power to modify, amend or alter any terms or conditions of this Agreement.
- f. Any employee may be represented by an individual of their choice at any step of the grievance-arbitration procedure. The grievant and two (2) Association representative and any necessary witness shall be released from work for attendance at all grievance-arbitration hearings if the hearing(s) is conducted during the employees' regular shift.
- (3) <u>County or Association Grievance Procedure.</u> The County or the Association may file a grievance using the following procedure:
  - Each party appoints a grievance representative and an alternate to be the primary channel through which a grievance is processed.
  - b. When a dispute over a contract clause arises or an interpretation is needed, the party initiating the grievance will through its representative contact the second party's grievance representative and pose the problem or complaint. Each representative should keep a log of grievances.
  - c. The notified representative will have fifteen (15) working days to research the problem and develop a position and respond. The two grievance representatives will attempt to resolve the problem informally at this level within fifteen (15) working days.
  - d. If it cannot be resolved or a timely response is not received, then either or both parties may submit a formal statement including position and argument to the other.
  - e. The Sheriff and County Personnel Department and the Association's Board will consider the formal position papers and formally respond to each other within twenty (20) working days from the initial complaint.
  - f. If the problem cannot be resolved at this level, then it will be submitted to the Arbitrator as provided in Section (2)(c)-(f) above.
  - g. Failure to respond to the formal notice within the designated period will cause the grievance to proceed to the next step.

## **ARTICLE 13. MISCELLANEOUS**

# (1) Safety

- a. County shall make every reasonable effort to provide and maintain safe conditions of employment. Employees shall be alert to unsafe practices, equipment or conditions and report same to their immediate supervisors. County agrees to pay for any testing procedure to test for HIV/AIDS at the request of any employee who has been involved in a job related incident, within the scope of the employee's normal duties, that could reasonably be viewed as posing a legitimate threat of contact with the HIV/AIDS virus. County agrees to pay for Hepatitis B vaccinations for all employees covered by the agreement who consent to the vaccination and who make an affirmative request for the vaccination.
- b. For the purposes of officer safety, the Sheriff will meet and confer with the Association as least quarterly, and more frequently by mutual agreement, for the purpose of consulting on patrol and jail staffing levels. The Sheriff retains the management prerogative to set minimum staffing levels for patrol and the jail.

## (2) Use of Bulletin Boards and County Facilities

- a. County-owned meeting facilities may be made available to Association upon the same basis as the facilities are made available to the public. If a rental or use fee is charged to the public, the same rental or use fee shall be charged to Association.
- b. County shall provide and designate bulletin boards at all major duty locations throughout Lyon County for the use of all County employees within the bargaining unit(s), whether Association has or not. Employees shall not post materials at any other location except the designated bulletin boards. Material posted shall not be obscene, defamatory, of a partisan political nature, concerning public issues which do not involve the County or its relationships to County employees. All posted material shall include the identity of the sponsor, the signature of the employee posting, a date for removal, and neatly displayed and removed when no longer timely. It is the responsibility of the person posting the material to remove it in timely fashion.

## (3) Access To Information

Upon written request from the Association, or from any employee within the bargaining unit who is not a member of the Association, County shall provide one copy of the following:

#### Tax rates:

Classification information, including grade, step, and salary anniversary for each employee in the bargaining unit(s);

Relevant budgetary information filed with the Nevada Tax Commission;

Periodic financial printouts;

Any other relevant material required by NRS Ch. 288 to be provided as a basis for collective bargaining or representation of employees by themselves or others.

# (4) Personnel Files

- a. Any employee covered under this Agreement shall, upon request, by appointment, be permitted to examine that employee's personnel file. An employee may copy any material in the file.
- b. No material derogatory to an employee covered hereunder may be placed in the employee's personnel file unless a copy is provided to the employee. An employee may submit explanatory remarks which shall be placed in the file.

# (5) Notification of Leave

a. Each employee shall be notified by County, not less than quarterly, of the amount of employee's accrued sick leave and vacation leave.

## (6) Rights of Peace Officers

a. County expressly recognizes and incorporates by reference as part of this Agreement the provisions of NRS Ch. 289, "Rights of Peace Officers".

## (7) Personal Property

a. Subject to the approval of the Sheriff the County will pay one-half the cost of replacing employee's prescription eyeglasses/contact lenses and watches destroyed in the line of duty up to a maximum contribution of \$150 per fiscal year.

# (8) Catastrophic Leave

# (1) Definitions:

- a. The employee is unable to perform the duties of their position because of a serious illness or accident which is life threatening or which will require a lengthy convalescence.
- b. "Lengthy Convalescence" means a period of disability which the attending physician determines will exceed ten (10) weeks.
- c. "Life Threatening" means a condition which is diagnosed by a physician as creating a substantial risk of death.

# (2) <u>Establishing the Catastrophic Leave Account</u>

- a. The County Manager will establish an account for catastrophic leave for employees.
- b. An employee may request, in writing that a specified number of hours of his/her accrued annual or sick leave be transferred from his/her account to the catastrophic leave account.
- c. An employee may not transfer to the catastrophic leave account any hours of sick leave, if the balance in his/her account after the transfer is less than 240 hours. Sick leave will be transferred at the rate of one hour for one hour credit donated.
- d. The maximum number of hours which may be transferred in any 1 calendar year from any employee is 40. The minimum number of hours which may be transferred in any 1 calendar year is 8 hours annual and 24 hours sick. Leave will be placed in a pool, however, the employee may transfer hours to the catastrophic leave account for use by a particular employee, who has been determined to be eligible to receive the leave.
- e. Any hours of annual or sick leave which are transferred from any employee's account to the catastrophic leave account may not be returned or restored to that employee. This subsection does not prevent the employee from receiving leave pursuant to Section 8-4 of this Article.

## (3) Request for Catastrophic Leave

a. An employee who is himself/herself affected by a catastrophe as defined in Section 8-1, may request, in writing, that a specified number of hours of leave be transferred from the catastrophic leave account to his/her account. The maximum number of hours that may be transferred to an employee pursuant to this section is 240 per catastrophe. Catastrophic leave may not be used when the subject of the catastrophe is a member of the employee's immediate family. Catastrophic leave is limited to catastrophes which befall the employee.

## b. The request must include:

- i. The employee's name, title and classification; and
- ii. A description of the catastrophe and the expected duration of that catastrophe.
- c. An employee may not receive any leave from the catastrophic leave account until he/she has used all his/her accrued annual, sick and other paid leave.
- d. An employee who receives leave from the account for catastrophic leave is entitled to payment for that leave at a rate no greater than his/her own rate of pay.

## (4) Approval of Transferring the Catastrophic Leave

- a. The County Manager or his designee, may approve the transfer of a specified number of hours of leave from the catastrophic leave account to the account of any employee who is eligible to receive such leave.
- b. The decision of the County Manager or his designee concerning the approval of leave pursuant to subsection 4 <u>is final and is not subject to the grievance procedure, judicial review or review by the Board of County Commissioners.</u>

# (5) Review of Status of Catastrophe; Termination of Leave; Disposition of Hours Not Used

a. The County Manager or his designee shall review the status of the catastrophe of the employee and determine when the catastrophe no longer exists. This determination is final and not

- subject to grievance procedure, judicial review, or review by the Board of County Commissioners.
- b. The County Manager or his designee shall not grant any hours of leave from the catastrophic leave account after:
  - 1. The catastrophe ceases to exist; or
  - 2. The employee who is receiving the leave resigns or his/her employment with the County is terminated.
- c. Any leave which is received from the catastrophic leave account which was not used at the time the catastrophe ceases to exist or upon the resignation or termination of the employment of the employee must be returned to the catastrophic leave account.

## (6) Maintenance of Records on Catastrophic Leave

a. Personnel shall maintain the records and report to the County Manager any information concerning the use of a catastrophic leave account to evaluate the effectiveness, feasibility and the cost of carrying out this provision.

## (7) Employee; Definition

a. The term "employee" as used in this policy includes only those employees covered by the Agreement.

## (8) Substantiation of Catastrophic Condition

a. The County Manager or his designee may require written substantiation of the catastrophic condition which is life threatening or which will result in a lengthy illness by a physician of his choosing. The cost of such written substantiation shall be borne by the employee.

# ARTICLE 14. LIGHT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

a. For any bargaining unit employee whose physical condition prevents them from performing their normal duties, the Sheriff agrees to make reasonable efforts to place the employee in an assignment which they can safely perform work consistent with the employee's condition.

- b. Employees who have been authorized injury leave due to work related injuries, may upon release from their attending physician 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.
- c. The intent of this Article is to permit employees to return to work as soon as is medically possible within the requirements of State of Nevada workers compensation. Further, the parties understand that light duty refers to duty other than the full range of normal duties within the Sheriff's Department.
- d. Nothing in this Article shall require the County or the Sheriff to create a light duty assignment. The determination of light duty assignments is the sole right of the Sheriff or designee. The Sheriff agrees that light duty assignments for personnel injured on-duty is probably in the best interest of the County, the agency and the employee. Light duty assignments following off-duty injuries or illnesses will be considered on a case-by-case basis, with the needs of the agency as the determining factor, and will not be considered as precedent in any event. This is a management right and not an item that may be grieved.

## ARTICLE 15. PAYROLL DEDUCTION

- a. County shall deduct dues from the salaries of Association members and pay over to the proper officer of the Association the money so collected on a monthly basis. All payroll deductions for dues shall only be made in accordance with a voluntary deduction authorization form individually executed by the employee for whom the deduction will be made.
- b. The Association shall indemnify and hold County harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits and all other forms of liability which might arise out of or by reason of action taken under the provisions of this Article.
- c. The Association shall certify to County in writing the current rate of membership dues. The County will be notified of any change in the rate of membership dues, in writing, thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such change.

## ARTICLE 16. TECHNICAL MATTERS

#### (1) Savings Clause

It is not the intent of either party hereto to violate any laws, rulings, or regulations of any governmental authority or agency having jurisdiction of the subject matter of this Agreement. The parties agree that, in the event that any provision(s) of this Agreement

are finally held or determined to be illegal or void as being in contravention of such laws, ruling, or regulations, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless the part so found to be void cannot be separated from the provision(s) of this Agreement held to be legal. The parties expressly affirm that they would have enacted the remainder of the Agreement without the provision(s) found to be illegal and void. Upon such finding of illegality and nullity the parties shall promptly meet to enter into lawful negotiations concerning the substance of the provision(s) found to be illegal and void.

# (2) Adoption and Amendment Procedure

- a. This Agreement shall be deemed adopted and binding upon execution by authorized representatives of Association and County. Adoption shall terminate negations during its term.
- b. If either Association or County desires to modify or change this Agreement during it term, the party shall serve written notice on the other party setting forth the nature of the modifications or changes. The proposed modifications or changes shall be deemed rejected unless expressly approved by the other party within thirty (30) days. Any amendment proposed by one party and expressly approved by the other party shall become a part of this Agreement on the mutually agreed date.

# (3) Copy of Contract

The County will provide each employee with a copy of this Agreement within thirty (30) days after the signing of this Agreement or have it posted online at the County's website.

If the County does not post a copy of this Agreement within the thirty (30) days required by this Article, the County shall bear the entire cost of reproducing and distributing the Agreement in writing, to each employee.

# **ARTICLE 17. ADOPTION**

This Agreement will commence July 1, 2017 and expire June 30, 2019. The County may reopen this Agreement during its term to address a "fiscal emergency" in accordance with the requirements of NRS 288.150(4).

LYON COUNTY, NEVADA

**Bob Hastings** 

Chairman, Board of Lyon

**County Commissioners** 

LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S **EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION** 

Alfonso Lopez

President, Lyon County

Sheriff's Employees'

Association

LYON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Alvin McNeil

LYON COUNTX MANAGER



## Lyon County Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Lyon County Sheriff's Employees' Association

# Lyon County Sheriff's Office - Appendix A

Effective April 22, 2017

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	OBATIONARY NTRY) STEP	STEP 1 YEAR 1&2	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6		STEP 7		STEP 8	STEP 9
ONE (1) YEAR* OR 2**		YEARS 3	YEARS 4	YEARS 5	YEARS 6	YEARS 7		YEARS 8		YEARS 9	YEARS 10	
	\$21.15	\$23.37	\$23.95	\$24.55	\$25.16	\$25.79	\$26.43		\$27.09		\$27.77	\$28.46
\$	1,692.00	\$ 1,869.60	\$ 1,916.00	\$ 1,964.00	\$ 2,012.80	\$ 2,063.20	\$ 2,114.40	-	•		2,221.60	\$ 2,276.80
\$	43,992.00	\$48,609.60	\$49,816.00	\$ 51,064.00	\$ 52,332.80	\$ 53,643.20	\$ 54,974.40	\$	56,347.20	\$	57,761.60	\$ 59,196.80
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	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7		STEP 8		STEP 9	
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9	
	\$28.05	\$28.75	\$29.47	\$30.21	\$30.97	\$31.74	\$32.53		\$33.34		\$34.17	
\$	2,244.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,357.60	\$ 2,416.80	\$ 2,477.60	\$ 2,539.20	\$ 2,602.40	\$	2,667.20	\$	2,733.60	
\$	58,344.00	\$59,800.00	\$61,297.60	\$ 62,836.80	\$ 64,417.60	\$66,019.20	\$67,662.40	\$	69,347.20	\$	71,073.60	
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LIEUTENANT												
	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7		STEP 8		STEP 9	
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9	
	\$32.80	\$33.62	\$34.46	\$35.32	\$36.20	\$37.11	\$38.04		\$38.99		\$39.96	
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φ \$	2,624.00 68,224.00	\$ 2,689.60 \$69,929.60	\$ 2,756.80 \$ 71,676.80	\$ 2,825.60 \$ 73,465.60	\$ 2,896.00 \$ 75,296.00	\$ 2,968.80	\$ 3,043.20 \$ 79,123.20	\$	3,119.20 81,099.20	Ф	3,196.80 83,116.80	

NOTE:

Annual base salary is based on 2080 hours.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Years" refers to continuous full-time employment within step/grade/rank

<sup>\*</sup> Beginning Step for non-Post certified - first year is probationary

<sup>\*\*</sup> Beginning Step for Post certified - first year is probationary



## Lyon County Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Lyon County Sheriff's Employees' Association

# Lyon County Sheriff's Office - Appendix B

Effective First Full Pay Period After July 1, 2017

		DEPUTIES										
	OBATIONARY NTRY) STEP	STEP 1 YEAR 1&2	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6		STEP 7		STEP 8	STEP 9
· ·		YEARS 3	YEARS 4	YEARS 5	YEARS 6	YEARS 7	YEARS 8			YEARS 9	YEARS 10	
\$ \$	\$21.36 1,708.80 44,428.80	\$23.60 \$ 1,888.00 \$49,088.00	\$24.19 \$ 1,935.20 \$ 50,315.20	\$24.79 \$ 1,983.20 \$ 51,563.20	\$25.41 \$ 2,032.80 \$ 52,852.80	\$26.05 \$ 2,084.00 \$ 54,184.00	\$26.70 \$ 2,136.00 \$ 55,536.00		\$27.37 2,189.60 56,929.60		\$28.05 2,244.00 58,344.00	\$28.75 \$ 2,300.00 \$ 59,800.00
SERGEANTS		EANTS										
\$ \$	STEP 1 YEAR 1 \$28.33 2,266.40 58,926.40	STEP 2 YEAR 2 \$29.04 \$ 2,323.20 \$60,403.20	STEP 3 YEAR 3 \$29.77 \$ 2,381.60 \$ 61,921.60	STEP 4 YEAR 4 \$30.51 \$ 2,440.80 \$ 63,460.80	STEP 5 YEAR 5 \$31.27 \$ 2,501.60 \$ 65,041.60	STEP 6 YEAR 6 \$32.05 \$ 2,564.00 \$ 66,664.00	STEP 7 YEAR 7 \$32.85 \$ 2,628.00 \$ 68,328.00	\$	STEP 8 YEAR 8 \$33.67 2,693.60 70,033.60		STEP 9 YEAR 9 \$34.51 2,760.80 71,780.80	
LIEUTENANT												
	STEP 1 YEAR 1 \$33.13	STEP 2 YEAR 2 \$33.96	STEP 3 YEAR 3 \$34.81	STEP 4 YEAR 4 \$35.68	STEP 5 YEAR 5 \$36.57	STEP 6 YEAR 6 \$37.48	STEP 7 YEAR 7 \$38.42		STEP 8 YEAR 8 \$39.38		STEP 9 YEAR 9 \$40.36	
\$ \$	2,650.40 68,910.40	\$ 2,716.80 \$70,636.80	\$ 2,784.80 \$ 72,404.80	\$ 2,854.40	\$ 2,925.60 \$ 76,065.60	\$ 2,998.40 \$ 77,958.40		\$ \$	3,150.40 81,910.40	\$ \$	3,228.80 83,948.80	

NOTE:

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## Lyon County Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Lyon County Sheriff's Employees' Association

# Lyon County Sheriff's Office - Appendix C

Effective First Full Pay Period After July 1, 2018

		DEPUTIES									
	OBATIONARY NTRY) STEP	STEP 1 YEAR 1&2	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6		STEP 7	STEP 8	STEP 9
•	IE (1) YEAR*	OR 2** YEARS 3		YEARS 4	YEARS 5	YEARS 6	YEARS 7	YEARS 8		YEARS 9	YEARS 10
\$ \$	\$21.68 1,734.40 45,094.40	\$23.95 \$ 1,916.00 \$49,816.00	\$24.55 \$ 1,964.00 \$ 51,064.00	\$25.16 \$ 2,012.80 \$ 52,332.80	\$25.79 \$ 2,063.20 \$ 53,643.20		\$27.09 \$ 2,167.20 \$ 56,347.20		\$27.77 2,221.60 57,761.60	\$28.46 2,276.80 59,196.80	. ,
SERGEANTS		EANTS									
\$ \$	STEP 1 YEAR 1 \$28.75 2,300.00 59,800.00	STEP 2 YEAR 2 \$29.47 \$ 2,357.60 \$61,297.60	STEP 3 YEAR 3 \$30.21 \$ 2,416.80 \$ 62,836.80	STEP 4 YEAR 4 \$30.97 \$ 2,477.60 \$ 64,417.60	STEP 5 YEAR 5 \$31.74 \$ 2,539.20 \$ 66,019.20	STEP 6 YEAR 6 \$32.53 \$ 2,602.40 \$ 67,662.40	STEP 7 YEAR 7 \$33.34 \$ 2,667.20 \$ 69,347.20	\$	STEP 8 YEAR 8 \$34.17 2,733.60 71,073.60	STEP 9 YEAR 9 \$35.02 2,801.60 72,841.60	
LIEUTENANT											
	STEP 1 YEAR 1 \$33.63	STEP 2 YEAR 2 \$34.47	STEP 3 YEAR 3 \$35.33	STEP 4 YEAR 4 \$36.21	STEP 5 YEAR 5 \$37.12	STEP 6 YEAR 6 \$38.05	STEP 7 YEAR 7 \$39.00		STEP 8 YEAR 8 \$39.98	STEP 9 YEAR 9 \$40.98	
\$ \$	2,690.40 69,950.40	\$ 2,757.60	\$ 2,826.40 \$ 73,486.40	\$ 2,896.80	\$ 2,969.60	\$ 3,044.00		\$ \$		3,278.40 85,238.40	

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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CANINE HANDLER PAY

Lyon County (County) and the Lyon County Sheriff's Employee Association (Association) enter into the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) addressing the payment of Canine Handler Pay:

## RECITALS

 The County and the Association are parties to a collective bargaining agreement with a term of July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2017 (Agreement);

2. The County has acquired a canine and assigned the canine to a Deputy as a Canine

Handler;

3. The County has worked with the Canine Handler to determine the reasonable amount of time necessary for off duty care and maintenance of the canine; the County has reviewed the provisions used by other law enforcement agencies to ensure that adequate time is allotted for this off duty care and maintenance; and, the Canine Handler has agreed that this amount of time is reasonable for off duty care and maintenance;

4. The County and Association desire to address the off duty care and maintenance for

assigned Canine Handlers which is not otherwise addressed in the Agreement.

# AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and other valuable consideration stated herein the County and Association agree as follows:

 Canine Handlers that provide for the off duty care and maintenance of the canine will be paid an additional 3.5 hours of compensable time per week (.5 hours per day for care and

maintenance of the canine);

- 2. The Canine Handler Pay will not be subject to Shift Differential pursuant to Article 7(4)(D) of the Agreement or Holiday Pay pursuant to Article 7(4)(G) of the Agreement. Canine Handler Pay is not eligible for compensatory time as defined in Article 7(E) of the Agreement. Canine Handler Pay hours will be included in the overtime calculation as provided in Article 7(4)(G) of the Agreement for hours in excess of the 80 hour pay period, but will not be included towards the hours or major fractions thereof worked in excess of the daily shift as provided in Article 7(4)(D) of the Agreement;
- 3. This Canine Handler Pay shall be the exclusive compensation for the off-duty care and maintenance of the canine. No further hours for the care and maintenance will be worked by a canine handler without prior written approval of the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee. Such pay shall continue for the duration of the assignment. The Sheriff shall have full discretion to assign or remove an employee from such assignment which assignment is not subject to the negotiated grievance procedure;

4. The assigned Canine Handler is not entitled to Canine Handler Pay for any day when the

canine is not in possession of the officer during off-duty hours;

- 5. The County and Association agree pursuant to 29 CFR 785.23 that they have reviewed the pertinent facts regarding a reasonable amount of off duty time required to provide for the care and maintenance of the canine including but not limited to joint consultation with the assigned Canine Handler and have agreed that 3.5 off duty hours per week is a reasonable amount of time to accomplish such tasks, and no additional off duty time is necessary to accomplish such tasks without written approval of the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee;
- The Canine Handler and Association will execute a written acknowledgement of paragraph 5 of this MOU which will be placed in the Canine Handler's official personnel file:
- 7. The County will separately pay for all invoiced food, veterinary care, licensing, and other incidental costs of the canine, and County will also provide a vehicle to transport the canine:
- 8. The additional canine handler pay under this MOU shall commence on and after 11/5/16 (insert date first pay period after approval of MOU);
- Except as provided herein this MOU is subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures of the Agreement;
- 10. This MOU expires, terminates and is of no further effect after June 30, 2017 unless extended by mutual written agreement of the County and Association or incorporated into the successor Agreement to the current Agreement.

By Performe Date: 1/2/30/6

By: Brad Pape Date: 1/2/20/6

Brad Pape