

AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE MORRIS COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

and

MORRIS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
SUPERIOR OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION PBA 298A

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PREAMBLE

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this *6th* day of *December*, 2023 by and between the County of Morris, a County Government of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as "the County"), the Office of the Sheriff of Morris County (hereinafter referred to as "the Sheriff"), and the Morris County Correctional Facility - Superior Officers' Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Association"), is the final and complete understanding between the County, the Sheriff and the Association on all negotiable issues and as such will serve to promote and maintain a harmonious relationship between the County and those of its employees who are subject to this Agreement in order that more efficient and progressive public service be rendered.

ARTICLE I
RECOGNITION AND SCOPE

Section 1:

The County and the Sheriff hereby recognize the Association as the sole and exclusive representative of all full time, permanent employees under this Agreement for the purpose of collective negotiations pursuant to the New Jersey Employer - Employee Relations Act (N.J.S.A. 34:13A - 1 et seq.) concerning salary, hours and other terms and conditions of employment in the negotiating unit described below:

All Sergeants, Lieutenants and Captains
of the Morris County Correctional Facility

All position titles not enumerated above are hereby excluded from the negotiating unit except any new position titles created hereafter of equal rank shall be included in said unit.

Section 2:

Unless otherwise indicated, the terms "employee" or "employees" when used in this Agreement refers to all persons represented by the Association in the above-defined negotiating unit.

ARTICLE II
COUNTY AND SHERIFF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1:

In order to effectively administer the affairs of the Sheriff's Office and to properly serve the public, the Sheriff's Office hereby reserves and retains unto itself, as a public employer, all the powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by law prior to the signing of this Agreement. Without limitation of the foregoing, management's prerogatives include the following rights:

1. To manage and administer the affairs and operations of the Sheriff's Office.
2. To direct its workforce and operations.
3. To hire, promote and assign employees in accordance with law and the provisions of this Agreement.
4. To demote, suspend, discharge or otherwise take disciplinary action against employees in accordance with law and the provisions of this Agreement.
5. To promulgate rules and regulations, from time to time, which may affect the orderly and efficient administration of the Sheriff's Office.

Section 2:

The Sheriff's and the County's use and enjoyment of its powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities, the adoption of its policies and practices or the promulgation of rules and regulations in furtherance thereof, and the exercise of discretion pursuant thereto, shall be limited only by the terms of this Agreement and to the laws of New Jersey and of the United States.

Section 3:

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall operate to deny to or restrict the County and/or the Sheriff in exercise of their rights, responsibilities, and authority pursuant to the laws of this State or the United States.

ARTICLE III
ASSOCIATION SECURITY – DUES DEDUCTIONS

Section 1:

Upon request the County agrees to deduct from the salaries of those of its employees who authorize it, membership dues of the Association. Authorization must be in writing and comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9e of the statutes of New Jersey. Deductions shall be made in compliance with law each pay period and monies collected together with records of any corrections shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Association by the first of each month following collection.

Section 2:

If during the life of this Agreement, there shall be any change in the rate of membership dues, the Association shall furnish to the County written notice prior to the effective date of such change.

Section 3:

The Association will provide the necessary dues deduction form and will secure the signatures of its members on the forms and deliver the signed forms to the Director of Personnel. The Association shall indemnify, defend, and save the County harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of action taken by the County in reliance upon salary deduction authorization cards submitted by the Association.

ARTICLE IV
DISCRIMINATION AND COERCION

There shall be no discrimination, interference, or coercion by the County or any of its agents against the employees represented by the Association because of membership or activity in the Association. The Association shall not intimidate or coerce employees into membership. Neither the County nor the Association shall discriminate against any employee because of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

ARTICLE V
COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURE

Section 1:

Collective negotiations with respect to rate of pay, hours of work or other conditions of employment shall be conducted by the duly authorized agent of each of the parties. Unless otherwise designated, the Board of County Commissioners of Morris County or its designees and the President of the Association, or his designee, shall be the respective negotiating agents for the parties.

Section 2:

Collective negotiation meetings shall be held at times and places mutually convenient at the request of either party.

Section 3:

Employees of the County who may be designated by the Association to participate in collective negotiation meetings called for the purpose of the negotiation of a collective negotiation Agreement will be excused from their work assignments, without loss of pay.

Section 4:

Ordinarily, not more than two (2) representatives of each party plus legal counsel shall participate in collective negotiations meetings, but the number of such representatives shall be equal and agreed upon in advance of such meetings.

ARTICLE VI GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1:

A grievance is any complaint arising with respect to wages, hours of work or other conditions of employment. The term grievance and the grievance procedure set forth herein shall not apply to matters which involve the interpretation or application of a Civil Service Rule or Regulation or N.J.S.A. 11A:1-1 et seq., and the Civil Service law and in which a method of review is prescribed by law, rule or regulation. In order to provide for the expeditious and mutually satisfactory settlement of grievances, the procedures hereinafter set forth shall be followed.

Section 2:

A. Complaints may be initiated by an individual employee through the established chain of command, i.e., Lieutenant, Captain, or Warden. If the complaint is not adjusted satisfactorily at this stage and the employee wishes to enter a grievance, it shall be presented by the authorized Association representative.

B. The County shall permit two members of the Association Grievance Committee to conduct the business of the committee, in accordance with the grievance procedure set forth herein, during the duty hours of these members without loss of pay.

Section 3:

When the Association wishes to present a grievance for itself or for an employee or groups of employees for settlement, such grievance shall be presented as follows:

Step 1:

The President of the Association or his duly authorized and designated representative shall present and discuss the grievance or grievances orally with the person designated by the County within forty-five (45) days of the Association having knowledge of the incident for grievances involving alleged violations of the collective bargaining agreement other than disciplinary matters. Grievances for disciplinary matters shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the member receiving the discipline from the Warden.

Step 2:

In the event there is not a satisfactory resolution of the grievance at Step 1, or an answer given within the time provided, the aggrieved employee may present his grievance to the Director of Labor Relations within five (5) workdays thereafter. Upon receipt of the written grievance the Undersheriff shall investigate the grievance and render a decision thereon within ten (10) workdays.

Step 3:

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, or if no answer has been received by the Association within the time set forth in Step 2, the grievance may be presented in writing to the County Administrator. The County Administrator shall render a final decision which shall be given to the Association within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the grievance by the County Administrator.

Step 4:

If the grievance has not been settled by the parties at Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure, or if no answer in writing by the County Administrator has been received by the Association within the time provided in Step 3, the Association may appeal the decision of the County Administrator, if it wishes, to arbitration, under the rules of the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC). The costs of the services of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by both parties. Any other expenses incurred in connection with the arbitration shall be paid by the party incurring the same.

ARTICLE VII
COMMITMENT TO INSURE UNINTERRUPTED COUNTY OPERATIONS

Section 1:

The Association acknowledges that the need for continued and uninterrupted operation of the County's departments and agencies is of paramount importance to the citizens of the County and that there should be no interference with such operation.

Section 2:

In light of the foregoing and the fact that adequate procedures exist for the peaceful and orderly resolution of grievances arising under this Agreement, the Association covenants and agrees that during the term of this Agreement neither it nor any person acting in its behalf will cause, authorize, or support, nor will any of its members take part in, any strike (including the concerted failure of four or more employees to report for duty) mass resignation, mass absenteeism, work stoppage, slowdown, walkout or other job action or the invocation of sanctions against the County. The Association agrees that such action would constitute a material breach of the Agreement.

**ARTICLE VIII
VACATION**

Section 1:

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 11A:6-3, employees shall be granted vacation leave, pursuant to the following schedule, based upon length of service:

<u>Length of Service</u>	<u>Vacation</u>
Less than 1 year	1 day for each month worked during the first year of employment
From 1st anniversary to the 6th anniversary	12 days
After 6th anniversary to the 12th anniversary	15 days
After 12th anniversary to the 18th anniversary	18 days
After 18th anniversary to the 24th anniversary	21 days
After 24th anniversary	25 days

Section 2:

The vacation period for employees shall begin January 1 of each year and continue in effect until December 31 of such year. Annual leave shall be taken, subject to the needs of the service, during the current vacation period.

Section 3:

In any vacation period, annual vacation or any portion thereof which is not taken or granted by reason of the pressure of work shall be granted and may be taken only during the following calendar year. Accumulations after one calendar year shall not be permitted. Extended annual vacation may be granted in accordance with the schedule above, at the convenience of the County.

Section 4:

Annual vacation shall be granted only with prior approval of the Supervisor who may require six weeks prior notice of extended vacation and is authorized to plan vacations so as to not interfere with responsibility of orderly work. Selection of vacation periods shall be made according to seniority in position title.

Section 5:

An employee who during the calendar year returns from continuous period of absence of more than six (6) months due to disability, leave of absence or layoff, shall not be eligible to a vacation in that year until the employee has completed six (6) months in the performance of duty after returning from such absence. These six (6) months in the performance of duty need not be continuous, but periods of absence of eight (8) days or more shall not be credited in computing the required six (6) months.

Section 6:

Upon termination of employment, an employee will be credited with annual vacation for only those months of the calendar year worked on a prorated basis using the schedule of earned vacation as set forth in Section 1, hereof. An employee who has, pro rata, used more annual vacation than entitled to at the time of termination shall have an amount equal to his daily rate of pay in excess of the number to which he was entitled.

**ARTICLE IX
HOLIDAYS**

Section 1:

A. All employees shall be granted the following paid holidays:

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| 1. New Year's Day | 8. Independence Day |
| 2. Martin Luther King's Birthday | 9. Labor Day |
| 3. Lincoln's Birthday | 10. Columbus Day |
| 4. Washington's Birthday | 11. Election Day |
| 5. Good Friday | 12. Veterans Day |
| 6. Memorial Day | 13. Thanksgiving Day |
| 7. Juneteenth Day | 14. Christmas Day |

In addition, at the discretion of the County, employees may be granted any other days declared to be holidays by proclamation of the President or Governor.

B. Those employees who worked on Easter Sunday shall receive payment for said day in accordance with Sections 4 and 5 of this Article.

C. The Friday after Thanksgiving shall be granted as an approved leave day off with pay.

D. Those employees who work the Friday after Thanksgiving shall be granted additional days' pay.

E. Effective January 1, 2022, Juneteenth was added as a paid holiday.

F. Effective January 1, 2024, Holiday compensation shall be paid on the County observed holiday for Independence Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Compensation for these three holidays shall be paid for the actual holiday.

Section 2:

To be eligible for a paid holiday, an employee must have worked the last scheduled day before and after the holiday, unless on authorized leave.

Section 3:

If a holiday falls on an employee's day off, it shall be deemed to have fallen on the next preceding or succeeding workday.

Section 4: (Lieutenants and Captains)

When an employee is required to work on a holiday, he shall be paid for a regular workday plus his pay for the hours actually worked computed at his straight time hourly rate of pay.

Section 5: (Sergeants)

When an employee is required to work on a holiday, he shall be granted compensatory time off equivalent to two (2) additional days or shall be paid equivalent sums of money for said days at the discretion of the employer.

Section 6:

Officers shall be permitted to take off one day a month in lieu of the holidays stated in Section 1 above, subject to the needs of the Correctional Facility and on prior approval of the officer in charge. In addition, two floating holidays shall be granted which may be taken on the same basis. The taking of days off or the use of floating holidays pursuant hereto shall not result in the payment of any additional compensation to employees covered under this Agreement. For example, if an employee uses a day off in lieu of a holiday or takes a floating holiday, he may not claim a holiday premium for working on the day the normal holiday falls or is observed pursuant to this Agreement. The intent of the parties to this Agreement is to allow employees greater flexibility in scheduling time off without increasing costs to the employer.

**ARTICLE X
SICK LEAVE**

Section 1:

Sick leave is hereby defined to mean absence from post of duty of an employee because of illness, accident, exposure to contagious disease or attendance upon a member of the employee's immediate family seriously ill requiring the care or attendance of such employee.

Immediate family means father, mother, spouse, child, foster child, sister, or brother of the employee. It shall also include relatives of the employee residing in the employee's household.

Section 2:

Each employee shall be entitled to sick leave credits at the rate of one day per month from the date of employment to the end of the calendar year of hire. If separation from employment occurs before the end of said year, and the employee has used more sick leave than appropriate on a pro rata basis, he shall have an amount equal to his daily rate of pay deducted from his final pay, for each day of sick leave taken in excess of the number to which he was entitled.

Each employee will be credited with fifteen (15) days of sick leave annually for each succeeding calendar year of full-time employment, which is accumulative. Sick leaves cannot be used as terminal leaves. There shall be no accumulated time under any circumstances for sick leave when leaving the employ of the County. (To be modified subject to Section 6 of this Article). If upon termination after a year's service an employee has used more sick leave than that to which he is entitled, he shall have deducted from his final pay an amount equal to his daily rate of pay for each day of sick leave taken in excess of the number of sick leave days to which he is entitled.

Sick leave benefits shall be available to permanent and provisional employees.

Section 3:

In the event an employee sustains a job-connected illness or injury, he/she shall be continued on full salary for a period of up to twenty-six (26) weeks without such time off being charged against his present or accumulated sick leave when such absence is directed by the County approved attending physician. Any weekly worker compensation payments received during this period will be returned by the employee to the County. The provisions of the paragraph shall not apply to any settlement compensation award received by the employee as a result of permanent injury.

Section 4:

Notice of absence is required as follows:

ILLNESS: Each employee is required to notify his supervisor one-half hours before starting time on each day of absence, provided however, that shift personnel are required to so

notify two (2) hours before starting time. Should the employee be unable to reach his/her immediate supervisor, he/she will then continue to notify the next in command. It is recognized that there may be instances when it is impractical or impossible to give daily notice as in the case when an employee is hospitalized or seriously disabled in which case it shall be sufficient that the employee or member of the employee's family notify the supervisor or the next ranking superior in the chain of command giving reason for absence and information as to the degree of illness or disability and the amount of time required for recuperation. Absent such instances the daily requirement of notice shall be enforced.

Failure to give notification as required will result in loss of sick leave for that day and may constitute cause for disciplinary action. Failure to report absences from duty for five (5) consecutive business days shall constitute a resignation pursuant to Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Section 5:

A certificate from a reputable physician in attendance shall be required as sufficient proof of need of leave of absence or the need of the employee's attendance upon a member of the employee's immediate family. Where an employee is absent from duty due to illness less than five (5) days at one time, the County may not require production of a physician's certificate to his supervisor to justify payment of sick leave.

An accumulation of ten (10) sick days, the days having been taken at various times, except as noted above, may be approved without a physician's certificate. All sick time in excess of ten (10) days must be accounted for with a physician's certificate if the time is to be approved with pay.

In the instance of leave of absence due to contagious disease, a certificate from the Department of Health shall be required.

Section 6:

UNUSED SICK LEAVE: Effective February 14, 2001, retirement from service with the County and completion of twenty-five (25) years of service with the County, an employee shall be paid the equivalent of thirty five percent (35%) of accumulated sick leave up to the maximum amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00).

Section 7:

In case of death of any Superior Officer with fifteen (15) years continuous service during the course of employment in the County, his/her spouse or designated heirs will receive, in addition to present allowances, compensation for accrued sick time, the same as if that individual had retired from service. This modification only applies to the death of a Superior Officer an Association member while he/she is an employee of the County and does not apply to leaving or termination of employment for any other reasons other than retirement.

**ARTICLE XI
MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN PRACTICES**

The parties agree that the following existing practices shall be maintained only for Sergeants during the life of this Agreement.

Section 1: Choice of Holiday Allowances

When an employee wishes to use one or more of his holiday allowances, he may do so by submitting the dates when such allowances are requested to his supervisor at least three (3) days prior to the date requested. Holiday allowances will only be given upon request of the employee provided there is three (3) days prior notice and sufficient coverage during the tour of duty when the holiday allowances are to be used. The supervisor shall designate a replacement.

Section 2: Switching Days Off for Personal Reasons

Employees may exchange days off for personal reasons but only upon approval from their supervisor.

**ARTICLE XII
HEALTH BENEFITS**

Section 1:

(a) Eligible employees shall choose one of the below listed medical insurance plans. The employee's eligible dependents shall also be covered under the plan selected by the employee.

Medallion Plan

Basic Hospital Wrap Around, Major Medical Plan (Employer's Medical Plan)

The HMO Option

The PPO Plan

Effective December 16, 2013, Employer Prescription Drug Plan co-pay for eligible employees and eligible dependents shall be as follows:

\$1.00 for generic drugs
\$20.00 for brand name drugs
\$35.00 for preferred brands

Plan changes to deductibles, co-payments and mail order prescription shall be implemented pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement of January 7, 2008.

Additional plan changes shall be implemented pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement of November 6, 2013.

A. The above listed medical insurance plans and the Prescription Drug Plan shall be made available to new employees within three (3) months of the date of employment.

B. Employee health care contributions shall be increased and paid in bi-weekly payroll deductions.

Effective December 16, 2013, current employees enrolled in the HMO Option plan shall contribute in accordance with Chapter 78.

Effective January 1, 2024, the Medallion Plan will be eliminated.

Effective December 16, 2013, current employees enrolled in the Medallion Plan shall contribute the greater of 60% of the difference between the cost of the Medallion plan and the PPO plan, plus 1.5% of base salary, plus 3% of the premium or in accordance with Chapter 78.

Effective December 16, 2013, current employees enrolled in the PPO plan shall contribute the greater of 1.5% of base salary plus 2% of the premium or in accordance with Chapter 78.

C. The Employer will offer each Superior Officer covered by this Agreement the opportunity to participate in the Flexible Benefits Program.

Section 2:

The County shall assume the entire cost of health and hospital benefit insurance coverage (Blue Cross/Blue Shield 750 Series or its equivalent) for employees covered by this Collective Bargaining Agreement who retire, as permitted by N.J.S.A 40A:10-23. a. Notwithstanding, applicable provisions of Chapter 78 requiring retiree contribution shall apply.

Plan changes to deductibles and co-payments shall be implemented pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement for employees who retire after December 31, 2008.

In order to receive this benefit, said retiree must have been:

- 1) Retired in good standing on a disability pension from a New Jersey administered retirement system.
- 2) Retires after 25 years or more of service credit in a New Jersey State retirement system and with at least 15 years of service with the County, or
- 3) Retires at age 62 or older with at least 15 years of service with the County.

Each retiree and his/her eligible dependents shall receive this benefit provided they annually advise the County of all other health and hospital coverage under which they are covered through any other source.

Employees hired after December 16, 2013, shall not be eligible for County paid retiree health insurance upon retirement. Notwithstanding, County employees who at the time of their promotion/hire into this unit who are eligible under a prior union contract or County policy for retiree health insurance would continue to be eligible for health insurance upon retirement as long as they continue to meet the required criteria. Employees who at the time of promotion or hire into this unit, who were not eligible for health insurance upon retirement, would continue to not be eligible.

Section 3:

It is understood and agreed that subsequent to the initial selection of the insurance carrier, the County retains the unilateral right to select the insurance carrier or to be self-insured. Notwithstanding any such changes, the level of benefits and administrative procedures shall remain substantially the same.

Section 4:

The County shall continue to pay the premium cost for an employee coverage dental insurance plan only to a maximum of \$9.83 per month (\$118.00 maximum annual or prorated for less than a full of year coverage) per employee. It is understood and agreed that any increase,

above \$118.00 in the dental premium charged by the authorized carrier during the term of this Agreement shall be equally shared by the employee and the employer. The provided benefit plan will include an option for the employee to elect dependent coverage providing the same level of benefit as provided by the employee. The total cost of the premium charge for the dependent coverage shall be paid by the employee. The employees' contribution shall be deducted in equal periodic amounts from their paychecks.

Section 5:

All covered employees under this Agreement will be entitled to make an option out of the medical benefits set forth in this article in accordance with the Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 6 (adopted August 9, 1995, and attached as an addendum hereto).

ARTICLE XIII
GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

Insurance is automatically provided under enrollment in the Public Employee's Retirement System or in the Police and Firemen's Pension System with coverage as provided by the applicable system.

ARTICLE XIV
PENSIONS

The County shall provide pension and retirement benefits to the employees covered by this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of the statutes and the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Employees are eligible for membership in the Public Employees Retirement System or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System in accordance with New Jersey Division of Pension rules and regulations.

ARTICLE XV PERSONAL LEAVES

Section 1: Jury Duty

Each employee shall be allowed leave with differential pay, if required for jury duty. A written request for such leave shall be given by the employee to his supervisor at least two weeks in advance. When granted said leave, an employee shall receive the difference between the pay received for jury duty and the employee's wages for the leave period.

Section 2: Military Leave

Military leave shall be provided pursuant to New Jersey Civil Service Personnel Manual (Local Jurisdiction) Part 17-3, "Military Leave" and that part is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3: Convention Leave

The County agrees to provide time off without loss of pay for the equivalent of ten (10) shifts to the members of the Association, as determined by the Association, to attend any State or National Convention of the New Jersey Policemen's Benevolent Association. Leave will be granted pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 11A:6-10.

Section 4: Other Leaves

Time off, other than sick leave, vacations, holidays or military leave, may be honored when warranted by the County. For a leave without pay, the employee shall submit a written request to his supervisor at least 30 days in advance stating the reason for the request and the time required, except in emergency circumstances. This request will be forwarded to the County or its designee and promptly answered. If the employee's required absence exceeds the normal pay period, the employee shall be required to report to the Personnel Office to make suitable arrangements for pension payments, insurance, hospitalization and other matters required during the leave period.

Section 5: Administrative Leave Days

Each Sergeant shall be entitled to an annual non-cumulative allowance of three (3) workdays leave and each Lieutenant and Captain shall be entitled to an annual non-cumulative allowance of five (5) workdays leave, upon written request to and the approval of the County, or its designee, for the following:

1. Court attendance (non-work connected)
2. Marriage of employee
3. Personal business which cannot be attended to outside of work hours
4. Established religious holidays and administrative leave shall be prorated during the calendar year on the basis of one day per each four months of employment.

**ARTICLE XVI
BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

Section 1:

The County shall provide bereavement leave with pay not to exceed three (3) working days in the case of death of an employee's spouse, domestic partner, children, brothers, sisters, mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandchildren, or grandparents.

The County shall provide one working day's bereavement leave with pay in the case of death of an employee's relative of the second degree, that is, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, cousin, sister-in-law or brother-in-law. Such leave is not chargeable against sick leave.

Section 2:

As soon as possible an employee shall notify his supervisor of a death in his family and of his need for leave. Notification must be given as in the case of illness under Article 10, Sick Leave, Section 3. Proof of Death may be required by the County.

ARTICLE XVII
LIABILITY INSURANCE

Through the term of this Agreement, the County shall continue the existing liability insurance coverage for employees under this Agreement during performance of their duties. The basis of coverage shall be the policy offered on January 1st of the current year by the Morris County Insurance Fund (coverage formerly provided by the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company).

Information on liability insurance coverage can be obtained from Risk Management.

ARTICLE XVIII
BULLETIN BOARDS

The County shall permit the Association reasonable use of designated bulletin boards located in work areas for the posting of notices concerning Association business and activities, provided any such notices shall not contain salacious, inflammatory, or anonymous material.

**ARTICLE XIX
PROMOTIONS**

All promotions shall be in accordance with regulations and in accordance with Civil Service requirements concerning qualifications.

ARTICLE XX
SENIORITY

Seniority shall be included in the rules and regulations of the Morris County Correctional Facility.

**ARTICLE XXI
COLLEGE CREDITS**

A. The College Credit Program (only applies to employees participating therein as of December 31, 1975).

Any employee who has accumulated ten (10) college credits and has matriculated as a degree candidate majoring in law enforcement shall be paid the sum of ten (10) dollars per credit annually. The employee must have received these credits from an accredited institution or college approved by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The employee must be majoring in police science and working towards an associate degree in science or applied science. All courses taken must be approved in advance by the Department Head to be eligible for payment hereunder. Credits already accrued must have been taken in police sciences or Law Enforcement to be eligible for compensation hereunder. Credits already accrued in areas other than police sciences or Law Enforcement shall not be eligible for compensations.

The employee shall continue to receive payment for all credits earned plus additional credits earned until he or she receives an associate degree. He shall continue to receive payment for these credits annually on the anniversary date of original matriculation and annually thereafter as long as employed by the County of Morris. Payment hereunder shall be made as salary on a bi-weekly basis with normal paychecks and deductions.

B. The College Tuition and Books Reimbursement Program (for all others)

1. Employees not participating in the college credit program who desire to attain associate degrees in Police Science shall be reimbursed for tuition and necessary books for courses approved in advance by the County. Reimbursement shall be upon satisfactory completion of each course.
2. Effective July 24, 2008, the County shall also provide for reimbursement of approved courses toward the attainment of a Bachelors or Masters Degree in Criminal Justice, Public Administration, Business Administration or Political Science or any other discipline or study if, in the County's sole determination, said courses are applicable to the employee's assigned responsibilities in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the time an employee is performing his or her assigned duties and responsibilities. Reimbursement shall not exceed the cost per credit assessed by Rutgers University.
3. Effective upon execution of this Agreement, reimbursement for internet courses shall be permitted at the discretion of the Sheriff.

Employees eligible to receive reimbursement for tuition and books from the L.E.A.A. or other applicable program will make application for same and not be eligible for County reimbursement.

ARTICLE XXII
TRAINING PROGRAMS

In order to encourage proficiency in the technical and management skills required by the covered position titles, employees will be granted time off with pay to attend appropriate job-related seminars and training programs.

Prior approval for the leave and the training program must be obtained in accordance with the Morris County Correctional Facility rules and regulations.

**ARTICLE XXIII
UNIFORM ALLOWANCE**

Section 1:

An annual uniform allowance in the amount of \$1,200.00 shall be paid in the first quarter of each year to employees covered by this Agreement.

Effective January 1, 2019, the annual uniform allowance shall be eliminated. Any Superior Officer who received a portion of the clothing allowance in 2019 shall have his retroactive pay reduced accordingly.

Section 2:

The County agrees to supply each Sergeant with a standard uniform without cost to such an employee. Equipment issued shall be the property of the County and must be returned to the County as provided under Section 5 below.

Section 3:

The County agrees to supply each Lieutenant and Captain with three (3) standard uniforms and one (1) dress uniform. The standard uniform shall consist of the basic officer's allotment while the dress uniform shall be of Civilian type such as a blazer and pair of slacks. The County agrees to supply all new Superior Officers and to bring present Superior Officers up to full issue (as described above) without cost to such Superior Officers. Equipment issued shall be the property of the County of Morris and must be returned to the County as provided under Section 5 below.

Section 4:

Employees must wear uniforms while on duty. Reporting for duty improperly attired or being improperly uniformed (any variation shall be in accordance with the Morris County Correctional Facility Rules and Regulations) shall be grounds for suspension or other disciplinary action.

Section 5:

Upon termination of employment, an employee shall turn back his uniform issue. Failure to do so shall result in the deduction of the depreciated value of said unreturned equipment (as determined by management) from the employee's final paycheck.

**ARTICLE XXIV
HOURS OF WORK AND WORK WEEK**

Section 1:

Shift schedules will allow for three (3), eight and one-half (8 ½) hour shifts per day and shall include a one-half (1/2) hour unpaid lunch period for all employees working at the Morris County Correctional Facility. The work week for all employees working at the Morris County Correctional Facility shall consist of forty-two and one-half (42 ½) hours per seven (7) workdays based on the current 5-2-day week which includes a one-half (1/2) hour unpaid lunch period per shift, in accordance with Section 207(k) of the Fair Labor Standards Act. In the event an officer, due to an emergency, is not permitted to have a duty-free lunch period, he/she shall be paid for that time at the applicable rate.

Section 2:

In conjunction with the new schedule, an employee shall be compensated at one and one-half (1 ½) times his/her regular rate of pay for all time worked in excess of forty-two and one-half (42 ½) hours per seven-day work week inclusive of the half (1/2) hour unpaid lunch. All previously paid stipends in lieu of overtime for all ranks covered by the Agreement are eliminated and shall no longer be paid as of December 31, 2000.

The overtime rate shall be calculated consistent with past practice based upon the number of days in the year and biweekly pay period.

In the event of mandatory overtime, other than for training purposes for the new jail, if an employee is required to work more than two (2) overtime shifts in five (5) consecutive workdays, the employee shall be paid two times his/her regular rate of pay for any additional shifts.

All Vacation Leave (Art. VIII), Holiday Leave (Art. IX), Sick Leave (Art. X), Personal Leave (Art. XV), Bereavement Leave (Art. XVI) shall be earned, used and/or paid based on eight (8) hours a day. No employee shall lose Leave or Overtime benefits as a result of the change in work schedule to forty-two and one-half (42 ½) hours.

Section 3:

A procedure for the equitable assignment and distribution of overtime shall be established jointly between the parties. The parties agree that within thirty (30) days of execution of this Agreement, they shall jointly meet for the purpose of establishing said procedure of overtime assignment and distribution.

Section 4: (Sergeants)

All Sergeants who act as a Shift Commander shall receive four (4) non-cumulative "Sergeant Days" annually in lieu of out-of-title pay.

All eligible Sergeants shall receive the four (4) non-cumulative "Sergeants Days" upon written request to and the approval of the County or its designee.

**ARTICLE XXV
WAGES**

Section 1:

Sergeants

- A. Effective and retroactive to January 1, 2024, Sergeants will move horizontally onto the 2024 Salary Guide.
- B. Effective and retroactive to January 1, 2024, Sergeants will move vertically on their anniversary date.
- C. Effective January 1, 2025, Sergeants will move horizontally onto the 2025 Salary Guide.
- D. Effective January 1, 2025, Sergeants will move vertically on their promotional anniversary date.
- E. Effective January 1, 2026, Sergeants will move horizontally onto the 2026 Salary Guide.
- F. Effective January 1, 2026, Sergeants will move vertically on their promotional anniversary date.
- G. Effective January 1, 2027, Sergeants will move horizontally on the 2027 Salary Guide.
- H. Effective January 1, 2027, Sergeants will move vertically on their promotional anniversary date.

Lieutenants

- I. Effective and retroactive to January 1, 2024, Lieutenants will move onto the 2024 Salary Guide.
- J. Effective January 1, 2025, Lieutenants will move onto the 2025 Salary Guide.
- K. Effective January 1, 2026, Lieutenants will move onto the 2026 Salary Guide.
- L. Effective January 1, 2027, Lieutenants will move onto the 2027 Salary Guide.

Captains

- M. Effective and retroactive to January 1, 2024, Captains will move onto the 2024 Salary Guide.
- N. Effective January 1, 2025, Captains will move onto the 2025 Salary Guide.
- O. Effective January 1, 2026, Captains will move onto the 2026 Salary Guide.

P. Effective January 1, 2027, Captains will move onto the 2027 Salary Guide.

In the event there is no successor Agreement in effect on January 1, 2028, there shall be no automatic step increments unless and until same is negotiated by and between the parties.

Section 2:

All employees covered under this Agreement shall continue to receive a corrections stipend of \$1,000 on January 1st of each year to be paid in a manner consistent with the practice of the parties.

Effective January 1, 2003, the "corrections stipend" shall be included in the Sergeant's base salary.

Effective January 1, 2019, the \$1000.00 corrections stipend shall be included in the base salary of the Captains and Lieutenants.

Effective January 1, 2019, the corrections stipend has been eliminated in its entirety for all officers.

Effective January 1, 2019, the base pay of all employees covered by this Agreement shall be increased by \$1200.00.

Section 3:

Employees with the title of Sergeant covered under this Agreement shall be subject to a five (5) step salary guide as set forth in the appended Schedule A.

Section 4: New language effective January 1, 2024

Upon the promotion to Sergeant, the employee will be placed on Step 1. Then the following year, Sergeants will move horizontally on January 1 and vertically on their promotional appointment anniversary date.

In the event there is no successor Agreement in effect on January 1, 2028, there shall be no automatic step increments unless and until same is negotiated by and between the parties.

Section 5:

Employees promoted into this unit who have a hire date prior to January 1, 1991, notwithstanding sections 1 above and Schedule A; effective January 1, 1999, employees promoted to the rank of Sergeant shall be paid an annual base salary, which shall be the starting rate set forth in Schedule A or eight (8%) above the employee's base salary, at the time of his or her promotion to Sergeant, whichever is greater. Thereafter, the employees shall progress pursuant to Schedule A.

Section 6:

There shall be a shift differential of \$1.00 per hour worked for employees regularly assigned to, and working the midnight shift only. Assignment to the midnight shift shall be in accordance with existing policy and procedures of the Morris County Correctional Facility. Removal or placement on the midnight shift and cessation of the shift differential payment shall not be grievable.

**ARTICLE XXVI
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1:

This Agreement constitutes the complete and final understanding and resolution by the parties of all negotiable issues which were or could have been the subject matter of negotiations between the parties. During the life of this Agreement, neither party shall be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter, whether or not covered by this Agreement or whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both parties at the time they negotiated and executed this Agreement.

Section 2:

If any provisions of this Agreement or application of this Agreement to any employee or employees covered hereunder is held invalid by operation of law, by Legislative Act or by a Court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be inoperative, but all other provisions contained herein shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 3:

All terms of masculine gender shall be construed to include the feminine gender and all terms stated in the singular shall be construed to include the plural unless a different intention is clearly understood from the context in which such terms are used.

ARTICLE XXVII
EXPANSION OF BENEFITS

During the term of this Agreement, in the event the Morris County Board of County Commissioners voluntarily grants improvements in Life Insurance, Hospitalization, Surgical, Major Medical benefits, dental, optical or prescription drug plans, negotiations on said improvements can be opened by either party to the Agreement giving thirty (30) days notice to the other party of its intentions to initiate negotiations on any subject matter contained in this Article.

ARTICLE XVIII
APPLICATION OF BENEFITS

The provisions of this Agreement shall not apply to any employee who has left the employ of the County prior to the date of signing of this Agreement by all parties, provided however, the salary article shall retroactively apply from January 1, 2024, through the date of retirement of any employee retiring prior to the date of signing of the Agreement. The estate of a deceased employee who dies prior to the date of signing of the Agreement shall receive the employee's salary adjustment retroactively from January 1, 2024, to the employee's last date of employment.

ARTICLE XXIX
DEFENSE OF SUPERIOR CORRECTION OFFICER

Whenever a member of the bargaining unit is a defendant in any criminal or quasi-criminal proceeding arising out of and directly related to the lawful exercise of police powers in the furtherance of his official duties, and only after the appropriate internal affairs investigation has found that the employee has done no wrong, the governing body of the County shall provide said employee with necessary means for the defense of such proceedings, but not for his defense in a criminal or quasi-criminal proceeding instituted as a result of a complaint on behalf of the County.

SCHEDULE A

Sergeants	2024	2025	2026	2027
Step 1	\$123,745	\$128,077	\$132,559	\$136,536
Step 2	\$127,245	\$131,699	\$136,308	\$140,397
Step 3	\$131,704	\$136,313	\$141,084	\$145,317
Step 4	\$136,162	\$140,928	\$145,860	\$150,236
Step 5	\$140,620	\$145,542	\$150,636	\$155,155

Lieutenants	2024	2025	2026	2027
	\$153,399	\$162,603	\$172,359	\$179,253

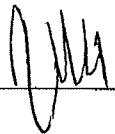
Captains	2024	2025	2026	2027
	\$160,384	\$170,007	\$180,208	\$187,416

**ARTICLE XXX
DURATION**

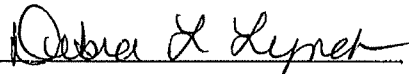
This Agreement shall be in full force and effect as of the first day of January 2024 and shall remain in full force and effect through the thirty-first day of December 2027. If either party desires to modify or terminate this Agreement, it must, no later than August 31, 2027, give written notice of its intention and furnish a copy of its proposals to the other party. In the event no such notice and proposals are received by August 31, 2027, this Agreement shall continue in effect from year to year after December 31, 2027, subject to modification or termination by either party upon written notice given prior to August 31st of any succeeding year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

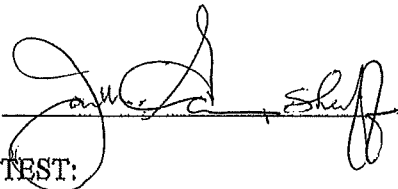
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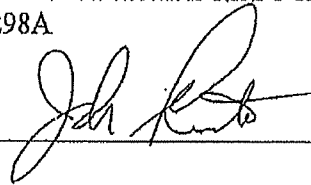
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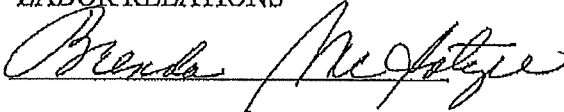
MORRIS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
PBA 298A

By 

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LABOR RELATIONS



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