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and

COUNTY OF KENDALL / KENDALL COUNTY SHERIFF

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ILLINOIS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LABOR COUNCIL

FOR

KENDALL COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

BARGAINING UNIT

[SERGEANTS]
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PREAMBLE

This Agreement is entered into by the County of Kendall, a body politic, and Sheriff of Kendall County, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and the Illinois F.O.P. Labor Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council.

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide an orderly collective bargaining relationship between the Employer and the Council representing the employees in the bargaining unit, and to make clear the basic terms upon which such relationship depends. It is the intent of both the Employer and the Council to work together to provide and maintain satisfactory terms and conditions of employment, and to prevent as well as to adjust misunderstandings and grievances relating to employees wages, hours and working conditions.

In consideration of mutual promises, covenants and Agreement contained herein, the parties hereto, by their duly authorized representative and/or agents, do mutually covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
RECOGNITION

Section 1. Unit Description. The Employer hereby recognizes the Council as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative for the purpose of collective bargaining on any and all matters relating to wages, hours, and all other terms and conditions of employment of all full-time sworn peace officers classified as Deputy Sheriffs in the rank of Sergeant and Lieutenant; and excluding Sheriff, Under Sheriff, Jail Superintendent and all other employees of the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office, including non-merit positions.

Section 2. Supervisors. Supervisors may continue to perform bargaining unit work which is incidental to their jobs. They may also perform bargaining unit work in emergency
situations and where such work is necessary to train a bargaining unit employee. Such work by supervisors shall not cause any layoffs of the bargaining unit employees.

**ARTICLE II**
**NEW CLASSIFICATIONS AND VACANCIES**

**Section 1. New Classifications.** The Employer and Union may mutually agree to new classifications within the bargaining unit where the Employer finds it necessary to create a new job. If the Council and the Employer cannot agree on the new classification, then they agree to jointly petition the State Labor Board to seek the necessary unit clarification. If the inclusion of a new position classification is agreed to by the parties or found appropriate by the Labor Board, the parties shall negotiate as to the proper pay grade for the classification. If no agreement is reached within thirty (30) calendar days from the date its inclusion was determined, the Council may appeal the proposed pay grade to the 2nd step of the grievance procedure.

The 2nd step Grievance Committee or arbitrator shall determine the reasonableness of the proposed salary grade in relationship to:

A. The job content and responsibilities attached thereto in comparison with the job content and responsibilities of other position classifications in the Employer's work force;

B. Like positions with similar job content and responsibilities within the labor market generally;

C. Significant differences in working conditions to comparable position classifications.

The pay grade originally assigned by the Employer shall remain in effect pending the resolution of the grievance.

If the decision of the 2nd step Grievance Committee or arbitrator is to increase the pay grade of the position classification, such rate change shall be applied retroactive to the date of its installation.
The Employer will post any new classifications for employee sign-up. The Employer will fill new classifications from unit employees based upon posted qualifications.

Section 2. Vacancies. Vacancies and promotions shall be created and filled in accordance with established Merit Commission procedures without waiver thereof. The Sheriff shall fill vacancies for new positions. Promotions shall be filled by selecting from the top four (4) candidates tested by the Merit Commission at the time the vacancy becomes open.

ARTICLE III
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The Employer possesses the sole right to operate the Sheriff’s Office of the County and all management rights repose in it. Nothing herein shall affect the internal control authority of the Sheriff. Except as specifically amended, changed or modified by the Agreement, these rights include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. To direct all operations of the County;

B. To establish reasonable work rules and schedules of work;

C. To hire or promote from the Merit Commission eligibility list, transfer, schedule and assign employees in positions and to create, combine, modify and eliminate positions within the County;

D. To suspend, discharge with just cause and take other disciplinary action against employees under the established work rules and regulations of the Sheriff’s Office and the provisions of this Agreement;

E. To lay off employees;

F. To maintain efficiency of County operations;

G. To introduce new or improved methods or facilities;

H. To change existing methods or facilities;

I. To determine the kinds and amounts of services to be performed as pertains to County operations; and the number and kind of classifications to perform such services;
J. To determine the methods, means and personnel by which County operations are to be conducted:

(1) To set patrol zones, number of squad cars per shift, assignment of cars and equipment to personnel and to change these as needed to meet department needs and priorities;

(2) To determine proper uniform and attire for all sworn personnel, to change, alter or amend this clothing and equipment as needed, and to set the dates of conversion from season to season;

(3) To determine the shift or duty assignments, the number of personnel per shift or duty assignments, and to change or alter these after proper notice;

(4) To require compliance with regular written Office rules and regulations, and to all general orders, special orders, official notices or memorandum issued by the Sheriff on Office letterhead, memorandum, general or special order, or other identifiable Office documents;

(5) To require proper notification of any part-time employment when acting in a police or security capacity or court-related capacity which necessitates the potential of acting under the color of law, and to set proper uniform and attire while serving in such function and to exercise authority to refuse to permit such employment when it appears to be a potential or actual conflict of interest or a negative reflection on the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office;

(6) To establish required training sessions and qualifications for specific duty assignments and to change or amend these requirements as needed to meet Office needs or requirements;

(7) To determine the proper utilization of Office vehicles and equipment, the proper cleaning, care and maintenance of those vehicles and equipment, the number of personnel assigned to each vehicle and the location of vehicles when not in service;

(8) To retain the right to issue and/or assign any or all Office equipment and vehicles to employees or other individuals as necessary and directed by the Sheriff; and,

(9) To schedule overtime work as required in the manner most advantageous to the Office and in accordance with this Agreement.

K. To take whatever action is necessary to carry out the functions of the County in situations of emergency.
ARTICLE IV
SUBCONTRACTING

It is the general policy of the Employer to continue to utilize employees to perform work they are qualified to perform. However, the Employer reserves the right to contract out any work it deems necessary in the interests of economy, improved work product, or emergency.

ARTICLE V
F.O.P. REPRESENTATIVES

For the purposes of administering and enforcing the provisions of this Agreement, the Employer agrees as follows:

Section 1. Grievance Processing. Reasonable time while on duty shall be permitted council representatives for the purpose of aiding or assisting or otherwise representing officers in the handling and processing of grievances or exercising other rights set forth in this Agreement, and such reasonable time shall be without loss of pay.

Section 2. Council Negotiating Team. Members designated as being on the Council negotiating team who are scheduled to work on a day on which negotiations will occur, shall, for the purpose of attending scheduled negotiations, be excused from their regular duties without loss of pay. If a designated Council negotiating team member is in regular day-off status on the day of negotiations, he will not be compensated for attending the session.

ARTICLE VI
DUES DEDUCTION AND FAIR SHARE

Section 1. Dues Deduction. Upon receipt of a written and signed authorization form from an employee, the Employer shall deduct the amount of council dues and initiation fee, if any, set forth in such form and any authorized increase thereof, and shall remit such deductions monthly to the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council at the address designated by the
Council in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. The Council shall advise the Employer of any increase in dues, in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to its effective date.

Section 2. Dues. Each officer who on the effective date of this Agreement is a member of the Council, and each officer who becomes a member after that date, shall maintain his membership in good standing in the Council during the term of this Agreement.

With respect to any officer on whose behalf the Employer receives written authorization in a form agreed upon by the Council and the Employer, the Employer shall deduct from the wages of the officer the dues and/or financial obligation uniformly required and shall forward the full amount to the Council by the tenth (10th) day of the month following the month in which the deductions are made. The amounts deducted shall be in accordance with the schedule to be submitted to the Employer by the Council. Authorization for such deduction shall be irrevocable unless revoked by written notice to the Employer and the Council during the fifteen (15) day period prior to the expiration of this Agreement. The Employer will not similarly deduct dues in any other organization as to officers covered by this Agreement.

Section 3. Fair Share. Any present officer who is not a member of the Council shall be required to pay a fair share (not to exceed the amount of Council dues) of the cost of the collective bargaining process, contract administration in pursuing matters affecting wages, hours, and other conditions of employment, but not to exceed the amount of dues uniformly required of members. All officers hired on or after the effective date of certification of F.O.P. as the bargaining representative and who have not made application for membership shall, on or after the thirtieth (30th) day of their hire, also be required to pay a fair share as defined above.

The Employer shall with respect to any officer in whose behalf the Employer has not received a written authorization as provided for above, the Employer shall deduct from the
wages of the officer the fair share financial obligation, including any retroactive amount due and
owing, and shall forward said amount to the Council on the tenth (10th) day of the month
following the month in which the deduction is made, subject only to the following:

A. The Council has certified to the Employer that the affected officer
has been delinquent in his obligations for at least thirty (30) days;

B. The Council has certified to the Employer that the affected officer
has been notified in writing of the obligation and the requirement
for each provision of this Article and that the employee has been
advised by the Council of his obligations pursuant to this Article
and of the manner in which the Council has calculated the fair
share fee;

C. The Council has certified to the Employer that the affected officer
has been given a reasonable opportunity to prepare and submit any
objections to the payment and has been afforded an opportunity to
have said objections adjudicated before an impartial arbitrator
assigned by the employee and the Council for the purpose of
determining and resolving any objections the officer may have to
the fair share fee.

Section 4. Indemnification. The Council shall indemnify and save the Employer
harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability that may arise out
of or by reason of any action taken by the Employer for the purpose of complying with any
provisions of this Agreement. If an incorrect deduction is made, the Union shall refund any such
amount directly to the involved employee.

ARTICLE VII
BILL OF RIGHTS

The provisions of 50 ILCS 750/2, are incorporated herein and made a part of this
Agreement. The Employer shall post a copy of the Bill of Rights on the bulletin board and/or
make available a copy of the Bill of Rights to each member of the bargaining unit.
ARTICLE VIII
INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Employer Responsibility. The Employer shall be responsible for, hold officers harmless from and pay for damages, except punitive damages, or monies which may be adjudged, assessed or otherwise levied against any officer covered by this Agreement.

Section 2. Legal Representation. Officers shall have legal representation by the Employer in any civil cause of action brought against an officer resulting from or arising out of the performance of duties.

Section 3. Cooperation. Officers shall be required to cooperate with the Employer during the course of the investigation, administration or litigation of any claim arising under this Article.

Section 4. Applicability. The Employer will provide the protections set forth in Section 1 and Section 2 above, so long as the officer is acting within the scope of his employment and where the officer cooperates, as defined in Section 3, with the Employer in defense of the action or actions or claims. Intentional or willful acts of misconduct are not covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX
NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT

Section 1. No Strike/No Lockout Commitment. Neither the Council nor any officer will call, initiate, authorize, participate in, sanction, encourage, or ratify any work stoppage, slowdown or the concerted interference with the full faithful and proper performance of the duties of employment with the Employer during the term of this Agreement. Neither the Council nor any officer shall refuse to cross any picket line, by whomever established.

The Employer will not lockout any employees during the term of this Agreement.
Section 2. Resumption of Operations. In the event of action prohibited by Section 1 above, the Council immediately shall disavow such action and request the officers to return to work, and shall use its best efforts to achieve a prompt resumption of normal operations. The Council, including its officials and agents, shall not be liable for any damages, direct or indirect, upon complying with the requirements of this Section.

Section 3. Council Liability. Upon the failure of the Council to comply with the provisions of Section 2 above, any agent or official of the Council who is an officer covered by this Agreement may be subject to the provisions of Section 4 below.

Section 4. Discipline of Strikers. Any officer who knowingly violates the provisions of Section 1 of this Article shall be subject to immediate discharge. Any action taken by the Employer against any officer who participates in action prohibited by Section 1 above shall not be considered as a violation of this Agreement and shall not be subject to the provisions of the grievance procedure, except that the issue of whether an officer in fact participated in a prohibited action shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure.

ARTICLE X
RESOLUTION OF IMPASSE

The remedies for the resolution of any bargaining impasses shall be in accordance with the Illinois Public Labor Relation Act (5 ILCS 315/14) as amended.

ARTICLE XI
PERSONNEL FILES

Section 1. Personnel Files. The Employer shall keep a central personnel file within the bargaining unit for each employee. Employer is free to keep working files, but material not maintained in the central personnel file may not provide the basis for disciplinary or other action against an employee.
Section 2.        Inspection. Upon written request of an employee, the Employer shall reasonably permit an employee to inspect his/her personnel file subject to the following:

A.  Such inspection shall occur immediately following receipt of the request;

B.  Such inspection shall occur during daytime working hours Monday through Friday upon reasonable request;

C.  The employee shall not be permitted to remove any part of the personnel file from the premises but may obtain copies of any information contained therein upon payment for the cost of copying;

D.  Upon written authorization by the requesting employee, in cases where such employee has a written grievance pending, and is inspecting his/her file with respect to such grievance, that employee may have a representative of the Council present during such inspection and/or may designate in such written authorization that said representative may inspect his/her personnel file subject to the procedures contained in this Article;

E.  If an employee disagrees with any information contained in the personnel file, the employee may submit a written statement of his/her position which shall become an integral part of that portion of the file over which disagreement exists, until such portion is permanently removed from such file;

F.  If the employee disagrees with any information contained in the personnel record, a removal or correction of that information may be mutually agreed upon by the employer and the employee. If an agreement cannot be reached, the employee may submit a written statement explaining the employee’s position. The Employer shall attach the employee’s statement to the disputed portion of the personnel record. The employee’s statement shall be included whenever that disputed portion of the personnel record is released to a third party as long as the disputed record is a part of the file. The inclusion of any written statement attached in the record without further comment or action by the Employer, shall not imply or create any presumption of Employer argument with its content. If either the Employer or the employee places in the personnel record information which is false, the Employer or employee, whichever is appropriate, shall have remedy through the grievance procedure to have that information expunged;

G.  Pre-employment information, such as reference reports, credit checks or information provided the Employer with a specific request that it remain confidential, shall not be subject to inspection or copying.
Section 3. Notification. Employees shall be given immediate notice by Employer when a formal, written warning or other disciplinary documentation is permanently placed in their personnel file.

Section 4. Limitation on Use of File Material. It is agreed that any material and/or matter not available for inspection, such as provided in Section 1 above, shall not be used in any manner or any forum adverse to the officer’s interests.

Section 5. Use of File Material. Any information of an adverse employment nature which may be contained in any unfounded, exonerated or otherwise not sustained file, shall not be used against the officer in any future proceedings.

ARTICLE XII
DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

Section 1. Discipline and Discharge. The parties recognize the principles of progressive and corrective discipline. Disciplinary action may be imposed for just cause only. Giving consideration to the severity of the infraction, reasonable disciplinary action shall include the following:

A. Oral reprimand;
B. Written reprimand;
C. Suspension (notice to be given in writing); and
D. Discharge.

Other reasonable conditions of continued employment may be required by the Employer after discipline has been imposed. The conditions must be reasonably related to the conduct disciplined for. Disciplinary action may be imposed on an employee only for failing to fulfill his responsibilities as an employee. Any disciplinary action or measure imposed upon an employee may be processed as a grievance through the regular grievance procedure.
If the Employer has reason to reprimand an employee, it shall be done in a manner that will not embarrass the employee before other employees or the public.

Section 2. Investigatory Interviews. Where the Employer desires to conduct an investigatory interview of an employee where the results of the interview might result in discipline, the Employer agrees to first inform the employee that the employee has a right to Council representation at such interview. If the employee desires such Council representation, no interview shall take place without the presence of a Council representative. The role of the Council representative is limited to assisting the employee, clarifying the facts and suggesting other employees who may have knowledge of the facts. If a Council Representative is not available within a reasonable amount of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours, then the interview may proceed without Council representation.

Section 3. Predisciplinary Meeting. For discipline other than oral and written reprimands, prior to notifying the employee of the contemplated discipline to be imposed, the Employer shall notify the local Council of the meeting and then shall meet with the employee involved and inform the employee of the reason for such contemplated discipline, including any names of witnesses and copies of pertinent documents. The employee shall be informed of his/her contract rights to Council representation and shall be entitled to such, if so requested by the employee, and the employee and Council Representative shall be given the opportunity to rebut or clarify the reasons for such discipline and further provided that a Council Representative shall be available within twenty-four (24) hours of notification. If the employee does not request Council representation, a Council Representative shall nevertheless be entitled to be present as a nonactive participant at any and all such meetings. If the employee chooses to waive Council representation, then the predisciplinary meeting may commence immediately.
Section 4.  Merit Commission.  The Discipline and Discharge procedures of this Article, as well as the Grievance Procedures of Article XIII, shall be exclusive. The Merit Commission of Kendall County shall not be involved in the discipline and discharge or grievance procedures after the effective date of this Agreement. However, the Merit Commission, or other similar Commission created by the County Board of Kendall County, shall continue to provide minimum standards for hiring and testing of new applicants, as well as minimum standards and testing as required in Article II, Section 2.

Section 5.  Psychological Testing.  An employee may only be required to submit to psychological testing for just cause. If psychological testing shows a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, then the Employer shall make reasonable accommodations so long as accommodation is not an undue hardship.

ARTICLE XIII
DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1.  Definition of a Grievance.  A grievance is defined as any unresolved difference between the Employer and the Council or any employee regarding the application, meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. This grievance procedure is subject to and shall not conflict with any provisions of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

Section 2.  Representation.  Grievances may be processed by the Council on behalf of a deputy or on behalf of a group of deputies. Grievances may be filed on behalf of two or more deputies only if the same facts, issues and requested remedy apply to all deputies in the group. Only the Council may advance grievances filed on behalf of a deputy or group of deputies beyond Step 3. The Council may initiate a grievance filed on behalf of a deputy or group of deputies at Step 2, provided the grievance involves issues which by nature are not capable of being settled at Step 1 of the grievance procedure or which would become moot due to the length
of time necessary to exhaust Step 1 of the grievance procedure. The Employer may file contract
grievances directly at Step 4 of this Article. Either Party may have the grievant or one grievant
representing group grievants present at any step of the grievance procedure, and the deputy is
entitled to Council representation at each and every step of the grievance procedure upon the
deputy’s request.

Section 3. Subject Matter. Only one subject matter shall be covered in any one
grievance. A grievance shall contain a statement of the grievant’s position, the Article, and
Section of the Agreement allegedly violated, the date of the alleged violation, the relief sought,
and the signature of the grievant and the date.

Section 4. Time Limitations. Grievances may be withdrawn at any step of the
grievance procedure without precedent. Grievances not appealed within the designated time
limits will be treated as withdrawn grievances.

The Employer’s failure to respond within the time limits shall not find in favor of the
grievant, but shall automatically advance the grievance to the next step. Time limits may be
extended by mutual agreement.

Section 5. Grievance Processing. No deputy or Council Representative shall leave
his or her work assignment to investigate, file or process grievances without first making mutual
arrangements with the deputy’s non-bargaining unit supervisor, and such mutual arrangements
shall not be denied unreasonably. In the event of a grievance, the deputy shall always perform
his or her assigned work task and grieve his or her complaint later, unless the deputy reasonably
believes that the assignment endangers the deputy’s safety.

Section 6. Grievance Meetings. A maximum of two (2) deputies (the grievant and/or
Council Representative) per work shift shall be excused from work with pay to participate in a
Step 1, Step 2 or Step 3 grievance meeting. The deputy(s) shall only be excused for the amount of time reasonably required to present the grievance. The deputy(s) shall not be paid for any time during which a grievance meeting occurs outside of the deputy’s work shift. In the event of a grievance, the deputy shall first perform the deputy’s assigned work task and file his or her grievance later.

Section 7. Steps In Procedure. Disputes arising under this Agreement shall be resolved as follows:

Step 1: Any deputy and/or Council Representative who has a grievance shall submit the Step 1 grievance in writing to the deputy’s immediate supervisor who shall be a supervisor that is not included in the bargaining unit. The Step 1 grievance must be submitted to the deputy’s immediate supervisor within fifteen (15) business days (Monday through Friday) of the day the deputy knew or should have known of the cause giving rise to the grievance. Within ten (10) business days after receipt of the Step 1 grievance, the immediate supervisor shall meet with the grievant and Council representation (if requested by the grievant pursuant to Section 2 of this Article) and make a good faith attempt to resolve the grievance. The immediate supervisor shall respond in writing to the grievant within ten (10) business days following the Step 1 meeting.

Step 2: If the grievance is not settled at Step 1, the grievance may be referred in writing to Step 2 within ten (10) business days after the grievant was notified of the supervisor’s Step 1 response. If the Council initiates a grievance beginning at Step 2, the Step 2 grievance must be submitted in writing within fifteen (15) business days of the day the deputy knew or should have known of the cause giving rise to the grievance. The Step 2 grievance shall be submitted in writing to the Sheriff or the Sheriff’s designee. Within ten (10) business days after receipt of the Step 2 grievance, the Sheriff or their designee and the Chairman of the County Board Labor and Grievance Committee or their designee shall meet with the grievant and Council Representation (if requested by the grievant pursuant to Section 2 of this Article) to discuss the Step 2 grievance and make a good faith attempt to resolve the grievance. In the event the Kendall County Board Labor and Grievance Committee ceases to exist during the term of this Agreement, the Chairman of the County Board shall appoint one (1) County Board member to attend the Step 2 grievance hearing. The Sheriff or their designee and the Chairman of the County Board Labor and Grievance Committee or their designee shall respond in
writing to the grievant within ten (10) business days following the Step 2
meeting.

Step 3: If the grievance is not settled at Step 2, the grievance may be referred in
writing to Step 3 within ten (10) business days after the grievant was
notified of the Step 2 decision. The Step 3 grievance shall be submitted in
writing to the Sheriff or the Sheriff’s designee. Within ten (10) business
days after receipt of the Step 3 grievance, the Step 3 Grievance Committee
shall meet with the Council and the grievant to discuss the grievance and
make a good faith effort to resolve the grievance. The Step 3 Grievance
Committee shall consist of the Sheriff or their designee and two (2)
members of the County Board appointed by the Chairman of the County
Board. The Step 3 Grievance Committee shall respond in writing to the
grievant and the Council within ten (10) business days following the Step
3 meeting.

Step 4: If the dispute is not settled at Step 3, the grievance may be referred in
writing to Step 4 arbitration within ten (10) business days after the
grievant was notified of the Step 3 decision. Within ten (10) business
days after the matter has been submitted to Step 4, the parties shall request the
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to submit a list of seven (7)
arbitrators. Either party shall have the right to reject an entire list of
arbitrators. The arbitrator shall be selected from the list of seven (7) by
alternate strikes by the Employer and the Council. The Employer and the
Council shall take turns as to the first strike. The person whose name
remains on the list shall be the arbitrator, provided that either party before
striking any names shall have the right to reject one (1) of the arbitrators
on the list. The arbitrator shall be notified of his selection by a joint letter
from the Employer and the Council. Such letter shall request the arbitrator
to set a time and a place for the hearing subject to the availability of the
Employer and Council representatives and shall be notified of the issue
where mutually agreed by the parties. All hearings shall be held in the
City of Yorkville, Illinois unless otherwise agreed to. Both parties agree to
make a good faith attempt to arrive at a joint statement of facts and issues
to be submitted to the arbitrator. The Employer or Council shall have the
right to request the arbitrator to require the presence of witnesses and/or
documents. Each party shall bear the expense of its witnesses. Once a
determination is made that the matter is arbitrable or if such preliminary
determination cannot be reasonably made, the arbitrator shall then proceed
to determine the merits of the dispute.

The expenses and fees of arbitration and the cost of the hearing room shall
be shared equally by the parties. Costs of arbitration shall include the
arbitrator’s fees, room cost and transcription costs.

Nothing in this Article shall preclude the parties from agreeing to use
expedited arbitration procedures. The decision and award of the arbitrator
shall be made within forty-five (45) calendar days following the close of
the hearing or the submission of the briefs by the parties, whichever is
later. The decision and award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding
on the Employer, the Council and the deputy or deputies involved. The
arbitrator shall have no power to amend, modify, nullify, ignore, add to or
subtract from the provisions of the Agreement unless specifically stated
elsewhere in this Agreement.

ARTICLE XIV
SENIORITY

Section 1. Definition of Seniority. For purposes of layoff, recall, bidding shifts,
vacation selection and wages, “rank” seniority shall be from the date hired within your respective
classification within the Office in accordance with Article XV of this Agreement. For purposes
of accruing vacation within the bargaining unit, “department” seniority shall be from the last date
of hire with the Sheriff’s Office. If two or more employees are promoted on the same day, their
rank seniority shall be determined by promotion order. If a deputy leaves the bargaining unit for
an appointed rank and then later returns, the deputy’s rank and department seniority shall not be
effected but shall be calculated as if the deputy never left the bargaining unit. There will be no
deductions from rank or department seniority based upon unpaid suspensions.

Section 2. Probation Period. A Sergeant is a “probationary employee” for six (6)
months after promotion to Sergeant and successful completion of a supervisory class or course
paid for by the Employer. During this period of time the performance of the new Sergeant will
be examined by the Employer. Should the Employer determine that their performance is below
that expected of a Kendall County Sergeant, then in that event, the Sergeant will be removed
from his position and placed into his former position prior to the promotion.

Section 3. Seniority List. The Employer and Council have agreed upon the initial
seniority list setting forth the present seniority dates for all officers covered by this Agreement
which shall become effective on or after the date of execution of this Agreement. Such lists shall
finally resolve, all questions of seniority affecting officers covered under this Agreement or employed at the time the Agreement becomes effective. The Employer will post a seniority list no later than July 1st of each calendar year for inspection by the bargaining unit members. Disputes as to seniority listing shall be resolved through the grievance procedure.

Section 4. **Termination of Seniority.** An employee shall be terminated by the Employer and his seniority broken when he:

A. Quits; or

B. Is discharged for just cause; or

C. Is laid off pursuant to the provisions of the applicable agreement for a period of twelve (12) months; or

D. Accepts gainful employment while on an approved leave of absence from the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office; or

E. Is absent for three (3) consecutive scheduled work days without proper notification or authorization; or

F. Fails to return to work at the conclusion of an approved leave of absence for a period of three (3) consecutive days; or

G. Fails to return to work under the provisions of Article XV after accepting recall.

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Section 5. **Seniority and Benefits While on Leave.** Employees will not continue to accrue seniority credit for all time spent on authorized unpaid leave of absence.

**ARTICLE XV LAYOFF**

Section 1. **Layoff.** In the event the Employer determines a layoff is necessary, employees shall be laid off within each particular job classification in the inverse order of their seniority unless compliance with State or Federal law requires otherwise. The Employer agrees
to inform the Council in writing not less than fourteen (14) days prior to such layoffs and to provide the Council with the names of all officers to be laid off in such notice.

Section 2. Layoff Order.

A. Probationary employees, temporary and part-time employees shall be laid off first, then full-time officers shall be laid off in inverse order of their seniority. Individual officers shall receive notice in writing of the layoff not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the effective date of such layoff.

B. In the event that it is necessary to lay off a ranking officer either through abolition of the officer’s position, department reorganization or otherwise, that ranking officer may elect to return either to a lesser rank or to the position of patrol officer by bumping an officer with less seniority in the lower position. In such case, the ranking officer shall be paid at the lower rate of pay for the position he assumes.

Section 3. Recall. Employees shall be recalled from layoff within each particular job classification according to their seniority. No new employees at all shall be hired until all employees on layoff in that particular job classification desiring to return to work shall have been given the opportunity to return to work. Recall rights under this provision shall terminate twelve (12) months after layoff.

In the event of recall, eligible employees shall receive notice of recall either by actual notice or by certified mail, return receipt requested. It is the responsibility of all employees eligible for recall to notify the Sheriff of their current address. Upon receipt of the notice of recall, employees shall have five (5) working days to notify the Sheriff of their acceptance of the recall. The employee shall have five (5) working days thereafter to report to duty.
ARTICLE XVI
HOLIDAYS

Section 1. Paid Holidays. All employees shall receive holiday pay for fourteen (14) holidays. The County Board will declare when the present holidays are to be celebrated. To be eligible the employee must work the day before and after the holiday, or be on some kind of approved time off.

Holiday pay shall be eight (8) hours straight time pay computed at the officer's base rate of pay. The parties acknowledge that the Circuit Judge has the right to set a greater number of court holidays for judicial employees, including the Circuit Clerk, and that the authority of the Circuit Judge cannot be limited by this Agreement.

Section 2. Working on Holidays. Officers scheduled to work on a holiday shall be paid time and one-half for actual hours worked plus holiday pay.

Section 3. Using Compensatory Time for Holidays. Each employee in the bargaining unit may elect to take compensatory time for up to four (4) holidays per year to extend vacation leave, or as a personal day up to four (4) days, at the option of the employee, subject to the compensatory time limitation set forth in Article XX, Section 8. Compensatory time for holidays shall be eight (8) hours per day. The request to use holidays to extend vacation shall be made by the employee at the time the employee requests his vacation or personal days under the provisions of Article XVII of this Agreement. Requests must be approved by the Sheriff or his designee and shall not be unreasonably denied.
ARTICLE XVII
VACATIONS

Section 1. Vacation Leave. All full-time bargaining unit employees shall earn vacation time. Employees on leave of absence or layoff shall not accrue vacation time. Eligible employees shall earn vacation time in accordance with the following schedule:

- 0 - 1 Years Service - No paid vacation
- 1 - 6 Years Service - 80 hours of vacation time
- 7 - 14 Years Service - 120 hours of vacation time
- 15+ Years or More Service - 160 hours of vacation time

Vacation hours shall not be accumulated. Upon separation, unused vacation hours shall be prorated.

Section 2. Vacation Pay. All vacation leave will be paid for at the regular annual rate for full-time bargaining unit officers.

Section 3. Vacation Requests. Except for an occasional day which is taken as vacation leave, all employees must submit, in writing, to the County Sheriff, a schedule of desired vacation prior to March 1st of each year. Conflicts in scheduling will be resolved in favor of the most senior employee. At least forty-eight (48) hours’ notice shall be given for a one (1) day’s leave. To accommodate the one (1) day request and for reasonable cause, the Sheriff shall have the right to alter any schedule if he deems it to be for the best interest of the Office to do so. Employees must give two (2) weeks’ notice of their intent to use vacation prior to the posting of the work schedule posted under Article XX, Section 5.

ARTICLE XVIII
SICK LEAVE

Section 1. Allowance. It is the policy of Kendall County to provide protection for its full-time bargaining unit employees against loss of income because of illness. All eligible employees are encouraged to save as much sick leave as possible to meet serious illness
situations. Sick leave is not intended for a one-day vacation nor to be used to extend vacation period or holidays.

Any employee contracting or incurring any non-service connected sickness or disability, which renders such employee unable to perform the duties of his employment, shall receive sick leave with pay in accordance with this Agreement.

Section 2. **Accumulation.** Sick leave will be granted at the rate of ninety-six (96) hours per year with accumulation prorated on a monthly basis. Sick leave may be accumulated from year to year to a maximum of one thousand nine hundred twenty (1,920) hours. Upon separation from employment for other than just cause, an employee may request reimbursement of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of four hundred eighty (480) hours to be paid as part of the employee’s final compensation, or in the alternative, for those employees employed on or before August 21, 2017, upon retirement, an employee may use all accumulated but unused sick days in conjunction with the employee’s separation date. Employees hired after August 21, 2017 shall only be eligible to receive payment for accumulated sick leave up to a maximum of 25% of 480 hours and be able to use any additional hours as service credit to the extent authorized by the applicable pension system. Employees who have been terminated for just cause shall not be paid out any accumulated sick leave.

Section 3. **Procedures.** No employee will be permitted to take leave if it has not yet been earned. Sick leave shall be paid at full pay at the current rate of compensation. Sick leave may be utilized by employees when they are sufficiently ill so that good judgment would determine it best not to report to work or in the event of injury not arising out of or in the course of their employment and for routine medical and dental appointments. All foreseeable leave for such purposes shall require a specific prior approval of the Sheriff, such approval shall not be
unreasonably denied. In the event of sick leave for any purpose, the Sheriff may require the
certificate of a licensed medical professional giving information as to the circumstances
involved. A family member may give the appropriate notice required by this Section in the event
the employee is physically unable to request additional leave time.

Employees who are unable to return to work upon expiration of sick leave benefits and
all other authorized benefit time must request a leave of absence without pay. Non-paid sick
leave shall be equivalent to the total accumulated sick leave available on the first day of illness,
or thirty (30) calendar days, whichever is greater. Failure to apply for a leave of absence for
extended illness upon expiration of all such benefits will result in automatic termination.
Employees will make every effort to give the Employer eight (8) hours notice of their intent to
use sick leave where two (2) or more days off are anticipated. For one (1) day, the employee
will make every effort to give two (2) hours notice.

Any absence of more than two (2) working days or longer may require a physician’s
statement of release and verification substantiating that he may return to work. In addition, the
Sheriff may request a physician’s statement or verification of absence of shorter periods of time
and if that request requires an examination, it shall be paid for by the Employer. The Sheriff
may also require the employee to be examined by a physician of the Sheriff’s choice and at the
expense of the Employer.

Notice of an employee’s desire to return to work after an extended illness must be given
to the Sheriff no less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance.

The Sheriff or any authorized authority may direct an employee who appears ill to leave
work to protect the health of other employees. Compliance with such an order will not be
charged to sick leave for the first day.
An employee shall be paid sick leave equivalent to the normally scheduled straight time day.

The Sheriff shall maintain a record of sick leave accrual, sick leave taken, and the balance of sick leave allowance available for the individual employees.

Each fiscal year, the employee’s ninety six (96) hours of sick leave may be utilized to care for a family member (as defined by the Family and Medical Leave Act) or member of the employee’s immediate household who is ill or injured.

Section 4. Abuse of Leave. Sufficient evidence of abuse of leave is subject to the disciplinary procedures of this Agreement.

Section 5. Sick Leave Abuse Sanctions. For the purposes of the provisions contained in this Article, “abuse” of sick leave is the utilization of such for reasons other than those stated in Section 1 of this Article.

Upon sufficient evidence of the abuse of such sick leave, the employee shall not be paid for such leave taken nor shall the employee accrue any rights such as seniority or other rights. Continued “abuse” of sick leave shall subject the employee to disciplinary action pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. All employees agree to cooperate fully with the Office in verifying illness.

ARTICLE XIX
LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 1. Discretionary Leave.

A. The Sheriff may grant leaves of absence, without pay or salary, to employees under their supervision for job-related reasons (such as further training or study), which will enable employees to perform their usual and customary duties with greater efficiency and
expertise, or for other valid reasons (such as prolonged illness of the employee, his/her spouse, or his/her child or children, or such as childbirth).

B. The Sheriff may assure an employee who is granted such leave, that the employee’s position, or job, will be restored to him at the conclusion of his leave; provided, however, that the employee’s employment by the County might, and could, be terminated if, during the period of such leave, the employee’s position, or job, were to be eliminated by action of the Board or the enactment or amendment of State or Federal legislation would result in the elimination of such position or job. In that event, any person hired by the County to fill the employee’s position, or to perform his usual and customary duties during the employee’s leave will be discharged so as to permit such employee to resume his employment by the County.

C. No leave shall be granted for a period exceeding thirty (30) consecutive calendar days, nor shall any employee be granted a leave, or leaves, totaling more than thirty (30) days in a given calendar year without the approval of both the Finance Committee and the County Officers Committee being first obtained.

D. Any employee on such leave of absence shall not continue to accrue any benefits whatsoever under this Agreement. Provided, however, that an employee may elect to continue to be covered by the County Health Insurance program at the sole expense of the employee.

Section 2. Absence Due to Death in Immediate Family.

A. In the event of the death of an immediate family member, an employee shall be permitted to be absent from his job for up to twenty-four (24) hours of work to make funeral arrangements and attend the funeral with the approval of chain of command, and for each such day’s absence, the employee shall receive compensation at his normal rate of pay. If the employee desires to be absent for more than twenty-four (24) hours, he may utilize previously
earned, unused, vacation days and receive compensation for each such additional day’s absence at his normal rate of pay, provided the Sheriff or their designee approves such additional absence. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

B. Any absence to attend the funeral of anyone who is not a member of an employee’s immediate family may be arranged with the Sheriff, without pay, but previously earned and unused vacation days may be utilized in such case with the consent of the Sheriff.

C. Immediate family is defined for the purposes of this Section to be spouse, mother, father, child, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, spouse’s relatives of the same degree of blood relationship and any blood relative who resides in the employee’s home.

Section 3. Jury Duty. An employee required to serve on a grand jury or petit jury shall be granted leave for the period required to serve on such jury without loss of pay. Where said employee is required to serve during their regular work hours, such employee shall sign a waiver of any compensation otherwise due them for serving on such jury and shall pay any jury fees to the Employer upon receipt of their regular wage less mileage, if the employee is required to use their own vehicle.

Section 4. Prohibition Against Misuse of Leaves. During any leaves granted pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, regardless of being with or without pay, an employee may not be gainfully employed or independently self-employed without prior approval by the Employer. Violation of the provisions contained within this Agreement shall subject the employee to immediate discharge or loss of all benefits and rights accrued pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. Approval is herewith granted to existing employees for existing outside employment and existing employees shall notify the Sheriff of all such employment within thirty (30) days of execution of this Agreement.
Section 5. Family Medical Leave. The Employer agrees to comply with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and the rules and regulations issued in conjunction therewith.

Section 6. Military Leave. Military leave and benefits shall be granted in accordance with the applicable State and Federal laws.

ARTICLE XX
HOURS OF WORK/OVERTIME

Section 1. Work Period. The work period is defined as a regularly recurring period of fourteen (14) days commencing at 06:00 a.m. every other Saturday.

Section 2. Workday. No more than twelve (12) consecutive hours of work constitutes the regular work day.

Section 3. Work Shift. No more than twelve (12) consecutive hours of work shall constitute a work shift. An employee shall work eighty (80) hours on each work period as their regular work period as referenced in Section 1. Shifts may be bid by seniority on an annual basis each October 1st.

When a bargaining unit member transfers or is moved into the patrol unit they shall be assigned to any shift until the first annual shift bid after the placement in the patrol division. The administration shall have the right to resolve all conflicts of interests between employees at their discretion.

Section 4. Work Schedule. Work schedules showing the employee’s normal shifts, work days, and hours for the next work period shall be posted on all Office bulletin boards at all times, fourteen (14) days prior to beginning of schedule. Except in emergency situations, each monthly work schedule shall not be changed once posted and the employees shall remain on one shift for the entire work period unless on swing shift, or unless necessary to complete a work period.
Emergency situations shall be defined as adjustments due to new employees or positions, resignation, termination, and extended illness or injury lasting fourteen (14) days or more. Once the emergency is over, the employee changed will go back to the schedule as originally posted.

Section 5. Rest Periods. The Employer recognizes that rest periods of approximately fifteen (15) minutes each, should be provided all employees with one rest period for every four (4) hours worked. The employees recognize the nature of the bargaining unit work is such that the formal scheduling of such rest periods is not reasonable.

Rest periods may be taken by the employee so long as the employee’s rest period is not scheduled in a manner which seriously interferes with performance of the employee’s work task.

Section 6. Meal Periods. All employees shall be granted a lunch period of thirty (30) minutes during each shift. Whenever possible, the lunch period shall be scheduled near the middle of each shift.

Section 7. Overtime. Employees shall be paid overtime for all hours worked beyond the regularly scheduled daily work shift. Payment shall be in compensatory time off or money at the election of the employee. Employees may not earn or accumulate more than sixty-two and a half (62.5) hours of compensatory time at any time during the year. Any overtime in excess of sixty-two and a half (62.5) hours compensatory time shall be paid in cash. The election must be made daily and turned in on the weekly time summary. Compensatory time must be taken within the fiscal year it is earned except that up to twenty (20) hours may be carried over from year to year, so long as an employee’s accrued compensatory time does not exceed 62.5 hours at any time. Upon mutual agreement, the Employer may buy out the accumulated compensatory time of each employee. The employee must give seventy-two (72) hours notice of their request for use of compensatory time. Such requests shall not be denied absent an emergency or exigent
circumstances, provided no more than one (1) sergeant is off on a shift, for any reason. The Employer may, at its sole discretion, approve a compensatory time off request with less than seventy-two (72) hours notice.

Any overtime pay incorrectly paid will be adjusted on the next regular paycheck.

Section 8. Call Back. A call back is defined as an official assignment of work which does not continuously precede or follow a deputy’s regularly scheduled working hours. Employees reporting back to the Employer’s premises or location dispatched by the Employer, at a specified time on a regularly scheduled work day which does not immediately precede or follow a regularly scheduled shift shall be compensated for a minimum of two (2) hours at the appropriate overtime rate, or be compensated for the actual time worked, whichever is greater, at the overtime rate.

Section 9. Court Time. Employees covered by this Agreement who are required to attend Court outside their regularly scheduled work hours shall be compensated at the overtime rate for those hours actually worked immediately prior to and following a regularly scheduled shift. A minimum of two (2) hours will be paid for time in Court for off duty attendance or actual time worked, whichever is greater.

Section 10. Shift Trades. Employees shall be allowed to trade shifts in accordance with the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office (KCSO) duty trade policy, within the same two-week period, when requested in advance in writing by an employee, signed by the employees involved and approved by the supervisor or his designee. Duty trades will not be unreasonably denied. Duty trades must be in one (1) full shift increments. All duty trade hours shall be paid at the employee’s regular hourly rate of pay. Employees shall not be approved for more than six (6) duty trades per calendar year or two (2) per calendar month. Trades will only be allowed
between employees with the same rank and work schedules (8 to 8; 10 to 10; 12 to 12). Probationary employees will not be allowed to trade shifts. No trades will be allowed on County celebrated holidays. This provision is intended to be cost neutral to the Employer.

Section 11. Miscellaneous

No bargaining unit member utilizing vacation time, compensatory time (or any combination thereof) shall, in conjunction with regularly scheduled days off, be off from work for more than seventeen (17) consecutive calendar days without the Sheriff’s prior approval. Not more than once in every eighteen (18) month period beginning January 1, 2017, bargaining unit members may utilize vacation time, compensatory time (or any combination thereof) in conjunction with regularly scheduled days off to be off from work for up to twenty four (24) consecutive days. Also, no bargaining unit member shall be permitted to be absent for more than two (2) in-house training days per calendar year without the Sheriff’s prior approval.

ARTICLE XXI
WAGES/COMPENSATION/ALLOWANCES

Section 1. Wages.

A. Employees who are in the Bargaining Unit on the date the Agreement is signed shall receive the following annual pay raises to be effective upon December 1, 2015, and each December 1st thereafter during the term of this contract as reflected below:

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B. Employees shall be paid an additional $.15 per hour for each year of completed service. Beginning on the employee’s ten (10) year anniversary date, (e.g., an employee who has
completed ten (10) years of service will begin receiving an additional $0.15 per hour, for each year of completed service, in the total amount of $1.50 per hour.)

C. Command Pay: Command pay shall be paid to all Sergeants for time spent prior to and after the regular shift and for the exercise of their command duties. Beginning December 1, 2015, this amount shall be $3.00 per hour. These amounts shall be considered part of the base pay for overtime and holiday pay purposes.

Section 2. Uniform and Equipment Allowance. The Employer will provide the following equipment and uniforms as deemed by the Sheriff necessary to perform the duties of the patrol sergeant. In addition, each sergeant shall receive a lump sum annual equipment allowance in the amount of $100.00.

The Sheriff will also make accessible a copy of Chapter 720 and Chapter 625 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes while on duty.

For new or existing employees, the Employer will pay up to $650.00 for the purchase of or refurbishing of a bullet proof vest upon presentation of proof of payment. Replacement shall be at manufacturer’s recommended intervals.

A uniform allowance for persons regularly assigned to plain clothes units shall be $700.00. Said amounts will be payable on the first pay period in December.

Issued items lost or damaged in the line of duty will be replaced by the Employer. Also, items approved for use by the Employer bought personally by the employee that are lost or damaged in the line of duty will be replaced up to a maximum of $100.00 per item, by the Employer.
ARTICLE XXII
INSURANCE AND PENSION

Section 1. **Insurance.** The current coverage provided for life, accidental death and
dismemberment, and dental insurance shall remain in full force and effect during the length of
the contract, provided the Employer reserves the right to change carriers or self-insure so long as
the level of benefit for deductible, co-insurance, and annual out-of-pocket and coverage
maximums remains substantially similar.

Effective January 1, 2017, the parties agree that the current traditional PPO plan shall no
longer be offered as a health plan to employees. The parties also agree the Employer may
choose to discontinue the current HMO plan for the 2017 plan year and/or subsequent plan years.
If the Employer discontinues the current HMO, the Employer will provide a minimum of one
alternative health plan option such as a HMO (health maintenance organization), PPO (preferred
provider organization), HDHP (high deductible health plan) or EPO (exclusive provider
organization). Each plan year the Employer may offer new alternative health plans or eliminate
any alternative health plan.

Effective January 1, 2017, the Employer will provide a core high deductible health plan
with health savings account (hereinafter “Core HDHP-HSA”). The Core HDHP-HSA benefit
levels will be as follows for the January 1, 2017 plan year:

- **Deductibles:** $1,500 single, $3000 family;
- **Coinsurance:** 100% in network, 80% out of network;
- **Out of pocket:** $3000 single, $6,000 family;
- **Physician Services after deductible:** 100% in network, 80% out of network;
- **Inpatient Hospital after deductible:** 100% in network, 80% out of network;
- **ER room** 90% after deductible;
Prescriptions after deductible: 80%

In subsequent plan years, the Employer reserves the right to change insurance carriers, fully insure, or self-insure, and to change benefit levels of the core HDHP-HSA plan as long as the coverage and benefits of the core HDHP-HSA remain substantially similar.

In the event the Core HDHP-HSA is cancelled through no fault of the Employer, the Employer agrees to provide at least the same premium dollar it is providing now in replacing the Insurance plan.

The Employer and the Union, by mutual consent, may establish a committee to recommend a health care plan to the County for adoption in the effort to reduce rising health care costs.

Section 2. Premium Allocations.

A. Premium Allocation for Dental and Current Term Life

The Employer will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the single premium or single premium equivalent for dental coverage and one hundred percent (100%) of the current term life insurance for the employee. If an employee elects family dental coverage, the employee shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the difference between the family premium or premium equivalent amount less the Employer’s percentage share of the single premium or premium equivalent.

B. Premium Allocation for Single Health Plans

The Employer’s obligation for the cost of the single premium or single premium equivalent for the single Core HDHP-HSA shall be eighty percent (80%). The Employer will also contribute $1500 to an employee’s health savings account in January of each year for employees enrolled in the single Core HDHP-HSA plan. The Employer’s contribution to an employee’s health savings account will be prorated for employees enrolling in the Core HDHP-
HSA plan after January 1 of each plan year. The Employer shall be under no obligation to continue contributing any money to the employee’s health savings account upon the employee’s termination of employment or upon any other “qualifying event” as defined pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 1163, whichever occurs first.

The Employer’s obligation for the cost of the single premium or single premium equivalent for employees enrolled in an alternative health plan shall be the same total dollar contribution provided by the Employer for employees enrolled in the single Core HDHP-HSA. However, the enrolled employee shall pay a minimum of $15 per pay check for single premium or single premium equivalent. Employees not enrolled in a County sponsored high deductible health plan are not eligible for the Employer contribution to a health savings account.

C. Premium Allocation for Family Health Plans

If an employee elects Core HDHP-HSA family coverage, the employee shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the difference between the family premium or family premium equivalent less the Employer’s eighty percent (80%) share of the single premium or single premium equivalent of the Core HDHP-HSA. The Employer will also contribute $3000 to an employee’s health savings account in January of each year for employees enrolled in the family Core HDHP-HSA plan. The Employer’s contribution to an employee’s health savings account will be prorated for employees enrolling in the Core HDHP-HSA plan after January 1 of each plan year. The Employer shall be under no obligation to continue contributing any money to the employee’s health savings account upon the employee’s termination of employment or upon any other “qualifying event” as defined pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 1163, whichever occurs first.

The Employer’s obligation for the cost of the family premium or family premium equivalent for employees enrolled in an alternative health plan shall be the same total dollar
contribution provided by the Employer for employees enrolled in the family Core HDHP-HSA. However, the enrolled employee shall pay a minimum of $100 per pay check for family premium or family premium equivalent. Employees not enrolled in a County sponsored high deductible health plan are not eligible for the Employer contribution to a health savings account.

Section 3. Wellness Program.

A. Incentive for Employees Enrolled in Single Health Plans

By December 1 of each year, employee must submit proof of completion of employee’s annual wellness screening/physical to the confidential third-party administrator selected by the Employer to receive the following incentive for the subsequent plan year:

The Employer’s obligation for the cost of the single premium or single premium equivalent for the single Core HDHP-HSA shall be ninety percent (90%). The Employer will also contribute $1500 to an employee’s health savings account in January of each year for employees enrolled in the single Core HDHP-HSA plan. The Employer’s contribution to an employee’s health savings account will be prorated for employees enrolling in the Core HDHP-HSA plan after January 1 of each plan year. The Employer shall be under no obligation to continue contributing any money to the employee’s health savings account upon the employee’s termination of employment or upon any other “qualifying event’ as defined pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 1163, whichever occurs first.

The Employer’s obligation for the cost of the single premium or single premium equivalent for employees enrolled in an alternative health plan shall be the same total dollar contribution provided by the Employer for employees enrolled in the single Core HDHP-HSA. However, the enrolled employee shall pay a minimum of $15 per pay check for single premium
or single premium equivalent. Employees not enrolled in a County sponsored high deductible health plan are not eligible for the Employer contribution to a health savings account.

B. Incentive for Employees Enrolled in Family Health Plans

By December 1 of each year, employee must submit proof of completion for both the employee’s annual wellness screening/physical and the employee’s spouse’s (only if the employee’s spouse is covered by the Employer’s health insurance plan) annual wellness screening/physical to the confidential third-party administrator selected by the Employer to receive the following incentive for the subsequent plan year:

Employees enrolled in Core HDHP-HSA family coverage, the employee shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the difference between the family premium or family premium equivalent less the Employer’s ninety percent (90%) share of the single premium or single premium equivalent of the Core HDHP-HSA. The Employer will also contribute $3000 to an employee’s health savings account in January of each year for employees enrolled in the family Core HDHP-HSA plan. The Employer’s contribution to an employee’s health savings account will be prorated for employees enrolling in the Core HDHP-HSA plan after January 1 of each plan year. The Employer shall be under no obligation to continue contributing any money to the employee’s health savings account upon the employee’s termination of employment or upon any other “qualifying event” as defined pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 1163, whichever occurs first.

The Employer’s obligation for the cost of the family premium or family premium equivalent for employees enrolled in an alternative health plan shall be the same total dollar contribution provided by the Employer for employees enrolled in the family Core HDHP-HSA. However, the enrolled employee shall pay a minimum of $100 per pay check for family premium
or family premium equivalent. Employees not enrolled in a County sponsored high deductible health plan are not eligible for the Employer contribution to a health savings account.

Section 4. Pensions. Employer shall continue to contribute on behalf of the employees to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund in the amount the Employer is required to contribute by State Statute.

Section 5. Extent of Coverage. Except as otherwise provided herein, the extent of coverage under the insurance policies or plans referred to in Section 1 shall be governed by the terms and conditions set forth in said polices or plans.

ARTICLE XXIII
LABOR MANAGEMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE

Section 1. Labor Management Conferences. The Council and the Employer mutually agree that in the interest of efficient management and harmonious employee relations, it is desirable that meetings be held between the Council’s and the Employer’s representatives. Such meetings shall be held only when mutually agreeable to both parties. The agenda for such meeting shall also be mutually agreed seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Such meetings and agendas shall be limited to:

A. A sharing of general information of interest to the parties.

B. Notifying the Council of changes in non-bargaining conditions of employment contemplated by the Employer which may affect employees.

C. Discussion of potential grievances on a nonbinding basis to attempt to adjust such grievances and to discuss procedures for avoiding further grievances.

D. Items concerning safety.
The Employer and the Council agree to cooperate with each other in matters of the administration of this Agreement, and to the degree that standards of law enforcement can be maintained for the maximum protection of the citizens of the County of Kendall.

Section 2. Integrity of Grievance Procedure. It is expressly understood and agreed that such meetings shall be exclusive of the grievance procedure. Grievances being processed under the grievance procedure shall not be discussed in detail at labor-management conferences, and any such discussions of a potential grievance shall be nonbinding on either party and solely for the purpose of exploring alternatives to avoid such grievances and such grievance discussion shall only be held by mutual agreement of the Employer and the Council, nor shall negotiations for the purpose of altering any or all of the terms of this Agreement be carried on at such meetings.

Section 3. Safety Issues. Any report or recommendation which may be prepared by the Council or the Employer as a direct result of a labor-management conference discussion will be in writing and copies shall be submitted to the Employer and the Council.

Section 4. Council Representative Attendance. When absence from work is required to attend labor-management conferences under this Article, Council members shall, before leaving their work station, give reasonable notice to and receive approval from, their supervisor in order to remain in pay status. Supervisors shall approve the absence except in emergency situations. Council members attending such conferences shall be limited to two (2). Travel expenses associated with any labor-management conferences shall be the responsibility of the Council members.
ARTICLE XXIV
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Work Rules. Work rules of the Kendall County Sheriff which are not in conflict with this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect, subject to the Employer’s right to change or eliminate work rules or past practices pursuant to Article III (Management Rights) of this Agreement.

Section 2. Council Visits to Office. Authorized representatives of the National or State Council shall be permitted to visit the Office during working hours to talk with officers of the local Council and/or representatives of the Employer concerning matters covered by this Agreement.

Section 3. Council File Inspection. The Council or a representative shall have the right to examine time sheets and other records pertaining to the computation of compensation of any employee whose pay is in dispute or any other records of the employee pertaining to a specific grievance at reasonable times with the employee’s consent.

Section 4. Broken Glasses. The Employer agrees to repair or replace as necessary an officer’s prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and prescription sunglasses, if such are damaged or broken, if during the course of the employee’s duties the employee is required to exert physical force or is attacked by another person. Incident to be documented with immediate supervisor.

A Deputy shall be reimbursed for any apparel damaged as a result of a Deputy performing his lawful duties. In the case of items of jewelry there shall be a $75.00 maximum reimbursement limit per incident.

Section 5. Inoculations. The Employer agrees to pay all expenses for inoculation or immunization shots for the employee and for members of an employee’s family when such
becomes necessary as a result of said employee’s exposure to contagious diseases where said officer has been exposed to said disease in the line of duty. Any TB test given or inoculations given to employees shall not be considered time worked. Employee must execute an Inoculation Request/Waiver in the following form:

(PLEASE CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE)

A. I do not choose to take the offered inoculation for hepatitis made to me by the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office.

B. I choose to accept the inoculations offered to me by the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office and understand and agree that by taking the inoculation for hepatitis that I release and discharge Kendall County from any and all liability for side effects that I may incur as a result of taking this inoculation or series of inoculations. I further agree to indemnify and hold Kendall County harmless for any actions which may be brought by me or my family against Kendall County for side effects to the inoculation. I further agree that this waiver is effective upon my heirs, executors, administrators, and all others who may stand in my place.

Dated this day _______ of ______________, 20__.  

______________________________
Employee

Section 6. Bulletin Boards. The Employer shall provide the Council with designated space on available bulletin boards, or provide bulletin boards on a reasonable basis, where none are available for purposes of the Council.

Section 7. Residency Requirement. Employees covered by this Agreement shall live within a twenty-five (25) mile radius of the Kendall County Public Safety Center.
ARTICLE XXV
EMPLOYEE TESTING

It is the policy of Kendall County and the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office that the public has the absolute right to expect persons employed by the County in its Sheriff’s Office will be free from the effects of drugs and alcohol. Accordingly, the Employer may require employees to submit to random drug and alcohol testing, by urinalysis test and/or other appropriate drug and/or alcohol testing at a time and place designated by the Employer, or whenever, in the opinion of the Sheriff or his designee, there is sufficient cause for such testing. In the event of testing for cause, the Employer shall provide the employee with a written notice of the order setting forth the basis for sufficient cause. In addition, the Employer may require an employee to submit to alcohol or drug testing when an employee is involved in an on duty incident involving significant damage to County property or personal injury to anyone. The Employer shall use only licensed clinical laboratories for such testing.

At the time of any urinalysis test, the employee may request that a blood sample be taken at the same time so that a blood test can be performed if the employee tests positive in the urinalysis test. If an employee tests positive in any such test, the test results shall be submitted to the Sheriff or his designee for appropriate action. A portion of the tested sample shall be retained by the laboratory so that the employee may arrange for a confirmatory test to be conducted by a licensed clinical laboratory of the employee’s choosing and at the employee’s expense. The first time a non-probationary employee tests positive for drugs or alcohol in a test administered under this Section, the Sheriff, at his sole discretion, shall have the right to discipline the employee, up to and including termination.

If an employee who has tested positive is not terminated, the Employer may require such employee to submit to a random urinalysis or other appropriate drug tests during the 12 month
period following the date any employee tests positive in any test. Any such random tests shall occur at times and places designated by the Employer. In the event such an employee tests positive again, the employee shall be terminated, without recourse.

Use, sale, purchase, delivery or possession of illegal drugs, abuse of prescribed drugs, failure to report to the Sheriff known adverse side effects of medication or prescription drugs which the employee may be taking, as well as being under the influence of alcohol or the consumption of alcohol while on duty shall be cause for discipline, including discharge. For purposes of this Section, “under the influence of alcohol” shall be defined as a blood alcohol level of more than .02%.

The Employer shall continue to provide employees access to an employee assistance program (EAP) similar to that which exists on the effective date of this Agreement. The Employer will not take adverse employment action against an employee solely because that employee voluntarily requests treatment or counseling for an alcohol or drug problem, unless such request follows an order to be tested pursuant to the foregoing provisions.

An alleged violation of this Article shall be subject to the contractual grievance procedure, as set forth in Article XIII.

**ARTICLE XXVI**  
**SAVINGS CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Agreement or any application thereof should be rendered or declared unlawful, invalid or unenforceable by virtue of any judicial action, or by any existing or subsequently enacted Federal or State legislation, or by Executive Order, or other competent authority, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. In such event, upon the request of either party, the parties shall meet promptly and negotiate with
respect to substitute provisions for those provisions rendered or declared unlawful, invalid or unenforceable.

ARTICLE XXVII
COMPLETE AGREEMENT

The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which preceded this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining. The understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. The Employer and the Council, for the duration of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated, to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter referred to or covered in this Agreement, including the impact or effect of the Employer’s exercise of its rights as set forth herein on wages, hours or terms and conditions of employment.

ARTICLE XXVIII
DURATION AND SIGNATURE

Section 1. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be effective upon execution and shall remain in full force and effect through November 30, 2019. It shall continue in effect from year to year thereafter unless notice of termination is given in writing by certified mail by either party to the other not more than one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days prior to expiration. The notices referred to shall be considered to have been given as of the date shown on the postmark. Written notice may be tendered in person, in which case the date of notice shall be the written date of receipt.

Section 2. Continuing Effect. Notwithstanding any provision of this Article or Agreement to the contrary, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect after any
expiration date while negotiations or Resolution of Impasse Procedure are continuing for a new Agreement or part thereof between the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have affixed their signatures this 22 day of December, 2017.

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

Scott J. Croyle
County Board Chairman

Debbie Willette
County Clerk

Sheriff

FOR THE COUNCIL:

[Signature]
Negotiator

[Signature]
Negotiator