

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN AND FOR THE

CITY OF FRESNO

AND

FRESNO POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

(Non-Management Police – Unit 4)

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[§§ deleted]	= two or more sections/subsections deleted
bold type	= new language

CHAPTER 1

PREAMBLE

1.1 PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter MOU, entered into between the City of Fresno, hereinafter referred to as the City, and the Fresno Police Officers Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association, has as its purpose: to establish wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment for members of this Unit. Upon approval by the City, other than the modifications set forth herein, the parties agree that until this MOU terminates, all economic benefits currently afforded to affected members shall remain intact without modification unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties.

1.2 DEFINITIONS

Unless the particular provision or the context otherwise requires, and, except to the extent that a particular word or phrase is otherwise specifically defined in this MOU, the definitions and provisions contained in Article 3 of Chapter 1, Sections 3-101, 3-201, 3-301, 3-302, and 3-603 of the Fresno Municipal Code, (hereinafter FMC), shall govern the construction, meaning, and application of words and phrases used herein. The definition of each word or phrase shall constitute, to the extent applicable, the definition of each word or phrase or from which it is a derivative.

1.3 GOVERNING LAWS

The employer-employee relationship between the City and its employees and the City and the Association is governed by Chapter 10 of Division 4 of Title I of the Government Code (Section 3500 et seq., commonly known as the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act), applicable provisions of the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB), the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act (POBRA), as may be amended from time to time, and Article 6 of Chapter 3 of the FMC. In the event of any conflict between said laws and this MOU, or in the event of conflicts in interpretation, said laws shall govern.

CHAPTER 2

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

2.1 GENERAL - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

Except as otherwise provided in this MOU, the rights of employees include those set forth in FMC Section 3-604, and said section presently reads as follows:

"Employees shall have the right to form, join and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations including, but not limited to, wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. Employees shall have the right to refuse to join or participate in the activities of employee organizations and shall have the right to represent themselves individually in their employment relations with the City. No employees shall be interfered with, intimidated, restrained, coerced, or discriminated against by the City or by an employee or an employee organization because of their exercise of any of these rights. No management employee or confidential employee shall act as a representative of any employee organization which represents employees other than management employees or confidential employees."

2.2 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

All employees in the Non-Management Police Unit, hereinafter Unit, acknowledge that the City shall consider the positions and proposals of the Association as the meet and confer positions and proposals of all employees, individually and collectively, in said Unit.

2.3 NONDISCRIMINATION AND ELECTION OF REMEDIES

The provisions of this MOU shall apply equally to and be exercised by all members of the Unit consistent with state and federal nondiscrimination statutes.

2.3.01 A member seeking to utilize the grievance procedure, claiming a violation of Section 2.3, shall make an election of remedies between arbitration, and any other remedy available at law, through local, state, or federal law. The election of remedy shall take place at the step in the grievance procedure leading to final and binding arbitration.

2.3.02 When a member seeks to go to arbitration claiming a violation of Section 2.3, the member, the City, and the Association shall enter into an

agreement which provides that in exchange for the member's commitment to voluntarily determine the matter through arbitration, the member agrees to waive the member's right to pursue any other remedy otherwise available through local, state, or federal law. Said agreement shall comply with all statutory and judicial requirements and contain a provision that the member has been advised of the member's right to consult an attorney and/or local, state, or federal anti-discrimination agency regarding the member's discrimination claim and that the member's consent to the agreement is voluntary and knowing.

CHAPTER 3

CITY RIGHTS

3.1 GENERAL

Except as otherwise provided in this MOU, the rights of the City include those rights enumerated in FMC Section 3-605, as the same may be amended from time to time.

3.2 SPECIFIC

3.2.01 The exclusive rights of the City include, but are not limited to, the right to:

- (1) determine the missions of its constituent departments, divisions, commissions, and boards;
- (2) set standards of service and municipal fees and charges;
- (3) determine the procedures and standards of selection for employment, assignment, transfer, and promotion;
- (4) direct its employees;
- (5) take disciplinary action;
- (6) relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons;
- (7) maintain the efficiency of governmental operations;
- (8) determine the methods, means, and personnel by which government operations are to be conducted;
- (9) determine the content of job classifications;
- (10) take all necessary actions to carry out its mission;
- (11) exercise complete control and discretion over its organization and technology of performing its work."

3.2.02 The rights of the City include the determination of staffing levels, including but not limited to, staffing by shift and class. Minimum staffing levels, by

shift, area, and day of the week, shall be established by appropriate departmental order.

- 3.2.03 All other rights formerly or presently enjoyed by or vested in the City on the effective date of this MOU and not mentioned in Section 3.2.01 are retained by and reserved to the City.
- 3.2.04 Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as delegating to others the authority conferred by law on the City, or in any way abridging or reducing such authority.
- 3.2.05 This MOU is not intended to restrict consultation in good faith with the Association regarding matters within the right of the City to determine.

CHAPTER 4

RECOGNITION

4.1 ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION

The City acknowledges the Association as the recognized employee organization representing the Unit, and shall meet and confer in good faith promptly upon request by the Association and continue for a reasonable period of time in order to exchange freely information, opinions, and proposals, and to endeavor to reach agreement on a successor MOU.

4.2 RECOGNITION OF UNIT DESCRIPTION

The Non-Management Police Unit consists of all employees holding a permanent position, as defined in FMC Section 3-202 (p)(4), in one of the following classes (hereinafter collectively referred to as member unless otherwise specified), as such Unit may be modified from time to time pursuant to the provisions of the FMC:

Police Officer Recruit
Police Officer
Police Sergeant

4.3 CITY RECOGNITION

The Association recognizes the City Manager of the City, or such other person as may be designated in writing, as the designated representative of the City pursuant to FMC Section 3-615, and shall meet and confer in good faith promptly upon request by the City and continue for a reasonable period of time in order to exchange freely information, opinions, and proposals, and to endeavor to reach agreement on a successor MOU

4.4 RECOGNITION OF MUTUAL OBLIGATION

The Association and the City recognize and acknowledge their mutual obligation and responsibility to effectuate the purposes set forth in, and to adhere to the conditions and clauses set forth in, this MOU.

4.5 New Employee Orientation

The Police Department will continue to provide an opportunity for FPOA to address new hires during a Department orientation program for new employees. The Police

Department will notify FPOA at least 10 calendar days in advance of a scheduled orientation.

4.6 Employee Information

The City will provide the employee information it has on file in compliance with AB 119 (i.e., California Government Code §3552) for all new hires in the bargaining unit within 30 days of hire, as well as all employees represented by FPOA at least once per quarter.

4.7 STRIKES

No unlawful strikes or work stoppages of any kind shall be caused or sanctioned by the Association during the term of this MOU.

4.8 UNILATERAL ACTION

In the event the meet and confer process for a successor MOU results in an impasse, as defined in the FMC, the City shall not take unilateral action regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment prior to the completion of the impasse procedures, including, but not limited to, mediation and fact finding as outlined in the FMC, Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, and other applicable state laws.

4.9 COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS

In order that the meet and confer process includes adequate time for full consideration of the proposals of both parties and for the resolution of impasse, the City shall accept meet and confer process proposals from the Association as early as four (4) months prior to the expiration of the MOU and will be prepared to commence the actual meet and confer process no later than three (3) months prior to the expiration of the MOU.

CHAPTER 5

SCOPE OF REPRESENTATION

5.1 GENERAL

"Scope of representation" means all matters relating to employer-employee relations, including, but not limited to, wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. Employee rights, as set forth in FMC Section 3-604, and City rights as set forth in FMC Section 3-605, are excluded from the scope of representation.

The Association is the exclusive representative of all employees holding a permanent position (includes probationary employees) within those classes in the Unit, as defined in FMC 3-202 (p) (4).

5.2 REPRESENTATION

The City will not interfere with, or discriminate in any way against, any employee by reason of their membership in the Association.

The Association agrees to represent Unit members in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, Public Safety Procedural Bill of Rights Act (POBRA), and applicable state and federal regulations.

CHAPTER 6

DUES DEDUCTION

6.1 DUES CHECKOFF

- 6.1.01 The Association member's earnings must be sufficient after other legal and required deductions are made to cover the amount of the dues deduction authorized. When a member is in a non-pay status for an entire pay period, no dues deduction shall be made from the future earnings to cover that pay period, nor will the member be required to deposit the amount which would have been deducted if the member had been in a pay status during the pay period. In the case of a member who is in a non-pay status during only a part of the pay period and whose salary is insufficient to cover other legal and required deductions, no dues deduction or deposit shall be made.
- 6.1.02 The City shall deduct the dues or benefit premiums, or both, following receipt of notice from the Association that authorization has been provided to the Association by members in the Unit. The City shall stop dues or benefit premiums, or both, upon receipt of notice only from the Association that authorization has been provided to the Association by members in the Unit. Should there be a dispute regarding the deduction of dues, the Association shall provide the City with a copy of the authorization(s) signed by the employee.
- 6.1.03 A Dues Deduction Authorization may be revoked by a member in the Unit, subject to the terms of the Authorization.
- 6.1.04 If a member in the Unit desires to revoke, cancel or change prior dues deduction authorization such requests will be directed to the Association.
- 6.1.05 Upon written authorization by a retired member of the Association, the City shall deduct credit union payments and Association dues monthly from the retirement check of such retired member and forward same to the credit union or Association as designated in such authorization.
- 6.1.06 The Association, in consideration for and as a condition of the City withholding and transmitting payroll and benefit deductions authorized by this Section and in compliance with Government Code Section 1157.12, shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Fresno, its officers, and employees from any liability that may result from making, canceling, or changing requested deductions.

6.2 DUES DEDUCTION

- 6.2.01 Dues deductions covering all such deductions shall be transmitted to the Association.
- 6.2.02 Dues deductions shall be made in favor of the Association.
- 6.2.03 Dues deductions will be transmitted at least monthly to an account specified by the Association.

6.3 ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

- 6.3.01 Association members shall have their monthly vacation leave accrual levels (denoted in Section 7.11.05(1), vacation leave), reduced by .66666 hours per month, which shall be placed in a time bank and administered by the department for Association business use. Members designated by the Association may, with the approval of the department, attend to direct Association business, including such activities as attendance at Association membership and Board meetings, PORAC and other similar business, and direct involvement in charitable Association activities. Time banked under this provision may also be designated by the Association to cover members who are absent with substitute (AWS) for designated Association members who are attending to Association business. The department is not required to grant time off for Association business if it will require filling the position on an overtime basis.
- 6.3.02 The Association President and First Vice President may use the time banked under this provision for Association business to a maximum of 40 hours per week each. In the event the President or First Vice President of the Association is required by the FPOA Board to commit additional time beyond 40 hours per week to perform their duties as President, they shall be permitted to draw additional hours up to an amount not to exceed 40 hours per calendar month each. Any Association leave hours utilized by the President or First Vice President in excess of 40 hours per week shall be transferred to the President's or First Vice President's compensatory or holiday time bank. In the event of an emergency requiring significant extraordinary deployment of department personnel, the Association President and/or First Vice President may be required to return to regular duty for a period not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days once per calendar year.
- 6.3.03 An Association President and/or First Vice President who leaves office shall be returned to the previously held assignment, or other assignment as mutually agreed to by the Chief of Police and the returning member.

An Association President and/or First Vice President returning to patrol will participate in patrol matrix sign-ups and will return to full duty upon the start of the new patrol matrix and use Association leave hours during this timeframe. An Association President and/or First Vice President returning to a non-patrol assignment shall return to that assignment on the first day of the new patrol matrix and use Association leave hours during this timeframe.

- 6.3.04 Any time spent by the Association President, First Vice President and by members designated by the Association to be on such business, shall be deducted from the Association's time banked balance. It is further agreed by the parties that once accrued vacation leave is donated to the Association, the City no longer has any obligation to compensate, either in cash or in equivalent time off, such members.

CHAPTER 7

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

7.1 GENERAL

All economic benefits, provided by Council ordinance or formal Council resolution and not otherwise clearly and explicitly modified or restricted in this MOU, shall be continued without alteration during the term of this MOU. **All economic benefit modifications in this MOU shall be effective on the same day as Council ratification, unless explicitly stated otherwise in the MOU.**

7.2 SALARIES AND PENSION CONTRIBUTION

7.2.01 Salaries

- (1) Effective *** **on the same day as Council ratification, the base salaries for *** Police Officers, Police Sergeants and Police Officer Recruits active on the same day as Council ratification** shall be increased by three percent (3%), and shall be as reflected on Exhibit I, Table I, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.
- (2) **Effective December 29, 2025, if actual Fiscal Year 2025 Sales and Property Tax exceeds Fiscal Year 2025 estimated revenue of \$331.118 million by \$3.463 million or a total of \$334.581 million, the base salaries for Police Officers, Police Sergeants and Police Officer Recruits shall be increased by an additional one percent (1%), as reflected in Exhibit I, Table IA, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.**
- (3) **Effective June 15, 2026, the base salaries for Police Officers, Police Sergeants and Police Officer Recruits shall be increased by one percent (1%), and shall be reflected on Exhibit I, Table II, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.**
- (4) [§ deleted]

COLA Adjustments for Final Three-Year Average Method DROP Members and Retirees

For Final Three-Year Average Method DROP members and retirees, COLA pursuant to FMC Section 3-302(g) will be effective *** July 1, 2024 for the June 17, 2024 wage increase, **for Fiscal**

Year 2026 it will be effective on the same day as Council ratification, and July 1, 2026 for the June 15, 2026 wage increase.

7.2.02 Pension

- (1) Effective September 22, 2014, the one percent (1%) contribution paid by the City of the employee's required retirement contribution was discontinued. On the same date, the existing one percent (1%) supplemental payment for an employee in DROP was discontinued.
- (2) Employees hired on or after September 11, 2014, shall pay an additional contribution equal to three percent (3%) of their pensionable compensation to the Fire and Police Retirement System, reducing the City retirement contribution by a corresponding amount. In accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h)(2) and related guidance, the City shall pick-up and pay the contribution by salary reduction in accordance with this provision to the City of Fresno Fire and Police Retirement System. The employee shall have no option to receive the three percent (3%) contribution in cash. The three percent (3%) contribution paid by the employee will not be credited to an employee's accumulated contribution account nor will it be deposited into a member's DROP account. This provision will terminate on implementation of Section 7.2.02 (4) below.
- (3) Effective September 22, 2014, employees who were hired before September 11, 2014, including those employees in DROP, shall make an additional contribution equal to one percent (1%) of their pensionable compensation to the Fire and Police Retirement System, reducing the City retirement contribution by a corresponding amount. In accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h)(2) and related guidance, the City shall pick-up and pay the contribution by salary reduction in accordance with this provision to the City of Fresno Fire and Police Retirement System. The employee shall have no option to receive the one percent (1%) contribution in cash. The one percent (1%) contribution paid by the employee will not be credited to an employee's accumulated contribution account nor will it be deposited into a member's Deferred Retirement Option Program ("DROP") account. This provision will terminate on implementation of Section 7.2.02 (4) below.

- (4) With the support of the Association, the City will make efforts to amend the Municipal Code to allow the additional contribution amounts above in Section 7.2.02 (2) and 7.2.02 (3) to become part of the Member Normal Contribution Rate. If the Municipal Code is so amended, the City and the Association agree that, on the first pay period following the date the new FMC provision goes into effect, all of the following will apply if approved by City Council:
- (a) The Member Normal Contribution Rate for members of Tier 2 in the Fire and Police Retirement System hired on or after September 11, 2014, shall be twelve percent (12%).
 - (b) Active members in Tier 2 who were hired before September 11, 2014, shall have their Normal Contribution Rate increased from nine percent (9%) to ten percent (10%).
 - (c) Members of Tier 1 in the Fire and Police Retirement System shall have their Member Normal Contribution Rate increased by an additional one percent (1%) which will be added to their existing Entry Age Normal Contribution Rate effective with the change in the FMC in accordance with this Section.
 - (d) Members who entered DROP prior to March 7, 2011 are not required to make Member Normal Contributions in accordance with the provisions in the Fresno Municipal Code.
 - (e) Members who enter DROP on or after March 7, 2011 are required to make Member Normal Contributions as per Section 7.2.02 (4) (a) through (c), and their Member Normal Contributions shall continue to be deposited into the member's DROP account.
- (5) Employees who separate City employment regardless of reason and withdraw their employee contributions from the Fire and Police Retirement System between September 22, 2014, and the effective date of a Fresno Municipal Code amendment pursuant to the provisions in Section 7.2.02 (4) will have an amount refunded by the City equal to the additional amount contributed in accordance with Sections 7.2.02 (2) or Section 7.2.02 (3) above.

7.2.03 DROP Participants and Retirees

- (1) Retirement/DROP - It is the intent of this Section 7.2.03 to hold members harmless from any negative impact from the following deferred salary increases. Therefore, the deferred salary increases listed in this subsection (1) below shall be included, if appropriate, in any retirement benefit or DROP calculations pursuant to the applicable FMC sections for members who separate from City service by service retirement or by disability retirement or enter DROP.

Effective January 1, 2011, One percent (1%)

Effective July 1, 2011, Two percent (2%)

Effective January 1, 2012, One percent (1%)

- (2) With respect to Section 7.2.03 (1), members who retire or enter DROP and are credited with the January 1, 2011, July 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012 deferred salary increases in their retirement benefit or DROP calculation shall not be entitled to also add the July 1, 2014 and July 1, 2015, salary increases set forth in Section 7.2.01 to their retirement benefit or DROP calculation.
- (3) In accordance with FMC Sections 3-411 and 3-424, should the CPI percentage for the more recent full calendar year decrease below the CPI percentage for the full calendar year immediately prior, that percentage decrease shall not be used to reduce retirement allowances or deposits to the members' DROP account. It shall instead be used to reduce any previously banked cost of living increases. Any decreases in excess of the members'/retirees' cost of living banks shall be accumulated in the bank and offset by future cost of living increases as occurring in succeeding years.

7.2.04 Employees hired into classes which have step increases will move from their current step to the next step in the progression on the anniversary date which is twelve (12) calendar months from the date the employee was permanently appointed to the current class.

7.2.05 Upon successful completion of one (1) year of service as a Police Officer Recruit, Recruits shall be appointed as a Police Officer using the rules applicable to flexible staffing and shall be on probation for six (6) months as a Police Officer. All other Police Officer hires shall serve a one (1) year probationary period.

7.2.06 A Police Officer assigned to be an Acting Sergeant under the provisions of FMC Section 3-260 or appointed to a provisional Sergeant position

under the provisions of FMC Section 3-258, shall be paid for such assignment at whatever step is closest to, but not less than, the Officer's regular base salary plus the Training Officer premium pay. In no case shall an Officer be paid at a rate higher than the highest Step for Sergeant. Acting or provisional Sergeants will not receive Training Officer (TO) premium pay.

- 7.2.07 When a Police Officer is promoted to Police Sergeant, the promoted Officer shall be placed in the step of the new salary range which provides at least five percent (5%) above the base pay of the prior position.

7.3 OVERTIME AND COMPENSATORY TIME OFF (CTO)

- 7.3.01 The work day for members shall be eight (8), ten (10), or twelve (12) consecutive hours. Pursuant to Section 7(k) of the FLSA, the City has established a twenty-eight (28) day work period for law enforcement personnel, such that law enforcement personnel are only eligible for FLSA overtime when they actually work in excess of 171 hours in a 28-day work period. However, except as may be otherwise provided in this MOU, any time worked in excess of the designated weekly work schedule including mandatory training whether as a student/instructor, shall be compensated as MOU overtime.
- 7.3.02 When a member is in transit outside the City to attend training, the travel time will be compensated at the member's base/straight time rate of pay.
- 7.3.03 MOU overtime, whether in cash or CTO, shall be at one and one-half (1 ½) times the base rate of pay.
- 7.3.04 Members on vacation leave may be permitted to work contract law enforcement.
- 7.3.05 Call out shall be paid at a minimum of three (3) hours at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) times the base rate of pay. Call out is defined as an off-duty member being called into work who has left their location to respond to the call out location. The responding member must either log on to the appropriate radio channel or notify a superior officer that they are responding to the call out. Members shall complete an OTTO for approval in compliance with department policy to receive call out pay. Any time worked prior to the beginning of a shift or immediately following a shift shall not be considered call out and shall be compensated at the applicable hourly rate.
- 7.3.06 Contact with a member by telephone, at any time other than during the member's regular shift, for the purpose of obtaining additional information,

clarifying work performed, or seeking consultation (e.g., SWAT, CNT, EOD), shall be compensated at the applicable hourly rate, to the nearest 1/10th of an hour, but in no event shall the member be paid for such phone contact of less than six (6) minutes. Members shall complete an OTTO for approval in compliance with department policy.

- 7.3.07 A member who has worked more than their regularly scheduled eight (8) hours, ten (10) hours, or twelve (12) hours, on any one work day shall not be involuntarily required to adjust a subsequent shift or work day in that same work week to avoid the payment of overtime. The department is under no obligation to grant CTO or vacation on the subsequent day.
- 7.3.08 Members may elect to accrue CTO in lieu of cash payment for overtime hours worked. CTO is accumulated at the applicable straight/base time, time and one-half, or double time rate for the time worked. CTO is to be used for time off and is subject to approval in the same manner as vacation.
- (1) Members may accrue a CTO balance not to exceed 120 hours, except as otherwise provided herein. Members who have reached the maximum accrual (120 hours) shall be given cash payment for additional overtime hours worked until such balance has been reduced below the maximum allowable amount (120 hours).
 - (2) Members may request payment for any CTO leave balance.
 - (3) The parties will continue to meet and confer concerning the manner in which CTO can be used. However, there shall be no change to this subsection without mutual agreement of the parties.

7.4 PREMIUM PAY

Premium pays provided in Sections 7.4.01 Specialized Assignments, 7.4.03 Police Corporal/Training Officers and 7.4.06 Special Duty Pay (Training Unit), shall not be stacked. Monthly rates of premium pay will be paid on a biweekly basis. All payments outlined in this Section 7.4 Premium Pay are premium pays.

Employees using accrued paid leave as a result of a non-work-related injury or illness shall continue receiving their full salary (i.e., regular salary and all premium pays) while using accrued paid leave.

Employees in a "temporary light duty" assignment as a result of an injury or illness shall continue receiving their full salary (i.e., regular salary and all premium pays) during the temporary light duty assignment (See Section 7.7.01 of this MOU). However, after sixty (60) calendar days in a light duty assignment the employee

will stop earning premium pays (with the exception of Night Shift Premium, Bilingual Premium Pay, and P.O.S.T. Certificate Pay) in their light duty capacity if the employee is not performing the task for which the premium pay is provided.

Employees who become disabled due to an injury or illness in the course and scope of City employment shall be entitled, regardless of their period of service with the City, to a leave of absence while so disabled without loss of full salary (i.e., regular salary and all premium pays) in lieu of temporary disability payments as provided by California Labor Code 4850.

7.4.01 Specialized Assignments - Employees occupying the Police Officer and Police Sergeant classes in assignments which require specialized equipment and/or specialized training, and flexing of work hours without notice, as determined solely by the Chief of Police or designee, assignment shall receive premium pay of three hundred dollars (\$300) per month above the member's base rate of pay. This premium is compensable for retirement purposes.

The Chief of Police or designee shall provide in writing to the Association a list of units that receive premium pay for specialized assignments. Units created that receive premium pay will continue to receive premium pay until the unit is eliminated through reorganization or agreement in a successor MOU. The list will be attached to the MOU and be updated as units are created or eliminated.

7.4.02 Skywatch

- (1) Employees occupying the Police Officer class or Police Sergeant class assigned to Skywatch as a pilot who receive and maintain a Commercial Pilot License issued by the Federal Aviation Administration shall receive premium pay of five hundred dollars (\$500) per month above the employee's base rate of pay. This premium is compensable for retirement purposes.
- (2) Employees occupying the Police Officer class or Police Sergeant class assigned to Skywatch who receive and maintain certification as a Flight Instructor issued by the Federal Aviation Administration shall receive premium pay of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) per month above the employee's base rate of pay. This premium is compensable for retirement purposes.
- (3) Employees occupying the Police Officer class and who are assigned the duties of a Chief Police Pilot in Skywatch Unit shall receive a premium pay of twenty and one-half percent (20.5%) above the Officer's base rate of pay. While assigned the duties of

a Chief Police Pilot, a Police Officer will not be entitled to receive the five hundred dollar (\$500) and seven hundred fifty dollar (\$750) premiums under subsections (1) Skywatch Commercial Pilot License and (2) Skywatch Flight Instructor, above. This premium is compensable for retirement purposes.

- (4) Any Officer assigned to the Unit to perform the duties of a Chief Police Pilot shall retain permanent status as a Police Officer. The above premium pay received by an Officer assigned to the Skywatch Unit will be terminated upon transfer out of the Unit.
- (5) Any Officer who subsequently wishes to be removed from the Skywatch Unit while performing the duties of a Chief Police Pilot shall not be allowed to laterally transfer to another supervisory position or to a different special unit until meeting all standard procedures set forth in Section 7.15 Duration of Assignment – Special Units Only of this MOU.
- (6) Any Officer assigned to the Skywatch Unit to perform the duties of a Chief Police Pilot remains subject to all the terms and conditions of this MOU, except as stated above.

7.4.03 Police Corporal/Training Officers - Members occupying the assignment of Police Corporal will be assigned as Training Officers within the Patrol Division and sign up on the patrol matrix. Corporals will wear the department approved uniform insignia on their uniform sleeve and the department approved Field Training Officer (FTO) pin above their right pocket.

- (1) Corporals will attend a POST certified training officer class and be assigned full time to the Patrol Matrix. They will primarily be responsible for training newly hired Police Officers and Cadets. Corporals will also be responsible for training Police Officers returning to patrol assignments from special units. Corporals will review Police Officer and Police Cadet reports and perform all the duties of a Police Officer. Corporals are expected to mentor Police Officers and Police Cadets. To ensure the needs of the department are met, Corporals can be ordered back to meet patrol staffing and can AWS with officers.
- (2) The department may utilize or allow Corporals assigned full time to the Patrol Matrix to be an acting Sergeant in compliance with MOU Section 7.13.01 Patrol Matrix (Supervision) without having to pay acting Sergeant pay if the assignment is for five hours or less.

- (3) Members occupying the assignment of Police Corporal will receive five hundred dollars (\$500) assignment pay per month in addition to their base rate of pay. This assignment pay is compensable for retirement purposes and cannot be combined with Senior Officer or Senior Sergeant incentive pay.
- (4) The department should strive to maintain one (1) Corporal position in each platoon in the patrol matrix.
- (5) Interested Police Officers wishing to participate in the Corporal assignment must complete a written and oral test and must have completed four (4) years of service as a patrol officer with the Fresno Police Department by the written test date. Corporal candidates may substitute one year of service if they possess a four-year degree from an accredited college. Corporal candidates may substitute two (2) years of service if they have completed two (2) or more years of sworn patrol officer service with another CA city police department or CA county sheriff's department. The City of Fresno Police Personnel Bureau/Section shall oversee a written Corporal exam requiring a minimum score of eighty percent (80%) to pass the exam. Corporal candidates successfully passing the written exam will participate in an oral panel interview process overseen by the Fresno Police Department Personnel Bureau/Section. The interview panel will consist of a minimum of three (3) panelists selected by the Chief or the Chief's designee. Corporal candidates must achieve a score of eighty percent (80%) to pass the oral panel. Corporal candidates successfully completing the written and oral exams will be eligible to be assigned as a Corporal.
- (6) The Corporal assignment list is good for two (2) years. The department may conduct more than one (1) Corporal testing process within any two-year period but shall conduct a minimum of one (1) Corporal test every two (2) years.
- (7) Corporals must take and pass a written skills test every three (3) years, demonstrating retention of knowledge. Corporals must pass the written skills test with a score of eighty percent (80%). Corporals who fail the written skills test will be given one (1) additional opportunity to pass the written skills test within thirty (30) calendar days of failing the first written skills test. Corporals who fail the second written skills test will be deemed unqualified and must participate in the full Corporal assignment testing process to become eligible for consideration.

- (8) The Chief of Police or the Chief's designee may seek input from supervisors and staff officers but is responsible for selecting the Corporals from the Corporal assignment list.
- (9) Corporal assignments are not special unit assignments and should generally be for a minimum of two (2) years. The Chief of Police has right of assignment and may remove Corporals from their assignment with thirty (30) days' notice to meet the needs of the department.
- (10) Members on the Corporal assignment list assigned to the patrol matrix will be Training Officers and can wear the department approved FTO pin above their right uniform pocket. The primary function of Training Officers will be to train Police Cadets and Police Officers returning to the patrol matrix from a non- patrol matrix assignment. Training Officers can review and approve their trainees' reports. Training Officers who have received the POST certified training officer class can be utilized to train new recruit Police Officers and lateral Police Officers. Training Officers will be compensated with their officer pay and will be paid Corporal assignment pay prorated to when they are assigned a trainee. Training Officers will sign up in the patrol matrix by seniority and will not be restricted to designated details.
- (11) Training Officers wishing to remain a Training Officer, but not be considered for a Corporal assignment must take and pass a written skills test every three (3) years demonstrating retention of knowledge. Training Officers must pass the written skills test with a score of eighty percent (80%). Training Officers who fail the written skills test will be given one (1) additional opportunity to pass the written skills test within thirty (30) days of failing the first written skills test. Training Officers who fail the second written skills test will be deemed unqualified and must participate in the full Corporal assignment testing process to become eligible for consideration as a Training Officer.
- (12) Police Officers and Police Sergeants assigned as Corporal and Training Officer Coordinators as designated by the Chief of Police shall receive five hundred dollars (\$500) per month in addition to their base rate of pay. This premium pay is compensable for retirement purposes, however, a Police Officer or a Sergeant cannot receive Senior Officer incentive pay and Corporal Coordinator pay simultaneously.

- (13) The top twenty-five (25) members ranked (including ties) at the time the list is promulgated, on a current Fresno Police Sergeant eligibility list, are deemed qualified for a Corporal assignment. When the Sergeant list expires, the automatic qualification for a Corporal assignment associated with this subsection expires; however, Corporals in those assignments when the current Sergeant list expires will continue to be deemed qualified for the Corporal assignment.
- (14) Police Officers cannot receive Corporal assignment pay and Senior Officer pay at the same time. Senior Officers must relinquish Senior incentive pay upon receiving Corporal assignment pay.
- (15) **Police Corporals who complete a minimum of two (2) consecutive years serving as a Training Officer, as defined in Section 7.4.03(1), shall receive additional credit during the promotional testing process for the rank of Police Sergeant. This credit shall be applied after the passing threshold has been met in both the written and oral portions of the Police Sergeant promotional examination process. The value of this credit shall be 0.50 points in total promotional scoring. This incentive is intended to recognize the leadership, mentorship, and instructional experience gained while serving as a Training Officer and to encourage continued professional development within the Department. The Personnel Bureau/Section will maintain records verifying eligibility and ensure consistent application of this credit.**

- 7.4.04 Bomb Squad - Members who are members of the Bomb Squad shall receive double their regular straight time rate for that time spent (from call to completion) in dealing with explosives. Said double time shall be the total compensation for such time spent, whether on regular duty time or when called from off duty. This premium is compensable for retirement purposes.
- 7.4.05 Life Insurance - The City will provide \$250,000 in life insurance/death benefit coverage to members assigned to bomb squad, helicopter pilot, airplane pilot, or helicopter observer duties.
- 7.4.06 Special Duty Pay (Training Unit) - Members occupying the classes of Sergeant and Police Officer full-time to the Police Training Unit will receive special duty pay of three hundred dollars (\$300) per month in addition to their base rate of pay. Special duty pay is compensable for retirement purposes. Sergeants and Police Officers assigned to the Training Unit receiving special pay may be assigned flexible hours of work to meet the

needs of the department with forty-eight (48) hours' notice, except shorter notice will be permitted in the event of an emergency, which is defined as circumstances beyond the control of the City and not having been known forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the circumstances creating the emergency. Adjustments pursuant to this section may last no longer than seven (7) consecutive calendar days, nor occur more than once during any thirty (30) day period. The intent of special duty pay is to maintain parity at the same rate as specialized assignment pay as indicated in 7.4.01 Specialized Assignments.

- 7.4.07 Night Shift - Officers not on probation and any Sergeants who are regularly assigned/scheduled to work a "night shift" between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., shall receive night shift premium pay in addition to their base rate of pay. If one-half (½) or more of an Officer not on probation and Sergeants regularly scheduled shift hours fall between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and midnight, the night shift premium pay will be \$250 per month. If one-half (½) or more of an Officer not on probation and Sergeants regularly scheduled shift hours fall between the hours of midnight and 8:00 a.m., the night shift premium pay will be \$400 per month. This premium pay shall not apply to members receiving premium pay pursuant to Sections 7.4.01 Specialized Assignments, 7.4.02(1) Skywatch Commercial Pilot License, 7.4.02(2) Skywatch Flight Instructor, and 7.4.02(3) Chief Police Pilot above. This premium is compensable for retirement purposes.

- 7.4.08 Motorcycle Duty Hazard Pay:

Members assigned to the Traffic Bureau whose primary duties involve the riding of a police motorcycle during the course of their employment shall receive a monthly motorcycle duty hazard pay added to their base salary in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) per month. This shall be over and above any other premium pay received and shall be compensable for retirement purposes.

- 7.4.09 Bilingual Certification Program - The bilingual certification program consists of a City administered examination process whereby members may apply for a bilingual examination, and if certified by the examiner, receive bilingual premium pay for interpreting and translating. Bilingual premium pay is not pensionable under the first or second tier City Fire and Police Retirement System.

- (1) A Bilingual certification examination will be conducted on an as needed basis. Examination applications will be available at the Personnel Services Department, Operations Division and City department personnel units.

- (2) Employees must be recertified every five (5) years. No change will be made to the employee's ability to receive the bilingual premium unless the employee fails recertification testing. The City will work to schedule recertification exams at times that are convenient to the employees; however, two refusals to attend recertification will be considered a failure to recertify. Employees who fail to recertify shall cease receiving this premium pay.
- (3) Bilingual certification examinations are conducted for Cambodian, Hindi, Hmong, Laotian, Sign, Spanish, Armenian, Punjabi, and Vietnamese languages as well as any languages in the Salary Resolution.
- (4) The bilingual premium pay rate for certified permanent members is one-hundred dollars (\$100) per month, regardless of how many languages for which a member is certified.

Certified members may interpret/translate for departments/divisions they are not assigned to, provided the requesting department/division has a demonstrated customer service-related need, and has obtained approval from the certified member's supervisor.

Certified members shall not refuse to interpret/translate while on paid status. Refusal shall result in appropriate disciplinary action. Certified members may be assigned to any incident or investigation requiring their bilingual skills and may be required to prepare written reports related to the incident or investigation. The objective of this policy will be to utilize department resources in the most efficient way possible.

Except in the event of an emergency, bilingual members who are not certified shall not be required to interpret/translate.

- 7.4.10 Education Incentive Plan (EIP) - EIP will continue to apply solely to those members listed on MOU Exhibit II, which may be amended from time to time as a result of promotion, retirement, resignation or termination, provided the member meets the existing eligibility requirements enumerated below. At a minimum, the department will update this list and add it to the MOU annually.

- (1) EIP Premium Pay for Degrees Awarded:

Bachelor's - each member who has been awarded a Bachelor's degree, in a field approved by the Chief of Police or designee and the Chief Administrative Officer, from an accredited institution of higher learning shall be paid three percent (3%) above the member's base rate of pay. This pay is compensable for retirement purposes.

Master's or Doctorate - each member who has been awarded a Masters or Doctorate degree, in a field approved by the Chief of Police or designee and the Chief Administrative Officer, from an accredited institution of higher learning shall be paid five percent (5%) above the member's base rate of pay. This pay is compensable for retirement purposes.

(2) EIP Premium Pay for Degrees Already Held:

To receive pay for degrees already held, a member listed on MOU Exhibit II must enroll in an accredited college or university, and satisfactorily complete an additional twelve (12) semester units in accordance with the requirements detailed below. After completion of these requirements, the amount of EIP premium pay for the applicable degree already held shall be permanent (i.e., hard-coded), and be added to the member's regular paycheck in accordance with subsection 7.4.10 (1) EIP Premium Pay for Degrees Awarded above.

Eligible members who satisfactorily complete three (3) semester units of graduate or undergraduate level courses per semester from an accredited college or university, in a field approved by the Chief of Police or designee, shall be paid an additional two percent (2%) above the member's base rate of pay. This pay is compensable for retirement purposes. Courses to which the City sends a member on City time, and/or at City expense, shall not qualify nor shall classes taken on "pass-fail", life experience, or non-alphabetic grading system qualify, unless expressly approved prior to commencement of the course. Compensation shall be in a lump sum at completion of the semester's course work.

A member shall be considered to have satisfactorily completed a course upon receipt of a "C" grade for each unit completed prior to receipt of a Bachelor's degree, and at least a "B" grade for each unit completed after receipt of a Bachelor's degree.

Upon verification of satisfactory completion of courses taken, a member shall be eligible to receive the amount indicated in this

Subsection 7.4.10 (2) EIP Premium Pay for Degrees Already Held for a period equivalent to one (1) semester. A semester shall be considered to be four (4) calendar months or eight consecutive biweekly pay periods.

- (3) Any member who is receiving an education bonus pursuant to the previously existing MOU effective July 1, 1984, shall not have that bonus reduced as a result of participation in the EIP provided by this MOU. Any premium pay for further attendance at school, as provided herein, shall be in addition to any bonus pay already received. Any EIP premium pay applied for degrees held pursuant to Subsections 7.04.10 (1) EIP Premium Pay for Degrees Awarded and 7.04.10 (2) EIP Premium Pay for Degrees Already Held above shall be in lieu of any education bonus pay previously received.

7.4.11 P.O.S.T. Certificate Pay - All compensation earned by a member pursuant to this Section, 7.4.11 P.O.S.T. Certificate Pay, shall be in addition to any other incentive and/or premium pays received and shall be compensable for retirement purposes. Members will only receive the highest applicable rate.

- (1) Members who have satisfactorily attained the Intermediate P.O.S.T. Certificate shall be compensated at a rate of five percent (5%) above the members' base rate of pay. **Effective June 15, 2026, members who have satisfactorily attained the Intermediate P.O.S.T. Certificate shall be compensated at a rate of six percent (6%) above the members' base rate of pay.**
- (2) Members who have satisfactorily attained the **Advanced** P.O.S.T. Certificate shall be compensated at a rate of nine percent (9%) above the member's base rate of pay. **Effective June 15, 2026, members who have satisfactorily attained the Advanced P.O.S.T. Certificate shall be compensated at a rate of ten percent (10%) above the member's base rate of pay.**
- (3) **The process for a member to receive P.O.S.T. Certificate Pay is as follows:**
 - (a) **The member must satisfy all educational and service requirements for the particular P.O.S.T. Certificate.**
 - (b) **The Police Department Personnel must receive all substantiating documentation from the member for the P.O.S.T. Certificate.**

- (c) **The Police Department Personnel must approve and submit the member's application to the P.O.S.T. Commission for processing and issuance of the certificate.**
- (d) **Upon receipt of the respective P.O.S.T. Certificate, the member must email the approved P.O.S.T. Certificate to PD.Payroll@fresno.gov and PD.Personnel@fresno.gov for processing.**
- (e) **P.O.S.T. Certificate Pay will become effective at the beginning of the current pay period in which the member submits the applicable certificate to the Police Department Payroll and Personnel.**
- (f) **P.O.S.T. Certificate Pay will not be paid retroactively; however, substantiated delays in the Police Department Personnel or P.O.S.T. Commission's processing of a member's application may be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Director or Personnel Services or designee.**

7.4.12 Senior Patrol Officer, Senior Patrol Corporal, and Senior Patrol Sergeant Incentive Pay

Only Officers, Corporals, and Sergeant's assigned fulltime to the patrol matrix detail qualify to be a Senior Patrol Officer, Senior Patrol Corporal, or Senior Patrol Sergeant. Senior Patrol Officers, Senior Patrol Corporals, and Senior Patrol Sergeants signify tenure and experience with the Fresno Police Department. However, Senior Patrol Officers, Senior Patrol Corporals, and Senior Patrol Sergeants are not superior, nor do they hold rank over Officers, Corporals, and Sergeants in their respective classifications. The below qualifications must be met to be accepted as a Senior Patrol Officer, Senior Patrol Corporal, or Senior Patrol Sergeant:

- (1) Only Officers, Corporals, and Sergeant's assigned fulltime to the patrol matrix detail qualify to receive Senior Incentive pay.
- (2) Qualifying officers must have completed a minimum of fifteen (15) years of service in the classification of Officer at the Fresno Police Department. Corporals and Sergeants must have completed a minimum of ten (10) years of service in their respective Corporal assignment or in the classification of Sergeant with the Fresno Police Department. Officers previously assigned as full-time

Training Officers shall receive equivalent credit for the years served in that assignment toward the ten (10) year requirement.

Senior Patrol Officers, Senior Patrol Corporals, and Senior Patrol Sergeants are deemed qualified based on the above qualifications and will not be subjected to any written or interview testing process.

Senior Patrol Officers, Senior Patrol Corporals, or Senior Patrol Sergeants assigned to the Patrol Matrix on Watch II will receive a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250) stipend each month. Qualified Senior Patrol Officers, Senior Patrol Corporals, or Senior Patrol Sergeants assigned to the Patrol Matrix on Watch III will receive a three hundred dollar (\$300) stipend each month. All compensation earned by a member pursuant to this Section, 7.4.12 Senior Patrol Officer, Senior Patrol Corporal, and Senior Patrol Sergeant Incentive Pay, shall be in addition to any other incentive and/or premium pay received and shall be compensable for retirement purposes.

Qualified Senior Patrol Officers, Senior Patrol Corporals, or Senior Patrol Sergeants may maintain the uniform arm insignia on their uniforms if they leave their patrol matrix assignment. However, they shall cease receiving the stipend pay until they return to a fulltime patrol matrix assignment on Watch II or Watch III. The Fresno Police Department business office shall receive updated employee assignment details to assist them with determining qualified Senior Patrol Officers, Senior Patrol Corporals and Senior Patrol Sergeants.

7.5 FRESNO CITY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH AND WELFARE TRUST

The City and the Association agree that the Fresno City Employees Health and Welfare Trust has the sole authority to determine the benefits that will be provided during the term of this MOU. The sole responsibility of the City under this clause is to provide a set percentage of the total premium for such benefits to be contributed to the Trust by the City on behalf of the members represented by the Association.

The City contribution of the total premium shall be seventy percent (70%) and the employee share of the total premium shall be thirty percent (30%). Employees may opt to contribute the employee share through payroll deductions to make up the difference between the total premium and the City contribution to receive the maximum benefit coverage provided under the Trust or opt not to contribute the employee share and accept a reduced coverage option.

Should any other represented bargaining unit in the City negotiate a successor MOU or extend the period of an MOU with terms imposed resulting in a greater

contribution by the City, upon the Association's written request, the City will match that benefit.

The parties also agree to work collectively in conjunction with their Board representatives to research and recommend potential cost-saving measures for the Health & Welfare Trust, which may include a choice of health program options based on individual need or preference, including a reduced option equivalent to the City's premium contribution, a separate rate for single employees with no dependents, or other flex plan programs; mandatory generic mail order drug maintenance for employees who require prescription drug therapy for any period of 90 days or more; or other measures that may be identified as this work progresses.

7.6 SERVICE UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

7.6.01 Members shall receive a total of \$1,300 as a service uniform purchase and maintenance allowance, prorated and paid via a separate direct deposit in semiannual installments on the last pay date in December and June. Members who separate from City service shall receive their prorated service uniform allowance on their last paycheck. The service uniform allowance provided pursuant to this section shall be considered as compensation for purposes of calculating pension benefits for a member.

7.6.02 Traffic Bureau Officers assigned to motorcycle duty shall be provided, at the City's expense, the safety equipment described in Government Code Section 50081.1. This shall include, but not be limited to, one (1) pair of motorcycle riding boots, three (3) pairs of riding pants, one (1) motorcycle jacket, one (1) pair each of summer and winter gloves, one (1) motorcycle safety helmet and one (1) pair of protective glasses. The safety equipment shall be repaired at the City's expense. If an Officer assigned to motorcycle duty leaves the Traffic Bureau for one (1) year or more and then returns, the Officer will be equipped with new safety equipment, with the exception of a new jacket. Jackets will be issued to returning Officers as needed at the discretion of the bureau commander.

7.7 WORKERS' COMPENSATION

7.7.01 Notwithstanding the provisions of FMC Section 3-118, a member of this Unit who becomes disabled due to an injury or illness in the course and scope of City employment on or after January 1, 2010 shall be entitled, regardless of their period of service with the City, to a leave of absence while so disabled without loss of salary in lieu of temporary disability payments as provided by California Labor Code Section 4850. The remaining provisions of FMC Section 3-118 shall apply. Employees on

“temporary light duty” as a result of an injury or illness suffered in the course and scope of employment shall receive their regular salary during the period of temporary light duty.

- 7.7.02 If a member is placed on sick leave, vacation, CTO or holiday pending determination as to whether the injury or illness is industrial, and the injury is determined to be industrial, sick leave, vacation, CTO or holiday will be restored within thirty (30) calendar days of such determination, and the member placed on injury leave as provided herein.
- 7.7.03 Retirement benefits shall not be reduced as a result of a member receiving Workers’ Compensation benefits.
- 7.7.04 Taxes shall not be withheld on compensation due to injury in the line of duty.
- 7.7.05 If a member is on leave pursuant to an accepted industrial injury, that member shall continue to accrue sick leave, vacation leave, holiday leave, and be afforded all health and welfare benefits. Vacation leave shall not exceed established accrual caps.

7.8 COURT APPEARANCES

Notwithstanding the provisions of FMC Section 3-117, the following rules shall apply to court appearances. Members qualifying under Subsection 7.8.01 below are not eligible for qualifying under Subsection 7.8.02 below, and members qualifying under Subsection 7.8.02 below are not eligible for qualifying under Subsection 7.8.01. The pays under this section 7.8 are not compensable for retirement purposes.

- 7.8.01 Scheduled Days Off - If a member receives a departmental notice or subpoena requiring a court appearance on the member’s regularly scheduled day off, or on a vacation, or on a day off on CTO, or on a day off on holiday, or on a day off AWS, which has been approved prior to notice and/or the member’s receipt of a departmental notice or subpoena, and the member has not been released by the Court Liaison Office (CLO) by 1700 hours on the day prior to the court appearance from such departmental notice or subpoena vis-a-vis an electronic notification system, the member shall be considered to be on court appearance standby duty, and shall be compensated under Subsection 7.8.01(1) below.
 - (1) Pay for court appearance standby duty, as described above, shall be one (1) hour at one and one-half (1 ½) times the member’s base

rate of pay. A member may elect to take this as CTO in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.3.03 and Section 7.3.08.

- (2) Time spent on court appearance standby duty shall not be considered hours worked.
- (3) In the event a member appears in court on a scheduled day off, on a vacation day, or on a day off on CTO, or on a day off on a holiday, or on a day off via AWS, which has been approved prior to notice and/or the member's receipt of a departmental notice or subpoena, the member shall also be compensated for a minimum of four (4) hours at one and one-half times (1 ½) the member's base rate of pay, or at one and one-half times (1 ½) the member's base rate of pay for the actual time of the appearance, whichever is greater. This compensable time starts at the time the member reports to court at the directed appearance time. In the event a member is advised of their need to immediately respond to court ("ASAP Go"), this compensable time starts at the time the member confirms with CLO the receipt of their "Go."
- (4) If a member is called off (canceled) within two (2) hours of the member's directed appearance time, the member will receive the minimum of four (4) hours at one and one-half (1 ½) times the member's base rate of pay. If a member is called off (canceled) more than two (2) hours prior to the member's directed appearance time, the member will not be compensated beyond the court appearance standby pay.

7.8.02 Scheduled Work Day - If a member receives a departmental notice or subpoena requiring a court appearance on a regular day of work outside their shift hours, and the member has not been released by the Court Liaison Office by 1700 hours on the day prior to the court appearance from such departmental notice or subpoena vis-à-vis via an electronic notification system, the member shall be compensated under this Section.

- (1) Pay for court appearance standby, as described above, shall be one (1) hour at one and one-half (1 ½) times the member's base rate of pay. A member may elect to take this CTO in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.3.03 and 7.3.08.
- (2) Time spent on court appearance standby duty shall not be considered hours worked.
- (3) In the event a member appears in court on a scheduled work day, the member shall also be compensated for a minimum of three (3)

hours at one and one half (1 ½) times the members base rate of pay, or at one and one-half (1 ½) times the members base rate of pay for the actual time of the appearance, whichever is greater. This compensable time starts from the time the member reports to court at the directed appearance time. In the event a member is advised of an "ASAP Go," this compensable time starts at the time the member confirms with CLO the receipt of their "Go."

- (4) If a member is called off (canceled) within two (2) hours of the member's directed appearance time, the member will receive the minimum of three (3) hours at one and one-half (1 ½) times the member's base rate of pay. If a member is called off (canceled) more than two (2) hours prior to the member's directed appearance time, the member will not be compensated beyond the court appearance standby pay.

7.8.03 Where a member's appearance extends beyond the three (3) or four (4) hour minimum, the member shall be paid one and one-half times (1 ½) the member's base rate of pay for the actual time of the appearance.

7.8.04 Electronic Hearings – In the event a member's appearance is required via telephone or other means of electronic communication in any judicial or administrative proceeding as a witness, the member shall be compensated at one (1) hour at one and one half (1 ½) times the member's base rate of pay, or at one and one half (1 ½) times the member's base rate of pay for the actual time of the appearance, whichever is greater.

7.8.05 The provisions of Subsections 7.8.01 and 7.8.02 supra, shall also apply to members required to appear in any judicial or administrative proceeding as a witness pursuant to subpoena, court order, or request of the District Attorney. This provision shall apply to all judicial proceedings (civil, criminal, or administrative) and Civil Service proceedings in which a member's presence is ordered, directed, or requested because of their employment as a Police Officer.

7.8.06 Where lateral officers receive a subpoena requiring a court appearance on behalf of the member's prior agency for work related duties, the department will adjust the member's work hours and/or days off, or at the department's discretion, pay overtime so the member can attend to the court process on duty. The member will be responsible for their travel expenses.

7.8.07 In the event a member is substituting as a result of AWS on a regularly scheduled day off/vacation/holiday/CTO, the substituting member shall be

compensated in accordance with compensation afforded under Section 7.8 for a member required to make a court appearance on their regularly scheduled work day.

7.8.08 The department and Association will continue to meet as needed to resolve concerns involving CLO program processes and applications.

7.9 TAKE-HOME VEHICLES

7.9.01 Except as is otherwise specifically determined in this MOU, the Chief of Police shall have the authority to determine which members shall be assigned take-home vehicles. For security purposes, all paperwork in connection with said vehicle assignments shall be maintained by the Chief of Police, or designee within the department, except basic identifying information.

7.9.02 Members who are assigned vehicles for “take-home” purposes may drive their assigned vehicles to their residences within fifteen (15) miles of any point in the city limits for the City of Fresno. The Chief of Police may allow members who reside more than fifteen (15) miles to have take-home vehicles, at the Chief’s sole discretion. Otherwise, members who reside more than fifteen (15) miles from the city limits must leave their assigned vehicles at an approved City facility.

7.9.03 Unless inconsistent with this MOU, Administrative Order 8-8 shall apply with reference to the purpose and benefit of City “take-home” vehicles.

7.10 TIME CHANGE

This is to clarify and confirm City processes when a time change occurs. Any member regularly scheduled to work, and who does work, an eight-hour, ten-hour, or twelve (12) hour, shift during which a change from Pacific Standard Time to Pacific Daylight time, or vice versa, occurs, will be paid as follows:

When such shift occurs in the spring, the member shall receive the full eight, ten, or twelve, hours pay. Any time worked in excess of the regular shift as scheduled shall be at the applicable overtime rate.

When such shift occurs in the fall, the member shall receive the regular eight, ten, or twelve, hours pay. Overtime at the applicable rate shall only be paid for work which is performed immediately before the scheduled starting time and for work which is performed after the scheduled end of the shift. No overtime, at any rate, shall be paid when the actual number of hours worked during such scheduled shift is nine or eleven hours because of the change from daylight savings to standard time.

7.11 LEAVES

7.11.01 Sick Leave:

Members shall accrue **Sick Leave** at the rate of eight (8) hours, for each completed calendar month of employment, with unlimited accumulation. **Sick Leave shall be used consistent with FMC Section 3-107 and in accordance with the California Labor Code (e.g., sections 233, 245.5, 246, 246.5, and other applicable sections). Abuse or misuse of Sick Leave, including using or attempting to use Sick Leave for an unauthorized purpose, misrepresentation of any facts related to the use of Sick Leave, excessive use of Sick Leave, or similar, may result in corrective and/or disciplinary action, up to and including termination.**

7.11.02 Protected Sick Leave:

***** Protected Sick Leave shall be defined as Sick Leave accrued and available and used in accordance with the California Labor Code and shall be limited to 96 hours per fiscal year. Absences due to illness and/or similar reasons exceeding a total of 96 hours per fiscal year may result in corrective action, up to and including termination. Only the use of Sick Leave shall be protected under these Sick Leave provisions. The use of other leave banks will not be recognized as Protected Sick Leave.**

7.11.03 Sick Leave Benefit at the Time of Election to Enter the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) or at Retirement:

An employee who meets the criteria as outlined below, will receive only one of the following benefits based on whether or not the employee enters the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) before retiring from City employment.

- (1) Election into DROP - An employee who has reached the minimum retirement age and has elected to enter the DROP the calculation of the member's Final Average Salary (FAS) shall include an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the member's unused sick leave as if it were a one-time-payment at the hourly base rate of pay in effect for the member as of the DROP entry date. The member's pension contribution on this additional pensionable compensation will be calculated as of the date of DROP entry by multiplying the amount in this subparagraph by the member's pension contribution rate, and that amount will be deducted from the member's DROP account. The City will also be required to

make a corresponding pension contribution to the retirement system based on the additional pensionable compensation created by the Retirement Attendance Incentive. The value of the additional amount in this subsection may be included in the member's gross pay at the time of DROP entry for taxable compensation purposes under IRS regulation calculations.

- (2) Election Not to Enter DROP - For an employee who has reached the minimum retirement age and who retires from the City for service or for disability without entering DROP, an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the member's unused sick leave balance shall be included in the computation of the member's Final Average Salary (FAS) as if it were a one-time-payment at the hourly base rate of pay for the employee in effect at the date of retirement. The member and the City will make a corresponding pension contribution to the retirement system based on the additional pensionable compensation created by the Retirement Attendance Incentive. The member's retirement contribution will be calculated as of the date of retirement by multiplying the amount described above in this subparagraph by the employee's pension contribution rate and the employee agrees to have this amount withheld from the employee's first retirement benefit payment from the Retirement System as the employee's retirement contribution for this additional amount of pensionable compensation. The value of the additional amount in this subsection may be included in the member's gross pay at the time of retirement for taxable compensation purposes under IRS regulation calculations.

This provision shall not apply to members who retire prior to age 50 due to a disability or to former members who have separated from City service and have elected a Deferred Vested status in the City of Fresno Fire & Police Retirement System.

- (3) Hourly base rate shall be the equivalent of the monthly salary for the employee as provided in Exhibit I, multiplied by twelve (12) months then divided by 2,080 hours.

7.11.04 Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA):

- (1) The City currently maintains a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) that qualifies as a "health reimbursement arrangement" as described in Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Notice 2002-45 and other guidance published by the IRS regarding HRAs. The City agrees to maintain the HRA such that it will

continue to qualify as a "health reimbursement arrangement" for the term of the MOU.

- (2) At separation from permanent employment with the City of Fresno by service retirement or at disability retirement if the member is otherwise eligible for service retirement, the value of the member's accumulated sick leave, holiday leave, and special holiday leave shall be credited to an account for the employee under the HRA and such "value" shall be determined as follows:

(a) Sick Leave

For employees hired before September 11, 2014, and any employee who does not enter DROP, all accumulated sick leave hours multiplied by either:

- Fifty percent (50%) of the employee's then current hourly base rate of pay at the time of retirement, or
- Eighty percent (80%) of the employee's then current hourly base rate of pay at the time of retirement if the employee retires within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt by the City of Fresno Fire & Police Retirement System of an application for disability retirement, or an application for service retirement (not having submitted an application for disability retirement).

For employees in DROP hired on or after September 11, 2014, accumulated sick leave hours multiplied by:

- Fifty percent (50%) of the employee's then current hourly base rate of pay at the time of retirement, except that the accumulated sick leave hours shall not exceed the number of sick leave hours which the employee had at the time of entry into DROP or
- Eighty percent (80%) of the employee's then current hourly base rate of pay at the time of retirement if the employee retires within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt by the City of Fresno Fire & Police Retirement System of an application for disability retirement, or application for service retirement (not having submitted an application for disability retirement), except that the accumulated sick leave hours shall

not exceed the number of sick leave hours which the employee had at the time of entry into DROP.

(b) Holiday Leave

If the member opts not to cash out all of the member's accumulated holiday leave hours at the time of separation for retirement purposes, the remaining accumulated holiday leave, shall be credited into an HRA account for the employee at one hundred percent (100%) of the member's then current hourly base rate of pay.

(c) Special Holiday Leave

If the member opts not to cash out all of the member's accumulated special holiday leave hours at the time of separation for retirement purposes, the remaining accumulated special holiday leave shall be credited into an HRA account for the employee at one hundred percent (100%) of the member's then current hourly base rate of pay.

- (3) The hourly base rate of pay for sick, holiday, and special holiday leave balances shall be the equivalent of the monthly salary for a member as reflected in Exhibit I, multiplied by twelve (12) months then divided by 2,080 hours.
- (4) At the City's option, HRA accounts may be book accounts only. A book account means that no actual trust account shall be established for any member. Each HRA book account shall be credited on a monthly basis with a rate of earnings equal to the yield on the City's Investment Portfolio (provided that such yield is positive).
- (5) Pursuant to the City of Fresno Retiree HRA Plan Document, the HRA accounts shall be used solely to pay premiums for medical insurance (including COBRA premiums) covering the participant, the participant's spouse (or surviving spouse in the event of the death of the participant), and the participant's dependents as well as other qualified medical expenses as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 213(D), and further detailed in Internal Revenue Service Publication 502. Once a participant's account under the HRA has been reduced to \$0, no further benefits shall be payable by the HRA. If the participant, the participant's spouse, and the participant's dependents die before the participant's account under

the HRA has been reduced to \$0, no death benefit shall be payable to any person by the HRA.

- (6) While this provision is in effect members shall not be allowed to cash out any accumulated or accrued sick leave at retirement.
- (7) It is the intent of the parties to delete the following phrase: "if the member is otherwise eligible for service retirement," from Section 7.11.04(2), provided that removal of such language will not result in any material detriment to the plan or the City, its plan participants, or to the tax status of the plan. In the event that such detriment exists, the City will notify FPOA within 90 days with an explanation in writing. It is understood that a change in the plan document will require meet and confer with all affected bargaining units.

7.11.05 Vacation Leave:

- (1) Members shall accrue vacation leave hours for each completed calendar month of employment as reflected in the table below. (Pursuant to Section 6.3.01, each Officer's applicable accrual rate will be reduced monthly by .66666 hours for Association time bank purposes.) Members with less than 15 years of continuous employment are allowed to accrue 340 hours of vacation leave, and members with 15 years or more of continuous employment are allowed to accrue 420 hours of vacation leave.

Years of Continuous Employment	Hours per Month
Less than 5	10
More than 5 but less than 10	10.667
More than 10 but less than 15	12
More than 15 but less than 20	13.334
More than 20 but less than 25	15.334
More than 25 but less than 30	16.667
More than 30	18.667

- (2) No member's vacation accumulation shall cease due to refusal by the City to grant vacation leave prior to the member reaching the vacation accrual cap applicable to the member's position and

length of service. In the event a member requests in writing vacation leave one month prior to the month in which the cap would be reached, and such request is refused, the Chief of Police or designee shall extend the member's accrual cap for ninety (90) days, during which time the member shall be scheduled for vacation leave sufficient to reduce the member's balance below the accrual cap. Request for extensions under this section may be denied if the member failed to sign up for and take his/her maximum accrued annual vacation leave during dates which were available for that purpose.

- (3) Any employee returning to full time peace officer City of Fresno employment after previously serving in another agency(s) in a permanent position in a classification equivalent to that of a full time sworn peace officer with the City of Fresno, with no break in service prior to re-employment with the City of Fresno, will be credited with the equivalent years of eligible service in such previous employment solely for determining vacation accruals for City years of service purposes on a prospective basis after certification of the prior years of eligible service is provided by the employee. Time spent in non-full-time service, such as time as a Reserve Officer, will not be credited. Any period of 30 calendar days or less when moving between agencies will not be considered a break in service. An employee who has served in multiple agencies with no break in service is eligible to receive credit for all such time.

7.11.06 Holiday Leave:

- (1) Members shall accrue eight and two-thirds hours per month as holiday leave in lieu of the Holidays recognized in FMC Section 3-116.

January 1.

The third Monday in January.

The third Monday in February.

The last Monday in May.

July 4.

The first Monday in September.

November 11.

Thanksgiving Day in November.

The Friday after Thanksgiving Day in November.

December 25.

Employee's Birthday.

Two Personal Business Days.

Any day or part of a day declared by the Council, ordinance or resolution, to be a holiday.

- (2) Holiday leave banks are capped at 96 hours. Members who are at the 96-hour cap will receive an automatic paydown of any hours exceeding the cap.
- (3) Members may voluntarily request the department to pay down the member's Holiday time up to a maximum of 96 hours per month.
- (4) A Tier 2 member who elects to enter DROP or retire (not having entered DROP), shall have amounts equal to the member's unused holiday leave balance multiplied by the member's current hourly base rate of pay included in the computation of the member's final average salary as if it were a one-time payment.
- (5) At separation from City service for retirement purposes, accumulated holiday leave shall either be ~~paid~~ cashed out at the employee's option, or credited to an HRA account for the employee at one hundred percent (100%) of the member's base rate of pay if eligible for service retirement in accordance with section 7.11.04, Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA).
- (6) At separation, accumulated holiday leave shall be cashed out at the member's base rate of pay if not eligible for participation in the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA).

7.11.07 Special Holiday Leave:

On July 1, 2011, all holiday leave balances in excess of 96 hours were placed as a one-time deposit in a Special Holiday Leave Bank.

- (1) Employees may not place additional hours in the Special Holiday Leave Bank.

- (2) Cash outs of Special Holiday Leave Bank hours are pensionable for Tier 2 members.
- (3) Special Holiday Leave hours may be used as follows:
 - (a) Approved leave;
 - (b) Absent With Substitute (AWS) agreements transferred only to the substituting employee's regular holiday bank;
 - (c) Voluntary cash-out of forty-three (43) hours each FY beginning in FY14. If this option is taken, the value of the cash-out may be included in the member's gross pay in the year cashed-out for taxable compensation purposes under IRS regulation calculations; and,
 - (d) Voluntary cash-out of one hundred (100) hours immediately prior to separation and prior to the employee filing retirement paperwork. If this option is taken, the value of the cash-out may be included in the member's gross pay in the year cashed-out for taxable compensation purposes under IRS regulation calculations.

At separation from City service for retirement purposes, all remaining hours in the Special Holiday Leave Bank shall either be cashed out at the employee's option, or credited to an HRA account for the employee at one hundred percent (100%) of the member's current hourly base rate of pay if eligible for service retirement as set forth in Section 7.11.04.

At separation, accumulated special holiday leave shall be cashed out at the member's base rate of pay if not eligible to participate in the HRA.

- (4) Tier 2 members who elect to enter DROP or retire (not having entered DROP), shall have an amount equal to the member's current hourly base rate of pay included in the computation of the member's final average salary as if it were a one-time payment.

7.11.08 Family Events:

In the event a member requests paid time off (vacation, CTO, or holiday time) not less than two weeks in advance to attend a major family or social event (wedding, birthday, etc.) and permission is granted to attend

such event, the permission for time off shall not be cancelled, except in event of emergency. An emergency is defined as circumstances beyond the control of the City and not having been known 48 hours in advance of the circumstance creating the emergency.

7.11.09 Guaranteed Leave:

- (1) Two times during each matrix semester period, personnel assigned to the patrol matrix may submit a request for guaranteed leave, which request will be honored, subject to the following conditions and procedures:

No more than eight (8) guaranteed leave requests will be honored for any single date. This limit applies city-wide, and for all shifts combined.

Guaranteed leave requests may not be submitted for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, and July 4th.

Requests must be submitted no less than fifteen (15) calendar days before the date requested to be off, but no more than sixty (60) calendar days before the date requested to be off.

Requests are to be submitted to the Duty Office, to be date and time stamped by Duty Office personnel when received. Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis, to the above stated maximum of eight.

Guaranteed leaves may be taken using vacation time only.

Guaranteed leaves may only be for one (1) work shift per request.

Once submitted, guaranteed leave slots may not be transferred from one (1) member to another.

- (2) The Duty Office will be responsible for tracking members' usage of guaranteed leave requests. Once a member submits a guaranteed leave request, the member may cancel the time off, but the request will still count as one (1) of their allowable requests during the semester period. **However, if *** the member cancels *** fifteen (15) calendar days or more prior to the requested date(s), it will not count as an allowable request during the semester period.**

- (3) The department will establish a \$100,000 fund for each remaining fiscal year of this MOU, for payment of overtime costs associated with the granting of guaranteed leave. The \$100,000 shall be split into two equal portions for July 1st through December 31st, and for January 1st through June 30th, for each fiscal year. Should overtime costs to backfill guaranteed leave not consume the \$50,000 in any semester of a fiscal year, the excess will be carried over and added to the fund for the following semester, and consideration will be given to increasing the number of allowable requests during following semesters. Any such increases must be with mutual agreement of the department and Association.
- (4) Should overtime costs to backfill guaranteed leave consume the \$50,000 during a semester, or the \$50,000 and any carry-overs during any subsequent semester, guaranteed leave requests will not be accepted for the remainder of the affected semester.

7.11.10 Vacation Leave Bidding:

Simultaneously with the bidding for shift assignments in the Patrol Division, during the month of December for each fiscal year during the term of this MOU and at least fifteen (15) days prior to January 1 of each year, all covered members may bid to schedule vacation according to date of hire as a Police Officer, or in the case of Sergeant, the date of promotion. A member may bid to schedule vacation in an amount equal to the maximum vacation leave time accrued by that member for the fiscal year. At the time of the bidding process, a member has the option to bid for a one time use of the maximum vacation leave time accrued or may choose to schedule two (2) separate vacation periods. If a member chooses to schedule two (2) separate vacation periods, they may participate in a second bidding process to occur following the completion of the initial bidding. If, after a member participates in the second bidding process, they retain additional accrued vacation leave balances, they may participate in a third bidding process immediately after the second. This second and third bidding process shall also be governed by seniority as stated above and be limited to the remaining vacation leave time accrued for that fiscal year. Vacations shall be scheduled to be taken during the Matrix time period and may be scheduled to coincide with the member's regular days off.

Should the member later decide to schedule vacation in an amount in excess of that accrued during that fiscal year, the decision to allow such additional vacation time shall be at the discretion of the department.

7.11.11 Requests for Time Off Work:

Requests for time off work should be submitted at least 24 hours in advance to increase the likelihood of being approved.

7.11.12 Military Leave:

Members shall be entitled to military leave of absence as provided for in the Military and Veterans Code of California, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 7, and in accordance with Fresno Municipal Code 3-111, Military Leave, and Administrative Order 2-19, Leaves of Absence [Military, LWOP and Paid Administrative].

It is the intent of the City to update Administrative Order 2-19, Leaves of Absence, to include inactive duty training (military drills) as one of the types of temporary military leave of absence that employees will be paid for up to a total of 30 calendar days per fiscal year. In order to be eligible for pay under this section, an employee must have at least one year of combined service between the City and military immediately prior to the day on which the absence begins.

7.12 HOURS AND WORK SCHEDULES, MATRIX ASSIGNMENTS, DUTY OFFICE, NON-MINIMUM STAFFING, MINIMUM STAFFING, AND ABSENT WITH SUBSTITUTE (AWS)

7.12.01 Hours and Work Schedules:

- (1) All members will be assigned to an eight (8), ten (10), or twelve (12) hour day as directed by the Chief of Police. All shifts will include a paid thirty (30) minute meal break. Members are encouraged to notify their supervisor if they are unable to take a meal break. Supervisors should make an effort to ensure members have a meal break. Meal breaks may not be taken within the first and last hour of a shift without supervisor approval.
- (2) Based on the needs of or significant benefit to the department, the Chief of Police may apply a "5/8", "4/10", or "3/12" schedule to specified units outside of patrol matrix duties, either:

With the concurrence of the affected personnel, or

With thirty (30) days' notice to affected personnel, on the condition that said affected personnel who wish to remain on a 4/10 schedule will be allowed to return to a patrol shift consistent with their seniority. In addition, affected members may be considered, at

management's discretion, for transfer to another special unit with a 4/10 schedule.

- (3) Members who are assigned to attend training may be assigned on a 5/8 basis, to accommodate the training schedule. The department will make every effort not to schedule any member to training which will conclude immediately prior to the member's four or five-day work period.

7.12.02 Patrol Work Schedule/Matrix (i.e., Matrix time period) /Transfer Portal:

- (1) A platoon schedule will be in effect for personnel assigned to patrol matrix duties. The platoon schedule will consist of a work week of five (5) ten-hour days followed by a week of three (3) ten-hour days or vice versa, with a total of six (6) days off during the two work weeks.
- (2) Patrol Matrix sign-ups are in the month of December. Every twelve (12) months, all work assignment positions in the patrol matrix shall be declared open for the purpose of bidding by Sergeants, Corporals, Officers, and Recruits according to date of hire as a Police Officer/Corporal/Recruit, or in the case of Sergeant, the date of promotion, for the district shift assignment, and days off and on preferences. For the purpose of bidding, Sergeants will precede Officers/Corporals/Recruits.
- (3) *** **Officers and Corporals** assigned to patrol who are on an injury, long-term absence, or other absence status at the time of bidding will not be counted as part of the personnel assigned to the patrol schedule and will not be allowed to participate in schedule sign-ups unless they have a medical release to return to work at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the day of sign-ups.
- (4) **Sergeants assigned to patrol who are on an injury, long-term absence, or other absence status will participate in schedule sign-ups. Another Sergeant may sign up to "ghost" the absent Sergeant's detail. When the absent Sergeant returns to the detail, the Sergeant "ghosting" the detail will select a new detail commensurate with their seniority. No bumping will occur as a result of the "ghosting" Sergeant selecting a new detail.**
- (5) At the time of bidding, the number of shifts available for Officer/Corporal/Sergeant bid shall be equal to the number of member positions allocated to the patrol matrix. *** **Officers and**

Corporals assigned to patrol who are on an injury, long-term absence, or other absence status shall not sign up for a patrol shift, and for purposes of staffing, shall not be considered as currently assigned to the patrol schedule (**Patrol Unassigned**). **Such Officers and Corporals are subject to the provisions of Section 7.4 of this MOU with respect to the continuation of premium pay.**

- (6) Nothing in the preceding sub-sections precludes moving probationary employees. Probationary Police Officers, Sergeants, or Recruit may be assigned at any time by Police Management to a district, shift, and detail with a notice of no less than fourteen (14) calendar days before the start of their new assignment.
- (7) Assignments as a result of the bidding process will begin on the first day of the first pay period following January 1st of each year.
- (8) **Except for Officers on probation,** members assigned to patrol may submit a request for transfer to any squad to the Patrol Transfer Administrator (The Patrol Division Commander or their designee). The Transfer Administrator shall grant transfer requests to fill vacancies based on department seniority if the request would not cause staffing to drop below designated minimum staffing levels. In such cases where a granted transfer would cause staffing to drop below designated minimum staffing levels, the transfer shall still be granted if either of the following is applicable:
 - (a) Such a transfer would relieve an equal or greater deficit in minimum staffing levels; or
 - (b) Such a transfer will be immediately backfilled by an incoming transfer or assignment.

In the event that a transfer request cannot be granted, it will be held for future consideration until such time that the request can be granted, or the member withdraws the request. Transfer requests do not expire.

There may be exceptional circumstances in which the granting of a transfer request creates a potential hardship in working conditions or work environment for a member or members. In such cases, the Department would meet with the Association regarding the exceptional circumstances justifying the denial of a transfer request. In such cases, the final authority to deny a transfer request rests with the Chief of Police.

- (9) Officers / Recruits being released from training to patrol duty will not be assigned to a vacancy that is the subject of a pending transfer request from a senior member.
- (10) Allowable transfers shall be granted as soon as practical after a vacancy becomes available, and never longer than two (2) full pay periods. Members will be notified by phone and department email of a granted transfer request. Upon being notified of a transfer request being granted, the member shall have seven (7) calendar days to either accept or decline the transfer. If a member will be absent from work for longer than seven (7) calendar days, it is the responsibility of the member to notify the Transfer Administrator of their preemptive acceptance of any given granted transfer request. A failure to respond within seven (7) calendar days will be treated as the member declining the granted transfer. In the event the member declines the transfer request, the transfer request will be removed from the list of pending transfer requests. Declined transfers shall not count toward the member's limitation of one transfer per calendar quarter. If accepted, the transfer will go into effect as soon as practical or within two (2) pay periods following the acceptance date.
- (11) **Except for Officers on probation,** members may request a mutual "swapping" of detail assignments through the Transfer Administrator. The request to swap shifts shall be granted, unless one (1) of the assignments being swapped is the subject of a pending transfer request from a member senior to the member filling the assignment.
- (12) Members returning to patrol from a special unit, whether voluntary or involuntary, or returning to regular patrol duty from a Corporal assignment, may select any patrol detail commensurate with their seniority. In such cases, no "bumping" will occur. The assignment will be considered "ghosted" until one (1) of the two (2) members vacates the detail. A member may not "ghost" a detail that is already being "ghosted." An assignment for members returning to patrol from a special unit or Corporal assignment shall not count toward the member's limitation of one (1) transfer per calendar quarter.
- (13) Members out on injury, long-term absence, or other absence status lasting thirty (30) calendar days or longer will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine whether the assigned detail will be declared vacant for the purposes of transfer availability. If a

member has their assigned detail declared vacant under this subsection, that member shall have exclusive rights to the “ghosting” of their vacated detail until the member:

- (a) Returns to patrol duty in their vacated detail or another selected detail;
- (b) Is assigned to a special unit; or
- (c) Declares, in writing, to the Department that they waive their exclusive right to their detail.

***** Officers and Corporals** returning to patrol duty from injury, long-term absence, or other absence status may select their prior held detail, or any patrol detail commensurate with their seniority. In such cases, no “bumping” will occur. The assignment will be considered “ghosted” until one (1) of the two (2) members vacates the detail. A member may not “ghost” a detail that is already being “ghosted.” An assignment for members returning to patrol from injury, long-term absence, or other absence status shall not count toward the member’s limitation of one (1) transfer per calendar quarter.

- (14) If a hardship exists, a special request for a change in patrol detail assignment can be submitted. A member may submit one (1) request to the Chief of Police through the chain of command during a calendar year. The request will be considered based on the needs of the department. A response will be issued to the member within thirty (30) calendar days. Barring a training need, approved requests may be honored once a vacant assignment that addresses the hardship becomes available. Hardship requests in excess of one (1) per calendar year may be granted at the discretion of the Chief of Police.
- (15) There is no limit on the amount of voluntary transfer requests that can be submitted by a member. However, each member is limited to one (1) transfer per calendar quarter. Calendar quarters are designated as follows:
 - (a) First quarter is defined as months January, February, and March;
 - (b) Second quarter is defined as months April, May, and June;

- (c) Third quarter is defined as months July, August, and September; and
 - (d) Fourth quarter is defined as months October, November, and December.
- (16) Members may be subject to involuntary assignment as part of the disciplinary process if it is demonstrated that the assignment will provide relief, correction, or future prevention in the matter pertaining to the disciplinary action. Involuntary assignments made as part of the disciplinary process shall be to the same shift possessed by the member prior to the reassignment. Any assignments made as a part of the disciplinary process must be approved by the Chief of Police.
 - (17) A digital version of the Transfer Request Log will be kept current and maintained by the Program Administrator. The log will be accessible to all affected members via department computers. Only the Transfer Administrator or their designee shall have editing rights to the Transfer Request Log.
 - (18) If the Chief of Police determines a reorganization of Police Department staffing is necessary for operational efficiency of the Police Department, the Chief of Police will consult with the Association within thirty (30) calendar days prior to the reorganization.
 - (19) By mutual agreement between the FPOA and the Chief of Police, a temporary moratorium of the Patrol Matrix sign-up can be implemented if/when the transfer portal program is adequately allowing for movement and transfers within Patrol Division.

7.12.03 Patrol Matrix Schedule - The department and FPOA will meet no later than September 1st of each year during the term of the MOU to discuss staffing and shifts for the patrol matrix, evaluate the effectiveness and necessity of the patrol matrix, as well as to discuss potential alternatives to it. The patrol matrix may be modified or cancelled upon mutual agreement with a side letter agreement.

7.12.04 Duty Office:

- (1) Officers assigned to the Duty Office may be scheduled to work a modified "3/12" schedule consisting of three (3) twelve (12) hour work shifts one week, followed by three (3) twelve (12) hour work shifts and one (1) eight (8) hour work shift the next, or vice versa.

- (2) Officers working in the Duty Office not scheduled on a "3/12" basis will be scheduled on a "4/10" basis.
- (3) Work schedules will contain specific hours and day off patterns established and/or modified by agreement of Police Department Management, acting on behalf of the City, and the Association, acting on behalf of the affected members.
- (4) Hours worked in excess of the scheduled eight (8), ten (10) or twelve (12) hour work shift, or in excess of the scheduled thirty-six (36), forty (40) or forty-four (44) work week, will be compensated as overtime.
- (5) Either the City or the Association may discontinue this section with thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party. The decision to discontinue this section is not grievable or appealable. Discontinuation of this section will result in the reinstatement of all schedule and overtime provisions existing in the current MOU.

7.12.05 Non-Minimum Staffing - Flexing of Hours:

To accommodate the personal needs of members and to create the best working environment, given the context of a police department whose primary goal is service to the community, members assigned to non-minimum staffing units may request and be assigned flexible hours of work. The member's Supervisor may adjust hours of work under the following conditions:

- (1) The operational needs of non-minimum staff unit shall be the primary concern for a Supervisor when determining a request for flexing of hours.
- (2) The occasional granting of a flex schedule pursuant to this subsection will be only for specific qualified purposes as determined by a Supervisor. Examples of a specific qualified request by a member may include attending their child's baseball game, a doctor's appointment, meeting someone who is arriving at the airport, or some other qualified event.
- (3) Granting a long-term flex schedule shall require concurrence of the Bureau Commander. Examples of the need for a long-term flex schedule may include home nurse care for a spouse and the need to relieve the care giver, circumstances involving a "special needs" child, continuing education, or some other qualified event.

- (4) A Supervisor may require the members to decide amongst themselves who is to be granted a flex schedule. The decision by the members shall be by mutual agreement. If the members are unable or unwilling to make such decision, the Supervisor shall have the discretion to make whatever decision they deem appropriate.
- (5) With the concurrence of the Bureau Commander and in lieu of granting a flex schedule, a Supervisor may offer to a member the option of a fixed 5/8 schedule with the hours of 0730 to 1600, for a minimum of thirty (30) days.
- (6) In order to meet departmental operational and service needs, a Supervisor may terminate, at any time, a member's flexed schedule upon thirty (30) days written notice to the affected member. The decision to discontinue a flex hour schedule is not appealable or grievable.

7.12.06 Minimum Staffing Requirements:

The Department and the Association agree to minimum staffing requirements within the patrol matrix, individual to each shift and district.

Minimum staffing requirements will be reviewed annually, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual patrol matrix signups, in an attempt to come to an agreement regarding minimum staffing requirements. The needs of the Department, safety of the officers, and safety of the community will all be considered in evaluating the minimum staffing requirements. The Association will designate up to two (2) representatives who will serve as advisors in the Department's process of determining annual staffing recommendations.

The Department reserves the right to determine minimum staffing levels in patrol, by shift and district, for any given patrol matrix period. Minimum staffing levels for each shift and district shall be established and provided to the abovementioned Association representatives prior to the annual matrix signups. The established minimum staffing levels shall remain in effect for the entire matrix period absent a significant change in circumstances due to matters outside the control of the Department, or the restructuring of units, shifts, or districts. Should such a change occur, the Department will meet with the Association's designated representatives referenced above.

For the purpose of satisfying minimum staffing requirements, only officers assigned to work an entire shift, or partial shifts that when combined cover

an entire shift, in patrol matrix duties will be counted. Partial shifts or personnel with auxiliary duties (i.e., wagon driver, K-9, traffic units) whose primary function is not responding to calls for service will not be counted under minimum staffing requirements.

Partial shift exception: Officers flexed for mandated training shall be counted toward minimum staffing, so long as their working hours will cover at least sixty percent (60%) of their regularly assigned shift.

The Department may utilize staffing software in the deployment of patrol personnel (policing districts). Deployment is inclusive of the number and scheduling of shifts, the number and configuration of policing districts, members assigned to each shift, and the day off configuration or rotation of days off. Data used to develop staffing recommendations at the beginning of each matrix period, and the resulting district and shift minimum staffing levels will be based on the number of personnel assigned to the patrol matrix who are not expected to be on injury or other absence status longer than thirty (30) days into the matrix period.

7.12.07 Absent with Substitute

- (1) AWS with Trade - In accordance with Section 7 (p)(3) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) as discussed in 29 CFR 553.31, the City agrees that members may, with their supervisor's approval, substitute for one another when a member would like to take time off work. The substitution must be during scheduled work hours, and in the performance of work in the same capacity. The hours worked are excluded by the City in the calculation of the hours for which the substitute member would otherwise be entitled to overtime compensation under the FLSA and under Section 7.3. When one member substitutes for another, the member being substituted for will be credited as if they had worked their normal schedule for that shift.
- (2) Probationary Officers - Officers on probation may utilize 40 hours of AWS to take time off during any calendar quarter with no restriction on how many hours of AWS they can work during any calendar quarter. Probationary Officers needing to utilize more than 40 hours of AWS to take time off during a calendar quarter may do so with district commander approval.
- (3) Non-Probationary Officers - Non-probationary Officers may utilize 120 hours of AWS to take time off during any calendar quarter with no restriction on how many hours of AWS they can work during any calendar quarter. Non-probationary Officers needing to utilize more

than 120 hours of AWS to take time off during a calendar quarter may do so with district commander approval.

- (4) AWS with Compensation - When one member substitutes for another, the member being substituted for will be credited as if the member had worked their normal schedule for that shift. If the substituting member wishes to be compensated for the substitute shift worked at the base/straight time rate of pay, then the member being substituted for shall transfer the applicable number of holiday leave, vacation, or CTO, hours to the substituting member's "like" account. The volunteering member shall work the shift in order to receive the time credited to their account. (Note: The member being substituted for may only select one account from which to take hours for transfer, and those hours shall only be transferred to the volunteer substitute's "like" account. If the substituting member's selected account is at the maximum allowable balance, the substituting member shall be compensated at the base/straight time rate of pay from the transferred hours. An internal processing form has been established to accomplish this transfer.) If members are "trading" an AWS shift with one another and are compensating each other with leave time, members must exchange time from "like" leave accrual accounts.
- (5) AWS Notification to Department - Members wishing to provide a substitute must notify the department at least 24-hours in advance of the substitution by completing an OTTO entry for approval by the member's supervisor. The substitute must be satisfactory to the department. If the substitute is determined to not be a satisfactory substitute, the commanding Officer shall provide the reason(s) in writing within a reasonable amount of time.

7.13 ASSIGNMENTS, COVERAGE & HOURS - EXCEPTIONAL PROVISIONS

7.13.01 Patrol Matrix (Supervision):

- (1) In the event a Sergeant assigned on the matrix is absent from duty, a position is vacant, or there is no Sergeant assigned to duty, and any commander assigned to the affected district or the Duty Office determines that a replacement or additional personnel are required, a Corporal may be assigned if their assignment will not cause officer staffing levels to fall below preferred staffing, otherwise, a Sergeant shall be hired back on overtime to fill the vacancy, or, if no Sergeant is available, a Corporal or Police Officer, may be assigned to an acting position to perform the Sergeant's duties. Any Officer so assigned for the majority of a shift

shall be compensated at the lowest step in the salary range of the Police Sergeant class which is at least three and one-half percent higher than the rate received in the employee's current class. If such compensation requires a payment greater than highest Step, then highest Step shall be paid. Corporals assigned to be Acting Sergeants shall receive pay as provided in Section 7.04.03. This subsection shall be in lieu of the "acting pay" provisions of FMC Section 3-260.

- (2) No additional compensation shall be paid to Police Officers or Corporals who are assisting in the day-to-day administration performed by Sergeants nor for acting as a patrol supervisor (Senior Officer available) when the Sergeant is on-duty but unavailable.
- (3) Signups for available overtime as a Sergeant shall be limited to Sergeants.
- (4) A Corporal shall not be assigned to a shift if such assignment would cause the number of Corporals to be greater than the number of Sergeants City-wide on that shift.
- (5) No Corporal shall be allowed to Act to an individual Sergeant's position for more than six months.
- (6) This provision does not preclude the City/Department from designating provisional Sergeants in accordance with FMC Section 3-258.

7.13.02 Special Units - Flexing of Hours:

Sergeants or Officers in non-patrol matrix assignments may be assigned flexible hours and days off of work to meet the needs of the department. The Police Chief or designee may adjust hours of work and days off under the following conditions, without payment at the overtime rate:

- (1) with the concurrence of the Sergeant or Officer; or,
- (2) in the event of emergency, which is defined as circumstances beyond the control of the City and not having been known forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the circumstance creating the emergency; or,
- (3) with forty-eight (48) hours' notice to the Sergeant, or Officer. Adjustments pursuant to this subsection may last no longer than

seven (7) consecutive calendar days, nor occur more than once during any thirty (30) day period; or,

- (4) where the adjustment has been made to cover a special event and the special event is canceled with less than forty-eight (48) hours' notice to the department, and the department then promptly cancels the adjustment and returns the Officer to the regular schedule.

Overtime worked past the scheduled end of a shift shall not be considered as a shift adjustment. An adjustment of hours prior to the shift shall be considered as an adjustment.

Officers assigned to special units receiving "Flexible Hours" premium pay are excluded from the forty-eight (48) hour notice requirement. However, when practical, they will be given as much advance notice as possible when hours and/or days off are to be flexed. Flexing of these Officers is also not limited to seven (7) days in duration, nor as to frequency. However, when such adjustments exceed thirty (30) days, the Association shall be provided with a plan for a return to regular schedules.

This does not prohibit the department from flexing Officers under other provisions of the MOU.

7.13.03 Traffic Bureau:

(1) Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU):

Hours of Work: Base work hours of the TEU shall be 0730 to 1730. Days off for dayshift TEU Officers will alternate each week from Saturday and Sunday to Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Base work hours of the nightshift TEU shall be 1700 to 0300. Nightshift TEU Officers will work a 30/50 platoon schedule identical to the patrol platoon schedule. TEU Officers may be assigned flexible hours of work subject to the needs of the department pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.13.02 Special Units – Flexing of Hours.

Meal Period: The meal period will be between the second and eighth hour of the work day. It will be the Officer's responsibility to notify the supervisor if the Officer cannot schedule a meal period during the specified time set aside for this purpose. A meal period taken outside the specified hours requires the approval of a supervisor. No more than one-half of the Officers working a given district may take their meal period at the same time, unless

specifically approved by a supervisor.

Vacations: TEU vacation sign-ups shall be done by department seniority during assignment sign-ups. No more than fifteen percent (15%) of the entire unit may be allowed annual vacation at once, without prior approval of the division commander.

- (2) Take-Home Vehicles:
Traffic Bureau Officers assigned to motorcycle duty, and Officers assigned to the Collision Reconstruction Unit (CRU), will be allowed to drive their assigned vehicles to their residences, subject to the provisions of Section 7.9 (Take-Home Vehicles-).
- (3) The Chief of Police or designee reserves the right to determine the allocation of Traffic Units on both the dayshift and nightshift schedule.
- (4) Bidding for allocated positions will be in accordance with Section 7.15.03 Special Unit Seniority and Bidding and will occur annually to coincide with the start of the patrol matrix.

7.13.04 Canine Unit - The following applies to Officers assigned to the Canine Unit (includes Narcotics Canine):

- (1) The City will install kennels at the home of the Officers assigned canines, and pay for veterinary care, food, and miscellaneous supplies. Officers assigned canines will be allowed to drive their assigned City vehicle to their place of residence. Except as provided in Section 7.9, Canine Officers who reside farther than fifteen (15) miles from the City limits must leave their assigned vehicles at an approved City facility and provide approved secure transportation for the canine from that point to their residences. Unless inconsistent with this section, Administrative Order 8-8 shall apply with reference to the purpose and benefit of City take-home vehicles.

Canine Officers will not be permitted to voluntarily transfer to other assignments during the service life of the Officer's canine. Canine Officers are not precluded from competing for promotional positions.

- (2) The canine and the kennel installed by the City at the Officers' home are the property of the City. In the event an Officer is no longer assigned to the canine unit, the City reserves the right to maintain ownership of the canine or return the canine to the original

vendor or other designated party, as determined by the Chief of Police or designee.

- (3) Canine Officers, with the exception of the narcotics unit canine, are subject to flexible hours of work as described in Section 7.13.02. The base work schedule for Officers assigned to the Canine Unit will consist of a work week of five (5) ten-hour days followed by a work week of three (3) ten-hour days, commonly referred to as the Platoon Schedule, with a total of six (6) days off during the two work weeks, to include at least one weekend.
Section 7.13.04 (3) shall not apply to the Narcotics Canine Unit.
- (4) Police Management reserves the right to determine the allocation of K-9 positions by shift, district, and days off, to ensure the optimal coverage of such units in the field. Bidding for allocated positions will be in accordance with Section 7.15.04. Canine Unit schedules will be established annually to coincide with the patrol matrix but will not be included in the patrol matrix. Canine units will not be counted to satisfy minimum staffing in the patrol matrix.
- (5) Compensation paid pursuant to Section 7.13.04 is overtime and is therefore not compensation as defined under the first or second tier of the City's Fire and Police Retirement System.
- (6) Time spent by the Officers for home care of the canine is considered hours worked pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act. The canine Officer will be compensated for one (1) hour each day in the care of the canine. Officers may spend more than one (1) hour a day with the canine, but any time over one (1) hour a day shall be considered as normal owner-related activities for the enjoyment of the individual and the canine. Officers that spend more than one (1) hour a day with the canine and believe that this time is hours worked shall turn in a time sheet no later than the next working day, after the time spent with the canine, to the canine supervisor.
- (7) Compensation under Section 7.13.04 is not for the performance of Police Officer duties and, therefore, compensation for the home care of the canine will be calculated at one-half the applicable overtime rate of pay for "B" step of the Recruit class.

7.14 FILLING SPECIAL UNIT ASSIGNMENTS

Definition: Special units are defined as all units (and positions assigned to those units) outside of patrol matrix duties.

7.14.01 Officers must be off probation to be eligible for assignment to a primarily uniformed special unit. Officers must be off probation and have three (3) years' experience as a sworn peace officer for assignment to a primarily non-uniformed investigative unit. Sergeants need not be off probation to be eligible for special unit assignment consideration.

7.14.02 The conditions below apply to any Officers who meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 7.14.01, as well as any Sergeant who wishes to be considered for a special unit position:

- (1) When there is an anticipated vacancy, the Department will prepare a special unit assignment announcement to be disseminated by email. The announcement will outline any additional documents and/or qualifications (beyond minimum eligibility requirements) to be considered for the assignment. The announcement will remain open for fourteen (14) calendar days to provide interested candidates the opportunity to submit a Request for Consideration (RFC) and any other requested documents. Members that submit RFCs within the allotted timeframe will be eligible for consideration provided they meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 7.14.01 and additional qualifications to the extent they exist.
- (2) Members being reassigned out of a special unit assignment shall be notified no later than October 31st. Members requesting to be returned to patrol shall notify the Department through their respective chain of command by September 30th of each year.
- (3) Members subject to Department reorganization will follow procedures outlined in Section 7.16.03(2).
- (4) All eligible members who expressed interest in the special unit will be considered. The Department will select the eligible members who will be interviewed for a special unit assignment at its discretion. The Department shall interview at least ten (10) eligible candidates for any initial special unit vacancy. However, if ten (10) or fewer eligible candidates apply, the Department will interview all eligible candidates. In the event more than five (5) vacancies are being filled, one (1) additional eligible candidate will be interviewed for each vacancy beyond five (5).

Each unit will be considered separately for determining how many Officers/Sergeants need to be interviewed.

- (5) If there is an additional vacancy within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days of a selection, the Department does not need to send out an additional position announcement, but may select from the existing candidate list, interview one (1) additional eligible candidate per vacancy as outlined in Section 7.14.02(4).
- (6) If a member has submitted multiple RFCs within the same division or bureau, one (1) interview may be utilized for all RFCs within that division/bureau provided the interview has occurred within the prior one hundred twenty (120) calendar days.
- (7) The Department reserves the right to determine necessary qualifications for each special unit assignment; however, at the request of the Association, the Department and Association will meet to discuss the impact of any qualifications for a given assignment.

7.14.03 The Department retains the right to assign any Officer/Sergeant to any special unit assignment, outside of the above process, when the assignment is made for a specific purpose based on specific need(s) that the Officer/Sergeant assigned can best address. The Department will, upon request, verbally identify the specific skill set and the needs to be addressed as well as the time sensitive needs of the Department. However, such assignments may be made for no more than one (1) year after which the Officer/Sergeant must have met the above qualifications and process to remain in that or any other special unit assignment.

Chief's Exemption - The Chief may select up to three percent (3%) (of filled positions for Unit 4) of sworn Officers and Sergeants to serve in a special unit assignment without time limitations. Officers assigned under Section 7.14.03 are eligible for assignment under this subsection. The selected Officer or Sergeant shall sign an acknowledgment under this subsection. The Department and the Association will maintain a copy of the signed acknowledgment. The Department shall maintain a means of tracking assignments made under the Chief's Exemption. A copy will be provided to the Association. Once the selected Officer or Sergeant leaves the special unit assignment, the Officer or Sergeant must meet the eligibility requirements and process outlined in Sections 7.14.01 and 7.14.02 to be considered for any other special unit assignment.

7.14.04 Should there be insufficient eligible candidates through the above process to fill the assignments available, the Department may assign any Officer

off of probationary status, or any Sergeant for Sergeant assignment(s) to the open assignments as necessary to fill special units. Such assignments may be for no more than one (1) year for any Officer or Sergeant so assigned. Officers and Sergeants shall be selected using Departmental seniority beginning with the least senior Officers and Sergeants.

7.15 DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT - SPECIAL UNITS ONLY

7.15.01 Officers and Sergeants assigned to special unit assignments shall generally be assigned for a minimum of two (2) years. Movement subsequent to assignment to a special unit is at the discretion of the Chief of Police for the good of the department, and may be accomplished either:

With the concurrence of the affected Officer or Sergeant, or, with no less than thirty (30) calendar days' notice, The notification shall not occur between November 1st and February 28th.

7.15.02 Assignment Movement under this Section (i.e., 7.15) is not appealable.

7.15.03 Special Unit Seniority and Bidding: For the purposes of bidding on shifts, assignments, and/or vacation schedules, department seniority shall be used.

Members who are assigned to a special unit any time after the annual bidding process has been completed will not be allowed to take already established shifts, assignments, and/or vacation schedules of members within a unit, regardless of seniority, until the next bidding process.

7.16 SENIORITY

7.16.01 Definitions: Seniority within rank and class shall begin upon the date on which an Officer receives a permanent appointment to a position in the class. A permanent demotion from a promotional position shall result in loss of accrued seniority in the higher rank. A temporary demotion from a higher rank shall not result in loss of accrued seniority in the higher rank, but seniority in the higher rank will not accrue during the term of the demotion. A temporary demotion is defined as a demotion wherein the employee may be reappointed to the higher rank without a competitive process. The seniority of Police Officer/Police Officer Recruit who is hired on the same date shall be as follows:

- (1) Placement on a promulgated eligible list by score will be the order of seniority.

- (2) In cases where Officers/Recruits are hired from Entry Level Lists promulgated on different dates, those hired from the list promulgated first shall have seniority.
- (3) Seniority for Police Cadet shall begin on the date they are sworn-in as Police Officer Recruit.
- (4) When hired on the same day from a Lateral Police Officer List and Entry Level Police Officer List, the Lateral Police Officer will have seniority.
- (5) When two (2) or more Officers have the same date of hire and no Police Officer promulgated list exists to determine seniority, the most senior will be determined by the Officer's permanent full-time date of hire as a City employee, and if not applicable, seniority will be determined by lottery. The results of the lottery shall be used to determine present and future seniority.

7.16.02 Vacation Selection: Vacation selection by division, section, district or shift, as determined by the department, shall be based upon, and determined by, seniority within the class.

7.16.03 Shift/Detail Assignments: The primary consideration in making shift or detail assignments shall be the needs of the department subject to the seniority provisions below.

- (1) Patrol Matrix Assignments: Except as otherwise provided below and in Section 7.12.02 (Matrix Schedules), patrol matrix assignments shall be filled by seniority. Seniority for all work assignments subject to bid in the patrol matrix by Police Officer shall be by date of hire as a Police Officer or, in the case of a Sergeant, the date of promotion. Any subsequent changes in patrol matrix assignments shall be accomplished as vacancies occur and not by "bumping" or changing of previously existing assignments.

Exception: An Officer or Sergeant reassigned to the patrol matrix by the department without the consent of the Officer or Sergeant shall be assigned to a shift according to their seniority in that class.

- (2) Department Reorganization/Personnel Reductions-Special Units: In the event of a departmental reorganization, or a reduction of personnel due to budget restrictions, which reorganization or personnel reduction causes the movement of special units, the "last in first out" rule shall apply within any affected unit.

7.17 FEDERAL DRUG POLICY (Federal Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act - "ACT")

Policy:

7.17.01 The City maintains two (2) separate policies to distinguish those procedures required by the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, entitled:

Fresno Area Express Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing Policy for "Safety-Sensitive" Employees/ Individuals Subject to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Regulations, which may be amended from time to time, after compliance with applicable collective bargaining laws.

City of Fresno Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing Policy for "Safety-Sensitive" Employees/Applicants Subject to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Regulations, which may be amended from time to time after compliance with applicable collective bargaining laws.

7.17.02 The parties agree that each policy sufficiently summarizes the current federal regulations required by the ACT. Both policies will be distributed to every affected member of the Fresno Police Officers Association Non-Management Police Unit upon implementation or amendment of the policies, and at the time of training and orientation.

7.17.03 The parties acknowledge that there currently exists a list of positions subject to the provisions of the two (2) policies: "(a) Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing Regulations, Fresno Area Express, (b) Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing Regulations, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration", and should these positions be changed or modified, the parties agree to establish a new list of positions which are subject to these two (2) policies pursuant to the ACT and the Department of Transportation. As personnel changes within these positions, the parties agree that the Department will give notice to the Association and the Risk Management Division of such changes.

7.17.04 The Risk Management Division will be responsible for receiving all information related to the implementation of this policy and directing the applicable disciplinary action in coordination with the Labor Relations Division.

7.17.05 The parties agree to abide by the federal regulations set forth in each policy. Employees who are members of the Association will also be

subject to the provisions of any applicable Department Standing Order, policy or procedure.

7.17.06 Last Chance Agreements do not apply to members of the Association. As required by federal regulations, employees who have tested positive and who have returned to work, will still be subject to random selection for testing and will be subject to six (6) additional tests for drugs and alcohol during the subsequent year.

7.18 GENERAL TESTING GUIDELINES FOR EMPLOYEES NOT COVERED BY THE FEDERAL OMNIBUS TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE TESTING

General Requirements

Drug and substance tests may also be required under Departmental Policy and Procedures, as the same may be modified following consultation with the Association pursuant to FMC 3-607.

7.18.01 Whenever a member is selected for a special unit assignment engaging in drug or vice enforcement, such member shall execute a written agreement and release stating full consent for initial and random drug testing if drawn.

7.18.02 In the event the City provides an annual scheduled physical, all members shall be required to submit to a drug test.

7.18.03 Sworn members while assigned to any special unit engaging in drug or vice enforcement shall be placed into a pool from which the names will be randomly drawn for drug testing. Each employee shall have an equal chance at selection and shall remain in the pool after being tested. The number of employees tested annually shall not exceed 50% of the eligible pool (i.e. if there are 100 employees in the pool, only 50 random tests will occur for the calendar year). No employee will be required to test randomly more than three (3) times in a calendar year.

7.18.04 The basis for random selection shall be by a valid random number generation method initiated by computer software. A designated representative from the Association shall be permitted to authenticate and confirm the random selection process but shall not be permitted to view the names of employees who are selected for testing.

7.18.05 Any employee randomly selected for testing will be notified during their work shift and directed to proceed to the test site immediately. The Risk Management Division will contact the designated Police Department Management representative(s) on a monthly basis and provide the names of employees who require drug testing.

7.18.06 All drug testing noted above will be performed in accordance with the Federal Omnibus Transportation Act, except in those instances where members are unable to provide a urine sample such members may elect to provide a blood sample. It is understood that if a member cannot provide a sufficient sample or, in the alternative, refuses to provide a blood sample, the test shall be considered to be positive.

In addition to any testing requirements contained in this MOU provision, all members are subject to the "Identification and Consent Procedures" outlined in Administrative Order 2-25, along with its corresponding testing procedures.

7.19 ADMINISTRATION OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS

During the term of this MOU, the Chief of Police or designee shall administer personnel actions, including but not limited to, the areas of grievances, administrative hearings, Skelly hearings and discipline.

7.20 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Department Policy #340, as well as the FMC, City Administrative Orders, policies, procedures, operation manuals, rules and regulations, all as the foregoing exist upon execution of this MOU or as they may be amended during the term of this MOU, concerning disciplinary procedures will apply. However, any permanent member receiving a Final Order of Disciplinary Action resulting in a termination, demotion, or suspension of one hundred-twenty (120) hours or more, may, in lieu of submitting an appeal through established means per their respective procedures, within fifteen (15) calendar days of service of the Final Order of Disciplinary Action request binding arbitration. If a request for binding arbitration is submitted by a permanent member or their representative, the member or their representative shall be required to provide a written waiver of their right to bring the matter through any other established means, including an appeal to the Civil Service Board. The arbitrator shall regulate the conduct of the hearing process. The arbitrator shall set the date, time and place of the hearing, which place shall be on City premises, and shall, by certified United States mail, postage prepaid, give not less than ten (10) days' notice of such date, time and place to the appellant, or the appellant's designed representative and the appointing authority. The hearing shall be recorded by a court reporter or electronic process. Oral evidence may be heard only on oath or affirmation. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding, and may be challenged only pursuant to the California Arbitration Act, Code of Civil Procedure Sections 1280 et seq.

The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be paid half by the City and half by the Association.

The parties shall endeavor to prepare a mutually agreed panel of seven (7) arbitrators to be utilized for the purposes of discipline arbitrations. In the event that the parties fail to identify a panel of agreed upon arbitrators, the arbitrator shall be selected from a list of seven (7) arbitrators provided by the California State Mediation and Conciliation Service. If the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator from the list of seven, the parties shall alternatively strike names until a single arbitrator's name remains.

7.21 USE OF A HEARING OFFICER IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION INITIATED BY CITY

Permanent members may elect the alternate appeal procedure before a Hearing Officer instead of a hearing before the Civil Service Board, as provided in FMC Section 3-283.

7.22 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PROCEDURE

It is the purpose and intent of the City and the Association to provide for an administrative appeal procedure for a member to appeal "punitive action" which is proposed to be taken against them for which an appeal is not otherwise provided under the Charter or the Civil Service Rules. For purposes of this section "punitive actions" are defined as written reprimands, reduction or loss of base salary (other than resulting from a termination, demotion, or suspension), and a transfer/reassignment for purposes of punishment. This section is not subject to the grievance procedure.

7.22.01 Where the department proposes "punitive action" (as defined above), the affected member shall be advised, in writing, of the department's proposed action no less than ten (10) business days (Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) before the proposed effective date of the action.

7.22.02 Any dispute between the parties as to whether the action is "punitive" shall be presented to the Chief of Police or designee. If the Chief is directly involved in the action it shall be presented to the Administrative Hearing Committee as defined in 7.22.04, below. The Chief or designee or the Committee shall rule on the dispute before proceeding with a hearing. If the Chief or designee or the Committee find no punitive action then the member shall not be entitled to a hearing.

7.22.03 The member shall have ten (10) business days after receipt of the notice to respond, either orally or in writing, to the appropriate division commander. An appeal from a member shall suspend the proposed punitive action until the conclusion of this procedure.

7.22.04 The division commander has ten (10) business days to respond. If the division commander upholds the proposal or modifies it in a manner unacceptable to the member or fails to respond within the specified time period the member shall have ten (10) business days to appeal, either orally or in writing, to the Chief of Police or designee.

The Chief or designee is disqualified from hearing the appeal if the Chief or designee has been directly involved in the disputed action. If the Chief or designee is disqualified, it will be heard by an administrative Hearing Committee. The Committee will be comprised of one representative from the Association and one from the City. A third member from the department will be selected and mutually agreed upon by both parties and will act as Chairperson.

7.22.05 The Chief or designee (or the Administrative Hearing Committee) shall hear the appeal within ten (10) business days of receipt of the notice of appeal. When the action is heard by the Committee, the Committee will make a recommendation to the Chief or designee within three (3) business days. The Chief or designee shall render a written decision to affirm, reject, or modify the Committee's decision within ten (10) business days after the hearing. The written decision shall set forth the basis for the decision, the action to be imposed and the effective date thereof. The decision of the Chief or designee shall be final.

7.22.06 The time limits above may be mutually waived in writing by the parties.

7.22.07 Probationary Employee Terminations, Corrective and Disciplinary Actions

Members on probationary status (i.e., probationary employees) shall be terminated from City employment in accordance with FMC Section 3-265 and/or FMC Section 3-273.

Probationary employees are subject to disciplinary actions which includes for purposes of this provision written reprimands, fines, and suspensions. The sole avenue for appeal by a probationary employee who receives a disciplinary action is to request an administrative review by the Chief of Police or designee. There is no right to appeal under the FMC. The administrative review must be requested within 10 calendar days of issuance of the disciplinary action. The administrative review will consist of a meeting between the Chief of Police or designee and the probationary employee. The meeting shall allow the employee the opportunity to provide reasons why the decision should be modified or withdrawn but shall not consist of an evidentiary hearing. The employee may have a representative present. The Chief of Police or designee will provide a

written decision indicating whether the disciplinary action will be modified or upheld. This decision shall be final and there shall be no further appeal of the disciplinary action.

Probationary employees are also subject to corrective actions which include oral counseling, letters of counseling, oral reprimands, and documented oral reprimands. Such corrective actions are not appealable under the FMC or this MOU, but probationary employees shall review any corrective action that is to be placed in any personnel file and sign their signature acknowledging their review and awareness of the document.

The provisions of the Administrative Hearing Procedure set forth above in Section 7.22 through 7.22.06 shall not apply to probationary employees.

7.23 GRIEVANCES

7.23.01 Grievance Procedure

A grievance is a dispute concerning the interpretation or application of any existing City policy, practice, written rule or regulation governing personnel practices or working conditions, including this MOU. The grievance procedure relates only to existing rights or duties, not to the establishment or abolition of a right or duty. This procedure shall not apply to any dispute for which there is another established resolution procedure, including but not limited to, appeal to the Civil Service Board, Retirement Board, fact-finding, or unfair employer-employee relations charge. A grievance can be initiated by any grieved employee or group of grieved employees, or by the Association on behalf of a grieved employee or group of grieved employees. Grievances should be settled as near as possible to their source and in as informal a setting as possible.

In the case of complaints involving discrimination as set forth in Section 2.2, where such claims are filed as a grievance, it shall be filed in the first instance under 7.23.01.

7.23.02 Informal Process

The grievant (this term includes the Association) must first attempt to resolve the grievance on an informal basis through discussions with the immediate supervisor without undue delay. The informal process must be completed within twenty (20) business days after the occurrence of the alleged incident giving rise to the grievance, or when the grievant knew or should have reasonably become aware of the facts giving rise to the grievance.

If the grievance is not resolved at the immediate supervisor level, the grievant may attempt to resolve the grievance on an informal basis through discussions with the next levels of supervision, following the chain of command up to the Deputy Chief of Police.

Every effort shall be made to find an acceptable solution to the grievance through this informal process. Once the informal process has been exhausted, the grievant may invoke the formal process.

7.23.03 Formal Process

A written grievance must set forth the specific rule, regulation, policy, practice, or MOU provision claimed to have been violated, describe the specific incident or circumstances of the alleged violation, and specify the remedy sought.

7.23.04 Formal Filing Procedure

The procedure and sequence in filing and processing a grievance shall be as follows:

(1) Step One - Filing the Grievance:

The grievant or representative may file the formal grievance within ten (10) business days from the last day of the informal process through the grievant's immediate supervisor to the Chief of Police or designee. The grievance shall summarize the results of the informal process. If the Association has not previously been involved, a copy of the grievance shall be submitted to the Association. The grievant or the Association may request to have a meeting regarding the grievance with the Chief of Police or designee in an attempt to resolve the concerns at this level. If no request for a meeting is made, and upon receipt of the written grievance, the Chief of Police or designee shall give the grievant a written reply within fourteen (14) business days.

(2) Step Two – City Manager:

Any grievance which has not been resolved by the procedures hereinabove set forth may be referred to the City Manager by the affected employee or by the Association within ten (10) business days of receipt of the decision at Step One. Any such referral shall be in writing, and the specific issues involved shall be detailed in such referral, together with a statement of the resolution which is desired. The City Manager shall designate a representative to

investigate the merits of the complaint and to meet with the complaining employee (and/or the employee's Association representative). The City Manager shall issue a written decision to the grievant and the Association within ten (10) business days of the meeting. This shall conclude Step Two of the Grievance Procedure.

(3) Step Three - Request for Arbitration:

If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision of the City Manager or Police Chief or designee, only the Association may within ten (10) business days after receipt of the written reply, file a request for arbitration utilizing the written grievance and submitting it to the Labor Relations Division. The Association shall be limited to two (2) such requests for arbitration per fiscal year on a grievance that involves a dispute concerning the interpretation or application of an existing City policy, practice, written rule or regulation. There shall be no limitation on requests for arbitration dealing with MOU interpretation or application. Any request for arbitration that does not meet the requirements of this subsection shall not be processed, and such grievance concludes at Step One above.

(4) Step Four - Arbitration and Immediate Arbitration:

Within five (5) business days from the receipt of the arbitration request, either party may request the State Mediation and Conciliation Service to submit a list of five (5) neutrals. These neutrals will be statewide experts in the field of labor relations.

Within five (5) business days upon receiving the list, the Labor Relations Division and the Association shall alternatively strike a name from the list, and the last name remaining shall be designated as the neutral arbitrator.

The arbitrator selected shall submit the earliest date(s) in which the arbitrator can hold the hearing, of which the Association and the Labor Relations Division can mutually select a date.

The arbitrator shall hold a hearing on the issue or issues submitted, or as determined by the arbitrator if the parties have not mutually agreed upon the issue, or issues, and render a written decision and reasons for the opinion within thirty (30) calendar days following the closing of the hearing, unless the period has been mutually extended in writing by all parties. The decision shall be sent to the Labor Relations Division and to the Association.

The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding and may be challenged only pursuant to the California Arbitration Act, C.C.P. Sections 1280, et sequentes.

Immediate Arbitration - Either party (City or the Association) may waive the grievance procedure time limits in writing specified in this subsection (i.e., 7.23.04) and proceed to immediate arbitration in any case where the party alleges that the other is threatening to take an action in violation of the MOU in so short a period of time as to disallow the party from proceeding within the time limits of this subsection (i.e., 7.23.04). To put it another way, immediate arbitration may be sought by either party where there is "no adequate remedy at law," or where normally a party would be entitled to seek injunctive relief. However, the method of proceeding to immediate arbitration must be done consistent with the following provisions.

The arbitration shall take place no earlier than the fifteenth (15th) day following the request by the grieving party for such "immediate arbitration," unless otherwise mutually agreed. During the two-week period (14 calendar days) immediately following the request for immediate arbitration, the responding party shall have the opportunity to attempt to resolve the dispute.

If the City is the responding party, the Chief of Police and Director of Personnel Services, or their designated representatives, jointly, shall have the opportunity to meet with or otherwise communicate with appropriate Association representatives, in an attempt to resolve the dispute.

Once the request for immediate arbitration is filed, the parties shall (even though dispute resolution discussions are going on during the two-week period) attempt to agree upon a neutral arbitrator and to obtain a date for arbitration hearing as soon as possible immediately following the two-week period.

The parties will attempt to have a standing list of available "immediate arbitrators," but if no agreement on same is reached, the parties will obtain five (5) arbitrators, by telephone, if possible, from the State Mediation and Conciliation Service. The first arbitrator available to hear the matter following the two-week period shall be selected as arbitrator. The order of contacting the potential arbitrators shall be determined by lot unless mutually agreed to

otherwise. The parties are free to mutually agree upon an immediate arbitrator through any other process or agreement.

In any case, the arbitrator selected to decide the grievance shall have the full and equitable power to frame a decision, including an order to the party initiating the grievance to abide by the time limits provided in the grievance procedure, or a restraining order against the party threatening the action, or any other form of arbitration order that would resolve the matter in an equitable and just manner. However, the arbitrator may not add to, subtract from, change or modify any provision of this MOU and shall be authorized only to apply existing provisions of this MOU to the specific facts involved and to interpret only applicable provisions of this MOU.

Unless the parties agree otherwise, closing argument shall be presented orally and there shall be a "bench" decision.

The parties shall attempt to have the arbitration proceedings completed as quickly as possible, including by meeting nights and weekends, if at all feasible.

(5) General Arbitration/Immediate Arbitration Provisions:

An arbitrator shall have, in the arbitrator's discretion, the ability to hear evidence on both arbitrability and on the merits at the same hearing, holding for a later ruling on the issue of arbitrability.

Time limits set forth in the formal process may be modified by mutual agreement of the grievant or representative and the department or City. Failure of the grievant to file an appeal within the specified time limit for any but the first step of the procedure shall constitute an abandonment of the grievance.

The cost of making a stenographic record of the arbitration hearing shall be borne by the party requesting such records. There shall be no post-hearing briefs, except by mutual agreement.

The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be paid half by the City and half by the grievant; however, the arbitrator may order that the City or the grievant pay the total of such fees and expenses should the arbitrator find that, but for the unreasonableness of a party's posture, the convening for arbitration would not have been necessary.

Witnesses who are employees and on duty at the time of the scheduled appearance shall be released from duty without loss of compensation for the time required to testify. No overtime payments shall be made because of scheduled appearances.

Individual grievants shall be released from duty without loss of pay for the time of the arbitration hearing. A representative shall be permitted to be present without loss of compensation on behalf of the grievant.

Arrangements for release time for grievant's witnesses shall be made with the Labor Relations Division, who shall issue all appearance notices no later than 24 hours in advance of the scheduled hearing.

No employee shall be discriminated against, harassed, coerced, or suffer any reprisal because of filing or processing of a grievance or participating in a grievance procedure.

7.24 ASSIGNMENT OF OVERTIME SHIFTS

7.24.01 Policies and Protocols

- (1) The purpose of this Section is to establish clear and consistent protocols for the assignment of overtime shifts within the Fresno Police Department ("Department"). The parties understand that mandatory overtime ("MOT") may be required to maintain minimum staffing levels in patrol. These policies and protocols are established with the following goals in mind:
 - (a) Incentivize volunteerism so that the number of members being mandated to work overtime is minimized.
 - (b) Give members as much advance notice as possible to mitigate the disruption of work / life balance.
 - (c) To spread the responsibility of fulfilling mandatory overtime shifts across the Department, while honoring seniority related to assignment of shifts.
- (2) The parties agree to meet and confer over changes to Department Policy 216 (Staffing Levels), to include MOT provisions not addressed in this Section and/or to reinforce terms of this Section. The parties understand that Department Policy 216 must be consistent with the terms of this Section and in the event any

provisions of Department Policy 216 conflict with terms of this Section, this Section shall govern.

- (3) MOT will be administered under the following conditions and in conformity with Department Policy 216:
 - (a) MOT shifts will be scheduled during a member's regular day off.
 - (b) Members shall be compensated for working MOT pursuant to Sections 7.3.03 and 7.3.08.
 - (c) Members may volunteer for the voluntary overtime or MOT shifts of their choosing by calling the Duty Office Voluntary Overtime Line or via email. The remaining uncovered shifts will be assigned as MOT as early as possible but at least five (5) calendar days in advance of the assigned voluntary overtime or MOT shift.

7.24.02 Voluntary Overtime

- (1) Members who are subject to mandatory overtime, i.e. not listed as Exempt Units / Personnel in this Section, may call the Duty Office Voluntary Overtime Line or email the Duty Office, advising they are available to work overtime on a volunteer basis.
- (2) Members will provide their name, badge number, current assignment, available days/shifts, and contact number on the Voluntary Overtime Line or by email.
- (3) **Personnel assigned to the patrol matrix will receive preference over non-patrol units when Voluntary Overtime is assigned.**
- (4) Members will be notified of assigned overtime shifts at least (5) calendar days prior to the assigned shift.
- (5) After a member is assigned / granted a voluntary overtime shift, they cannot cancel or pass on the assignment unless a pass is used pursuant to this Section.

7.24.03 Mandatory Overtime

- (1) MOT will be assigned based on reverse seniority, with the least senior member who is eligible being assigned a shift first, in accordance with the MOT Log.

- (2) Members will be notified of assigned overtime shifts at least five (5) calendar days prior to the assigned shift.
- (3) Members will be notified of assigned MOT shifts by Department email, through their chain of command, or by the Duty Office.
- (4) Members who work an MOT shift will be given credit on the MOT Log.
- (5) The Department has the discretion to assign MOT shifts above minimum staffing requirements in anticipation of members becoming injured, ill, etc., or for other than normal service pursuant to Department Policy 216 Section 216.3.3. Members will not be required to be available for receipt of MOT notifications on their days off.

7.24.04 Special Units (Officers and Sergeants)

- (1) Special Unit members who are not receiving premium pay for Specialized Assignments (“flex pay”) may only be assigned MOT shifts on the same Watch as their regular shift hours.
- (2) Special Unit personnel who are receiving flex pay may be assigned MOT shifts outside of their regular shift hours.

7.24.05 Patrol Officers and Sergeants

Officers and Sergeants in patrol can only be assigned MOT shifts consistent with their current regularly worked shift and may be assigned city wide MOT.

7.24.06 Shift and Assignment Considerations

- (1) Members must have at least eight (8) hours off between shifts.
- (2) Members must have at least one (1) day off per work week (Monday-Sunday).
- (3) Members may arrange for a replacement for their assigned MOT shift through Absent with Substitute (“AWS”) with their supervisor’s approval.
 - (a) The substituting member must be of the same rank; must not be on injury, long-term absence, or other absence status; and

must be eligible to work the MOT assignment pursuant to the terms of this Section.

- (b) Probationary Police Officers may utilize forty (40) hours total of AWS and non-probationary Police Officers may utilize one hundred twenty (120) hours total of AWS, including AWS for trading MOT shifts and AWS pursuant to Section 7.12.07, to take time off during any calendar quarter with no restriction on how many hours of AWS they can work during any calendar quarter. Probationary Police Officers needing to utilize more than forty (40) hours total of AWS and non-probationary Police Officers needing to utilize more than one hundred twenty (120) total hours of AWS to take time off during a calendar quarter may do so with District Commander approval.
- (c) Members wishing to provide a substitute must notify the Department at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the substitution by completing an OTTO entry for approval by the member's supervisor. The substitute must be satisfactory to the Department. If the substitute is determined not to be satisfactory substitute, the District Commander shall provide the reason(s) in writing within a reasonable amount of time.
- (d) The member who provides the AWS replacement will be given credit as having worked the shift on the MOT log. The substituting member will not receive credit on the MOT log.

7.24.07 Overtime Logs

- (1) The Duty Office will keep an MOT Log of all members eligible for MOT.
- (2) The Duty Office will maintain a Pass Log for all used and unused passes of MOT eligible members.
- (3) The overtime log will reset on the following calendar dates: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

7.24.08 Passes

- (1) Members are allowed one (1) "pass" per calendar year, which exempts them from MOT for one (1) set of days off. They will be returned to the eligible list upon returning to work.

- (2) Unused passes do not roll over and passes cannot be donated or transferred.
- (3) Members will have twenty-four (24) hours from the time they are notified of an assigned shift to use their pass.
- (4) Passes requested for MOT shifts on New Year's Day, Easter, 4th of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, will be granted by seniority.
- (5) Additional passes may be granted on a case-by-case basis (e.g., for on-going trials, personal hardship, etc.) with concurrence of both the Patrol and Investigations Division Commanders. The Association will be advised of any such occurrence.

7.24.09 Vacations / Conflicts

- (1) Members will be exempt from MOT during scheduled annual vacation, provided a vacation calendar has been submitted in accordance with Department policy. This includes assignment of a shift or notification of assignment of a shift.
- (2) Regular days off that are connected to annual scheduled vacation will be included in the above-described MOT exemption.
- (3) Special Unit vacation must be approved in advance.
- (4) When a conflict with an assigned MOT shift arises (e.g., contract policing assignments, court appearances, and investigative callouts), the Department will provide direction to the Duty Office and the member. Members who are exempted from an MOT shift because of a conflict will remain available for upcoming MOT shifts.

7.24.10 Call offs by the Department

- (1) Members may be called off a voluntary or mandatory overtime shift by the Department no less than ninety (90) minutes prior to the scheduled start of shift.
- (2) Members called off on the same day as their assigned overtime shift by the Department will be compensated in a manner consistent with court stand by pay pursuant to Sections 7.8.01(1) and 7.8.02(1).
- (3) Members called off prior to the day of their assigned shift by the Department will not be entitled to compensation.

- (4) Members will be notified of call offs by Department email, through their chain of command, or by the Duty Office. The inability of the Duty Office to reach a member by phone will not be construed as the Department not having fulfilled their call off notification obligation.
- (5) If a member is called off, the member will not be entered on the MOT Log as having worked a shift.

7.24.11 Exempt Units / Personnel

- (1) Homicide
- (2) CRU
- (3) *** **SVB Tac Team**
- (4) **Narcotics**
- (5) **Vice / Intel**
- (6) **4 – CCAT Detectives (As determined by the SIB Commander)**
- (7) **1 – TFO HSI Task Force**
- (8) **1 – HIIT CA DOJ Task Force**
- (9) **1 – TFO DEA Task Force**
- (10) **1 – FBI JTTF**
- (11) **1 – FSO Transportation**
- (12) Trainees in the FTO program (will become eligible upon assignment to the patrol matrix)

7.24.12 Special Allowance

The Association and Department recognize that there may be unusual or unforeseen circumstances (e.g., critical incidents, injuries, and mass illness) that results in a sudden, unexpected reduction of staffing. In such cases, the Department is relieved of the five (5) calendar days notification requirement and may mandate overtime shifts as needed to meet minimum staffing needs. The Association will be advised of any such occurrence.

CHAPTER 8

CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

This MOU chapter sets forth the full and entire understanding of the parties regarding contract law enforcement services.

8.1 GENERAL

The Fresno Police Department, at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police, may allow private parties and public agencies to contract with the City for additional police service, at a special detail assignment level pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 207 (p)(1), (p)(2) and (p)(3) under the FLSA, and 29 C.F.R. 553.227 et sequentes. The special detail assignment(s) performed by Police Officer and Police Sergeant classes (hereinafter member[s]), at their option, shall consist of, but not be limited to, providing uniformed foot/vehicle patrol to a contract law enforcement services event at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

8.2 CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

8.2.01 Members who perform contract law enforcement services shall be volunteers selected from a special events and contract law enforcement services assignment list ("assignment list"). The number and rank of the members authorized to perform contract law enforcement services shall be determined by the Chief of Police, or designated representative. The Chief of Police may restrict a member from working extra duty for the good of the department.

- (1) Members who desire to be placed on the assignment list must have completed their probation. In the event that a member is on probation, that member may work contract service assignments only when:
 - (a) After all non-probationary employees have been offered the opportunity; and
 - (b) Under the supervision of a Sergeant assigned to the specific contract law enforcement service assignment.

Members on sick leave, industrial injury leave, "temporary light duty," or any other leave of absence shall not be eligible to be placed on the assignment list.

- (2) The assignment list shall be the basis for all member assignments. Members who desire to be placed on the assignment list shall notify the Chief's designated representative. All Members on the assignment list shall be notified by City e-mail and may include one optional personal e-mail account when policing contract law enforcement services positions are available. The member shall have seventy-two (72) hours to respond to the Chief's designated representative, via City e-mail only, listing desired assignment(s) in order of preference.
- (3) Positions shall be filled using the following process. The Chief's designated representative will sequentially number the e-mails, starting with the first member responding from the assignment list, and so on. The designated representative will then use computer spreadsheet software programmed to select a random number drawn from the sequential numbers assigned to the responding members. The random number selected will be the starting point for making assignments, and for filling the positions. If the positions are not filled after through the entire list of numbers, the designated representative will continue through the list again, and so on, until all positions are assigned or a subsequent notification is issued.
- (4) Members who receive an assignment for contract law enforcement services shall receive an e-mail notification containing: the date of the contract, the hours, the location, and the unit detail for the contract law enforcement services event, any additional Officer(s) assigned to the same event, contact information for the event, and vehicle information. Any member who submits a request to work a contract assignment and is subsequently awarded a contract assignment shall not cancel their contract assignment to voluntarily work a department overtime assignment or AWS assignment that is awarded after the contract assignment.
- (5) In the event a contract goes unfilled, the department can assign an Officer to from the Patrol Matrix or a special unit to fill the position.

8.2.02 Any member who fails to appear for assignment or fails to notify the designated representative of his/her inability to work the assignment, 24-hours prior to the beginning of the assignment schedule, shall be removed from the assignment list. Any member who is removed from the assignment list shall not be eligible for reinstatement to the assignment list for a period of sixty (60) days. Removal from the assignment list shall not be deemed a disciplinary action pursuant to Civil Service Board rules or a punitive action pursuant to Government Code Section 3303 (h) and is not appealable or grievable.

Members performing contract law enforcement services assignments shall be subject to all rules, orders, and procedures of the Police Department.

In no event shall a member performing contract law enforcement services work be assigned to a job site where a labor union picket line has been established.

- 8.2.03 Once a Contract for Law Enforcement Services has been formally executed, Reserve Officers shall not be used to replace sworn members for policing contract law enforcement services. In the event a Fresno Municipal Code ordinance concerning policing contract law enforcement services is amended by City Council, the parties agree to reopen and meet and confer on this subsection (8.2.03) at the request of either the City or the Association. Requests for contract law enforcement services will first be filled by members, on a voluntary basis available through the assignment list.
- 8.2.04 Generally, calls for service within the contract law enforcement services policing areas may be handled by regularly assigned area patrol units. However, members performing contract law enforcement services may be assigned to handle calls for service that are consistent with the duties requested by the contracting party.
- 8.2.05 Officer working conditions for the Big Fresno Fair shall be established by mutual agreement between the Big Fresno Fair, City of Fresno and the Association, and shall be reflected in a corresponding agreement between the parties.

8.3 COMPENSATION

- 8.3.01 The rate of pay for members occupying Police Officer classes who are working contract law enforcement services assignments shall be at one and one-half (1-1/2) times the base rate of pay for "F" Step of the Police Officer salary range. The rate of pay for members occupying the Police Sergeant class who are working contract law enforcement services assignments shall be at one and one-half (1-1/2) times the base rate of pay for "F" Step of the Police Sergeant salary range. Compensation for Officers/Sergeants for all contract law enforcement services assignments worked at the Big Fresno Fair shall be by separate check no later than the last pay period in November of the year the Big Fresno Fair contract law enforcement services assignment is worked.

- 8.3.02 The hours worked, and pay received for contract law enforcement services assignments, shall not be credited toward years of service for retirement benefits or regular overtime. Educational incentives shall not apply to the contract law enforcement services assignment rate of pay.
- 8.3.03 The parties agree that for the purpose of FLSA regulations, compensation paid for working contract law enforcement assignments is at the applicable overtime rate and shall not be considered compensation for pension plan benefits calculations.
- 8.3.04 A member reporting to an assignment site shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours pay regardless of actual time worked. Employment of more than four (4) hours shall be paid to the nearest one-tenth (1/10) of an hour for the actual time worked. Each assigned Officer shall receive thirty (30) minutes added to each assignment to procure necessary equipment.
- 8.3.05 Any accident, illness or injury which arises out of or occurs in the course of employment in a contract law enforcement services assignment shall be covered under the City's workers' compensation plan pursuant to Section 7.7 Workers' Compensation.

CHAPTER 9

HEADINGS

MOU chapter, provision, and paragraph headings (includes exhibits, addendums, attachments and side letters) contained herein are solely for the purpose of convenience and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of any of the language of this MOU.

CHAPTER 10

SAVING CLAUSE/FULL UNDERSTANDING

10.1 SAVING CLAUSE

In the event any chapter, section or portion of this MOU should be held invalid and unenforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall apply only to the specific chapter, section or portion thereof specified in the court's decision, and upon issuance of such a decision, the City and the Association agree to immediately meet and confer upon a substitute for the invalidated chapter, section, or portion thereof.

10.2 FULL UNDERSTANDING

It is intended that this MOU sets forth the full and entire understanding of the parties, and any previous understanding or agreement by the parties regarding all such matters are hereby superseded and terminated in their entirety.

With respect to side letter agreements, any not attached to this MOU are hereby terminated in their entirety. Those side letter agreements attached to this MOU shall continue in force subject to the terms and conditions set forth within each side letter. In the absence of any specified term in any such side letter, they shall terminate upon the expiration of this MOU. Any new side letter agreement entered into during the term of this MOU shall continue in force and effect subject to the terms and conditions described in the side letter. In the absence of any term in such new side letters, they, too, shall terminate upon the expiration of this MOU. This paragraph is not intended to prevent either party from relying on discussions which occurred during the meet and confer process for the purpose of clarifying the meaning of this MOU.

CHAPTER 11

TERM

The provisions in this Agreement/MOU shall be in full force and effect from *** **June 16, 2025** through *** **June 13, 2027** upon approval by the City Council, subject to Section 11.1, below. **All economic benefit modifications in this MOU shall be effective on the same day as Council ratification, unless explicitly stated otherwise in the MOU.**

- 11.1 Upon reaching a comprehensive Tentative Agreement related to successor MOU or reopener labor negotiations, the comprehensive Tentative Agreement shall be signed by the City's Chief Negotiator, and both the Association's Chief Negotiator and second designated signatory, or their designees. This Agreement/MOU shall become effective only after ratification by the members of the Association followed by City Council approval and the expiration of the waiting period for the Mayor's action provided in Charter Sections 605 and 609 and shall remain in full force and effect through *** **June 13, 2027**. All other prior memoranda of understanding, including amendments and side letter agreements thereto, are null and void, unless specifically incorporated by reference in this Agreement/MOU.

The City and the Association previously agreed that the Mayor shall appoint one (1) Police Officer, as defined in Fresno Municipal Code ("FMC") Section 3-301 (p) (3) from a City management position and one (1) firefighter as defined in FMC Section 3-301 (f) from a City management position as voting members to the Fresno Fire and Police Retirement Board under the authority as described in Section 3-305 (a) (1) of the FMC. In the event any individual(s) so appointed fails to qualify, resigns, retires, or no longer qualifies to serve on the Board, the Mayor subject to the approval of the City Council shall appoint a replacement under the terms and provisions of this agreement within twenty (20) business days. If a decision is approved by the Fire and Police Retirement Board to separate the commingled investments of the Fresno Fire and Police Retirement System and the Fresno Employees Retirement System, this agreement on Mayoral appointments to the Fire and Police Retirement Board shall immediately become null and void and the appointment provisions contained in FMC Section 3-305 shall apply.

- 11.2 During the life of this Agreement/MOU should either party desire to modify its terms or to meet and confer with the other party as to matters within the scope of representation which are not addressed in this MOU, the party requesting any change shall request in writing to meet and confer on the item(s), which item(s) shall be specified in writing.

- 11.3 During the term of this Agreement/MOU, either party may refuse any request by the other to meet and confer without explanation if (1) the item is directly considered and specifically addressed herein; or (2) is directly considered and specifically addressed in any FMC section, charter section or provision, or resolution section, which section specifically establishes wages, hours, or other terms and conditions of employment; or (3) the specific item was included in an initial written proposal from the party making the request during the meet and confer process which led to this agreement. No unilateral action on any such refused proposal may be taken by the requesting party after such a refusal by the other.

It is further agreed, however, that this section shall not prohibit the City from requesting to meet and confer on changes to federal or state statutes or regulations referred to or cited in this Agreement/MOU, and which impacts the implementation of this Agreement/MOU, in which case the request to meet and confer shall not be refused.

11.4 Reopeners/Meet and Confer

- (1) The parties agree to meet and confer over:

Revisions to the Civil Service Regulations of the FMC, Chapter 3, Article 2; and,

Revisions to the Employer-Employee Relations provisions of the FMC, Chapter 3, Article 6.

- (2) If either party desires to revise the Performance Evaluation Form, the parties agree to meet at a mutually convenient time for the express purpose of discussing the changes. Any changes to the performance evaluation form require mutual agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands this ____ day of _____, 20____.

FOR THE FRESNO POLICE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION:

FOR THE CITY OF FRESNO:

TIMOTHY TALBOT
Chief Negotiator, Legal Counsel

SUMEET MALHI
Chief Negotiator, Director of Personnel
Services

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FPOA President

APPROVED AS TO FORM
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: _____

Assistant City Attorney

EXHIBIT I – SALARIES

TABLE I SALARIES EFFECTIVE JULY 28, 2025										
CLASS TITLE	JOB CODE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Police Officer Recruit	415001	6693	7026	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Police Officer	415002	–	–	7377	7747	8135	8543	8971	9420	9891
Police Sergeant	415004	8063	8468	8892	9336	9806	10296	10810	11351	11920

TABLE IA SALARIES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 29, 2025 (IF MET FY26 1% CONTINGENCY)										
CLASS TITLE	JOB CODE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Police Officer Recruit	415001	6760	7097	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Police Officer	415002	–	–	7451	7825	8217	8629	9061	9515	9990
Police Sergeant	415004	8144	8553	8981	9430	9905	10399	10919	11465	12040

TABLE II SALARIES EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2026 (IF MET FY26 1% CONTINGENCY)										
CLASS TITLE	JOB CODE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Police Officer Recruit	415001	6828	7168	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Police Officer	415002	–	–	7526	7904	8300	8716	9152	9611	10090
Police Sergeant	415004	8226	8639	9071	9525	10005	10503	11029	11580	12161

EXHIBIT II – EIP MASTER LIST

Name		Hire Date	Eligibility Required	Eligibility Date	%
Chandler, Sheila		02/16/90	Enrolled	07/01/96	
Franks, Chris		02/20/93	Tuition reimbursement	01/31/97	
Goertzen, Douglas S		09/27/93	Hard-coded	01/01/97	3.0%
Reynolds, Robert		10/17/94	Enrolled	01/01/97	
Wilson Jr, George H		12/13/94	Hard-coded	07/11/96	3.0%

EIP Master List subject to modification based on changes to %, separation, promotion, or retirement.