# AGREEMENT Between THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH And POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (Dispatchers/PSAs)

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#### **AGREEMENT**

## ARTICLE I PURPOSE AND INTENT

1.1 The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth in writing all of the understandings and agreements reached between the parties regarding wages, hours and working conditions which shall prevail for the duration of this Agreement, and to promote harmonious relations between the parties in order to best serve the interests of the community, improve the services rendered by the Union, and to provide an orderly and equitable means of resolving all future differences which may arise.

## ARTICLE II RECOGNITION

Pursuant to, and in accordance with, all applicable provisions of Act 336 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1947, as amended by Act 379 of the Public Acts of 1965, the Employer does hereby recognize the Union as the exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining in respect to rates of pay, hours of employment, and other terms and conditions of employment for all full-time and part-time dispatchers and police service aides (PSAs) in the Plymouth Township Police Department, but excluding the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police, Sergeants or Command Officers, Police Officers and all other Township employees.

# ARTICLE III UNION RIGHTS

- 3.1 The Employer will not interfere with the rights of the employees to become members of the Union and shall not discriminate against any employee because of membership in the Union.
- 3.2 A three-person Grievance Committee will be identified by the Union. One member of this Committee shall be afforded reasonable time during regular working hours, without loss of pay, for the processing of grievances and enforcement of this Collective Bargaining Agreement, provided that this does not interfere with or disrupt the operations of the Police Department. The Union shall notify the Township of the names and titles of their

representatives within one (1) week after their appointments. No representative will be permitted to act as such until the Township is advised that the person has become a representative.

- 3.3 Probationary Period. All dispatchers and PSAs shall serve a probationary period of one calendar year from the date he/she commences duties. A probationary dispatcher or PSA serves at the will of the Township and may be terminated with or without cause. At its discretion, the Township may extend the probationary period for up to an additional six (6) months. Probationary dispatchers and PSAs will be represented by the Union after thirty (30) days of employment for collective bargaining purposes only, and not for any disciplinary or discharge proceedings.
- Dispatch-PSA Reclassification Probationary Period. A dispatcher who has completed the probationary period and is reclassified to PSA status shall serve a reclassification probationary period of six calendar months from the date he/she completes PSA training. If the dispatcher does not successfully complete the reclassification probationary period, he/she shall be returned to dispatcher duties. The decision to return a probationer to dispatcher duties is not grievable. At its discretion, the Township may extend the probationary period for up to an additional six (6) months.
- 3.5 An officer of the Union, or his designated representative, shall be allowed time off to attend, without pay, the Police Officers Association of Michigan annual convention, subject to manpower requirements of the Township as determined by the Police Chief. Employees may use vacation days or personal days or trade days to attend these conventions.
- 3.6 The Union, in contract negotiations, may be represented by Union representatives, not to exceed three (3). In addition, in contract negotiations and grievance proceedings, the Union has the right to be represented by counsel and State Union representatives.
- 3.7 One (1) Union representative shall be allowed to participate in contract negotiations, without loss of pay, if it is during his scheduled work time. If an employee is not on duty during a negotiation session, he will not be paid.
- 3.8 The Union may, upon approval by the Police Chief, schedule meetings on Police Department premises, which on-duty and/or off-duty employees may attend, provided that there is no interruption in service and at least two officers are available to respond.
- 3.9 The Township shall make available to the Union one (1) copy of the agenda for each Township Board Meeting prior to the scheduled date of each meeting. The Township will make available, as soon as prepared, following each Township Board Meeting, one (1) copy of the official Minutes of each Township Board Meeting.

- 3.10 The Township shall provide a suitable bulletin board for the posting of Union notices or other material. Said boards shall be identified with the name of the Union and shall be at least three (3) feet by four (4) feet in size, and the Union may designate persons to be responsible therefore. Notices shall be restricted to the following types:
  - A. Notices of Union recreational and social affairs;
  - B. Notices of Union elections, appointments and results of Union elections pertaining to employees within the unit;
  - C. Notices of Union meetings and educational classes;
  - D. In no case shall political, obscene or defamatory printed or written matter be placed on any bulletin board.
- 3.11 No employee shall engage in political activities of any kind during his working hours.

#### 3.12 <u>Disciplinary Matters.</u>

- A. The accused has the right to have Union representation present during any interviews with the accused.
- B. No employee shall be subject to disciplinary action without just cause.
- C. Levels of Discipline
  - 1. Written record of an oral reprimand issued by a supervisor that remains in the employee's <u>Department file</u> for a period not to exceed one year.
  - 2. Written reprimand issued by a Division Commander or the Chief of Police.
  - 3. Suspension recommended by the Chief of Police and approved by the Township Supervisor.
  - 4. Discharge from employment to be issued by the Township Supervisor.
- D. A written reprimand will be held for at least one year, at which time the employee may request that it be removed.

#### ARTICLE IV AGENCY SHOP

4.1 All members of the bargaining unit shall, as a condition of employment, become members of the Union within thirty (30) days of employment or entering or re-entering the bargaining unit or pay a service fee if they choose not to join the Union, pursuant to Article V. The Township, upon receipt of a written notice from the Union that any employee has not paid the required service fee, shall terminate the employment of said employee within thirty (30) days from the date of said notice, unless said employee re-instituted the payments of his service fee prior to the thirty (30) day period. Terminations shall be handled in accordance with Article V.

## ARTICLE V DUES CHECKOFF

- 5.1 After the effective date of this Article and thereafter during the life of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and to the extent the laws of the State of Michigan permit, the Township agrees to deduct from the pay of employees who are Union members, the regular, usual, periodic, and uniform dues of the Union levied in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Union and which are uniformly required, or, in the alternative, the service fee, provided, however, that the Union shall first present to the Township a certified checkoff list consisting of a statement of the amount of the dues and/or service fees certified by the Treasurer of the Union and written authorization on a suitable form signed by the employee allowing such deductions and payment to the Union at least thirty (30) days prior to the date on which the dues and/or service fees are to be deducted. The Union shall be fully responsible for the validity and correctness of the certified checkoff list and authorizations and the Union shall indemnify and save the Township harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability, including attorney fees, that may arise out of or by reason of action taken or not taken to the Township in reliance upon such certified checkoff list of authorization or any actions taken pursuant to this Article. An employee may revoke his authorization for dues or service fee deduction upon sixty (60) days written notice to the Township.
- Dues shall be deducted in equal amounts once a month and shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Union within thirty (30) days thereafter with a list of the employees from whom dues have been deducted. In cases where a deduction is made that duplicated a payment that an employee already has made to the Union, or where a deduction is not in conformity with the provisions of the Union Constitution and By-Laws, refunds to the employee will be made by the Union.
- 5.3 An employee shall cease to be subject to checkoff deductions beginning with the month immediately following the month in which he is no longer a member of the bargaining unit.

- 5.4 The Township shall not be liable to the Union by reason of the requirements of this Collective Bargaining Agreement for the remittance or payment of any sum other than those constituting actual deductions made from wages earned by employees. Deductions shall be made only in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The Township shall have no responsibility for the collection of initiation fees, fines, special assessments or any other deduction not in accordance with this provision.
  - A. The Township shall have no responsibility to collect or deduct for any dues or any other fees or sums deemed to be owed to the Union which occurred or accrued prior to the signing of this Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- 5.5 Employees who tender the dues or service fee, shall be deemed to meet the conditions of this Article, if they are not more than sixty (60) days in arrears in payment.
- 5.6 The Union shall accept into membership each employee who becomes eligible to be a member of the collective bargaining unit and who tenders to the Union the periodic dues uniformly required as a condition of acquiring or retaining membership in the Union.
- 5.7 This Article is effective only to the extent the laws of the State of Michigan permit. In the event that this Article is challenged through the Michigan Employment Relations Commission or other authority, or the courts, and this Article shall be found to violate law, the Union shall be responsible for any loss or damage, including back pay, awarded by the court or other legal authority.
- 5.8 Whenever the Union requests a payroll deduction of an agency fee and an employee objects, justification for that fee, including specific accounting of the calculation of the fee, as well as a deduction, if any, to be made therefrom concerning political activity, etc., will be provided to the Township and the employee in question by the Union.
- 5.9 The Union will provide a lawful review and accounting procedure pursuant to this Article for an employee who is contesting dues.

## ARTICLE VI MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The Township Board, on its own behalf and on behalf of its electors, hereby retains and reserves unto itself and its designated representatives, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and Constitution of the State of Michigan and of the United States. Further, all rights which ordinarily vest in and are exercised by employers, except such as are relinquished herein, are reserved to and remain vested in the Township Board and its designated representatives, including but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the right:

- A. To manage its affairs efficiently and economically, including the determination of quantity and quality of services to be rendered to the public, the control of equipment to be used, and the discontinuance of any service or method of operation;
- B. To introduce new equipment, methods or processes, change or eliminate existing equipment and institute technological changes, decide on supplies and equipment to be purchased;
- C. To subcontract or purchase the construction of new facilities or the improvement of existing facilities; to subcontract or purchase work processes or services subject to the understanding that if the specific work regularly performed on the effective date of this Collective Bargaining Agreement by bargaining unit employees is to be subcontracted or contracted out and such subcontracting or contracting out of work would cause the layoff or reduction of their positions in the bargaining unit, the Township shall notify the Union, prior to letting the contract, and, if requested in writing by the Union within five (5) business days from the notice, the Township will meet within ten (10) business days from the receipt of the request to negotiate only the effects of any layoffs.
- D. To determine the number, location and type of facilities and installations;
- E. To determine the size of the workforce;
- F. To determine the number of ranks required and the number of persons to service in each rank;
- G. To hire new employees, to assign and lay off employees so long as a layoff is done subject to this Collective Bargaining Agreement;
- H. To permit municipal employees, not included in the bargaining unit, to perform bargaining unit work in emergency situations;
- I. To direct the workforce, to assign the type and location of work assignments and determine the number of employees assigned to operations;
- J. To establish, change, combine or discontinue job classifications;
- K. To determine lunch time, starting and quitting times, and the number of hours to be worked:

- L. To establish work schedules, work standards and the methods, processes and procedures by which such work is to be performed;
- M. To discipline, suspend and discharge employees, subject to this Collective Bargaining Agreement, and to discharge probationary employees without cause at the will of the administration.
- N. To adopt, revise and enforce reasonable Township and departmental rules and regulations and to carry out cost and general improvement programs. The Township shall be required only to notify the Union five (5) business days prior to amending and implementing Police Department rules, regulations, special orders and general orders;
- O. To transfer, promote and demote employees from one classification or shift to another, subject to this Agreement;
- P. To select employees for promotion or transfer to supervisory or other positions and to determine the qualifications and competency of employees to perform the available work, subject to this Agreement;
- Q. To establish training requirements for purposes of maintaining or improving professional skills of employees and for purposes of advancement.

It is agreed that these enumerations of management prerogatives shall not be deemed to exclude other prerogatives not enumerated and, except as specifically abridged, delegated, modified or granted by this Collective Bargaining Agreement, all of the rights, powers and authority the Township had prior to the signing of this Collective Bargaining Agreement are retained by the Township and remain exclusively and without limitation within the rights of the Township.

# ARTICLE VII AGREEMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

7.1 The Township shall not enter into any agreement with any other labor organization which in any way conflicts with the provisions of this Collective Bargaining Agreement nor with any members of the Union, individually or collectively, in regard to any grievance. Although employees may belong to other organizations, it shall not be required, as a condition of employment with the Township, nor may any other organization represent any employee or the Union with respect to any of the agreements contained herein.

## ARTICLE VIII WAGES AND OTHER BENEFITS

- 8.1 Effective January 1, 2003, full-time dispatchers shall be paid in accordance with the wage progression schedule set forth in Exhibit A. Effective January 1, 2003, part-time dispatchers shall be paid in accordance with the wage progression schedule set forth in Exhibit B.
- 8.2 Police Service Aides The duties of a Police Service Aide shall be established by Department and Township Job Descriptions as well as in Department General Orders and Operating Procedures. The wage rate of a Police Service Aide hired for the position or after present Dispatchers are trained for the position shall be 5% over that of Dispatcher.
- 8.3 After an employee's probationary period has been successfully completed, the Township may compensate the employee at a pay rate higher then the start rate, but no higher then the maximum rate, based upon the employee's qualifications and prior work experience. An employee may be awarded one step increase for each full year of prior work experience, up to a maximum of three (3). The employee will still be subject to the probationary guidelines contained in this contract for new hires.
- 8.4 All wages of full-time and part-time dispatchers shall be paid retroactive on all hours compensated upon signing of the contract, based on the actual years of service as a Plymouth Township full-time or part-time dispatcher.
- 8.5 Shift Differential. Effective January 1, 2000, all Dispatchers <u>and</u> /Police Service Aides shall receive the following shift differential:

Afternoon Shift:

15¢ per hour

Midnight Shift:

30¢ per hour

# ARTICLE IX LONGEVITY

- 9.1 The Employer agrees to grant the following longevity pay to all full-time employees. This provision shall be retroactive to the first year of this Agreement.
  - A. Upon completion of five (5) years continuous service, employees will be paid Five Hundred and No/100 (\$500.00)Dollars.
  - B. An additional Fifty and No/100 (\$50.00) Dollars per year will be paid to eligible employees for each additional year of service (beyond five (5) years) to a maximum of One Thousand and No/100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

C. Longevity payments will be made the last pay period of November of each year. An employee must be on the payroll of the Employer on the day when the longevity payment is made in order to receive said payment.

## ARTICLE X OVERTIME

- All dispatchers and PSAs shall be paid overtime at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) times their base hourly rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week. All full-time dispatchers and PSAs shall be paid overtime at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) times their base hourly rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours for eight (8) hour shifts and in excess of twelve (12) hours for twelve (12) hour shifts, should the Township utilize a twelve (12) hour day work shift.
- 10.2 The Township will attempt to reasonably equalize overtime among full-time dispatchers and PSAs by using the following procedures:
  - a) Except as otherwise stated in this Article, the Township shall use an equalization list to determine the calling order when overtime is necessary. Dispatchers and PSAs shall be listed together on a single equalization list. When overtime is required, the person listed on the equalization list with the least number of overtime hours, whether a dispatchers or a PSA, will be called first, and so on in ascending order so that each employee is called until the overtime is filled. For purposes of this clause, overtime not worked because the listed employee did not choose to work will be charged to the listed employee at the maximum number of hours of any employee working overtime during that period. Newly hired full-time dispatchers or PSAs will be placed on the equalization list with the highest number of hours entered for any other employee. On January 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year the equalization list will be zeroed. Until overtime hours are added, dispatchers and PSAs will be called for overtime based on seniority from highest to lowest.
  - b) Where overtime is required with less than 24 hours notice (unscheduled overtime), the use of the oncoming or off-going shift is authorized until the vacancy can be filled with dispatchers or PSAs from the equalization list.
  - c) Where the need for overtime is known over four (4) days (96 hours) in advance, the overtime shall be posted for a minimum of three days (72 hours). The overtime shall then be assigned to the dispatchers or PSAs who signed up for it on the posting and has the lowest total overtime hours recorded on the equalization list. The dispatchers or PSAs selected for the overtime shall be provided with at

least 24 hours notice before the start of the overtime.

- d) If an insufficient number of dispatchers or PSAs are available for an overtime situation in accordance with the above procedures, the dispatchers or PSA with the lowest seniority shall be ordered to work the overtime. Pagers shall not be used to call employees in to fill patrol overtime. No message is required to be left on answering machines. The need to call in a supervisor for overtime shall be subject to the discretion of the Chief of Police or his designee.
- e) The procedures in a) through d) will not apply in an emergency.
- 10.3 In the event that there is an error by management in offering overtime, such error shall be corrected only by offering that amount of hours to the aggrieved dispatcher or PSA to be worked before the end of the next pay period. Payment of overtime for hours not worked shall not be allowed to correct an error.
- Any dispatcher or PSA called in to work during non-scheduled working hours shall be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) hours of work at his/her overtime rate.
- 10.5 A dispatcher or PSA will receive compensation for unscheduled overtime commencing at the time he/she reports for duty. In the event that an dispatcher or PSA is called to perform unscheduled overtime and ordered to report directly to the scene of an incident, then the employee will receive compensation from the time he or she receives the call ordering him or her to report.
- 10.6 Overtime pay shall not be pyramided, compounded or paid twice for the same hours worked.
- 10.7 Compensatory Time. A dispatcher or PSA who works overtime will have the option of receiving compensatory time off in lieu of monetary compensation for overtime. Compensatory time shall accumulate at the rate of an hour and one-half for each unpaid hour of overtime worked.

Each dispatcher or PSA may accrue up to eighty (80) hours of compensatory time. Dispatchers or PSAs will receive monetary compensation for any subsequent overtime hours worked until the number of accrued hours of compensatory time falls below the limit.

Compensatory time can be used by the dispatcher or PSA subject to the operational needs and requirements of the Police Department. Compensatory time that is approved five days in advance of the requested time cannot be cancelled (not to include emergency situations). Requests for use of compensatory time shall be approved or denied within 24 hours of receipt by the Patrol Commander. Compensatory time is approved or denied

on a first come basis. Upon termination of employment, officers will be paid for all unused compensatory time at the dispatcher's or PSA's regular rate of pay upon termination.

#### ARTICLE XI PROMOTION - DISPATCHER/PSAs

- Dispatch Promotions. All promotions from part-time dispatcher to full-time dispatcher and from part-time PSA to full-time PSA shall be made on the basis of a competitive examination. The Chief will make his selection for promotion from the top three highest ranking candidates who have passed the examination.
- 11.2 If no part-time dispatchers or part-time PSAs pass the examination, the Chief may go to an outside source to fill the vacancy.
- 11.3 The competitive examination may be a oral examination.
- 11.4 Candidates will undergo and successfully complete a physical examination.

## ARTICLE XII HOURS OF WORK - DISPATCHER/PSAs

- 12.1 The regular work week shall be defined as beginning 12:00 a.m. Monday and ending at 11:59 p.m. Sunday.
- 12.2 The Chief of Police shall establish each dispatcher's or PSA's start and finish times for each workday. A monthly work schedule shall be posted which shall give each dispatcher or PSA his/her job assignments for that month, including the start and finish times for each dispatcher's or PSA's work period. The Township will make every effort to schedule full-time personnel to "regular hours," consistent with personnel needs and the demands of the Department.
- 12.3 The Employer reserves the right to deviate from work schedules in cases of emergency. Emergency includes the need to have manpower to perform the required tasks in the department.
- 12.4 Work Schedules, Assignments, Work Hours, and Leave Days-The Department work schedule shall be posted thirty (30) days in advance of the beginning of the scheduled work period.

Lunch and Break Periods. All employees who work a shift of four (4) hours or more, but less than eight (8) hours, shall be permitted necessary time for lunch, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes. In addition, employees shall have an additional fifteen (15) minute break for every four (4) hours worked. Should an employee be required to work additional hours or report early, thereby extending his/her scheduled work shift to sixteen (16) hours, the employee is entitled to another lunch period during the additional hours worked.

Break and meal periods may not be grouped together for an extended break/meal. Normally, breaks will not be taken within one (1) hour of starting or ending a shift. All lunches and breaks shall be subject to the Police Department's ability to call the employee back to duty.

- 12.6 An employee shall not work more than sixteen (16) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period which begins at the time the employee starts working.
  - A. Court time is exempt.
  - B. Training is not exempt.
  - C. The 16 hour rule shall not apply to emergency situations.
  - D. Staffing is not to be considered an emergency.
- 12.7 Time Conversion. For the purposes of this Agreement, all references in the Collective Bargaining Agreement as to days off will be converted to hours. This includes vacation time, personal business days, bereavement days and sick days. All vacation time and sick time shall be accrued in hours.

## ARTICLE XIII SHIFT ASSIGNMENT

- 13.1 Probationary employees cannot select shifts and are assigned to shifts at the sole discretion of management.
- Full-time, non-probationary employees will be allowed to bid the shift and platoon of their choice by seniority each bump period. Bump periods shall be at least twice per year, but not more than three per year. As close as possible, each bump period length shall be equal.
- Management shall only move employees from their chosen shift to assure that staffing is balanced among the shifts to perform the needed duties and cover the needed services.

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- Management will set the number of dispatcher/PSAs needed per shift and post the shift bid 60 days prior to the new schedule being implemented.
- 13.5 Whenever two or more employees have the same seniority date, preferences will be decided by lot and this determination will be utilized where necessary in any provision of this agreement and this determination shall be final.
- 13.6 <u>ASSIGNMENTS</u> The Township retains the right to approve or deny an employee's request for time off and to reassign employees.

#### ARTICLE XIV TRADING OF DAYS

- 14.1 Trading of days may be allowed for full-time employees, subject to the approval of the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police has discretion to refuse days only if a trade affects needed skills and coverage.
  - A. The Chief of Police will be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the trade.
  - B. The employee offering to make a trade will be responsible for the shift coverage in the event the employee accepting the offer to trade fails to show for any reason. If the employee agreeing to work for another fails to show for any reason, that employee will be charged with the absence and shall not be approved to trade days in the future. This prohibition on trading may be reconsidered by the Chief of Police after a period of six (6) months.
  - C. The Township shall pay no additional overtime as a result of the trade.
  - D. Unless otherwise approved by the Police Chief, time may be traded in increments of no fewer than four (4) hours, with twenty-four (24) hours advance written approval by the Police Chief. The twenty-four (24) hour period may be waived in emergency situations by prior or subsequent written approval by the Police Chief.
  - E. Employees are required to keep track of their own trade time and employees, not the Township, are responsible to repay time and to see that time is repaid. The party who agrees to work for another party is hereby responsible for the fulfillment of all duties and responsibilities as though the employee was regularly scheduled to work on that given day.

#### ARTICLE XV HOLIDAYS

15.1 The following calendar days, or calendar day customarily celebrated in lieu thereof, shall be holidays for the purpose of this Collective Bargaining Agreement. This provision is effective from the date of the signing of this Agreement forward.

New Year's Day

Veteran's Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Presidents Day Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving

Memorial Day Independence Day Christmas Eve Christmas Day

Labor Day

New Year's Eve

Good Friday (1/2 day)

- Holiday pay for employees will be paid at the rate of one eight (8) hour day's pay (8 hours at the employee's regular hourly rate) for each holiday (12.5 x 1 day's pay). Holiday pay will be paid to an employee regardless of whether s/he works the holiday or not. If an employee works a holiday, s/he will only receive regular pay in addition to this holiday allowance, which will be paid in one lump sum by the last week of November. For those employees who are hired or who are terminated during a calendar year, the number of holidays paid will be pro-rated based on the number of holidays falling within the period that the employee worked.
- Part-time employees shall be compensated only for holidays actually worked at a rate of two times their regular hourly rate for actual hours worked.

#### 15.4 Holiday Pay - Part Time Dispatcher/PSAs.

- A. Part-time employees working midnights, the majority of whose shift falls on the holiday, shall be paid at double time rate for all eight hours. Conversely, no premium pay shall be paid to part-time dispatcher/PSAs who work the last hour of the holiday as part of the next day's shift.
- Employees who are scheduled and work on six holidays shall receive time and one-half the regular rate, based upon a 2,080 hour work year, for working those holidays. These days are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

#### ARTICLE XVI VACATION

- 16.1 Each full-time employee shall earn credit toward a vacation with pay in accordance with the following schedule.
- Vacation length is determined by continuous service with Plymouth Township as a full-time employee and shall be prorated from the date of hire. Upon becoming a full time employee, dispatchers or PSAs who performed part-time communications and dispatching duties will be allowed to have their hours worked as a part-time dispatcher or PSA count for purposes of determining vacation monthly rate of accrual benefits only, in accordance with the ratio of 2,080 hours equals one (1) year.

#### 16.3 Method of earning:

- A. Date of hire to less than five years of service = 1 day a month accrual (maximum 12 days).
- B. Five to less than ten years of service = 1-1/2 days a month accrual (maximum 18 days).
- C. Ten to less than fifteen years of service = 2 days a month accrual (maximum 24 days).
- D. Fifteen to less than twenty years of service = 2.08 days a month accrual (maximum 25 days).
- E. Twenty years of service or more = 2.17 days a month accrual (maximum 26 days).
- 16.4 Credit will be earned for only those months in which an employee works at least eighteen (18) eight (8) hour days [twelve (12) hour days during the time a twelve (12) hour shift is in effect]. Time spent on a scheduled vacation, while on the active roll, will be considered as time worked for computing credits. Time spent on a disability absence due to a worker's compensation compensable injury or approved sick leave, approved personal days, bereavement and court time will be considered time worked, provided the employee works three (3) months during the calendar year in which credit is earned.
- New employees shall not be permitted to take a vacation until they complete six (6) months of service.
- A full-time employee who is on a disability absence for a complete calendar year and who returns to work in the year following a year of disability absence, shall be entitled to the number of days of vacation time he earned in the year immediately prior to his disability, provided he has not used or received pay for such vacation.

- 16.7 Each employee shall select their vacation period independently of the others by seniority. No more than two (2) full-time dispatchers and/or PSAs can be on vacation at the same time, except with the approval of management.
- 16.8 Vacation periods shall be bid by employees by seniority within each classification. This will be accomplished as follows: Bids for vacation periods shall be submitted prior to January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Bidding will be for a minimum of five (5) consecutive days or more at a time. After each member has made his/her first selection, the bidding will start at the top again and continue down the seniority list. This bidding will continue until all employees have bid their respective amounts of vacation time. The maximum to be scheduled at any one time is at the discretion of management. If employees are unable to use their vacation time during the year due to the actions of management, employees may carry over up to ten (10) days vacation for up to six (6) months beyond December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. If police employees do not take their scheduled vacation, then any vacation not taken by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year will be paid for by the Township at the then prevailing rate based on eight (8) hours per vacation day.
- Short-term vacation periods. Up to seven (7) vacation days can be taken in less than five (5) day increments. Selection of short-term vacations shall be made after all employees have had an opportunity to make their long-term five (5) consecutive days or more vacation selections (see the previous paragraph). Selection of short-term vacations shall be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

#### 16.10 Vacation carry over.

- A. Employees may, at the discretion of the Chief of Police, carry up to ten (10) days of vacation for up to six (6) months beyond December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. If the employee does not use their vacation within the six (6) month carry-over time period, their vacation time will be forfeited. If the employee separates from employment during the carry-over time period, the vacation time will be paid to the employee at the pay rate in effect at the time the vacation time was earned.
- 16.11 Upon termination of employment, employees shall be entitled to receive compensation equal to the number of unused vacation days at the employee's prevailing basic salary rate; at the hourly rate of pay times eight (8) times the number of unused days.

#### ARTICLE XVII PERSONAL BUSINESS DAYS

17.1 A full-time employee may utilize two (2) days during the calendar year for personal business reasons with forty-eight (48) hours notice, or less with approval of the Chief of

Police. Personal days are not earned and not paid for if an employee leaves employment or becomes a part-time employee.

- 17.2 Except with the approval of the Chief of Police, personal business days may not be used the day prior to, the day of, or the day after a paid holiday or in conjunction with a vacation.
- 17.3 Personal business days may be used in increments of not less than one-half day (i.e., in increments of four (4) hours during eight (8) hour shifts; six (6) hours during twelve (12) hour shifts].
- 17.4 Personal business days are not charged against sick leave or annual leave, are not accumulated from one year to the next, and if not used, are lost.
- 17.5 Personal business days are available after completion of a new employee's probationary period.
- 17.6 If, during the term of this contract, a Township Act 312-eligible police bargaining unit negotiates or is awarded through Act 312 a greater number of personal business days, the dispatch unit shall receive the same improvement.

# ARTICLE XVIII SENIORITY

- 18.1 A full time employee acquires seniority through continuous service with the Department from his/her last date of hire. Seniority shall commence only after the employee has completed his/her probationary period, but upon completion of the probationary period, seniority shall revert back to the last date of hire into the department. When the employee acquires seniority, his/her name shall be placed on the seniority list in the order of his/her seniority date.
- 18.2 Part-time employees shall earn seniority based on the number of hours worked. Two thousand eighty (2,080) hours equals one year of seniority. Forty (40) hours equals one week of seniority.
- 18.3 An up-to-date seniority list shall be furnished to the Union every six (6) months and shall initially conform to the list attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- 18.4 An employee's seniority and employment shall terminate for the following reasons:
  - A. If the employee resigns or retires;
  - B. If the employee is discharged and not reinstated;

- C. If the employee is absent for three (3) working days without properly notifying the Employer, unless otherwise excused;
- D. If the employee does not return to work at the end of an approved leave without a reasonable and valid excuse;
- E. If the employee does not return to work within seven (7) calendar days following recall from a layoff.

## ARTICLE XIV SICK LEAVE

- All full time employees on the payroll the first day of the month shall earn one (1) day sick time leave for each such calendar month that he/she worked at least eighteen (18) work days. (For purposes of this Article only, annual leave, sick leave, personal business days and holidays taken shall be considered days worked.) All unused sick hours shall remain in a sick time accumulation bank. If an employee is off due to illness or injury, he/she shall have any available sick days deducted from his/her sick time accumulation bank for all time missed due to illness or injury.
- 19.2 All days over sixty (60) days on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year shall be paid off in accordance with the following formula:
  - A. One-half (1/2) of each excess sick day will be paid for at the daily rate, as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year.
  - B. The other one-half (1/2) of each excess sick day will be credited to the individual employee's Sick Leave Supplemental Bank (see paragraph 19.7).
- 19.3 Sick leave time is an authorized absence for an employee's injury or illness with the following exceptions:
  - A. No employee shall be charged with a sick day if the absence of a work day is due to injury sustained on or in the line of duty or the performance of his job.
  - B. No employee shall be charged with a sick day if absence of a work day is due to a death in the family as outlined in Article XX.
- 19.4 When more than two (2) consecutive sick leave days are taken, a doctor's slip is required prior to the starting time of the next duty day back to work.

- 19.5 Improper use of sick leave shall result in disciplinary action.
- 19.6 Upon termination of employment, dispatchers or PSAs shall be paid at the rate of 100% of their then-prevailing daily rate for all days in their sick time accumulation banks on the date of termination up to sixty (60) days maximum.
- 19.7 Sick Leave Supplemental Bank. In addition to the sick leave accumulation covered in this Article, all dispatchers or PSAs on the payroll the first day of each month shall earn an additional eight (8) hours per month which shall remain in a supplemental sick leave bank.
  - A. The supplemental sick bank is to be used only if:
    - 1. The dispatcher or PSA has exhausted all of his or her regular sick time accumulation bank hours; and
    - 2. The dispatcher or PSA suffers an illness or injury that causes the dispatcher or PSA to be absent from work for at least two (2) weeks; and
    - 3. The dispatcher or PSA has no other benefit (paid time) to cover the period of time between the onset of the illness or INJURY AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF DISABILITY insurance befits [i.e., the current sixty (60) calendar day long-term disability benefit elimination period]. Once a person meets the LTD benefit elimination period, that person must utilize the LTD benefit and may not utilize any other supplemental sick time benefits; nor may a police officer supplement LTD coverage through the use of these benefits.
  - B. The supplemental sick bank is in the nature of a supplemental short-term disability benefit and is to be utilized only for illness or injury. Therefore, the supplemental sick bank has no cash value either at the end of the year, or at termination, or retirement.
  - C. Maximum accumulation is four hundred fifty-six (456) hours of supplemental sick leave for supplemental hours earned on a monthly basis. (Hours put into the Supplemental Sick Leave Bank, as a result of the annual excess sick leave buy back program (paragraph 19.2 (B), shall be maintained in a separate account and shall not have a maximum accumulation limitation.)
  - D. This benefit is not transferable.

## ARTICLE XX BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

- In the event of a death in the employee's immediate family, that is, his/her spouse, child, those with whom he/she is in the position of loco parentis, parents, step-parent, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparents, or grandparents-in-law the employee shall be excused, without loss of basic salary and fringe benefits, for a period of three (3) consecutive days commencing on a day and time chosen by the employee, provided that one (1) of the days of this period is the date of the service of said deceased. For purposes of this section, the term "child" shall include natural born children, as well as stepchildren and grandchildren residing in the employee's home.
- Part-time employees will be given at least three (3) days off without pay pursuant to this Article.
- Leave time may be up to five (5) days if the funeral service is more than five hundred (500) miles from the Township.

# ARTICLE XXI JURY DUTY

- All fees paid to the employee for a duty day will be turned over to the Township.
- 21.2 The Township will pay a full-time employee for days served on the jury on all of the regularly scheduled work days. An employee serving a full day of jury duty will not have to work their scheduled shift.
- 21.3 The employee will report back to complete the shift on which he was working after serving on the jury unless he must report back to the Court on the following day. In either circumstance, the employee will notify the officer in charge as to his disposition.

# ARTICLE XXII <u>UNIFORMS</u>

- 22.1 Police Service Aides and Dispatcher uniform items will be furnished in accordance with Departmental Rules and Regulations.
- 22.2 The Employee must turn in all uniform items furnished upon termination or separation prior to issuance of final paycheck.

# ARTICLE XXIII MILEAGE

23.1 When an employee is required to use his/her personal automobile for police department business, other than driving to and from work, reimbursement will be made pursuant to the general reimbursement policy for Township employees.

## ARTICLE XXIV PERSONAL EFFECTS

24.1 The Township will reimburse employees for damage to glasses, briefcases or other reasonable personal effects, shown to be damaged in the course of duty, at the sole determination of the Police Chief.

## ARTICLE XXV COURT TIME

25.1 All court time for which an employee attends while off duty must be approved in writing prior to the court time by the Patrol Commander or designee. A minimum of three (3) hours will be paid for court time. Employees must attend court when required.

## ARTICLE XXVI LAYOFF

- Dispatcher and Police Service Aides. Layoff shall mean the separation of a dispatcher/PSA from the active workforce. Layoff shall be determined by seniority, least senior employee laid off first. Laid off employees shall be recalled in accordance with their seniority, the most senior laid off employee being recalled first. All notices shall be sent by certified mail to the last-known address of the laid off employee. If a employee is laid off for more than two (2) years.
- 26.2 The Personnel Department shall give written notice to the Union and to those dispatcher/PSAs who are affected, of any proposed layoff and/or recall. Such notice shall be provided at least thirty (30) days before the effective date thereof.

#### ARTICLE XXVII NO-STRIKE CLAUSE

- During the life of this Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Union shall not cause its members to cause nor shall any member of the Union take part in any sit-down, stay-in or slow-down, curtailment of work, restriction of work or interference with the operations of the Township. The Union shall not cause nor shall any member of the Union take part in any strike or stoppage of any of the Township's operations during the life of this Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- 27.2 The Union agrees it will take prompt, affirmative action to prevent or stop unauthorized strikes, work stoppages, slow-downs of work, or work interference of any kind by notifying the employees that it disavows these acts. The Union further agrees that the Township shall have the right to discipline (including discharge) any or all employees who violate this Article and such action shall not be subject to the Grievance Procedure or arbitration provision of this Collective Bargaining Agreement. In addition, the Township shall have the right to obtain injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction and/or it shall have the right to terminate this Collective Bargaining Agreement by notice, in writing to the Union, in addition to any other remedies it may have.
- 27.3 The officers of the local shall take prompt, affirmative action to try to prevent any wildcat strike, work stoppage, slow-down of work, or work interference of any kind.

# ARTICLE XXVIII MISCELLANEOUS

- 28.1 <u>Copies of Contracts</u>. The Township agrees to provide a copy of the Agreement to each bargaining unit member.
- 28.2 <u>Copies of Benefit Hour Reports</u>. The Township agrees to provide benefit hour reports to the Union on a monthly basis.

# ARTICLE XXIX TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

29.1 The Charter Township of Plymouth will reimburse a full-time employee for the cost of tuition, fees, and books for continuing education classes up to a maximum of, \$1,500 for dispatch or PSA per calendar year, provided the employee receives a "C" average for such coursework.

In order to be considered for reimbursement, the employee must be accepted for enrollment by an accredited institution and must provide a copy of the class or program

description to the Police Chief prior to registration for the purpose of notification, utilizing the Authorization Request for Tuition Reimbursement form. Payment to the educational institution is to be made by the employee, and will be reimbursed by the Township at the end of the semester upon presentation of a payment receipt and evidence of a satisfactory passing of the class or a grade of "C" or better.

Courses must be scheduled during other than normal working hours. Trading of time may be utilized for this purpose, provided such trading does not cost the employer any additional overtime. No course work shall be performed during working hours unless approved by the Chief of Police.

An employee who is terminated or quits/resigns from Township employment within three (3) years of receipt of reimbursement under this Article must repay the Township all funds received under this program for the employee's education benefit. The Township may deduct the amount of any such refund from any wages or termination payments due to the employee from the Township.

# ARTICLE XXX INSURANCE - DISPATCHER/PSAs

#### 30.1 GENERAL

The Employer reserves the right to select or change insurance carriers, to be a self-insurer, either wholly or partially, and to choose the administrator of its insurance programs, as long as similar benefits are provided.

#### 30.2 HOSPITALIZATION, DENTAL AND VISION COVERAGE

- A. The Employer shall continue to maintain health, dental, and optical insurance for regular full-time employees at the Employer's expense, subject to the provisions of Paragraph B (below). Dental coverage (no orthodontic coverage) shall include a maximum \$1,000.00 per person per contract year. Coverage under this provision that is changed from the previous collective bargaining agreement shall be effective as soon as practicable after ratification of this Agreement. Insurance benefit plans presently available are M Care HMO, M Care PPO, Delta Dental, and Vision Service Plan.
  - B. Employee health insurance programs are subject to the following:
  - 1. The Employer shall pay the full cost of coverage for M Care HMO, less any employee premium sharing required by 31.2(B)(4). Employees choosing M Care PPO shall pay the difference in cost between M Care HMO and M Care PPO, in addition to

any premium sharing required by 31.2(B)(4). Payments shall be made by means of payroll deduction spread evenly over each payroll period.

- 2. Prescription co-pay (all programs) shall be \$10.00 generic pharmaceutical, \$20.00 preferred brand name pharmaceutical, \$30.00 non-preferred brand name pharmaceutical. In those cases when a generic equivalent is available, but an insured or his or her physician insists on a brand name drug in lieu of the available generic equivalent, the employee shall be responsible for any additional cost of the brand name drug in excess of the generic equivalent to the extent not paid by the plan, over and above the applicable \$20.00 or \$30.00 co-pay.
- 3. Office visit co-pay: (HMO: \$10.00) (PPO: \$15.00). (ER Co-pay HMO: \$25.00; PPO: \$50.00). (UC Co-pay: HMO: \$10.00; PPO: \$15.00).
- 4. Insurance Premium Sharing as follows:

Employees choosing health care coverage of any type will contribute 1% of their annual base salary each year towards health care premiums. This contribution will be made by means of payroll deduction spread evenly over each payroll period. There shall be no reimbursement by the Township for this contribution towards premiums.

- 5. The Township will no longer reimburse the \$25 emergency room charge associated with the Township's HMO health insurance program.
- 6. The Employer will provide open enrollment on an annual basis.
- 7. The Employer's flexible benefit plan established as part of Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be available for utilization by members of the bargaining unit. Administration and limitations of this Plan shall be determined by the Township and as otherwise required by federal law or regulation.
- 8. Unit members who wish to waive medical benefits must complete a Waiver of Medical Benefits form and submit it to Human Resources. Waiver of medical benefits shall remain in effect from coverage year to coverage year unless revoked by the employee, in writing, during a subsequent open enrollment period or as otherwise provided in this Agreement. As a condition of waiver of medical benefits, the employee must submit a letter to Human Resources certifying that the employee and the employee's dependents will be covered under a health insurance plan. Said certification must be provided to Human Resources each year in order to maintain waiver of benefits.
- a.) In the event a unit member's outside insurance coverage is terminated for any reason, he/she shall promptly notify the Township, which will endeavor to enroll the employee and the employee's eligible dependents in a Township-sponsored medical

benefits plan at the earliest possible date allowed by the chosen insurance carrier. In the meantime, the unit member shall exercise the COBRA and/or conversion policy rights under his/her spouse's plan until the unit member enrolls in a Township-sponsored plan.

- b.) Union members who waive medical benefits will be entitled to a taxable cash benefit of \$50.00 per pay period, or \$150.00 per pay period provided at least seven (7) bargaining unit members (from patrol and dispatch/PSA combined) opt out. The Employer will determine the applicable amount of the opt-out payment once each year after open enrollment. The amount of such payment will be guaranteed for a one-year period.
- c.) In the event of any conflict between the payment-in-lieu policy and the terms of any applicable health, dental or optical insurance plan or policy, the terms of the insurance plan or policy shall be controlling.
- 9. The Union agrees to employee participation in a Township-sponsored cafeteria benefits plan, should one become available, on or after July 1, 1993.

#### 30.3 LIFE INSURANCE

The Township shall provide full-time employees with \$50,000.00 term life insurance coverage. The Township shall provide a \$15,000.00 life insurance policy for part-time employees.

#### 30.4 LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

The Township will provide long-term disability insurance with a sixty (60) day elimination period at 66-2/3% benefit level.

#### 30.5 LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Township will continue to provide liability insurance, such as through Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

#### 30.6 EFFECTIVE DATE FOR NEW HIRES

A 90-day waiting period for insurance benefits will apply to all new hires. Insurance coverage will begin on the first day of the month following 90 days of continuous employment.

#### 30.7 RETIREE HEALTH CARE

The Township will provide retirees with twenty-five (25) years of full-time service in the Plymouth Township Police Department (see Exhibit D for full-time years of service), and their spouses, with health insurance comparable to that provided full-time employees, including

dental, optical and prescription drug riders, provided that benefits are coordinated with Medicare, Medicaid, and other benefits provided by subsequent employers or spousal employers. Upon retirement and eligibility, Medicare shall be the primary insurer. The Township will also provide term life insurance for retirees in an amount not less than \$2,000.00. A spouse who is divorced from a retiree, or who remarries after a retiree's death, shall only be eligible for those benefits which the spouse would be permitted to obtain, by providing the Township with the premium, under Federal laws regarding extended health care coverage.

#### ARTICLE XXXI PENSION - DISPATCHER/PSAs

- Effective as soon as possible, the parties agree to establish a MERS defined benefit pension plan for a group comprised of employees of this bargaining unit (patrol and dispatch/PSA) and employees of the Employer's police command bargaining unit, conditional upon all members of both units agreeing (via both individual authorization form and pursuant to a fully ratified collective bargaining agreement with the Township) to irrevocably transfer all funds in the Township's current DC Plan attributable to the units (whether through Township contributions on employees' behalf or through voluntary employee contributions pursuant to Article 32.3 of the previous Collective Bargaining Agreement) into MERS for purposes of partially funding the defined benefit plan. The parties agree that the amount of DC Plan funds to be transferred as October 15, 2005 is \$3,841,107.
- 31.2 The Defined Benefit Plan to be established shall include a 2.8% multiplier, Vest 10, FAC3, F/N 25, 80% max, D-2. Amortization shall be made over a period of time determined at the Employer's discretion, but no less than twenty (20) years. Credit shall be given and contributions shall be made only for actual years of service as a Plymouth Township full-time police officer, dispatcher or PSA. New full-time employees will become participants under the Pension Plan on the date of hire. Unit members shall pay the initial 2.0% of salary contributions necessary to fund the Plan. The Employer shall then be responsible for future contributions to the Plan (subject to above) up to 13.5% of payroll as defined by MERS (excludes bonuses, sick time payouts and benefit opt outs). Should the actuarially determined cost of this Plan exceed 15.5%, unit members will be responsible for additional contributions up to a total contribution of 7.0%. Employee contributions shall not exceed 7.0% of MERS payroll, the Employer remaining responsible for funding any actuarially determined costs that exceed 20.5% of payroll. All employee contributions shall be made by payroll deduction. The parties agree that there shall be no duty to bargain any improvements to the MERS defined benefit plan and that negotiations to such an extent shall be deemed a permissive subject of bargaining from the date of this Agreement through the contract year expiring December 31, 2014.

#### ARTICLE XXXII GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION

- 32.1 A grievance is defined as an alleged violation of a specific Article and Section of this Collective Bargaining Agreement. If any such grievance arises during the term of this Agreement, it shall be submitted to the following Grievance Procedure.
- A grievance shall be processed on the attached form.
- 32.3 Prior to filing a formal grievance, the employee or his chosen representative shall attempt to settle the grievance at the department level. In any event, a formal written grievance stating the specific Article and Section of this Collective Bargaining Agreement alleged to be violated, together with the facts giving rise to the grievance, the relief requested, and signed by the employee, must be filed within fifteen (15) business days of the occurrence out of which the grievance arises, or fifteen (15) days of when the party should have had reasonable notice of the occurrence, or it will be forever time barred. If attempts to settle the grievance informally have failed at the department level, formal proceeding shall consist of the following:
- 32.4 <u>Step 1</u>. Submitting the grievance on the Grievance Form to the Chief who shall have five (5) business days to render a decision.
- 32.5 <u>Step 2</u>. In the event that the decision rendered in Step 1 is not satisfactory to the Union, the Union, on behalf of the employee, shall submit an appeal within five (5) business days of the decision in Step 1 to the Township Supervisor. The Township Supervisor shall then render a decision within ten (10) business days after receiving the appeal.
- 32.6 Any grievance not advanced to the next Step by the Union within the time limit in that Step shall be deemed abandoned. If the Township Supervisor or his representative does not answer a grievance within the time limits prescribed in this Article, the grievance will be considered automatically referred to the next Step of the Grievance Procedure. Time limits may be extended by mutual agreement in writing.
- 32.7 The Township shall not be required to pay any back wages prior to the date a written grievance is filed, provided that in the case of alleged shortages in pay or other allowances provided in this Collective bargaining agreement the applicable period will be one (1) calendar year from the date the written grievance is filed. In cases of suspension without pay or discharge, the date of suspension or discharge shall be operative for back pay awards.
  - A. All claims for back wages shall be limited to the amount of wages that the employee would otherwise have earned. If an employee has a second job prior to discharge or suspension, the amount that the employee customarily earned prior to discharge or suspension shall not be offset.

- B. No decision in any one grievance shall require a retroactive wage adjustment in any other grievance unless such grievance has been designated as a representative grievance.
- 32.8 Any grievance which arose prior to the effective date of this Collective Bargaining Agreement shall not be processed.
- 32.9 Any agreement between the Township and the Union representatives is binding on all workers affected and cannot be changed by any individual.
- 32.10 In no event shall an individual be permitted to invoke arbitration under the Agreement; only the Union and management may invoke arbitration.
- In the event that the grievance is not settled in accordance with Section 33.5, the Union may invoke arbitration by filing a demand with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service or American Arbitration Association (AAA) and the Township Supervisor. Such demand for arbitration shall be submitted within twenty (20) business days after receipt of the Township Supervisor's decision or expiration of the time limits for the Township Supervisor's decision contained in Section 45.5 of the Grievance Procedure or it is forever time barred. Each party shall pay its own cost of processing grievances through the Grievance and Arbitration Procedures. The fee of the arbitrator and his travel expenses of arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties.
- 32.12 The jurisdiction of the Arbitrator shall be limited to the determination of grievances as defined in Section 45.1 of this Article. If either party shall claim before the Arbitrator that a particular grievance fails to meet the tests of arbitrability, the Arbitrator shall proceed to decide such issue provided that the Arbitrator may hear the case upon the merits before rendering a decision on arbitrability. If the grievance concerns matters not subject to arbitration, the Arbitrator shall return the grievance and all documents relating thereto to the parties without decision.
- 32.13 The Arbitrator shall have no power to add to, or subtract from, or modify any of the terms of this Collective Bargaining Agreement. He shall have no power to specify the terms of a new Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- 32.14 The Arbitrator's powers shall be limited to deciding whether the Township violated the express Articles or Sections of this Collective Bargaining Agreement and he shall not imply obligations or conditions binding upon the Township from this Collective Bargaining Agreement, it being understood that any matter not specifically set forth herein remains within the reserved rights of the Township.

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32.15 There shall be no appeal from the Arbitrator's decision if within the scope of this authority as set forth above. It shall be final and binding on the Union, its members, the employee or employees involved and the Township.

# ARTICLE XXXIII SEVERABILITY AND SAVINGS

- 33.1 This collective bargaining agreement is subject to the laws of the State of Michigan with respect to the powers, rights, duties, and obligations of the Township, the union and the employees in the bargaining unit, and in the event that any provision of this Collective Bargaining Agreement shall at any time be held to be contrary to the laws of this State by a court of competent jurisdiction from whose final judgment or decrees no appeal has been taken with the time provided therefore, such provisions shall be void and inoperative. However, all other provisions of this Collective Bargaining Agreement shall, insofar as possible, continue in full force and effect.
- 33.2 All applicable departmental rules, regulations, directions, general orders, or special orders, including any amendments thereto, shall apply to all police officers, unless specifically overruled or inconsistent with the terms of this agreement. If the rules, regulations, directions or orders are inconsistent with this agreement, this agreement shall prevail.

# ARTICLE XXXIV EXTENSION

34.1 In the event that negotiations for any modifications or termination extend beyond the termination date of this Collective Bargaining Agreement, the terms and conditions of this Collective Bargaining Agreement shall remain in full force and effect pending a new Collective Bargaining Agreement between the parties.

## ARTICLE XXXV DURATION OF AGREEMENT

The provisions of this Collective Bargaining Agreement shall be effective from the date of signing, unless specifically dated in this Collective Bargaining Agreement, and shall continue and remain in full force and effect to and including December 31, 2008 and thereafter for successive periods of one (1) year unless either party shall, at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the agreement, serve written notice on the other party of a desire to terminate, modify, alter, amend, renegotiate, or change, or any combination thereof, shall have the effect of terminating the entire Collective Bargaining Agreement on the expiration date in the same manner as a notice of desire to terminate unless before that date all subjects of amendment proposed by either party have been disposed of by agreement or by withdrawal, by the party proposing amendment.

## ARTICLE XXXVI SUCCESSOR'S CLAUSE

36.1 This Collective Bargaining Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto until the expiration of this Collective Bargaining Agreement, unless otherwise extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

The parties agree that the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Charter Township of Plymouth and the Police Officers Association of Michigan, effective January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2008, shall remain in full force and effect through December 31,2008.

POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

BY: Gerald Radovic

**Business Agent** 

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

BY: Richard Reaume

Township Supervisor

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Michael Lego

President

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Marilyn Mássengill

Township Clerk

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH DRUG TESTING POLICY

#### I. <u>Purpose</u>

The Charter Township of Plymouth and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) have established a drug program covering sworn members of the Police Department. The main focus of this program is to have employees with drug addiction volunteer for treatment and rehabilitation and provide all police dispatcher and police service aides with notice of the provisions of the Department drug testing program.

## II. Policy

It is the policy of this department that the critical mission of law enforcement justifies maintenance of a drug-free work environment through the use of a reasonable employee drug testing program.

The law enforcement profession has several uniquely compelling interests that justify the use of employee drug testing. The public has a right to expect that those who are sworn to protect them are at all times both physically and mentally prepared to assume these duties. There is sufficient evidence to conclude that the use of controlled substances and other forms of drug abuse will seriously impair an officer's physical and mental health and, thus, job performance.

Where law enforcement officers participate in illegal drug use and drug activity, the integrity of the law enforcement profession and public confidence in that integrity are destroyed. This confidence is further eroded by the potential for corruption created by drug use.

Therefore, in order to ensure the integrity of the department and to preserve public trust and confidence in a fit and drug free law enforcement profession, this department will implement a drug testing program to detect prohibited drug use by police dispatcher and police service aides and probationary police officers on July 1, 1991.

#### III. Definitions

- A. <u>Supervisor</u>. Those sworn officers assigned to a position having day-to-day responsibilities for supervising subordinates, or who are responsible for commanding a work element.
- B. <u>Drug Test</u>. The compulsory or voluntary production and submission of urine by an officer in accordance with departmental procedures, for chemical analysis to detect prohibited drug usage.

- C. <u>Reasonable Suspicion</u>. That quantity of proof or evidence that is more than a hunch, but less than probable cause. Reasonable suspicion must be based on specific, objective facts and any rationally derived inferences from those facts about the conduct of an individual that would lead the reasonable person to suspect that the individual is or has been using drugs while on or off duty.
- D. MRO Medical Review officer. The medical review officer is a physician knowledgeable in the medical use of prescription drugs and the pharmacology and toxicology of illicit drugs. The MRO will be a licensed physician with knowledge of substance abuse disorders. The MRO shall have the appropriate medical training to interpret and evaluate an individual's test results with his or her medical history and any other relevant biomedical information.

#### IV. Procedure/Rules

## A. <u>Prohibited Activity</u>

The following rules shall apply to all applicants, all employees, police dispatch and police service aides while on and off duty:

- 1. No employee shall illegally possess any controlled substance.
- 2. No employee shall ingest any controlled or prescribed substance, except under the direction of a licensed medical practitioner.
- 3. Any employee who unintentionally ingests, or is made to ingest, a controlled substance shall immediately report the incident to his/her supervisor so that appropriate medical steps may be taken to ensure the officer's health and safety.
- 4. Discipline, for any violation of this drug policy shall be in accordance with the department's rules and regulations, policies and procedures and the current collective bargaining agreement. When there is reasonable suspicion that an employee is in violation of the policy, the employee may be ordered to take a drug test. If the drug test is positive, the employee may be immediately relieved of duty pending a department investigation at the discretion of the Chief of Police or his designee.

#### B. Applicant Drug Testing

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- 1. Applicants for the position of police dispatcher or Police Service Aide shall be required to take a drug test as a condition of employment during a pre-employment medical examination.
- 2. Applicant shall be disqualified from further consideration for employment under the following circumstances:
  - A. Refusal to submit to a required drug test; or
  - B. A confirmed positive drug test indicating drug use prohibited by this policy.

#### C. Probationary Employee Drug Testing

All probationary Dispatcher or Police Service Aides, shall be required as a condition of employment to participate in any unannounced drug test scheduled for the probationary period. The frequency and timing of such tests shall be determined by the Chief or his designee. They may be tested prior to completion of the probationary period.

#### D. Officer Drug Testing

- 1. Employees shall be required to take drug tests as a condition of continued employment in order to ascertain prohibited drug use, as provided below.
- 2. The Chief of Police may order an employee to take a drug test upon reasonable suspicion that the employee is or has been using drugs. A summary of the facts supporting the order shall be made available to the employee prior to the actual test.
- 3. The Chief of Police may order an officer to take a drug test upon documented reasonable suspicion that the officer is or has been using drugs. A summary of the facts supporting the order shall be made available to the officer prior to the actual test.
- 4. A drug test will be administered as part of any promotional medical examination required by this department.
- 5. A drug screening test shall be considered as a condition of acceptance to any Narcotic Unit assignment. Furthermore, the members of the Narcotic Unit will be tested randomly at least once every six months and also when they leave the unit. The members shall be eligible for coverage under the last chance rehabilitation provision set forth in this policy.

#### E. Penalty

Violation of any provision of this drug testing policy shall be grounds for disciplinary action. Discipline shall be administered in accordance with the Plymouth Township Police Department's Rules and Regulations, and may include discharge from the Police Department. Any discipline issued remains subject to review in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

#### F. Rehabilitation Program

- 1. Under this program, any employee may volunteer to enter a drug education/rehabilitation program. With regard to marijuana use, this program will require the individual to participate in a Township approved/supervised drug education program as directed by the Township, followed by unannounced periodic testing for drugs. With regard to drugs or controlled substances other than marijuana, this program will require the individual's enrollment in a Township approved/supervised in-patient participation in a Township facility, followed by approved/supervised out-patient treatment program as directed by the Township. Participants in both the rehabilitation/treatment program and the education program will be subject to unannounced periodic testing for drugs for a period of two (2) years. Any further use of any controlled substance under any circumstance may thereafter result in the employee's suspension and dismissal from the Police Department. Furthermore, the failure to fully participate in and/or successfully complete the prescribed education or rehabilitation and follow-up program may constitute grounds for dismissal.
- 2. The drug education program and in-patient treatment referred to in this section shall be paid for by the employee, subject to the Township provided insurance program.
- 3. Employees will be allowed to use accrued sick leave benefits until such time as the Township, based on medical evidence, determines they are capable of returning to active duty. Time spent on out-patient treatment after an employee is reinstated shall be on the employee's own time. Successful completion of the prescribed treatment program and certification by a physician, designated by the Township, are required prior to returning to active duty. Participation in the rehabilitation program requires the employee to sign an authorization for release of medical records.

## G. Drug Testing Procedures

- 1. The testing procedures and safeguards provided in this policy, to ensure the integrity of department drug testing, shall be adhered to by any laboratory personnel administering departmental drug tests.
- 2. Laboratory personnel authorized to administer departmental drug tests shall require positive identification from each Employee to be tested before the Employee enters the testing area.
- 3. In order to prevent a false positive test result, a pre-test interview shall be conducted by testing personnel to ascertain and document the Employee's recent use of any prescription or non-prescription drugs, or any indirect exposure to drugs; however, medical information may be given to the laboratory testing personnel on a voluntary basis. If the test results are positive, it will be mandatory that the employee divulge the necessary medical information to the Medical Review Officer that may have lead to a false positive test.
- 4. The bathroom facility of the testing area shall be private and secure.
  - A. Authorized testing personnel shall search the testing area before an Employee enters it to produce a urine sample, and document that it is free of any foreign substances.
- 5. Where the Employee appears unable or unwilling to give a specimen at the time of the test, testing personnel shall document the circumstances on the drug-test report form. The Employee shall be permitted no more than eight hours to give a sample, during which time he shall remain in the testing area, under observation., however, the employee may allow a blood sample to be drawn. Reasonable amounts of water may be given to the employee to encourage urination. Failure to submit a sample shall be considered a refusal to submit a drug test, except for good cause as determined by the M.R.O.
- 6. The urine/blood sample will be split and stored in case of legal disputes. The samples must be provided at the same time, and marked and placed in identical specimen containers by authorized testing personnel. One sample shall be submitted for immediate drug testing. The other sample shall remain at the facility in frozen storage. This sample shall be made available to the employee or his Union, prior to disciplinary action, should the original sample result in a legal dispute. The employee must request the same within 72 hours of being notified of a positive and confirmatory

test by the Medical Review Officer. All groups of negative samples may be destroyed after seven (7) days.

- 7. All specimen samples shall be sealed, labeled, initialed by the Employee and laboratory technician, and checked against the identity of the employee to ensure the results match the test specimen. Samples shall be stored in a secured and refrigerated atmosphere until testing or delivery to the testing lab representative.
- 8. Whenever there is a reason to believe that the Employee may have altered or substituted the specimen to be provided, a second specimen shall be obtained within a reasonable period of time.

The laboratory personnel will take the appropriate necessary steps to assure the integrity of the second specimen.

### H. <u>Drug Testing Methodology</u>

- 1. The testing or processing phase shall consist of a two-step procedure:
  - a. initial screening test
  - b. confirmation test
- 2. The urine sample is first tested using the initial drug screening procedure. An initial positive test result will not be considered conclusive; rather, it will be classified as "confirmation pending." Notification of test results to the supervisor or other departmental designee shall be held until the confirmation test results are obtained and verified by the M.R.O.
- 3. A specimen testing positive will undergo an additional confirmatory test. The confirmation procedure shall be technologically different and more sensitive than the initial screening test.
- 4. The drug screening tests selected shall be capable of identifying marijuana, cocaine and every major drug of abuse including heroin, amphetamines and barbiturates. Personnel utilized for testing will be qualified to collect urine samples, or adequately trained in collection procedures.
- 5. Concentrations of a drug at or about the following levels shall be considered a positive test result when using the initial immunoassay drug screening test:

#### **Initial Test Level**

	(ng/ml)
Marijuana metabolite	100
Cocaine metabolite	
Opiate metabolite	300 *
Phencyclidine	25
Amphetamines	
Barbiturates	

<sup>\*25</sup>ng/ml if immunoassay-specific for free morphine.

Concentrations of a drug at or above the following levels shall be considered a positive test result when performing a confirmatory CG/MS test on a urine specimen that tested positive using a technologically different test than the initial screening method:

#### **Confirmatory Test Level**

Marijuana metabolite	15 *
Cocaine metabolite	150 **
Opiates:	
Morphine	300 +
Codeine	
Phencyclidine	
Amphetamines	
Amphetamine	500
Methamphetamine	
* Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid	
**Benzoylecgonine	
+ 25ng/ml if immunoassay-specific for free morphine	
Barbiturates	300

- 6. The laboratory selected to conduct the analysis shall be experienced and capable of quality control, documentation, chain-of-custody, technical expertise and demonstrated proficiency in urinalysis.
- 7. Employees having negative drug test results shall receive a memorandum stating that no illegal drugs were found. A copy of the letter will be placed in the Employee's personnel file upon the Employee's request.

8. Any employee who interferes with the testing process or breaches the confidentiality of test results shall be subject to discipline.

#### I. <u>Chain of Evidence - Storage</u>

- 1. Each step in the collecting and processing of the urine specimens shall be documented to establish procedural integrity and the chain of custody.
- 2. Where a positive result is confirmed, urine specimens shall be maintained in a secured, refrigerated storage area. If a dispute arises the specimens will be stored until all legal disputes are settled.

## J. <u>Drug Test Results</u>

1. All records pertaining to departmental-required drug tests shall remain confidential, and shall not be provided to other employers or agencies without the written permission of the person whose records are sought. However, medical, administrative, and immediate supervisory personnel may have access to relevant portions of the records as necessary to insure the acceptable performance of the Employee's job duties.

## K. <u>Procedures for Implementation of the Last Chance Agreement</u>

- 1. At the discretion of the Chief of Police, the last chance agreement may also be offered to any Officer whose drug test has been confirmed positive by the Medical Review Officer. This does not apply to a person seeking voluntary rehabilitation under Paragraph F above who shall be given a last chance agreement as described herein.
- 2. Standard letter of conditions for continued employment (last chance agreement) must be signed by Department and employee.
- 3. An Employee must attend an employee assistance program and/or an authorized rehabilitation source.
- 4. Employee must sign a form releasing any and all information to management as may be requested.
- 5. Employee must complete a rehabilitation program as prescribed by the employee assistance program and/or an authorized rehabilitation source.
- 6. Employee must pass a medical examination administered by a medical facility designated by the Chief of Police prior to being allowed to return

- to duty. The examination shall only screen for drug use and the physical impact of the prior drug usage.
- 7. Employee may be allowed to use sick time or any other accrued paid time and apply for a medical leave of absence if required, while undergoing rehabilitation.
- 8. Once authorized to return to duty, the Employee must submit to periodic urinalysis on a timetable as may be determined by the Chief of Police.
- 9. The Employee shall be subject to the terms of this program for three (3) years after their return to work.
- 10. The Employee must agree in writing that the Employee will be automatically terminated if a violation of any portion of this program occurs at any time during it's enforcement term.
- 11. Employee must be advised that the Employee is not obligated to sign the agreement and be advised he has the right to seek the counsel of his legal and/or labor representative.

# **LAST CHANCE AGREEMENT**

	Re:	
	Where	as, the above referenced individual was found guilty of violating the departmental
drug ord		, and;
reinstate	÷	as, the Charter Township of Plymouth Police Department will conditionally to the position of, provided
classific	ation as	found by medical examination to be capable of performing all the duties of the determined by the Charter Township of Plymouth Police Department and subject terms and conditions being met and maintained;
	Now, t	herefore, it is agreed that:
	1.	Employee must sign a form releasing any and all information to management as may be requested.
	2.	Employee must complete a rehabilitation program as prescribed by an employee assistance program and/or a Township authorized rehabilitation source.
	3.	Employee must pass a medical examination administered by a medical facility designated by the Chief of Police prior to being allowed to return to duty. The examination shall only screen for drug use and the physical impact of the prior drug usage.
	4.	Employee may be allowed to use sick time or any other accrued time and apply for an unpaid medical leave of absence if required, while undergoing rehabilitation.
	5.	Once authorized to return to duty, the Employee must submit to a periodic urinalysis on a timetable as may be determined by the Chief of Police.
	6.	Upon clearance by the medical facility designated by the Chief of Police, shall be returned to the Police Department as a
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7.	Once returned to duty, Employee will present himself
	to the department approved employee assistance program for evaluation, and
	agree to, as well as follow any and all directives given him by the employee
	assistance program for a period of not more three (3) years. Officer
	agrees to sign appropriate forms releasing any
	and all information to the Police Department as may be requested. Failure to
	follow the employees assistance program directives are grounds for discharge,
	subject to review pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement of only the
	discharge for failure to follow E.A.P. directives.
	district to the terms of the te
8.	Employee shall submit to controlled substance testing at the
•	discretion of the Chief of Police. If any such test shows a positive result for the
	presence of a controlled substance, Employee will be
	discharged from employment with the Charter Township of Plymouth, subject to
	review pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement of only the discharge for
	a positive test result hereunder.
	a positive test result hereunder.
9.	Employee will be credited with seniority, for
<b>7.</b>	promotional purposes, for time separated from the Police Department between
	and the date of return to duty. No other wage is due or
	owing, and Employee waives any claim thereto.
	owing, and Employee waives any claim thereto.
10.	The Union shall withdraw with prejudice the grievance # and
10.	shall release and discharge the Employer from any and all claims, if any, relating
	thereto. The Employer shall release and discharge the Union and Employee
	from any and all claims relating thereto. Employee shall
	release and discharge the Union and the Employer from any and all claims
	relating to grievance #, including but not limited to the
	processing and arbitration of this grievance. Further, Employee
	releases the Township, its officials, officers, agents, employees and Union from
	all liability and claims he may have had or now has with respect to his
	employment with the Charter Township of Plymouth whether such claims or
	liability arise under Federal or State statute, constitutional provisions, principles
	of common law, or under the collective bargaining agreement between the
	Township of Plymouth and the Police Officers Association of Michigan.
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11.	All parties have had the opportunity to consult legal counsel and have carefully
	and completely read and understood all the terms of this settlement agreement.

without any duress or coercion.

This settlement agreement is freely and voluntarily entered into by all parties

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- 12. The parties agree that this agreement is entered into as a full and final settlement of the above referenced matter, and is to have no presidential value. Furthermore, the actions taken by the parties in settling this matter are not meant to establish a practice or right to be utilized in any other grievance, claim, or litigation.
- 13. In the event the Employee grieves and attempts to process to arbitration any discipline imposed as a condition of this last chance agreement, said grievance shall be barred by release and waiver, and an arbitrator shall have no authority to modify the penalty imposed by the Police Department.

DATED THIS	DAY OF		
EMPLOYEE	TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	<del></del>	
UNION REPRESENTATIVE	POLICE CHIEF	<del></del>	

# $\frac{TRADING\ OF\ DAYS\ AGREEMENT}{DISPATCHER/PSAs}$

Ι,	_, hereby agree	to work for	on	for	(Name)
		(Name)	(Date)	for(No. of Hours)	
from	to				
	(Starting)	(Ending)			
		I will be responsib bove-listed date.	le for the fulfill	ment of all duties and respons	sibilities as if regularly
			(Signature	e of Person Agreeing to Work	)
			(Date)		
I,		, her	eby agree to rep	pay this time within the calend	lar year.
			(Signature	e of Person Trading Time)	
			(Date)	<del></del>	
		APPROVED	:	1.	

Charter Township of Plymouth

# Wage Scale for Full-Time Dispatchers

Annualize d Wage Effective:	1/1/03	1/1/04	1/1/05	1/1/06	7/1/06	1/1/07	7/1/07	1/1/08	7/1/08
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	increase	increase )	increase	increase )	increase )	increase )	increase )	increase )	increase )
Start	\$31,059	\$31,991	\$32,951	\$33,940	\$34,958	\$36,007	\$37,087	\$38,200	\$39,346
After 1 yr.	\$33,433	\$34,436	\$35,469	\$36,533	\$37,629	\$38,758	\$39,921	\$41,119	\$42,353
After 2 yrs.	2 \$34,687	\$35,728	\$36,800	\$37,904	\$39,041	\$40,212	\$41,418	\$42,661	\$43,941
After 3 yrs.	3 \$36,563	\$37,660	\$38,790	\$39,954	\$41,153	\$42,388	\$43,660	\$44,970	\$46,319

# Wage Scale for Part-Time Dispatchers

Annualize d Wage Effective:		1/1/04	1/1/05	1/1/06	7/1/06	1/1/07	7/1/07	1/1/08	7/1/08
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Start	\$14.94	\$15.39	\$15.85	\$16.33	\$16.82	\$17.32	\$17.84	\$18.38	\$18.93
After 1 yr.	\$16.08	\$16.56	\$17.06	\$17.57	\$18.10	\$18.64	\$19.20	\$19.78	\$20.37
After 2 yrs.	\$16.68	\$17.18	\$17.70	\$18.23	\$18.78	\$19.34	\$19.92	\$20.52	\$21.13
After 3 yrs.	\$17.58	\$18.11	\$18.65	\$19.21	\$19.79	\$20.38	\$20.99	\$21.62	\$22.27

Name		Seniority Date
Turley, Melanie	Melanie	8/7/1998
Parrilla, Kathleen	Kathleen	12/7/1998
Innes, Donna	Innes	1/25/1999
Smith, Stephanie	Stefanie	6/12/2000
Worden, Angela	Angela	7/3/2000
Clark, Kristina	Kristina	2/26/2001
Yudt, Raymond	Raymond	6/19/2001
DeVore, Robert	Robert	3/5/2002
Hayes, Jason	Jason	6/27/2002
Fell, Cynthia	Fell	5/13/2004
Berezak, Jennifer	Jennifer	12/26/2004

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		POAM (PSA/DISPATCH) DATES
	NAME	FOR RETIREMENT PUPOSES
Turley	Melanie	8/7/1998
Parrilla	Kathleen	12/7/1998
Innes	Innes	1/25/1999
Smith	Stefanie	6/12/2000
Worden	Angela	7/3/2000
Clark	Kristina	2/26/2001
Yudt	Raymond	6/19/2001
DeVore	Robert	3/5/2002
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Fell	Fell	5/13/2004
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