

AGREEMENT

between

COUNTY OF KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

and

KENOSHA COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S UNION

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2023- 2025 AGREEMENT

This Agreement by and between Kenosha County, hereinafter referred to as the County, and Kenosha County Deputy Sheriff's Union, hereinafter referred to as the Union.

WITNESSETH:

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, the County and Union do covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 1.1. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, Chapter 59.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes and existing Civil Service regulations, the County retains all the normal rights and functions of management and those that it has by law. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this includes the right to hire, promote, transfer, demote or suspend or otherwise discharge or discipline for just cause; the right to decide the work to be done and location of work; to contract for work, services or materials; to schedule overtime work; to transfer employees; to take whatever action is necessary to carry out the functions of the County in situations of declared emergency; to establish qualifications for the various job classifications, however, whenever a new position is created or an existing position changed, the County shall establish the job duties and wage level for such new or revised position in a fair and equitable manner subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure of this Agreement. The County shall have the right to adopt reasonable rules and regulations.

ARTICLE II - RECOGNITION AND UNIT OF REPRESENTATION

Section 2.1. Bargaining Unit. The County hereby recognizes the Union as the exclusive collective bargaining representative of all sworn deputy sheriffs and detectives of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department, but excluding the Sheriff, Chief Deputy Sheriff, all employees holding the rank of Sergeant and above, Civilian Jail Guards and all clerical employees, as their representative for purposes of conferences and negotiations with the County, or its lawfully authorized representatives, on questions of wages, hours and conditions of employment.

Section 2.2. Dues. The Employer agrees to deduct monthly dues in the amount certified by the WPPA/LEER from the pay of employees who individually sign a dues deduction authorization form where the employee is knowingly and affirmatively consenting to the deduction of dues from the employee's paycheck, including any local Association

dues which the employee has authorized to be deducted in conjunction with the WPPA/LEER dues.

No employee shall be required to join the Association, but membership in the Association shall be available to all employees who apply, consistent with the Association's constitution and bylaws.

The Association does hereby indemnify and shall save the Employer harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability, including court costs, that shall arise out of or by reason of action taken or not taken by the Employer, which Employer action or non-action is in compliance with the provision of this article, and in reliance on any lists or certificates which have been furnished to the Employer pursuant to this article; provided that the defense of any such claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability shall be under the control of the Association and its attorneys. However, nothing in this section shall be interpreted to preclude the Employer from participating in any legal proceedings challenging the application or interpretation of this article through representatives of its own choosing and at its own expense.

Section 2.3. Checkoff. The County shall deduct from the first paycheck of each month an amount, certified by the Treasurer of the Union as the uniform dues required of all members, from the pay of each employee in the bargaining unit who voluntarily signs a dues deduction form. With respect to newly hired employees, such deduction will commence with the first paycheck of the month after hire.

The aggregate amount so deducted, along with an itemized list of the employees from whom such deductions were made, shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Union within ten (10) days of the date such deductions were made. Any changes in the amount to be deducted shall be certified to the County by the Treasurer of the Union at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such change.

Authorization of dues deduction by a member may be revoked upon notice in writing to the Employer, WPPA, or to the local Association and with the understanding that the deduction will cease as reasonable as practical after receipt of written notice of revocation.

ARTICLE III - CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Section 3.1. Union Business - When Paid. Except as hereinafter provided in this Article, the Union Agrees that Union business will not be conducted on County time by Union members or officers.

This shall not prevent a member of the Contract Dispute Committee or a member of the Board of Directors or an employee with a grievance from the proper conduct of such grievance in accordance with procedures outlined in this Agreement. The County agrees that the time spent during regularly scheduled working hours in the conduct of such

grievance shall not be deducted from the pay of the member of the Contract Dispute Committee or the member of the Board of Directors or the aggrieved employee.

A representative of the Union having business with individual officers or individual members of the Union may confer with such officers or individual members of the Union during working hours for a reasonable time.

Section 3.2. Union Business - When Not Paid. Committee members or Directors and employees shall not be paid for time spent outside regularly scheduled working hours in the conduct of grievances.

Section 3.3. Designation of Contract Dispute Committee Members. A written list of Contract Dispute Committee members and Directors shall be furnished to the County immediately after their designation and the Union shall notify the County of any changes.

Section 3.4. Representation During Negotiations. The Association shall be represented in all such bargaining or negotiations with the County by such representatives as the Association shall designate, subject to the following:

Three (3) members of the Bargaining Unit will be provided necessary time off with pay to attend meetings for the negotiations. However, no more than two (2) members of the Bargaining Unit from any Unit or Division may be released, in paid or unpaid status, for the purpose of negotiations.

ARTICLE IV - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 4.1. Type of Grievance Covered. The parties agree that the prompt and just settlement of grievances is of mutual interest and concern and that the procedure set forth herein shall be the sole and exclusive method for settling grievances hereunder, section 59.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes notwithstanding. Only matters involving the interpretation, application or enforcement of the terms of this Agreement shall constitute a grievance under the provisions as set forth below. In applying this grievance procedure, any party may make reference to past practice and procedure, state law, federal law and local ordinances.

Section 4.2. Procedure. Grievances shall be processed as follows:

Step 1: An employee who has a grievance or complaint shall first discuss it with their supervisor, then with that supervisor's supervisor, and on up the chain of command to include the Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain, with or without a member of the Contract Dispute Committee present, at the employee's option.

Step 2: If the grievance is not settled at Step 1, it shall be reduced to writing on grievance forms supplied by the County, and presented by the Union to the Sheriff within the grieving employee's first ten working days after the event or occurrence

which gave rise to the complaint. The Sheriff will schedule with the Union within five (5) calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) after a meeting is requested, and shall render a written decision on the grievance within ten (10) calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) after the meeting.

Step 3: If the grievance is not settled at Step 2, it shall be presented by the Union to the County's Director of Human Resources who shall investigate and meet with Union representatives within seven (7) calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) of the Step 2 answer. The written decision of the Director of Human Resources must be submitted to Union representatives within five (5) calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) from the date of the Step 3 meeting.

Step 4: If the grievance is not settled at Step 3, the Union may appeal the grievance to Step 4 by notifying the Finance and Administration Committee or their successor, in writing, within ten (10) calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) of the completion of Step 3. The Finance and Administration Committee or their successor and the Union shall meet within fourteen (14) calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) of the written appeal. If the Finance and Administration Committee or their successor fails to give its disposition of the grievance in writing to the Union within fourteen (14) calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) after the parties have met to discuss the grievance, it shall be settled in favor of the grievant. The parties may mutually agree, in writing, to extend the time limit at this step.

Step 5: If the employee's grievance is not settled at Step 4, or, if any grievance filed by the County or the Union cannot be satisfactorily resolved by conference with the appropriate representatives of the Union, either party may submit said grievance to arbitration by giving notice, in writing, within fifteen (15) calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays), from the date of the Step 4 answer. Within five (5) calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) of such notice, the parties shall meet to select an arbitrator. If the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator within ten (10) calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays), the parties shall request the WERC submit a list of seven (7) staff member arbitrators. The party requesting arbitration shall strike the first name from the list, and the other party shall then strike one name, and thereafter the parties shall strike alternately. The person whose name remains shall be the arbitrator, provided that either party before striking any name shall have the right to reject one panel of arbitrators. The arbitrator shall be notified of this selection by a joint letter from the County and the Union requesting that they set a time and place for the hearing, subject to the availability of the County and Union representatives. The letter shall also specify the issue(s) to the arbitrator.

Section 4.3. Limitation on Arbitrator's Authority. The arbitrator shall have no right to amend, modify, nullify, ignore or add to the provisions of this Agreement. They shall consider and decide only the particular issue(s) presented to him or her in writing by the

County and the Union and their decision and award shall be based solely on their interpretation of the meaning or application of the terms of this Agreement to the facts of the grievance presented. If the matter sought to be arbitrated does not involve an interpretation of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, the arbitrator shall so rule in the award. The award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the County, the Union, and the employee or employees involved.

Section 4.4. Cost of Arbitrator. Each party shall bear the cost of its representatives and witnesses, and the cost of the Arbitrator shall be shared by the parties equally.

ARTICLE V - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Section 5.1. Procedure - Personal Leave. Employees with one (1) or more years of continuous service may request a leave of absence without pay, for personal reasons, in writing, to the Sheriff, setting forth the reasons for the request and the length of time requested. The Union will be furnished a copy of the request for personal leave. The Sheriff may grant a leave of absence without pay up to thirty (30) calendar days. Leaves of absence without pay for more than thirty (30) calendar days but less than six (6) months may be granted by the department head, with the approval of the Director of Human Resources and the County Board Committee responsible for the Department. Leaves of absence without pay which are requested for a period in excess of six (6) months must be approved by the County Executive.

A personal leave may not be granted for the purposes of taking other employment; however, the term "other employment" shall not include elective federal, state, county or municipal offices or Union duties.

Seniority will be accumulated during a leave of absence, unless such leave extends more than one (1) year. After one (1) year on leave, an employee will retain, but not accumulate, seniority for the duration of the leave of absence, except if the leave is for an employee who is elected as Sheriff in which case seniority will accumulate.

An employee on personal leave may request to be returned to work prior to the expiration of the leave by written notice to the Sheriff. The Union will be furnished a copy of the employee's request. The employee will be allowed to return to work to the first available vacancy in his or her classification, or if no vacancy occurs within ninety (90) calendar days, will be allowed to displace the junior employee in the classification.

Section 5.2. Union Activities. Employees selected or elected as delegates to Union conventions, conferences or elective office shall be granted necessary leave time without pay unless the County is unable to find a qualified replacement for a position which must be filled, except where the application for such leave is made two (2) weeks in advance of the absence.

Section 5.3. Benefits. All leaves of absence are without pay and benefits coverage. However, an employee may continue coverage of hospitalization insurance by prepaying the proper premium prior to the start of the leave.

ARTICLE VI - WORK SCHEDULE

Section 6.1. Workday and Workweek. The standard workweek shall be eight hours and fifteen minutes, (8 hours, 15 minutes) per day with employees working a 5-2/5-3 workweek.

In addition, notwithstanding any language to the contrary in this contract, employees working a 5-2/5-3 schedule shall not be entitled to any holidays. An employee who is on sick leave or worker's compensation shall revert to a straight forty (40) hour workweek. This method of scheduling will not be discontinued unless mutually agreed by the parties to this Agreement.

Certain jobs may be assigned to work an eight (8) hour, five (5) day, Monday through Friday schedule. Examples of assignments falling under this schedule are:

1. Court Officers
2. Inmate Transport Officers
3. Process Servers
4. Community Relations Officers
5. Work Crew Officers
6. Certain assigned Detectives
7. Support Services Officers
8. School Resource Officers

Section 6.2. Shifts. There shall be three (3) shifts. Employees on the first shift shall work from 5:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or 6:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Employees on the second shift shall work from 1:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. or 2:45 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Employees on the third shift shall work from 9:45 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. or 10:45 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Should changes in starting times become necessary, the parties agree to discuss such changes, and the Union agrees it will not unreasonably withhold its consent to necessary changes.

Section 6.2.1. Shifts - Court Officers, Inmate Transport Officers, Process Servers, Community Relations Officers, Detectives and Work Crew Officers. There shall be two (2) shifts. Employees on the first shift shall start between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Employees on the second shift shall start between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Should changes in starting times become necessary, the parties agree to discuss such changes, and the Union agrees it will not unreasonably withhold its consent to necessary changes.

Section 6.2.2. Shift Exchanges. Upon prior request and with approval of the Sheriff or their designee, Officers may exchange duty shifts or days with other qualified Officers. Exchanges must offset one another within a twenty-eight day (28) time period. Shift exchanges cannot create overtime.

Section 6.2.3. Power Shift.

- (a) The power shift would commence at 6:45 p.m. and end at 3:00 a.m., and would run on a daily basis seven (7) days a week.

The hours for the "power shift" may be changed seasonally from 6:45 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., depending on Department needs.

- (b) The power shift would be staffed on a completely voluntary basis according to the Departmental seniority of the candidates.
- (c) The Department would maintain a mutually agreeable minimum staffing level on second shift prior to the "power shift" and on third shift at the end of the "power shift".
- (d) To be eligible for the "power shift", the deputy must have completed his/her probationary period.

Section 6.2.4. Shift Minimums. For third shift, there will be a minimum of six (6) units on shift inclusive of units required by municipal/village contracts.

ARTICLE VII - UNION BULLETIN BOARD

Section 7.1. Use of Board. The Union is hereby granted permission to use the bulletin board at the County Sheriff's Department office.

Section 7.2. Type of Notice. The Union agrees the bulletin board shall be used only for the following notices and announcements each of which shall bear the signature of at least one local officer:

- (a) Recreational and social affairs of the Union;
- (b) Union meetings;
- (c) Union elections;
- (d) Notices of mutual interest to the Union and County; and
- (e) Any other items in good taste.

ARTICLE VIII - PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES

Section 8.1. Probationary Period. All newly hired regular full-time employees in the bargaining unit shall be considered probationary employees from the date of hire until one (1) year, from the first day of phase one of the Field Training Officer (FTO) program. All such employees shall enjoy holiday pay benefits as hereinafter provided in this Agreement, during the probationary period. The employee shall receive the classification rate indicated during and on completion of probation (see Appendix "A" attached).

Section 8.2. Termination. Probationary employees may be terminated at any time in the sole discretion of the Sheriff.

Section 8.3. Regular Employee Defined. A regular employee is defined as an employee hired to fill a regular full-time position in the job classification plan attached to this Agreement and made a part hereof, marked "Appendix A".

Section 8.4. Temporary Employee Defined. A temporary employee is one who is hired for a specified period of time or to perform on a project, and who will be separated from the payroll at the end of such period or project.

ARTICLE IX - SENIORITY

Section 9.1. Seniority Defined. The County recognizes seniority. Seniority is defined as the period starting from the last date when the employee is hired by the County and continuing until the employee quits or is discharged. Seniority in job classification prevails for shift preference and vacation preference, but not for length of vacation. Length of vacation is determined by overall seniority.

Section 9.2. Layoff. In reducing employee personnel in the bargaining unit, the last person hired shall be the first person laid off, and the last person laid off shall be the first person recalled.

Section 9.3. Seniority Accumulation. Seniority shall not be diminished by temporary layoffs or leaves of absence with or without pay.

Section 9.4. Seniority Roster. The County agrees to keep posted on the Union bulletin board a seniority roster which shall be updated by the County at least once each year. The seniority roster shall be deemed true and correct unless the Union notifies the Sheriff of inaccuracies contained therein within thirty (30) days of its posting.

Section 9.45. Loss of Seniority. An employee shall lose seniority rights for the following reasons:

- (a) If they quit or resign.
- (b) If they have been discharged.
- (c) If they fail to notify the County within one (1) week of their intention upon receipt of notice of recall from layoff or does not report for work within two (2) weeks of notice of recall.
- (d) If they fail to return to work on the first work day following the expiration date of a leave of absence.
- (e) If they retire on a voluntary or compulsory basis.
- (f) If they take a promotional position outside of the bargaining unit, either temporary or permanent (e.g., sergeant or above).

Section 9.5. Filling of Job Vacancies. All vacancies on any shift shall be filled by choice of deputies, the choice being made on the basis of seniority. Each deputy must remain on the shift of their choice until there is a vacancy on another shift. The duties of personnel on each shift shall be left to the discretion of the Sheriff without regard to seniority.

Section 9.6. Shift Change. Deputies wishing to change shifts temporarily may do so with the permission of the Sheriff, but must do so according to seniority.

Section 9.7. Tours of Duty. All seniority for choosing tours of duty in all positions of promotion above the rank of deputy sheriff shall be based upon length of service in such position and not on years of service as a deputy sheriff.

Section 9.8. Shift Reduction. If there is a reduction of shift personnel, the employee with the least seniority shall be the first employee to be removed and sent back to the respective shift from which they came.

Section 9.9. Supervisory personnel, (Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Chief Deputy) who leave their supervisory capacity for any reason, whether demotion, voluntary quit or during their probationary period, shall return to the rank of deputy sheriff after any shift vacancies are filled by current bargaining members. Those returning supervisory personnel may not displace any member in any job classification. During the one (1) year probation period following such a promotion, the supervisor shall be permitted to return to the bargaining unit with the same seniority which the employee had prior to the promotion in question, from which the employee is returning to the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE X - DISCHARGE

Section 10.1. Right to Discharge. The County shall have the right to discipline, demote, suspend or discharge any employee for just cause.

Section 10.2. Written Notice of Discipline. Notice of discipline, demotion, suspension or discharge shall be given by personal delivery of the written complaint, if the employee is available at the Sheriff's Department; if, however, the employee is not at once available at the Sheriff's Department, then such report shall be mailed by certified mail to the employee's last known post office address.

ARTICLE XI - CALL-IN PROVISION

Section 11.1. Call-In Provision. A minimum of two (2) hours compensation at time and one-half (1-1/2) the employee's regular rate of pay is guaranteed to any employee in the bargaining unit who is requested to and returns for duty, or is required to make a court appearance, at a time when they would not otherwise be on duty. If the "call-in" is less than two (2) hours prior to the regular starting time of the employee's shift, they shall receive time and one-half (1-1/2) up to the shift starting time only.

ARTICLE XII - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS PAY MAINTENANCE PLAN

Section 12.1. Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan. The following benefits will be paid in a case of non-occupational accident or illness.

- (a) All regular full-time employees will receive thirty (30) calendar days at full pay with coverage starting on the first day of accident if authorized by a physician, first day of hospitalization, first day of out-patient surgery and fourth consecutive day of an illness. From the 31st day to the 365th day, an employee will receive two-thirds (2/3rds) of their regular take home pay.
- (b) Benefits under this plan are not limited to one (1) accident or one (1) illness per year, but are available any time an employee has an accident or becomes ill; provided that if an employee has received benefits hereunder and there should be a recurrence of the same condition or illness, no waiting period will apply if there is a recurrence within two (2) weeks of return to work; if there is a recurrence after two (2) weeks on the job, another waiting period will apply.
- (c) No payments will be made under the Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan unless the employee submits an application for benefits and a doctor's statement shall be submitted to the Sheriff's Department and Human Resources Department, who will make the necessary arrangements for the

payment of benefits. The County may, as an option and at its own expense, require a second opinion by a physician chosen by the County.

- (d) If, while an employee is being paid under the Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan, a wage increase occurs during their absence, they will be paid benefits reflecting such increase.
- (e) Benefits will be paid under the Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan for pregnancy or for any matter relating to pregnancy. The benefits will start after the employee's physician has certified that the employee is no longer able to work on account of disability resulting from pregnancy and shall continue until such time as the employee's doctor certifies that the employee is able to return to work.
- (f) Accident and Sickness is defined as a 365 day benefit. The first thirty (30) calendar days of Accident and Sickness is at full pay and will be extended if interrupted by scheduled vacation time off.

Section 12.2. Casual Days. Every employee, in addition to the above coverage, will be entitled to seven (7) casual days off per calendar year which may be used for any purpose, and must be used prior to taking short term casual leave without pay. An employee hired on January 1st of any year, but before March 1st will receive four (4) casual days. An employee hired from March 1st through June 30th will receive three (3) casual days. An employee hired from July 1st through August 31st will receive two (2) casual days. Employees hired on or after September 1st of any year will not be entitled to any casual days that year. Any days not used during a year will be paid to the employee on or before March 1st following the end of the calendar year.

- (a) No more than one (1) of seven (7) casual days may be used on a holiday. Holidays are as follows: New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, December 24th, Christmas Day, and December 31st. This provision will sunset on December 31, 2023 unless extended by mutual agreement. If not extended, the list of holidays will return to those in the previous agreement.
- (b) Time off without pay shall not be granted if an employee has unused casual days or vacation days.
- (c) Casual days must be used in no less than one-half (1/2) day (4-hour) increments.
- (d) Casual days will be granted if notice of the employee's intent to take such day(s) is received by his/her department head at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled date of such time off. The employee need not give any reason for the casual day taken under this section. In the event of sickness

or unforeseen circumstance, one-half (1/2) hour advance notice will be acceptable and the casual day will be granted by the department head.

- (e) If an employee is unable to report to work due to sickness, the employee must notify his or her department head not later than one-half (1/2) hour before their scheduled starting time. The employee shall state the reason for the absence and the expected leave of absence. Any days taken under this section shall be charged to an employee's remaining casual days.
- (f) Employees may cancel any request for casual day time off with at least 24 hours notice. This 24-hours-notice limit for casual days may be waived by mutual agreement.
- (g) One casual day may be taken in two-hour increments.

Section 12.3. Proof of Disability. The County shall have the right to require the submission of adequate medical proof of the employee's disability due to accident or illness. Should there be an extended period of disability, the County shall have the right to require periodic medical proof of the employee's disability.

Section 12.4. Leave for Personal Illness. A period of not more than one (1) year shall be granted as leave of absence due to disability, personal illness or accident provided a physician's certificate is furnished from time to time to substantiate the need for continuing the leave. Additional time may be extended in such cases by mutual consent of the Union and County.

Section 12.5. Illness or Injury on Job. If any employee appears to be injured or ill while on the job or there is reason to believe that an employee needs medical attention, their supervisor shall have the right to require the employee to furnish a statement from a licensed physician before returning to work that the employee is capable of performing the work required by their job. The County shall send such employee to the doctor at its expense on working time.

ARTICLE XIII - FUNERAL LEAVE

Section 13.1. Number of Days - Immediate Family Defined. In the event of a death of an employee's parent, grandparent, spouse, child, grandchild, sibling, or their spouse's parent, sibling or child, or their step-parent, foster-parent or stepchild (a stepchild is one living with or raised by the step-parent) such employee will be paid for straight time lost from scheduled work not to exceed three (3) scheduled working days within a 10-day period following the death, except in special circumstances.

In the event of a death of an employee's aunt or uncle, such employee will be paid for straight time lost from scheduled work not to exceed one (1) scheduled workday falling

between the date of death and the date of the funeral, both inclusive, except in special circumstances.

ARTICLE XIV - HOLIDAYS

Section 14.1. Each employee, (not on a 5-2/5-3 schedule) shall receive an extra day off at the regular rate of pay for the following observed holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, December 24th, Christmas Day, and December 31st, providing the employee shall have worked the last scheduled workday prior to and the first scheduled workday following the said holiday. For the purpose of this section, time off for sick leave and vacations shall be considered as time worked. Those extra days off are to be taken off at the discretion of the Sheriff, however, an employee's request for a day off under this section shall not be unreasonably denied.

Section 14.2. Each employee on a 5-2/5-3 schedule shall receive time and one-half (1-1/2) the regular rate of pay for time actually worked on the following calendar holidays: Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, December 24th, Christmas Day, December 31st, and New Year's Day.

Regardless of schedule, (5-2 or 5-2/5-3), assigned, forced, or holdover overtime on Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, December 24, December 25, December 31 or January 1 of any sworn unit member will be at double time only for overtime hours worked between 0000 to 2359 hours on Independence Day, 0000 to 2359 hours on Thanksgiving Day, 0000 hours on December 24 to 2359 hours on December 25, and 0000 hours on December 31 to 2359 hours on January 1.

ARTICLE XV - VACATIONS

Section 15.1. Entitlement. All employees shall receive the following paid vacation based on the amount of time they have rendered services and received wages:

Service	Vacation
At least 6 months before June 1	5 days
1 year or more before June 1	11 days
4 years or more at any time during the calendar year	13 days
7 years or more at any time during the calendar year	17 days
14 years or more at any time during the calendar year	23 days
20 years or more at any time during the calendar year	28 days

Section 15.1.2. Selection Process. A vacation sign up list shall be posted by the Administration for each shift and division within the Sheriff's Department. This roster shall be posted not later than the first day of October of each year, sooner if possible.

1. The Department shall implement an electronic auction system for each shift and division. This auction shall begin no later than October 1st of each year, sooner if possible. Each employee of a shift or division shall pick their first two vacation selections during the first auction round. Employees may choose their vacation selection in increments of more than two or less than twelve days. The auction is accessible to each employee based on their position seniority date. The most senior employee shall pick, then the turn passes to the next senior employee. Upon the completion of the last senior employee's choice, the auction closes. The Department awards those picks. After the first round of picks is awarded, the next round opens. Employees may pick one vacation selection in increments of more than two or less than twelve days. After this round is completed, the auction closes, and the picks are awarded. The auction rounds will continue in the fashion indicated in the above paragraph for three more rounds. Department Policy will limit the number of staff allowed to pick specific days. This limit is set automatically in the auction. When the maximum number of staff on vacation is reached on a specific day, that day will not be available to be chosen.
2. To maintain staffing levels, the following will be allowed off at a time on vacation: Up to two deputies for Patrol; in the Bureau, up to two detectives in general assignment, two detectives in KDOG and one in sensitive crimes; two deputies but not more than one from any group for specialty groups (Court officers, process servers, TIU); and in Conveyance two deputies off at a time for first shift and one deputy off at a time for second shift.

Section 15.2. Vacation. The vacation period shall be at any time during the year, commencing with January 1st and ending December 31st and may be staggered to prevent hardship to the County. Employees who have one (1) year of service or more by June 1 may take their vacation and receive their vacation pay at any time from January 1st to December 31st. Employees who have at least six (6) months service but less than one (1) year by June 1, may take their vacation at any time from January 1st to December 31st. Vacations may be taken in increments of not less than two (2) days or more than twelve (12) days. A maximum of five vacation days can be taken one day at a time in conformance with the current Department policy dealing with the number of deputies/detectives on vacation at a given time. Deputies shall not be ordered to work overtime on any off-days scheduled in conjunction with any vacation days. Any vacation or casual days that are scheduled contiguous to the deputy's normal days off, by the time the monthly schedule has been completed and posted, will be recognized as part of the employee's vacation and will be exempt from any forced overtime.

Section 15.3. Time Spent in Armed Forces. Any employee who enters the Armed

Forces of the United States while employed with Kenosha County shall have the period spent in the Armed Forces considered as time spent working in computing their vacation.

Employees called upon or who enlist in the Armed Forces of the United States shall be granted leaves of absence and their seniority shall accumulate providing they report for work within ninety (90) days of discharge, unless unable to do so because of illness or injury in which case leave shall be extended.

Upon return from military leave, the employee shall be returned to a position and pay in keeping with federal regulations.

An employee who is a member of a military reserve and who may be called upon for reserve training shall receive his/her regular pay for such training or service (not to exceed two (2) weeks for any one (1) call up), less his/her military base pay. Reservists scheduled for weekend duty may trade workdays within a 28 day period with another employee with Department approval. Employees who engage in an approved trade shall be responsible for the hours assumed in the trade.

Section 15.4. Emergency Leave. Up to five (5) days' emergency leave may be granted to each employee provided the employee notifies the department head before taking the time off. Such leave shall be charged against vacation time.

Section 15.5. Cash Out and/or Carry Over of Unused Vacation. An employee who has more than twelve (12) days of vacation must use at least twelve (12) days of that vacation during the vacation year. This twelve (12) days may be a combination of carryover and current grant. Any unused vacation time as of January 1 of the following year may be cashed out or up to six (6) days may be carried over into the following year.

Section 15.6. Vacation at Separation. Vacation entitlement is prorated when an employee separates employment. The amount of vacation posted at the beginning of the year is prorated by the number of full months of service completed prior to separation. Any unused amount will be paid out at separation.

Employees who retire with five (5) or more years of sworn service with Kenosha County, and otherwise meet the WRS definition of retiree, are entitled to the full year of vacation entitlement in the year in which they retire, which may be used or paid out.

ARTICLE XVI - INSURANCE

Section 16.1.

- (a) Health Insurance. For the duration of this Agreement, the County shall provide a comprehensive medical insurance policy at no employee cost share of premium. See plan document for further details.

- (i) An employee who becomes totally disabled due to work connected injury or illness shall continue to receive coverage paid by the County during such period of total disability until the employee becomes eligible for coverage under any present or future federal medical insurance plan, including Medicare. At such time, the employee may enroll in a Medicare supplement plan if offered by the County.
 - (ii) An employee who is out due to illness shall continue to receive coverage paid by the County for six (6) months after such employee exhausts Accident and Sickness Pay Maintenance Plan benefits. The employee then would be offered continuing coverage through COBRA.
- (b) Dental Insurance. For the duration of this Agreement, the County shall provide a choice of two dental insurance plans at no employee cost share of premium. See plan documents for further details.
- (c) Vision Insurance. Employees may enroll in vision insurance coverage if offered by the County at the same premium contributions as other active County employees.
- (d) Insurance options must be executed during the open enrollment period which generally runs from November 1st through November 30th each year.

Section 16.2.

- (a) Retired Employees. On and after the effective date of this Agreement, employees who retire between the ages of 53 and until they reach Medicare eligibility will have the premium for hospital, surgical, major medical coverage paid by the County for themselves and for their families, provided that the employee had family coverage at the time of retirement. An employee may retire at age 50 with the understanding there is no county-paid insurance between age 50 and age 53 unless they participate at their own expense or are covered as a spouse of another county employee. If they do not participate at their own expense, the employee must show proof of insurance during that time before they can return to the County's insurance plan at age 53. No proof of insurability will be required. The County shall be under no obligation to continue full payment of such coverage in case a plan of national health insurance should be established, or the payment for such coverage made by the County shall be reduced in proportion to benefits which may be provided by the government under any plan, and if the plan eventually provides for full coverage, the County obligation to pay for such coverage shall cease when the government program becomes effective. Employees who retire on or after 12/31/08 shall receive the same health insurance benefits and remain in the same risk pool as active employees.

- (b) Retiring Employee Defined. Retiring employee, for the purpose of this provision, is defined as any employee who retires during the duration of this Agreement.

Section 16.5. Family Coverage on Death of Employee. In recognition of the fact that bargaining unit members are protective service employees, the family of an employee with twenty (20) years or more of Department seniority who dies prior to retirement or reaching the age of sixty-five (65) years shall continue to receive coverage consistent with policy age limits for children at the County expense, until such time as they are covered under another plan or the date the employee would have reached sixty-five (65) years of age, whichever is sooner.

The above-referenced twenty (20) years or more of seniority shall be waived for any employee who dies in the line of duty as defined by the worker's compensation statute as follows:

<u>Seniority</u>	<u>Years of Insurance</u>
0 – 2	Two years
3 – 20	Equal to number of years, e.g., 3 years seniority = 3 years of coverage 4 years seniority = 4 years of coverage, etc.

ARTICLE XVIII - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 18.1. Effective on and after July 1, 1977, all uniform items, including firearms, and uniform cleaning will be furnished by the County as needed, subject to and in accordance with a procedure developed by the Sheriff or his designated representatives. A copy of the procedure will be furnished all employees covered by this Agreement.

Section 18.1.2. Clothing Supplement. The County will provide uniformed deputies \$500 as a clothing supplement and will provide plain clothes personnel \$750 as a clothing supplement. Plain clothes personnel will not be compelled to turn in their uniforms provided that plain clothes personnel shall not wear any county-issued article of uniform outside of normal working hours. The clothing supplement shall be paid in full on or before December 1 of each year to all employees not on probation. The clothing supplement will be paid to probationary employees on a prorated basis. (For example, if an Association member completes probation on June 30, he shall receive one-half (1/2) of the allotted uniform supplement.) A prorated clothing supplement shall be paid upon separation of employment based on the number of full months worked in the current year. This applies only if the current year's supplement has not yet been paid.

Not more than once every four (4) years, commencing as of January 1, 2006, upon presentation of a protective vest and a valid sales receipt therefore dated at any time during

the term of this contract, the county will pay up to \$900 per Association member for the purpose of purchasing a protective vest of his or her choosing.

Deputies may be reimbursed one time up to \$500 for the purchase of additional gear/clothing upon being appointed as a new member of the Tactical Response Team.

Section 18.2. Pay for Work-Connected Injury. The County recognizes the work of this Department as a hazardous occupation. In the event a member covered by this Agreement is seriously injured in the line of duty and as a direct result of the work being performed and not due to their own negligence, the employee shall receive full salary for the period they would be entitled to receive Worker's Compensation benefits. The County agrees to negotiate with the Union for consideration of further salary coverage for such employee.

Section 18.3. Court Action Against County Employees. Whenever any employee is proceeded against in their official capacity or as an individual because of acts committed while carrying out their duties as an officer or employee, the County's payment of all reasonable attorney fees, costs of defending the action, and judgment shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 895.46 of the Wisconsin Statutes. (1979) Any legitimate, specific dispute involving the reasonableness of such attorney fees shall be submitted to the State Bar of Wisconsin for Binding Arbitration. The reasonableness of attorney fees shall be determined in accordance with Wisconsin Supreme Court Rule 20:1.5. Attorney fees shall be submitted to the County on a monthly basis and shall be paid on a monthly basis unless disputed for a specific reason. Any employee involved in such litigation shall cooperate with the County in the defense and settlement of such litigation, and unless otherwise agreed upon, the defense and settlement of such litigation shall be controlled by the county. It being understood that if an irreconcilable conflict of interest exists in the defense of the employee that is maintained by the County and the position of the employee that the County and the employee shall maintain and control their own separate defenses respectively.

Section 18.4. Jury Duty. Any employee called for jury duty shall receive their regular pay for such time less compensation received for jury duty. Sufficient documentation of jury duty pay should be provided to Human Resources so that the appropriate off-set can be processed through payroll.

Section 18.5. Paychecks. Paychecks shall indicate the breakdown of all extra monies paid (i.e., overtime, court time, etc.).

Section 18.6. No Discrimination. The parties to this Agreement agree that they shall not discriminate against any person because of race, creed, color, sex, religion, age, national origin or disability or any other protected status as provided by state or federal law, and that such persons shall receive the full protection of this Agreement.

Section 18.7. Personnel Records. Employees shall have the right, upon reasonable notice, to inspect their own personnel file and to attach a written statement to items contained therein.

Section 18.8. Alcohol and Drug Testing. The Association accepts the County's drug testing policy. The County may conduct alcohol and drug testing of current employees where a reasonable suspicion exists relating to the employee's fitness for continued employment.

The County may conduct random drug testing. Random drug testing will subject employees to unannounced random testing not to exceed 25% of the membership annually or as required by the DOT. Selection for testing will be done by neutral criteria which assures each employee in the pool has an equal unbiased probability of being selected during any one testing draw.

Any employee having a confirmed positive drug screening may have an additional test conducted utilizing the specimen obtained by the County. Such additional test shall be conducted at the employee's expense at a laboratory of the employee's choice. The request for an additional test shall be filed in writing with the Sheriff within three (3) working days after the employee was advised his/her test was positive. At that time, the Sheriff shall also be advised of the name of the laboratory selected by the employee for the retest. The sealed specimen shall be transmitted from the County's laboratory to the laboratory specified by the employee at the employee's expense.

All drug and alcohol test results shall be confidential with dissemination limited to those with an official need to know within the Sheriff's Department or the Human Resources Department and as required for counseling and treatment.

Section 18.9. Residency. The established residency boundary for all unit members is twenty miles (20 miles) in any direction from the borders of Kenosha County. These boundaries are consistent with State of Wisconsin law governing residency for law enforcement personnel. This residency requirement shall be met within nine months of hire and maintained for duration of employment.

Section 18.10. Resignation Notice. Deputies agree to give a two-week working notice as scheduled over two work weeks for resignation.

ARTICLE XIX - OVERTIME

Section 19.1. An employee on a 5-2/5-3 schedule shall be paid time and one-half (1-1/2) of the regular rate of pay after 8¼ hours in a workday or 8 hours where an employee works on a normally scheduled day off.

Section 19.2. Time and one-half (1-1/2) of the regular straight time rate of pay shall be paid for all hours of assigned school attendance beyond the normal work day or on the employee's day off. Meals will be paid for out-of-county classes and training.

Section 19.2.1. Deputies who are assigned or who volunteer and are approved to attend school or special training classes during the normally scheduled work day shall be paid eight (8) hours of straight time pay. Meals will be paid for out-of-county classes and training.

Section 19.2.2. Travel time shall not be compensated unless approved by the Sheriff at their sole discretion.

Section 19.3. Scheduled overtime, (overtime known at least 72 hours in advance) shall be posted and the most senior deputy posting for the overtime shall be assigned. If no deputy posts for the overtime, the least senior available deputy shall be assigned. If the posted overtime is for Hospital Guard purposes and no deputy posts for the overtime, the most senior Detective posting for the overtime shall be assigned. Detectives shall be paged and the most senior Detective returning the call within 20 minutes will receive the assignment. Detective seniority is based on length of time in the detective position.

Section 19.4. Unanticipated overtime shall be assigned, where it is necessary to maintain the minimum staffing levels established by the Sheriff in accordance with the following procedure:

- (a) The county shall post a quarterly overtime sheet. The deputies indicating willingness to work by signing on the list shall be paged and the most senior deputy returning the call within 20 minutes will receive the assignment. If none of the volunteers can be contacted, the rotating order-in list using the 30 least senior deputies will be utilized.
- (b) Selecting beyond the 30 least senior deputies would be necessary in the event of a significant occurrence(s). In the event that the overtime is for a Hospital Guard assignment, Detectives shall be allowed to request the assignment prior to utilizing the rotating order-in list. In this event, all Detectives shall be paged and the most senior Detective returning the call within 20 minutes shall receive the assignment. Detective seniority is recognized as the length of time in the detective position.
- (c) An order-in would start with the least senior deputy available and rise to the 30th least senior deputy. An order-in should always start with the least senior deputy available who had not received a "credit" for the period.
- (d) The new period will begin with shifts beginning after 0001 hours each new pay period.

- (e) All deputies completing an overtime shift of more than two hours worked, voluntary or by order-in, during the period would receive a "credit" for the period.
- (f) A deputy who is ordered in will maintain one regularly scheduled day off per his/her workweek.
- (g) Unavailable defined: Current Sheriff's Department employment obligations, vacation, casual, or other recognized leave, as well as, supervisor discretion for significant personal events.
- (h) The demands of an emergency situation would override this procedure.
- (i) If necessary to provide coverage while the procedure set forth above is followed, the least senior employee on the preceding shift may be held over for up to four (4) hours.

Section 19.5. No employee may be assigned, voluntarily or involuntarily, to work longer than 16 consecutive hours or more than 48 hours per pay period, except under unusual circumstances or as otherwise provided in this Agreement, or by exercise of discretion of the immediate supervisor of the employee in question. During times that fall under these circumstances, an employee will be paid double time for time worked over 16 consecutive hours.

Section 19.6. No employee may be assigned, voluntarily or involuntarily, to work overtime, if that employee is physically unfit for duty.

Section 19.7. In an attempt to relieve some of the overtime pressure the County and Association agree to allow the eight (8) hour patrol shifts of overtime to be split into two (2) four (4) hour blocks. Patrol overtime assignment postings will remain the same. Deputies signing up for the entire eight (8) hour shift shall be given preference over four (4) hour splits. Deputies seeking a four (4) hour split will sign up for openings as desired adjacent to their working shift. If the second half of the overtime shift is not filled, deputies shall be ordered in per the current practice. Any deputy ordered to work an eight (8) hour patrol shift shall be allowed to seek a volunteer to split the shift into two (2) four (4) hour blocks. This will be allowed as long as the shift for each deputy is adjacent to the overtime shift. Any splitting of overtime shifts shall be documented on the current shift swap form.

ARTICLE XX - RETIREMENT

Section 20.1. Wisconsin Retirement Fund. There is presently in effect in the County a retirement plan known as the Wisconsin Retirement Fund. This fund is covered in Chapter 40 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended.

Section 20.2. Compulsory Retirement. Any compulsory retirement shall be consistent with state and federal regulations.

Section 20.4. County Fund Contribution. The County agrees to pay the employee's share to the Wisconsin Retirement Fund. This contribution is in addition to the County's normal contribution. Effective January 1, 2012, new employees pay their portion of the Wisconsin Retirement Fund.

ARTICLE XXI - NEGOTIATIONS

Section 21.2. Notice to Negotiate. Not later than the first day of April of the year in which the contract expires or on a mutually agreeable date thereafter, the Association shall give the Kenosha County Executive written notice of its requests to be negotiated by and between the Association and the County for the succeeding Agreement.

Section 21.3. Start of Negotiations. Not later than the first day of May of the year in which the contract expires, the County agrees to meet with the Association and discuss the Association's requests as here and before mentioned.

ARTICLE XXII - SEPARABILITY

Section 22.1. Separability. The provisions of this Agreement are deemed to be separable to the extent that if and when a court or governmental agency of competent jurisdiction adjudges any provision of this Agreement to be in conflict with any law, rule or regulation issued thereunder, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Agreement, but such remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 22.2. Negotiating Invalid Provision. It is further provided that in the event any provision or provisions are so declared to be conflicting with such law, rule or regulations, both parties shall meet within thirty (30) days for the purpose of renegotiating the provision or provisions so invalidated.

ARTICLE XXIII - NO STRIKE CLAUSE

Section 23.1. No Strike. The parties agree that it is important to seek amicable resolution of their differences, and have established a grievance procedure for this purpose. The Union, on its part, agrees it will not authorize a strike, nor shall any employee engage in a strike or slow-down during the term of this Agreement. In the event of a work stoppage not authorized by the Union, the County shall not hold the Union liable if it has ordered, through its officers, the employee to return to work within a reasonable period of time after notification by the Employer.

Section 23.2. No Lock-Out. The Employer agrees it will not prevent employees from carrying out their duties by conducting a lock-out.

ARTICLE XXVI - JOB CLASSIFICATION, COMPENSATION,
PROVISIONS FOR CHANGES AND EFFECTIVE DATES

Section 26.1. Job Classifications and Compensation. The job classification and compensation plan is attached hereto as Appendix "A" and made a part thereof. Newly hired employees will normally be placed at the first step of the salary range. At the Sheriff's discretion the employee may be placed at a higher wage step based on the level of professional experience possessed by the individual. The new hire will also be provided with the level of vacation entitlement based on professional experience possessed. Seniority will be in accordance with Article 9 of the current collective bargaining agreement.

Section 26.2. Entire Agreement and No Verbal Agreements. The foregoing constitutes the Agreement between the parties hereto and no verbal statement shall supersede any of its provisions.

Section 26.3. Effective Dates. This Agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 2023, and shall remain in full force and effect for the term January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, inclusive, and shall bind both parties hereto.

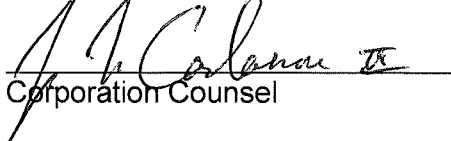
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the 14 day of November, 2022, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

KENOSHA COUNTY

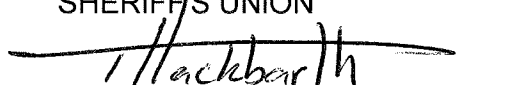


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KENOSHA COUNTY DEPUTY
SHERIFF'S UNION





APPENDIX "A"
WAGES

	Jan. 1, 2023	July 2, 2023	Dec. 31, 2023	June 30, 2024	Dec. 29, 2024
Deputies					
Start	28.83	29.62	30.21	30.89	32.05
12 mos	30.28	31.11	31.73	32.44	33.66
24 mos	31.74	32.61	33.26	34.01	35.29
36 mos	36.02	37.01	37.75	38.60	40.05
48 mos	36.73	37.74	38.49	39.36	40.84
60 mos	37.29	38.32	39.09	39.97	41.47
72 mos	38.40	39.46	40.25	41.16	42.70

Detectives					
Start	39.49	40.58	41.39	42.32	43.91
60 mos	40.08	41.18	42.00	42.95	44.56
72 mos	40.67	41.79	42.63	43.59	45.22
84 mos	41.90	43.05	43.91	44.90	46.58

3% on Jan. 1, 2023; 2.75% increase on July 2, 2023; 2% increase on Dec 31, 2023; 2.25% increase on June 30, 2024; 3.75% increase on Dec. 29, 2024.

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\$550/month

Memorandum of Understanding

Between the

County of Kenosha, Wisconsin

And the

Kenosha County Deputy Sheriff's Association

Grievance #09-115 – Association Grievance – Alleged Violation of Work Hours

Grievance #09-116 – Association Grievance – Alleged Violation of Work Schedule


In an attempt to resolve the above listed matters, the following Agreement has been reached.

1. Grievance #09-115 – The Deputies involved in the “flexing of work hours” for snowmobile patrol are to be made whole for the loss of overtime.
2. Grievance #09-116 – The Association shall withdraw Grievance #09-116 without prejudice and the parties agree to pursue the following language in collective bargaining negotiations:
3. New Section – Flexing of Normal Duty hours
The flexing of normal duty hours will include changing the beginning and ending times of a work shift within a 24 hour period. Flexing must be within the same 14 day pay period time frame. Flexing of any shift hours must be mutually agreed upon by both employee and supervision prior to change.
4. New Section – Exchange of Work Days – Training
Work days may be exchanged with days off within a 7 day work week. Exchanges must be within the same 14 day pay period time frame in order to accommodate school, training and special assignments. Flexing of work days and the movement of the affected off days must be mutually agreed upon by both employee and supervision prior to change. Section 19.2 overtime provision will not apply for a voluntary exchange of work days.
5. New Section – Exchange of Work Days – Other
Employees may exchange their own work days with their own off days up to 3 times annually. Exchanges must be completed within the 14 day pay period time frame. These exchanges must be mutually agreed upon by both employee and supervision prior to change taking place. Supervision retains the right to deny these exchanges using reasonable discretion based upon, but not limited to, creation of any overtime, staffing levels, planned activities/training or special events.

This MOU will become effective on the date signed. It can be reviewed by both parties at the end of each calendar year to see if there are ways to make improvements to this MOU.

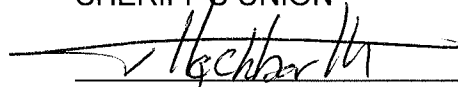
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto executed this Agreement on the 16
day of November, 2022, Kenosha, Wisconsin.¹

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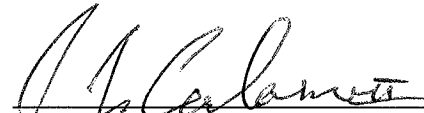


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¹ Original date of this Memorandum of Understanding was 4/7/09.

