COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

between

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE



THE CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION SEIU Local 2001 (Police Inspectors Council)



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ARTICLE 1 - PREAMBLE

The State of Connecticut, acting by and through the State of Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice, hereinafter called "the Division" or "the Employer," and the Connecticut State Employees Association, hereinafter called "the Union" or "CSEA,"

Witnesseth:

Whereas the parties of this Agreement desire to establish a state of amicable understanding, cooperation and harmony; and

Whereas the parties of this Agreement consider themselves mutually responsible to improve the public service through increased morale, efficiency and productivity;

Now, therefore, the parties mutually agree as follows.

ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION

The Division of Criminal Justice of Connecticut herein recognizes the Connecticut State Employees Association as the exclusive representative of the employees in permanent positions regularly working twenty (20) or more hours per week in the job titles Inspector, and Supervisory Inspector, but excluding Chief Inspector as certified by the State Labor Relations Board in Case No. SE-4705.

Accordingly, this Agreement shall pertain only to those employees whose job titles fall within the certification above cited and shall not apply to employees who are paid on a temporary payroll. Persons otherwise eligible serving a working test period are included.

ARTICLE 3 - NON-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Section 1. The parties agree that neither party shall discriminate against any employee on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex (including pregnancy, sexual harassment, transgender status, sexual orientation or civil union status, and gender identity or expression) age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, physical disability including, but not limited to, blindness, learning disability, intellectual disability, present or past history of mental disability, genetic information, military service, workplace hazards to reproductive systems, criminal record (in state employment and licensing)veteran status or lawful political activity.

Section 2. Neither party shall discriminate against an employee on the basis of membership or non-membership or lawful activity in behalf of the exclusive bargaining agent.

Section 3. Affirmative Action. The parties acknowledge the need for positive and aggressive affirmative action to redress the effects of past discrimination, if any, whether intentional or unintentional; to eliminate present discrimination, if any; to prevent further discrimination and to ensure equal opportunity in the application of this Agreement. Problems, either ripe or anticipated, which impact upon the philosophy and/or directives of this section, shall be appropriate for continuing discussion between the parties.

Section 4. In connection with Sections 1 and 2 above:

(a) An employee, the Union, or the Union on behalf of an employee alleging conduct or action inconsistent with the obligation to avoid such discrimination, shall promptly report any alleged discrimination to an appropriate official with supervisory authority over the person alleged to have engaged in such conduct. Reasonable efforts shall be made to resolve the situation prior to resorting to grievance arbitration.

(b) If the requirements of paragraph (a) have been met, and there has been no reasonable offer to disavow or otherwise cure any perceived discrimination, a grievance may be filed at an appropriate step.

(c) In any arbitration proceeding alleging a violation of Section 1 or 2, the Arbitrator shall determine whether the grievant has shown by a fair preponderance of the evidence, including, where appropriate, the surrounding circumstances, that the official responsible for the adverse action was motivated by discriminatory considerations but for which the action would not have been taken.

Section 5. Disputes involving alleged discrimination shall not be arbitrable if the obligations of Sections 4(a) and 4(b) have not been met.

ARTICLE 4 - NO STRIKES - NO LOCKOUTS

Section 1.

(a) The exclusive representative shall not engage in, induce, support, encourage, or condone a strike, sympathy strike, work stoppage, slowdown, concerted withholding, interruption or disruption of services, sickout, or any interference with the mission of the Division of Criminal Justice. This Article shall be deemed to prohibit the concerted boycott or refusal of overtime work.

(b) Similarly, employees shall not engage in, induce, support, or encourage such activities.

Section 2. The Union shall exert its best efforts to prevent or terminate any violation of Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3. The Employer agrees that during the life of this Agreement there shall be no lockout.

ARTICLE 5 - ENTIRE AGREEMENT

Section 1. This Agreement, upon ratification, constitutes the complete and entire Agreement between the parties and concludes collective bargaining for its term. No amendment to this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing, ratified, and executed by the parties.

Section 2. The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the areas of collective bargaining, and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, the Division of Criminal Justice and the Union, for the duration of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to:

(1) any subjects or matters referred to or covered in this Agreement, or

(2) any subjects or matters not referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subjects or matters may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The parties recognize the central role of the Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice as an independent agency of state government in assuring compliance with the laws, the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, and the United States Constitution. The parties also recognize that the users of the Division's services, including the general public, demand the prompt and efficient adjudication of complaints and disputes, and insist upon the fullest protection of statutory, civil, and constitutional rights.

Unless an express, specific provision of this Agreement provides otherwise, the Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice, acting through the Chief State's Attorney and such other officials as may be authorized to act on its behalf, retains all the rights and prerogatives it had prior to the signing of this Agreement either by law, custom, practice, usage or precedent to manage and control the Division.

Such rights include, but are not limited to, establishing standards of productivity and performance of its employees, including establishing qualifications for ability to perform work in classes and/or ratings; determining its budget, its mission, and the methods, means and personnel necessary to fulfill that mission, including the contracting out, or the discontinuation of services, positions, or programs in whole or in part; the determination of the content of job classifications; the appointment, promotion, assignment, direction and transfer of personnel; the suspension, demotion, discharge or any other disciplinary action against its employees; the layoff of its employees because of lack of work or other legitimate reasons as stated in Article 14 (Reduction in Force); to determine the hours, days when, and locations where the courts will be in operation; to enforce existing rules and regulations for the management of the Division, and to add to, eliminate, or modify such rules or regulations as it deems appropriate; and take whatever actions may be necessary to carry out its responsibilities in situations of emergency.

Management also reserves the right to decide whether, when, and how to exercise its prerogatives, whether or not enumerated in this Agreement. Accordingly, the failure to exercise any right shall

not be deemed waiver.

ARTICLE 7- UNION SECURITY AND PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Section 1. Consistent with labor laws and precedent, an employee retains the freedom of choice whether or not to become or remain a member of the Union designated as the exclusive bargaining agent.

Section 2. The Division shall deduct Union dues biweekly from the paycheck of each employee who provides the Union authorization to receive such deduction from the State within thirty (30) days of the Union providing written certification of said authorization to the State. The Union shall also provide to the Division's Labor Relations Administrator, a digital list of all employees who have authorized dues deduction in a format dictated by the Division. Biweekly, the Union shall provide a report of dues deduction changes including any "starts and stops." By providing such list, the Union certifies that each employee has knowingly and willfully consented to the payroll deduction. Within 10 business days of receipt, the Union shall notify the Division's Labor Relations Administrator, in writing, of any revocations of said authorizations and the effective date of the same.

Section 3. The parties recognize that the authorization of the Union to receive payroll deductions is an agreement solely between the Union and its members which the member may revoke consistent with the Union's membership rules. Below is the version of the agreement currently available and in use which bargaining unit members are to sign. Should this language change, the Union will provide the Division with an updated version within ten (10) business days, and the Division will update later-printed versions of this CBA accordingly.

I recognize the need for a strong union and believe everyone represented by our union should pay their fair share to support the union's activities. I hereby request and voluntarily authorize my employer to deduct form my earnings and to pay over to CSEA an amount equal to the regular monthly dues uniformly applicable to members of CSEA. This authorization shall remain in effect and shall be irrevocable unless I revoke it by sending written notice via US mail to both the employer and CSEA during the period not less than thirty (30) days and not more than forty-five (45) days before the annual anniversary date of this agreement or the date of termination of the applicable contract between the employer and CSEA, whichever occurs sooner. This authorization shall be automatically renewed as an irrevocable check-off from year to year unless I revoke it in writing during the window period, even if I have resigned my membership in CSEA.

Should a bargaining unit member approach the Division or its agents seeking to terminate or modify his or her contractual relationship with the Union, that bargaining unit member will be directed to communicate such intent directly with to the Union. In such case, the Division may notify the employee of its obligation to comply with this Article, including Section Two above. If the Division is informed of a dispute between a bargaining unit member and the Union concerning the obligation to withhold union dues, it may invoke Section 4.

Section 4. Upon request of the Division, the Union shall provide legally sufficient proof of the authorization to continue to collect dues through payroll deduction to the Division for any employee who disputes said authorization. If the requested proof of authorization is not provided within seven (7) calendar days of the request, the Division will cease withholding union dues for that employee not later than the first day of the following payroll period. Upon request, the Division may request a dues reconciliation not more than twice per contract year.

Section 5. The amount of dues deducted, under this Article, together with a list of all employees for whom said deductions were made, and a list of all employees in the bargaining unit, in an editable digital format, shall be remitted to the Union as soon as practicable after the payroll period in which such deductions are made.

Section 6. The existing system of voluntary payroll deduction for the Union's political action fund shall be continued. Authorization for such deduction by the employee shall be provided in writing by the Union to the Division's Labor Relations Administrator.

Section 7. No payroll deduction of dues or agency service fees shall be made from workers' compensation or for any payroll period in which earnings received are insufficient to cover the amount of deduction, nor shall such deductions be retroactive.

Section 8. Payroll deductions of Union dues shall not be made for other employee organizations not party to this Agreement.

Section 9. The Employer shall continue its practice of payroll deductions as authorized by employees for purposes other than payment of Union dues provided any such payroll deduction has been approved by the Employer in advance.

Section 10. The Union shall indemnify the State of Connecticut for any liability or damages incurred by the employer, excluding attorneys' fees, in compliance with this Article.

ARTICLE 8 - UNION RIGHTS

Section 1. Within ninety (90) days of the execution of this Agreement, the Union will furnish the Employer with a complete list of officers designated to represent any segment or segments of the employees covered by this Agreement, specifying the jurisdiction and location of each union officer or group of union officers, provided that the jurisdiction of each officer shall be limited to such geographical boundaries as are mutually agreed. The Union shall send this list to the Division's Director of Labor Relations at least annually on or about July 1 of each calendar year, and, in addition, shall notify the Employer whenever there is a change in Union officers or assignments.

Section 2. Except as otherwise provided, Employer representatives shall deal with Uniondesignated stewards or representatives exclusively in the processing of grievances or any other aspect of contract administration.

Section 3. Access to Premises. Union staff representatives shall be permitted to enter the work premises of the Division at any reasonable time for the purpose of discussing, processing, or investigating filed or potential grievances workplace-related complaints and other workplace issues, or otherwise performing Union business, provided that (1) they give notice of their presence immediately upon arrival to the supervisor in charge, and (2) they do not interfere with

the performance of duties. Within ninety (90) days of execution of this Agreement, the Union will furnish the Employer with a current list of its staff personnel and their jurisdiction and shall maintain the currency of said list.

Section 4. Role of the Steward in Processing Grievances. The stewards will obtain permission from their immediate supervisors to leave their work assignments in order to carry out their duties, properly and expeditiously, in connection with this Agreement. Permission from supervisors, based upon the work situation, will not be unreasonably withheld.

Before contacting an employee, the steward will first report to and obtain permission to see the employee from the employee's supervisor. If the supervisor is not available, the steward will obtain permission from the person left in charge. Permission from supervisors, based upon the work situation, will not be unreasonably withheld. A steward's pass, signed by his/her supervisor, shall be utilized as a request by stewards to meet with employees or employees to meet with stewards, and shall state the name of the employee involved or steward, his/her location and the location to be visited. Request and utilization of such pass shall imply immediate need for conducting important Union business. Stewards thus engaged will report back to their supervisors on completion of such duties and return to their job and will suffer no loss of pay or other benefits as a result thereof. The sufficiency of steward coverage shall be a subject of continuing consultation between the Employer and the Union. The Union will cooperate in preventing abuse of this Section.

Section 5. Bulletin Board. The Employer shall furnish reasonable bulletin board space, where presently available, in each location which the Union may utilize for its announcements. In any location presently leased by the Employer where there is currently no bulletin board, the Employer agrees that the Union may make arrangements with the lessor to provide and to install at the Union's expense a bulletin board in an area and position to be agreed upon by the Employer.

Bulletin board space shall not be used for material that is of a partisan political nature, or is inflammatory or derogatory to the Employer. The Union shall limit its posting of notices and bulletins to such bulletin board space.

Section 6. Access to Information. The Employer agrees to provide the Union, upon request and adequate notice, access to materials and information which are necessary for the Union to fulfill its responsibility to administer this Agreement, The Union shall reimburse the Employer for the expense and time spent for photocopying information.

The Union shall not have access to information which the Employer reasonably determines is privileged or confidential, or information gathered prior to April 6, 1978, unless and until such information constitutes the basis, in whole or in part, for disciplinary action as defined in this Agreement, or constitutes the basis for a decision not to select an employee for a promotion as defined in this Agreement.

In denying the Union access to information, the Employer shall state in reasonable detail the basis of the denial.

Section 7.

(a) Delegates to the annual CSEA convention not to exceed two (2) for the Inspectors Bargaining Unit - shall be granted, subject to operating needs and prior notification to the Chief State's Attorney, leave without loss of pay or benefits for two (2) days, to attend said convention. Delegates scheduled to work on a Saturday shall also be excused to attend the third day of said convention. Two (2) alternate delegates for the Inspectors bargaining unit shall be granted approval by the Chief State's Attorney to attend the CSEA convention, without loss of pay or benefits for two (2) days, with prior notification and unless not feasible due to operational need.

(b) Any Division of Criminal Justice employee elected to the office of president or secretary/treasurer of the Union will be eligible, subject to the operating needs of the Division, for an unpaid leave of absence not to exceed one (1) year. An extension not to exceed one (1) additional year may be granted subject to the approval of the Chief State's Attorney. Upon return from such leave the Employer shall offer said employee a position relatively equal to the former position in pay, benefits, and duties, at the rates in force at the time of return from such leave. Upon return from such leave, the employees shall have the right to purchase back retirement credits for the period of the leave, provided that the employee or the Union shall pay the State's and the employee's contributions for the period of the leave and provided such purchase is approved by the State Retirement Commission.

(c) There is hereby established in the Inspectors' unit a bank of three (3) days leave per contract year for use by the Union to conduct its business. Time used for the CSEA annual convention, processing or investigating grievances or Steward training shall not be charged to this bank of hours. The Union shall give written notice to the Chief State's Attorney or his designee, ordinarily fourteen (14) days in advance, specifying the dates or release, the names of employees to be released and their work locations, and permission by the Chief State's Attorney shall not be unreasonably withheld. Time off under this section shall be granted in no less than half-day units.

Section 8. Orientation and Training. The Union will provide each new employee with a copy of the collective bargaining agreement then in force and will furnish such employee with the name(s) of his/her steward(s). All new members of the bargaining unit shall be released from work for one (1) hour without loss of pay, to attend a Union orientation. If the Employer chooses, that orientation may be combined with a new hire orientation conducted by the Employer. In such case, the Employer will provide the Union with not less than ten (10) days' written electronic notice of the time and location of such orientation. Management shall not be present during the Union's orientation. If the Employer chooses not to schedule its orientation within 30 days of an employee's hire, or not to add the Union orientation to the Employer orientation, the Union shall schedule the orientation at its discretion but consistent with the Employer's operational needs. The Union orientation will include the Union providing all new employees with a copy of this agreement. The Employer will cooperate in permitting a common meal period for the steward and any newly hired employee within five (5) work days of hire.

The Division will provide notice to the Union, in an editable digital format, of new members of the bargaining unit, as soon as practicable after their hire, and no later than ten (10) workdays of the commencement of employment. Such notice will be by email to the Union at an address designated by the Union and shall include, at a minimum, the new bargaining unit member's name, agency, job title, department, work location, work telephone number (if available), home address, and effective date of action. The Division will provide the Union with a monthly report of the separations in the bargaining unit. The report shall contain the employee name, agency, job title and effective date of the action

Section 9. Steward Training. The Division and CSEA agree that in order to promote the precepts as incorporated in the Preamble of this Agreement, and for the expeditious and reasonable processing of disputes under this Agreement, initial steward training shall be a valuable asset in promoting these goals. To that end, the Division of Criminal Justice agrees to allow each steward up to two (2) days of training, without loss of pay or benefits, to a maximum of five (5) stewards. Stewards shall be granted time off for training and representational duties subject to the provisions of Section 7(c) of this Article.

Section 10. The Union shall have the right to use the Division's electronic mail systems to communicate with bargaining unit members regarding collective bargaining, the administration of collective bargaining agreements, the investigation and processing of grievances, other workplace-related complaints and issues, and internal matters involving the governance or business of the Union. Individual employees are permitted to use a Division computer or other device to visit the Union's website, and to use a Division computer or other device and email to interact with an authorized Union representative in matters involving collective bargaining, the administration of collective bargaining agreements, grievances, other workplace-related complaints and issues, and internal matters involving collective bargaining.

ARTICLE 9 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. Definitions.

(a) A grievance is defined as a written complaint involving an alleged violation or application or interpretation of a specific provision of this Agreement.

(b) A grievance is also defined as a written complaint involving the allegation of a person of unfair treatment of an employee by the Employer, subject to the following:

(1) unfair treatment grievances may be processed only through Step II of the procedure outlined below and shall not be subject to arbitration;

(2) the employee shall have the burden of establishing that there is pattern of unfair treatment; and

(3) the addition of a "pattern of unfair treatment" as a grievable matter is intended to provide an outlet for employees to grieve problems in interpersonal relationships with supervisors which develop over a period of time. Said addition is not intended as an indirect means of enforcing alleged past practices not expressly incorporated into the Agreement.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, it is understood and agreed that the grievance procedure is designed as the exclusive procedure for resolution of disputes which constitute grievances.

Section 2. Format. Grievances shall be filed on the form attached to this Agreement as Appendix C.

Any grievance may be amended up to and including Step II of the grievance procedure so long as the factual basis of the complaint is not materially altered.

Section 3. Grievant. A Union representative, with or without the aggrieved employees, may

submit a grievance on his/her behalf (a "general" grievance), and the Union may, in appropriate cases, submit a grievance in its own behalf with respect to rights of the Union (an "institutional" grievance).

An individual employee at any time may present a grievance to his/her Employer and have the grievance adjusted without intervention of the Union, provided that the adjustment shall not be inconsistent with the terms of the collective bargaining Agreement then in effect. The Union shall be given prior notice of the grievance and shall be informed of the terms of the settlement. The steward shall be entitled to receive from the Employer all documents pertinent to the disposition of the grievance and to file statements of position.

Section 4. A grievance shall be deemed waived unless submitted at Step 1:

(a) either within thirty (30) days from the act or omission from which the grievance arises; or

(b) within thirty (30) days from the date the grievant or any Union representative or steward through reasonable diligence should have known of the act or omission, whichever is later.

Except where the grievant's delay is prejudicial to the other party, a grievance may be filed and processed to arbitration where the grievance involves a repetition of an act or omission in the nature of a continuing violation.

The time limit provisions in this Section shall be liberally construed in situations where the grievant had been absent from the state in the performance of duties involving extradition.

Section 5. Informal Resolution. Attempts to resolve disputes informally without resort to the grievance procedure outlined in Section 6 are encouraged.

Section 6. The Grievance Procedure.

Step I. State's Attorney or Deputy Chief State's Attorney. A grievance may be submitted within the thirty (30) day period specified in Section 4 to the State's Attorney or the Deputy Chief State's Attorney, as appropriate. A meeting between the State's Attorney or Deputy Chief State's Attorney or designee, as appropriate, and the aggrieved employee and his representative shall be held to discuss the grievance. A written response shall be issued within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of the grievance.

Step II. Chief State's Attorney. When the answer at Step I does not resolve the grievance, the grievance shall be submitted by the Union representative, or the grievant, or both, to the Chief State's Attorney or his designee within seven (7) days of the response at Step I. Within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the grievance a meeting shall ordinarily be held with the employee, or the Union, or both, and a written response shall be issued within thirty (30) days after receipt of the grievance.

Step III. Arbitration. Within fourteen (14) days after the appropriate response at Step II, or if no response is forthcoming, after the expiration of the time limit, CSEA may submit an unresolved grievance to arbitration, but no individual employee may submit

a grievance to arbitration.

Section 7. For the purpose of the time limits hereunder, "days" shall not include those periods of time when the Division of Criminal Justice is closed as a result of inclement weather or legal holiday. The parties to the grievance procedure may, by mutual agreement, extend time limits. The Chief State's Attorney or his designee, and the Union may, by mutual agreement, waive any or all of the Steps herein before cited.

Section 8. In the event that the Employer fails to answer a grievance within the time specified, the grievance may be processed to the next higher level and the same time limits therefor shall apply as if the Employer's answer had been timely filed on that last day.

The grievant assents to the last attempted resolution by failing timely to appeal said decision, or by accepting said decision in writing.

Section 9. Settlements of Grievances. Settlements of grievances under Section 6 of this Article shall be reduced to writing and signed. No settlement at Step I shall constitute a precedent for future grievances or arbitration unless the parties to this Agreement agree to the contrary; accordingly, except by mutual agreement, such settlements shall not be admissible as evidence in any arbitration proceeding. Settlements at Step II of the grievance procedure shall be deemed precedential unless the parties expressly state to the contrary in the settlement agreement.

Section 10. Consolidation. The parties may, by mutual agreement, consolidate for hearing by a single arbitrator two or more grievances arising out of similar factual situations, or involving similar issues of contract interpretation, or both.

Section 11. Arbitration.

(a) **Submission**. Submission to arbitration by the Union shall be by letter, with the grievance attached, to the Chief State's Attorney or his designee. If the Employer invokes the provisions of this Section, submission to arbitration shall be by letter, with the grievance attached, to the Director of the CSEA.

(b) Selection. The parties shall continue to utilize a panel of three (3) mutually agreed upon arbitrators. Unless the parties agree to the contrary for a particular case, the following procedures will apply:

(i) The arbitrator shall be selected by rotation in alphabetical order from the panel of arbitrators. For the duration of the 2016-2021 Agreement, the panel shall consist of the following arbitrators, who are listed in alphabetical order:

Richard Boulanger

Jeffrey Selchick

Michael Ricci

Modifications to the panel may be made at any time by mutual agreement of the Division and the Union.

(ii) If the arbitrator is not available to schedule a hearing within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the submission, the next arbitrator in rotation who is available shall be selected unless the parties agree to waive the sixty-day time limit.

(c) Procedures; Costs; Attendance.

- (i) The arbitration hearing shall not follow the formal rules of evidence unless the parties agree in advance, with the concurrence of the arbitrator at or prior to the time of his appointment.
- (ii) The expenses for the arbitrator's service and for the hearing shall be shared equally by the parties. Unless otherwise agreed, a verbatim record of the proceedings shall be made. Costs of making such record shall be shared equally. The costs of a transcript shall be borne by the party requesting same. If the arbitrator requests a copy of the record, the costs of said record shall be shared equally.
- (iii) The Employer shall grant reasonable time off to employees to attend an arbitration proceeding for the purpose of testifying. The Union shall provide reasonable notice, ordinarily three (3) or more days, of the employees it wishes to be excused for such attendance.

(d) On grievances when the question of arbitrability has been raised by either party as an issue prior to the actual appointment of an arbitrator, the arbitrator shall, at the request of either party, conduct a separate hearing on the issue of arbitrability and shall determine that issue before further proceedings are held. In determining such questions a rebuttable presumption of arbitrability shall be applied.

(e) The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, alter, or modify this Agreement, nor to grant to either party matters which were not obtained in the bargaining process, nor to impose any remedy or right of relief for any period of time prior to the effective date of the pertinent provision of this Agreement, nor to grant pay retroactively for more than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date a grievance was first submitted. Except as expressly provided by a specific provision of this Agreement, the exercise of rights under Article 6 (Management Rights) as well as any other matter dealing with the administration of the Division shall be final and binding and shall not be subject to the grievance provisions of this Agreement.

(f) The arbitrator shall render his decision in writing no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the conclusion of the hearing or receipt of briefs, whichever is later, unless the parties agree otherwise.

(g) The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on the parties in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 52-418 through 52-420 and 52-423, provided, however, neither the submission of questions of arbitrability to any arbitrator in the first instance nor any voluntary submission shall be deemed to diminish the scope of judicial review over arbitral awards, including a decision by a court of competent jurisdiction that the arbitrator's award: (1) contravenes the public interest, or (2) is arbitrary or capricious.

As to the specific, express provisions of this Agreement, the parties have bargained for the arbitrator's construction. Absent any of the above grounds for overturning an award, the courts shall not substitute their interpretation for that of the arbitrator.

Section 12. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Agreement, the following matters shall not be subject to the arbitration procedure.

(a) discipline of employees, except as provided in Article 13 (Discipline Article), Section 3;

(b) dismissal of employees during a probationary period;

(c) disputes over an employee's job classification (reclassification grievances);

(d) the decision to lay off employees, subject to Article 14 (Reduction in Force Article);

(e) classification and pay grade for newly created jobs, provided, however, this clause shall neither enlarge nor diminish the Union's right to negotiate on such pay grades;

(f) compliance with health and safety standards and CONN OSHA;

(g) any incident which occurred or failed to occur prior to the effective date of the pertinent provision of this Agreement, subject to Article 32 (Duration Article), Section 1;

(h) disputes over claimed unlawful discrimination, except as provided in Article 3 (Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action); and

(i) disputes concerning compliance with Article 11 (Service Ratings) except as provided in Section 2 of that Article.

ARTICLE 10 - PROBATIONARY PERIOD

Section 1.

(a) The probationary period shall be deemed an extension of the hiring process. Accordingly, permanent status in a duly authorized full-time position will be attained by the employee after the conclusion of a satisfactory probationary period of six (6) months continuous employment in a bargaining unit position unless, prior to the conclusion of such period, a management designee reports, in writing, to the Chief State's Attorney that the employee is unable or unwilling to perform his duties so as to merit continuance in such position and is, consequently, to be terminated as of a specific date not later than the termination date of the applicable probationary period.

The intent of this provision is to provide a six-month "working" probationary period and therefore leaves of absence, time lost because of workers' compensation and other unpaid leave of absences do not count towards the six-month period.

Upon receipt of such written notification at any time within the six (6) month period, the Chief State's Attorney shall remove the employee's name from the payroll effective on the date specified in the written notification, unless the employee is appointed to another position in the Division of Criminal Justice for which he/she may be better suited.

(b) An employee will be reviewed at least at the three-month service mark and also prior to the conclusion of the six-month probationary period. The employee shall be rated on the criteria, inter alia, of the quality of work, the quantity of work, dependability, conduct, attendance, physical and mental capacity to perform the work assigned, judgment, ability to deal with people, and, if applicable, supervisory ability.

(c) Upon the request of a probationary employee's supervisor, the Chief State's Attorney may extend the employee's probationary period for up to ninety (90) days.

Section 2. The attainment of permanent status by an employee shall not be construed to prohibit or restrict the discharge or suspension of the employee.

Section 3. Employees promoted to a higher position shall serve a three (3) month probationary period in that position, subject to the pertinent provisions of Section 1 (a) and (b) of this Article. In the case of an employee promoted to a higher position, an employee will be reviewed at least once prior to the conclusion of the three-month probationary period. Upon receipt of written notification of unsatisfactory performance, the employee shall be offered a position similar to that from which he/she was promoted. Neither the offer nor the acceptance of such a position shall be deemed a demotion.

Section 4. During any probationary period, supervisors shall periodically advise an employee concerning his performance.

ARTICLE 11 - SERVICE RATINGS

Section 1. The annual service ratings shall be completed approximately two (2) months and not less than one month prior to the employee's annual increase date. The employee shall be rated on a form developed by the Division and mutually agreed to by the Union-pursuant to Labor Management Committee discussions. A service rating will be conducted by the employee's immediate supervisor. When an employee is rated "unsatisfactory" or as otherwise agreed to by the parties in Labor Management Committee discussions, the rating supervisor shall state reasons and, if practicable, suggestions for improvement. All service ratings of "unsatisfactory" must be discussed with the employee at an informal meeting to be scheduled by the rating supervisor, normally within seven (7) days after the employee has seen the report and prior to its submission to the Chief State's Attorney.

There shall be at least two overall ratings: "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory". An employee receiving an overall "unsatisfactory" evaluation shall not receive an annual increment.

As mentioned above, as soon as practicable following the execution of the 2021-2025 collective bargaining agreement, the parties have agreed to meet as a Labor Management Committee to develop a mutually agreed evaluation form for inspectors, and supervisory inspectors and the implementation of an interactive evaluation process, including a requirement for a performance improvement plan for anyone who receives a rating of an "overall unsatisfactory." The agreed upon process and form shall be implemented as soon as practicable.

Section 2.

(a) Disputes concerning compliance with this Article may be subject to the grievance but not the arbitration procedure. Disputes concerning procedural requirements of this Article shall be promptly aired by the employee so that timely correction can be sought. Where appropriate, reasonable efforts shall be made to correct or mitigate alleged procedural defects.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this Section, disputes concerning the grounds for an "unsatisfactory" rating, and thus the denial of an increment, may be subject to arbitration, but the increment may only be restored if the evaluator's decision, in light of all the credible evidence, is clearly shown to be arbitrary and capricious. The arbitrator shall not substitute his/her judgment for the judgment of the evaluator in applying and weighing evaluation standards.

Section 3. Development of Evaluation Procedures. The Union shall be consulted prior to final adoption by the Division of Criminal Justice of any changes in written regulations, procedures, or forms which relate to evaluation of employee performance. Upon adoption of such regulations, procedures, or forms, affected employees will be informed. Nothing in the Article shall be deemed to impair the continuing use of existing evaluation procedures and forms or the implementation of existing regulations concerning matters covered by this Article.

All service ratings shall be conducted on forms which are standardized either by job classification or by job series.

Section 4. The parties agree that the current service rating form shall remain in effect for the duration of this agreement unless modified by the parties.

ART1CLE 12- PERSONNEL FILES

Section 1. Definitions. An employee's "personnel file" is defined as the personnel file maintained by the Division of Criminal Justice at the Chief State's Attorney's Office.

Section 2. An employee, on his request, or a Union representative, upon written authorization, shall be permitted to examine and copy during normal business hours and at his/her expense, all materials placed in his/her personnel file other than any pre-employment material or any other material that is confidential or privileged. Any privileged or confidential information shall not be revealed to any party outside the Executive Department without the written consent of the employee.

The Division of Criminal Justice reserves the right to require its designee to be present while such file is being inspected or copied. The Union may have access to any employee records upon presentation of written authorization by the appropriate employee.

Section 3. Upon execution of this Agreement, no new material derogatory to an employee shall be placed in his/her personnel file until he/she receives a concurrent copy of such material within three (3) business days.

Within sixty (60) days following receipt of a copy of the material, an employee may file a written rebuttal to such material. Such material not subsequently incorporated into a service rating shall,

upon request of the employee, be expunged after two (2) years.

An employee may file a grievance objecting to any derogatory material placed in his/her file, provided, however, no such grievance shall be arbitrable, unless and until it is used as grounds, in whole or in part, for disciplinary action, or it constitutes the basis of a decision not to select an employee for a promotion as defined in this Agreement.

In any arbitration proceeding alleging that derogatory material constituted the basis of a decision not to select an employee for a promotion, the remedy, if such material was without just cause, shall be limited to: (1) the removal of such material from the employee's personnel record and (2) in recognition of the limited number of promotional vacancies for unit employees, an order to re-do the promotion from among the original applicants without consideration of such material. Accordingly, no remedy ordering the selection of the grievant shall be available nor shall the employee originally selected forfeit pay received while serving in the promotional position.

Section 4. This Article shall not be deemed to prohibit supervisors from maintaining written notes or records on an employee's performance or conduct for the purpose of preparing service ratings and other appropriate purposes.

Such notes or records shall ordinarily be merged into a service rating or personnel record within two (2) years of the date such notes or records were prepared. If said notes and records are not merged, they shall be expunged after the two (2) year period.

Such notes or records shall be made available to the employee if and when they are used as grounds, in whole or in part, for disciplinary action, or when they constitute the basis of a decision not to select an employee for a promotion as defined in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 13 - DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Types of Discipline.

- (a) Serious discipline includes discharge, demotion, or suspension without pay of an employee who has attained permanent status.
- (b) (1) Divisional discipline shall be defined as follows:

(i) suspension without pay, or forfeiture of accrued leave not to exceed seven (7) days;

(ii) written reprimand.

(2) Notwithstanding the above, the Chief State's Attorney or the Deputy Chief State's Attorney shall have authority to transfer an employee pending the imposition of serious discipline. Ordinarily, the investigation of charges which could lead to further action shall be completed within thirty (30) days. Accordingly, absent unusual circumstances, no employee will be required to remain in such transfer status for more than thirty (30) days while the charges are under investigation. Transfers pending investigation may result in operational transfers of other employees. (c) Preventive discipline shall be defined as suspension with pay up to three (3) days.

Section 2. Authority to Discipline.

- (a) Serious discipline may be imposed by the Chief State's Attorney.
- (b) Divisional discipline may be imposed by the appropriate State's Attorney or by a Deputy Chief State's Attorney for prosecutorial investigative work units operating in the Office of the Chief State's Attorney.
- (c) Preventive discipline in appropriate circumstances may be imposed by Supervisors or officials outside of the bargaining unit.

Section 3. Appeal Procedures.

- (a) (1) The Chief State's Attorney or his designee shall inform the employee in writing of the discharge, demotion, or suspension without pay, the effective date of such action, and the reasons for such action. Supporting facts shall be set forth in reasonable detail. The imposition of serious discipline shall be for cause.
 - (2) Within ten (10) days of the imposition of serious discipline, an employee may file a Step II grievance.
 - (3) Within fourteen (14) days after the appropriate response at Step II, or if no response is forthcoming after the expiration of the time set forth in Article 9, the Union may invoke arbitration.

(b) Divisional Discipline.

(1) Suspension or Forfeiture of Leave. When, after investigation, a Supervisor determines that an employee should be suspended or should forfeit annual leave, a written complaint shall be prepared which sets forth in reasonable detail supporting facts.

Prior to issuing the complaint, the Supervisor and the employee (and Union representative, if desired) shall meet to discuss the complaint with a view towards settlement.

At the meeting, the employee shall be apprised of the substance of the complaint and shall be given an opportunity to respond. Such response may include the suggestion that additional persons be interviewed or other additional investigation be conducted. But the meeting shall not be in the nature of a hearing and shall not involve appearances by witnesses.

Any settlement at or after the meeting shall be reduced to writing at the time it is agreed to. If the meeting does not produce a settlement within five (5) calendar days, the complaint shall be issued and a suspension or forfeiture of leave shall be imposed. In any action to impose a suspension

or forfeiture of leave under Section 1 (b)(1)(i) above, the maximum penalty for any offense or accumulation of offense up to the date of the action shall be seven (7) days.

Within three (3) days of receipt of the complaint, an employee may file a grievance at Step II. The Employer's response, with or without a meeting, is due seven (7) days after receipt of the grievance. Within seven (7) days after the Employer's response is received or due, whichever is earlier, the Union may invoke arbitration to determine whether the discipline was for cause. The arbitrator will be requested to schedule a hearing within thirty (30) days of his selection. The arbitrator shall issue a decision within five (5) days after the record is closed.

- (2) Written reprimands shall be grievable, but shall not be arbitrable unless and until used as grounds, in whole or in part, for other disciplinary action, or constitute the basis of a decision not to select an employee for a promotion as defined in this Agreement. In any arbitration proceeding alleging that a reprimand constituted the basis of a decision not to select an employee for a promotion, the remedy, if such a reprimand was without just cause, shall be limited to: (1) the removal of the reprimand from the employee's personnel record, and (2) in recognition of the limited number of promotional vacancies for unit employees, an order to re-do the promotion from among the original applicants without consideration of such reprimand. Accordingly, no remedy ordering the selection of the grievant shall be available nor shall the employee originally selected forfeit pay received while serving in the promotional position.
- (c) Preventive Discipline.
 - (1) Suspensions with pay shall not be grievable or arbitrable.

(2) If, as a result of an investigation of allegations of facts leading to a suspension with pay, no action is taken, the record of the suspension shall be removed from the employee's file.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the above provisions of this Article, the Employer may impose any type of disciplinary action on employees who have not attained permanent status; such action shall not be grievable or arbitrable.

Section 5.

(a) Employees who engage in a strike, sympathy strike, work stoppage, slowdown, concerted withholding, interruption or disruption of service, sickout, or any interference with the mission of the Division of Criminal Justice may, at the exclusive option of the Employer, be discharged or disciplined.

(b) In taking action under paragraph (a) above, the Employer may also consider whether the employee induced, supported, or encouraged other employees to engage in activities prohibited by Article 4 (No Strikes - No Lockouts).

Section 6. Disciplinary Interviews.

(a) A Union representative may attend a disciplinary interview as a witness for, and consultant to, an employee when all of the following circumstances apply:

(1) The employee is being interviewed as part of an investigation of misconduct by a supervisor, official, or other representative of the Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice. The employee will be informed that the interview is part of an investigation of misconduct.

(2) Such discipline is considered likely at the time of the interview, but no final decision has been reached.

(3) The employee requests the presence of a Union representative.

(4) A Union representative is available within a reasonable time, ordinarily not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours.

(5) No emergency work situation involving the employee or the Union representative exists.

(6) The Union representative does not interrupt or otherwise impede the interview.

(7) Only one Union representative may attend an interview or series of interviews.

(b) The rights conferred in this Section constitute the full extent to which the parties intend the Weingarten case to be applied.

(c) Ordinarily, violations of paragraph (a) shall not be grounds for altering disciplinary action. However, the arbitrator reviewing such action may order other relief appropriate to the nature and circumstances of the case.

ARTICLE 14 - REDUCTION IN FORCE

Section 1. Definition. A layoff is defined as the involuntary nondisciplinary separation of an employee due to a reduction in the work force.

Section 2. Reasons for Layoff. Employees may be laid off because of lack of work, economy, insufficient appropriation, a change in Division organization, abolition of position or any other cause.

Section 3. Procedures for Reduction In Force.

(a) Any necessary cutback in the number of employees shall be accomplished as far as practicable by normal attrition.

(b) Scope of layoff. Layoffs within the bargaining unit shall be instituted on a bargaining-unit-wide basis.

(c) Order of layoff. Seniority shall be the controlling factor in the selection for layoff

with those employees with the least seniority being laid off first.

(d) Seniority shall continue to accrue during a period of layoff

(e) If the seniority of two or more employees is exactly the same, priority for layoff and recall shall be based upon total service as a sworn full time law enforcement official. A committee composed of two members designated by the Chief State's Attorney and two members designated by the Union shall decide which inspector has the most service as a sworn full time law enforcement official. In the event the committee is deadlocked in making its determination, the committee may appoint a neutral third party to cast the deciding vote. The actions of the committee are not subject to collateral attack in any forum.

(f) Seniority as used in this Article is defined as aggregate service as a full-time Inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice or its predecessor entity.

(g) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Agreement, reassignment or permanent transfer of employees as a result of a reduction in the work force shall be accomplished, subject to the following:

(1) The employer decides the unit or office from which and to which such reassignment or permanent transfer will be made.

(2) Reassignment or permanent transfer shall first be attempted on voluntary basis within the unit or office involved.

(3) Reassignment or permanent transfer shall be made in accordance with inverse seniority in the unit or office from which the reassignment or permanent transfer is made.

Section 4. Impact of Contracting Out.

(a) During the life of this Agreement, no full-time permanent employee will be laid off as a direct consequence of the exercise by the Employer of its right to contract out.

(b) The Employer will be deemed in compliance with this Section if (1) the employee is offered a transfer to the same or a similar position which, in the Employer's judgment, he/she is qualified to perform, with no reduction in pay; or (2) the Employer offers to train an employee for a position which reasonably appears to be suitable based on the employee's qualifications and skills. There shall be no reduction in pay during the training period.

(c) It is not contemplated that Inspectors will be hired as temporary employees.

Section 5. Notice of Layoff.

(a) The Employer shall give the Union not less than four (4) weeks notice of layoff and at the Union's request shall meet to discuss alternatives.

(b) The Employer shall give employees not less than four (4) weeks notice of layoffs.

Section 6. Reemployment Lists.

(a) Laid off employees shall be placed on a reemployment list for a period of three (3) years, during which time they shall have reemployment rights in order of seniority, to any new or vacant bargaining unit position which the Employer decides to fill.

(b) An employee appointed from the reemployment list to a position in his former salary group will be placed at the same step in such a group as he held when he last worked in the bargaining unit.

Section 7. Reemployment.

(a) The Division shall restore to an Inspector or Supervisory Inspector who was laid off and returns to work within twelve (12) months of the date of the layoff, any accrued sick leave as of the date on which the employee was laid off.

(b) An Inspector or Supervisory Inspector who is laid off shall be paid for any compensatory time which cannot be scheduled prior to layoff.

The Division shall permit an inspector, who, at the time of layoff, has less than two (2) years of service as an inspector with the Division, as calculated from their date of hire as an inspector, who was paid for such compensatory time at the time of layoff, and returns to work within twelve (12) months of the date of the layoff, to repurchase all the accrued compensatory time which was paid to them at the time of layoff. No partial repurchase will be allowed.

Payment for such accrued compensatory time leave shall be made by check payable to the Treasurer, State of Connecticut in one lump sum amount. If the employee makes such repayment, his/her compensatory time shall be restored.

The election to purchase compensatory time must be made in writing, to the Division Labor Relations Administrator, at the same time as the employee accepts the offer of reemployment. The Division will then calculate the payment due and notify the employee of said amount in writing. Payment of the full amount due shall be transmitted to the Labor Relations Administrator not later than the first payday following the employee's return to work.

(c) The Division shall permit an Inspector or Supervisory Inspector who was laid off, was paid for accrued, unused vacation at the time of layoff, and returns to work within twelve (12) months of the date of the layoff, to repurchase all the accrued vacation leave which was paid to him/her at the time of layoff. No partial repurchase will be allowed.

Payment for such accrued vacation leave shall be made by check payable to the Treasurer, State of Connecticut in one lump sum amount. If the employee makes such repayment, his/her vacation leave balance shall be restored to the number of hours to his/her credit at the time of his/her layoff

The election to purchase vacation must be made in writing, to the Human Resources Director, at the same time as the employee accepts the offer of reemployment. The Division will then calculate the payment due and notify the employee of said amount in writing. Payment of the full amount due shall be transmitted to the Human Resources Director not later than the first payday following the employee's return to work.

Section 8. Re: Public Act 03-02, Section 6. The following shall apply to Inspectors who were laid off in January of 2003 and returned to work within the next twelve (12) months:

- 1. These employees shall retain the annual increment date that applied prior to layoff.
- 2. The time spent on layoff shall count towards the employee's length of service for the following purposes:
 - a. Eligibility for longevity payments under Article 16, Section 5, particularly the length of service required for particular levels of longevity pay;
 - b. Eligibility for vacation accrual pursuant to Article 19, Section 2;
 - c. Preference for vacation selection pursuant to Article 19, Section 3;
 - d. Seniority as applicable to transfers under Article 25, Sections 3, 4 and 5.

To the extent required, these provisions shall supersede any contrary provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

ARTICLE 15 - SAFETY

Section 1. The Employer is receptive to all recommendations regarding improvement of apparently unsafe or unhealthy conditions. Once the Employer determines that an unsafe or unhealthy condition exists, it will attempt to alleviate or otherwise remedy the conditions.

If an employee is required to perform some duty or task under an unsafe condition which in fact presents a clear, present, and substantial danger of physical harm, the employee may refuse to perform the duty or task pending the immediate and expedited communication of the unsafe condition through the chain of command (Supervisor, State's Attorney, Chief State's Attorney).

Disputes over unsafe or unhealthy working conditions shall be processed through the Labor Department for compliance with CONNOSHA or otherwise with the parties, but shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

Section 2. The parties may agree to worksite stress related health programs for bargaining unit employees through the State of Connecticut's health insurance carriers. In no case, shall these programs result in any cost to the Division of Criminal Justice.

The parties may request funds from the Health Care Cost Containment Committee to implement programs and activities developed and agreed upon by the parties.

ARTICLE 16 - COMPENSATION

Section 1. Base Salary Increases.

(a) Effective and retroactive to March 31, 2022, employees shall receive a lump sum

pensionable bonus payment of two thousand five hundred dollars \$2,500. Eligible employees are those who were on the active payroll as of that date. Effective approximately July 14, 2022, employees shall receive a lump sum pensionable bonus of one thousand dollars \$1,000.

- (b) Effective the pay period including July 1, 2021, the base annual salary for all employees shall be increased by two and one-half percent (2.5%). Employees who left in good standing with 10 years or more of service, or who retired after 7/1/21 will be eligible for retroactive payment through their date of departure.
- (c) Effective the pay period including July 1, 2022, the base annual salary for all employees shall be increased by two and one-half percent (2.5%).
- (d) Effective the pay period including July 1, 2023, the base annual salary for all employees shall be increased by two and one-half percent (2.5%).

Section 2. Salary Allocation. The classification of DCJ Inspector shall be allocated to Salary Groups 27 and 29. The structure of the DCJ Inspector position will be 27-1 through 27-7 and 29-6 through 29-10. The classification of Supervisory Inspector shall be allocated to Salary Group 31. The classification of Supervisory Inspector shall be allocated to Salary Group 31. The classification of Supervisory Inspector shall be allocated to Salary Group 31. The classification of Supervisory Inspector shall be allocated to Salary Group 31. The classification of Supervisory Inspector shall be allocated to Salary Group 31. The classification of Supervisory Inspector shall be allocated to Salary Group 31. The steps 31-1 through 31-10.

Section 3. Salary Structure.

- (a) Inspectors shall be advanced along the pay grades and structure on his/her anniversary date for receipt of an annual increment in those years for which annual increments are provided by Section 4 of this Article. The condition precedent to advancement shall be satisfaction of the requirements for the receipt of an annual increment, in accordance with the provisions of Article 11.
- (b) Pursuant to his/her statutory authority and subject to his/her discretion, the Chief State's Attorney may, where operating needs require, promote qualified Inspectors to Supervisory Inspector positions. Inspectors so promoted shall be upgraded in accordance with existing practice as follows. Upon promotion, the employee shall be placed on the salary schedule in the new salary group at a step equal to or greater than the sum of the employee's current salary plus the annual increment for the new salary grouping. This shall not affect the promotional employee's entitlement to an annual increment on the next annual increment date.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 10, the promotional working test period for the Supervisory Inspector classification shall be three (3) months. Permanent employees in said classification may be demoted by the Chief State's Attorney upon written notice stating the reasons therefor. Such demotion shall be grievable and arbitrable. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 13, in any arbitration concerning a demotion, the arbitrator shall not substitute his/her judgment for that of the Chief State's Attorney unless it can be shown that the decision to demote was arbitrary and capricious.

The Chief State's Attorney may, where operating needs require, designate

qualified Inspectors to perform temporary service in the Supervisory Inspector classification. An Inspector who is assigned to perform such temporary service shall, commencing with the thirty-first (31st) consecutive work day, be paid for such actual work retroactive to the first day of such work at the rate of the Supervisory Inspector classification as if promoted thereto. This provision shall have no adverse impact on permanent appointments to the Supervisory Inspector classification, as established herein. No person may serve in such temporary capacity for more than ninety (90) calendar days, except that two (2) additional ninety (90) calendar day periods may be served with the written consent of the Union which shall not be unreasonably denied.

Section 4. Annual Increments.

- (a) Employees will be eligible for and receive annual increments during the 2021-2022 contract year in accordance with existing practice. Employees who left in good standing with 10 years or more of service, or who retired after 7/1/21 will be eligible for retroactive payment through their date of departure
- (b) Employees will be eligible for and receive annual increments during the 2022-2023 contract year in accordance with existing practice.
- (c) Employees will be eligible for and receive annual increments during the 2023-2024 contract year in accordance with existing practice.

Section 5. Longevity.

- (a) No employee first hired on or after July 1, 2011 shall be entitled to a longevity payment; provided, however, any individual hired on or after said date who has military service which would count toward longevity under current (pre-July 2011) rules shall be entitled to longevity if such individual obtains the requisite service in the future.
- (b) For employees not excluded from eligibility for longevity by subsection a above, the following shall apply:
 - (1) The schedule for longevity payments shall be determined in accordance with the practice in effect prior to this 2021-25 Agreement.
 - (2) Except as provided herein, all State service, including war service, shall be counted in determining eligibility for longevity. Part-time service shall be prorated.

Section 6. Travel Reimbursements

(a) An employee who is required to travel on official state business shall be reimbursed in accordance with and subject to the conditions outlined in the Division's Inspectors' Travel Manual for Extraditions & Investigations and the Division's other travel policies as they may be reasonably amended from time to time with notice to the Union and its members. An employee who is required to remain away from home overnight in order to perform the regular duties of his/her position shall be reimbursed for lodging in accordance with and subject to the conditions outlined in the Division's travel policy. Advance approval must be obtained from the Office of the Chief State's attorney.

An employee who is required to use his/her personal vehicle in the performance of duty shall be reimbursed at the rate per mile set forth in the Division's travel or other policies as appropriate and as they may be reasonably amended from time to time with notice to the Union and its members. Reasonable parking fees and tolls shall also be reimbursed when the request is accompanied by receipts.

It is the intent of the parties that the travel policy referenced herein shall be the policy adopted for all employees of the Division who are represented by the Union as well as non-bargaining unit employees.

- (b) An employee who is not required to travel but who works in excess of the normal workday or on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday upon authorization of a supervisor is entitled to a meal allowance as follows:
 - if the work is performed between 12:00 midnight and 9:00 a.m. on any day for an aggregate of three (3) hours or more: the breakfast rate set by the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services as provided in the Division's Travel Policy;
 - (2) if the work is performed between 4:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on a regular workday (Monday through Friday) for an aggregate of four (4) hours or more: the dinner rate set by the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services as provided in the Division's Travel Policy;
 - (3) if the work is performed between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday or holiday for aggregate of three (3) hours or more: the lunch rate set by the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services as provided in the Division's Travel Policy; and;
 - (4) if the work is performed between 1:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday for aggregate of four (4) hours or more: the dinner rate set by the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services as provided in the Division's Travel Policy.

ARTICLE 17 - HOURS OF WORK

Section 1. Regular Workweek. Employees work a regular thirty-five (35) hour workweek, provided that hours of duty are based upon position responsibility. Such employees shall work as needed or required, consistent with the provisions of Article 18 (Compensatory Time Off).

Section 2. Scheduling of Hours.

(a) Full-time employees shall normally work Monday to Friday, seven (7) hours per day within the period from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(b) The Employer and the Union agree to discuss other work schedule changes as agreed will be in the best interest of both parties.

(c) The Chief State's Attorney reserves the right for operating purposes to establish second and third shifts. In the event that new hours of work are contemplated, the parties shall negotiate the effects of such schedule. Notice of such changes, if any, initiated by the employer, shall be sent directly to CSEA headquarters, copy to the President of the Inspectors Council.

Section 3. Meal Periods. Meal periods shall be one (1) hour in duration. Meal periods shall be scheduled close to the middle of a shift, subject to the operating needs of the jurisdiction as determined by officials in charge. Meal periods shall, except in unusual circumstances, be considered duty free. Meal periods shall not be counted as work time. The voluntary omission of a meal period, in whole or in part, shall not modify the starting or leaving time schedule.

Section 4. Rest Periods. Employees shall be entitled to two (2) fifteen (15) minute rest periods during the working day, one (1) in each half shift (to be scheduled by the supervisor), except that operational needs may preclude such periods for personnel when attending court or other proceedings. A rest period commences when the employee ceases work at the duty station. The voluntary omission of a rest period, in whole or in part, shall not modify the starting or leaving schedule.

ARTICLE 18 - COMPENSATORY TIME OFF

Section 1. Definition.

(a) For purposes of this Agreement, "Non-FLSA Compensatory Time Off" is defined as leave time earned and accrued for hours actually worked beyond the normal thirtyfive (35) hour workweek through forty (40) hours actually worked in a one (1) week working period. Non-FLSA Compensatory Time Off shall be earned and accrued on a straight time, hour for hour basis for actual hours worked up to and including forty (40) hours.

(b) For purposes of this Agreement, "FLSA Compensatory Time Off" is defined as leave time earned and accrued for hours actually worked beyond forty (40) hours in a one (1) week working period. FLSA Compensatory Time Off shall be earned and accrued at a rate of time and one half for each hour actually worked beyond forty (40) hours in a one (1) week working period.

(c) For purposes of this Agreement, "one (1) week working period" is defined as the seven (7) day period beginning at 12:01 AM every Friday morning and ending at 11:59 PM of the following Thursday evening.

(d) For purposes of determining the extent to which an employee has earned non-FLSA or FLSA compensatory time off under the terms of this Agreement, an employee's use of any previously accrued paid leave time including but not limited to sick leave, including family sick leave, vacation leave, funeral leave, personal leave and non-FLSA compensatory time off or FLSA compensatory time off, during the one (1) week working period shall not be included in any calculation of "actual hours worked" or "hours actually worked" in accordance with this Article. Contractually recognized holidays will be included in any calculation of "actual hours worked" or "hours actually worked."

(e) For purposes of determining the extent to which an employee has earned non-FLSA or FLSA compensatory time off under the terms of this Agreement, any time served by an employee for a disciplinary suspension during the one (1) week working period shall not be included in any calculation of "actual hours worked" or "hours actually worked" in accordance with this Article.

(f) For purposes of determining the extent to which an employee has earned non-FLSA or FLSA compensatory time off under the terms of this Agreement, any time served by an employee for paid administrative leave during the one (1) week working period shall not be included in any calculation of "actual hours worked" or "hours actually worked" in accordance with this Article.

Section 2. Accrual.

(a) An employee shall accrue compensatory time off if required and authorized by a Supervisor to work at his regular place of employment on a legal holiday. For the purpose of the above sentence, the term "employee" shall be defined to include all bargaining unit employees.

(b) No employee may earn non-FLSA or FLSA compensatory time off on occasions other than those listed in 2(a) unless:

- (1) The employee is specifically directed and required to perform work in excess of his/her standard workweek by the Chief State's Attorney, a Deputy Chief State's Attorney, a Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney, a State's Attorney, or a Chief Inspector.
- (2) Any non-FLSA compensatory time off and/or FLSA compensatory time off must comply with the administrative procedures set forth in the Division's Compensatory Time Policy as same may be reasonably amended from time to time with notice to the Union and its members.

(c) Grace Period. Compensatory time may not be elected/accrued for consecutive worktime, otherwise claimable under this Article of less than fifteen (15) minutes.

(d) Measurement. Compensatory time shall be measured to the nearest quarter-hour increment.

(e) Compensatory time shall not accrue for time spent by an employee attending a workshop, conference or training activity which the employee requested or elected to attend.

(f) No employee shall be permitted to accrue more than four hundred eighty (480) hours of compensatory time at any time. Once the four hundred eighty (480) hour maximum is reached, an employee will be compensated at the applicable rate of pay for such additional hours worked in accordance with the regular biweekly payroll

cycle. Additional hours worked between 35 and 40 during a one (1) week working period shall be paid at the applicable straight time rate of pay. Additional hours worked beyond 40 hours during a one (1) week working period shall be paid at the applicable time and one half rate of pay.

Section 3. Taking and Lapse of Compensatory Time.

(a) An employee shall be permitted to use compensatory time off on the date and times requested unless doing so would unduly disrupt the operations of the Division. Compensatory time may be taken in quarter-hour increments. The "Comp. Time Year" shall begin on the first day of the second pay period in June and shall end on the last day of the first pay period of the following June. As an example, the Comp. Time Year for fiscal year 2022 will begin on Friday, June 4, 2021 and will end on Thursday, June 2, 2022. Any non-FLSA and/or FLSA compensatory time off earned and accrued, and not used, during the Comp. Time Year shall be paid out to the employee, at the employee's hourly rate. The Comp. Time Payout shall be included with the paycheck corresponding to the first pay period of June in any year. Each inspector's compensatory time account will have a zero balance after payout. The only exception to the zero balance will be for those inspectors with less than two years of service who have been approved to carry over up to seventy (70) hours, as set forth below in (b).

(b) Any inspector, who has, or will have, less than two (2) years of service as an inspector with the Division, as calculated from their date of hire as an inspector, as of the first pay period end in June in any year, may, at their sole discretion, elect to retain up to seventy (70) hours of any accrued compensatory time in lieu of the payout set forth above. This election to retain the accrued compensatory time must be submitted by the employee, in writing, to the Division's Director of Human Resources no later than May 1 of that same year. As a result of this written election, the Division will allow the employee to carry over the accrued time up to seventy (70) hours into the Comp. Time. Year and such time will not be paid out. This election may be utilized for a maximum of two (2) times. Failure by the employee to timely submit the written election by May 1 will result in the compensatory time being paid out as set forth above and the employee will not be able to carry over any accrued but unused compensatory time into the subsequent Comp. Time Year. After two (2) years, the employee will be paid out for any accrued but unused compensatory time as set forth above. This provision shall not apply to any employee hired by the Division who immediately prior to being hired by the Division was an employee of the State of Connecticut.

Section 4. Reporting. When compensatory time off is earned or taken it must be reported on the attendance report submitted to the Office of the Chief State's Attorney.

ARTICLE 19 - VACATION-PERSONAL-MILITARY LEAVE

Section 1. Definition of a Permanent Employee. Each full-time, permanent employee in the bargaining unit who is included in the regular bi-weekly payroll and whose salary is allocated to a particular group and step is eligible to accrue vacation time with pay.

Section 2. Accrual of Vacation Time.

(a) Eligible employees and who are on the thirty-five (35) hour per week Division of

Criminal Justice payroll who have completed less than ten (10) years of service shall accrue eight and three-quarters (8 3/4) vacation hours per month for each completed month of continuous full-time service and employees who have completed ten (10) years of service shall accrue eleven and two-thirds (11 2/3) vacation hours per month for each completed month of continuous full-time service.

(b) In computing the effective date of an employee's accrual rate, all service time accepted for purposes of computing longevity payments to such employee shall apply.

(c) Vacation leave starts to accrue with the first working day of the first full calendar month after date of commencement of employment and is credited to the eligible employee on the completion of the calendar month.

(d) No leave shall accrue for any calendar month in which an employee is on leave of absence without pay for more than an aggregate of three (3) working days.

(e) Unused vacation may accumulate to a maximum of the hourly equivalent of eight hundred forty (840) hours. After an employee has attained this maximum accrual, vacation hours shall begin to reaccrue when some of the leave is taken.

(f) The impact of a change in the length of the normal thirty-five (35) hour workweek upon the rate of vacation accrual shall be negotiated after the effective date of the change upon request of either party.

Section 3. Taking Vacation Time.

(a) An employee shall be allowed, subject to the approval of his/her supervisor, to choose the time of his/her vacation. In the event of conflicting schedules of leave, length of service in the Division of Criminal Justice shall prevail, provided the more senior employee has chosen the time of his/her vacation within sixty (60) days of the commencement date of his/her vacation. Seniority for purposes of this paragraph shall be defined as aggregate service as a full-time employee in the Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice,

(b) In no event shall an employee take more than the hourly equivalent of twenty five (25) working days accrued vacation time in any one calendar year without first having obtained the approval of the Office of the Chief State's Attorney.

Section 4. Payment for Accrued Vacation Time on Termination of Employment.

(a) On termination of employment each eligible employee shall be granted a lump sum payment for vacation leave accrued and unused up to and including the last full calendar month of work. The amount paid shall be equal to the employee's hourly rate, which shall be based upon the employee's salary at the time of his/her termination or retirement.

(b) In the event an employee dies, a lump sum payment shall be made for all vacation leave accrued to him/her and unused at the time of his/her death. The amount paid shall be equal to the salary the deceased employee would have received had he/she remained in the service of the Division until the expiration of such vacation period. Such payment

shall be made to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries lawfully designated by the employee under the State Employees Retirement System or, if there is no such designated beneficiary or beneficiaries, to the estate of the deceased.

Section 5. Personal Leave Days.

(a) In addition to normal vacation accrual as set forth in these regulations, there shall be granted to each full-time, permanent employee of the Division three (3) days of personal leave of absence with pay in each calendar year. Accrual and use of personal leave time shall be measured in "hours" rather than days.

(b) Personal leave of absence shall be taken for the purpose of conducting private affairs, including observance of religious holidays, and shall not be deducted from vacation or sick leave credits. Personal leave of absence may be taken only when requested in advance by the employee and approved by his/her Supervisor. Personal leave which is not taken in a calendar year shall not be accumulated but shall lapse.

(c) Full-time permanent employees may not take personal leave time until after the conclusion of six (6) months continuous service as fulltime employees of the State of Connecticut, during which period they have not been on a leave of absence without pay for more than ten (10) working days.

(d) The Division of Criminal Justice shall continue its practice of allowing Inspectors hired directly from another state agency to carry over accrued vacation, sick leave and personal leave.

Section 6. Records. All vacation leave and personal leave shall be recorded in the State's electronic attendance records which reflect for each eligible employee the current amount of vacation leave accrued, the amount and dates when such leave was taken, the current balance of such leave available, and the number of personal leave hours taken during the calendar year. Employees receive information concerning their vacation balances on pay stubs/direct deposit reports.

Section 7. Military Leave. Military leave shall be provided in accordance with State and Federal law, as may be amended from time to time. Such military leave shall be granted upon submission to the Chief State's Attorney of acceptable and official military orders for such military training.

Section 8. Reopener. In the event the length of the regular workweek is changed, either party may reopen negotiations for the purpose of negotiating the impact of such change upon the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE 20 - SICK LEAVE - LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

Section 1. Eligibility for Sick Leave. Each full-time, permanent employee in the bargaining unit who is included in the regular bi-weekly payroll and whose salary is allocated to a particular group and step is eligible to accrue sick leave starting with the first working day of the first full calendar month after date of commencement of employment in the Division.

Section 2. Sick Leave Accrual.

(a) Sick leave accrues at a rate of eight and three quarter (8 3/4) hours per completed calendar month of continuous full-time service which includes the period of time an employee is on an authorized leave of absence with pay.

(b) Sick leave continues to accrue in the month when some of such leave is taken.

(c) No sick leave hours shall accrue for any calendar month in which an employee was on leave of absence without pay for an aggregate of more than three (3) working days.

(d) Sick leave shall accrue for the first twelve (12) months in which a Division of Criminal Justice employee eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits and sick leave benefits is actually receiving workers' compensation benefits under the provisions of the General Statutes.

Section 3. Granting Sick Leave.

(a) Sick leave, to the extent accumulated by the employee and credited to his/her account in the attendance and leave records maintained by the Chief State's Attorney, shall be granted to an eligible employee upon satisfactory proof of illness or injury, other than pregnancy, incapacitating such employee from duty, in order that such employee may recuperate from such illness or injury. During such leave, the employee shall be compensated in full and retain his/her employment benefits.

(b) Sick leave to the extent accumulated by the employee and credited to the employee's account in the attendance and leave records maintained by the Chief State's Attorney, shall be granted to an employee during the period of time that she is disabled as the result of pregnancy. Disability may be presumed starting not more than four (4) weeks prior to the expected date of delivery as certified by the employee's physician, and ending not more than four (4) weeks following the actual date of birth. Disability as the result of pregnancy during other periods of time may be established on medical proof in accordance with Section 6 of this Article.

(c) The time an employee is sick while on annual vacation leave, other than terminal vacation leave, shall be charged against accrued sick leave if the employee files an acceptable medical certificate with the Chief State's Attorney attesting to the fact that the employee was sick and would have been unable to work on the day or days claimed as sick.

(d) A holiday occurring when an employee is on sick leave will be counted as a holiday and not charged as sick leave. When special time off is granted, however, an employee on sick leave shall be charged as prescribed by the Chief State's Attorney.

(e) If an employee is receiving workers' compensation or disability compensation, the employee may elect to draw upon his sick leave to the extent authorized by the General Statutes.

(f) Consistent with existing practice, upon exhaustion of accrued sick leave, other

accrued paid leaves may be used by employees who are incapacitated or disabled as provided in and subject to the conditions of paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

Section 4. Special Leave of Absence with Pay Chargeable to Accrued Sick Leave.

Any eligible employee may be granted special leave of absence with pay chargeable to accrued sick leave, for the following reasons:

(1) for medical or dental treatment for which arrangements cannot be made outside of working hours;

(2) when his/her presence at duty will expose others to contagious disease;

(3) in the event of death in the immediate family when as much as three (3) working days' leave with pay may be granted. Immediate family means spouse, father, mother, parent--in-law, grandparent, sister, brother or child, and also any relative who is domiciled in the employee's household;

(4) in the event of critical illness or severe injury in the immediate family creating an emergency requiring the attendance or aid of the employee, when as much as ten (10) days leave with pay in a calendar year may be granted;

(5) up to two (2) days of leave may be provided to an employee for the purpose of going to, attending, and returning from funerals of persons other than members of the immediate family, if prior permission is requested of, and granted by, the employee's supervisor; and

(6) up to five (5) days of leave will be provided to employees in connection with the birth, adoption or taking custody of a child.

Section 5. Advanced Sick Leave.

(a) No sick leave with pay in excess of the sick leave hours accumulated to an eligible employee's credit shall be granted unless authorized in advance by the Chief State's Attorney. Such authorizations shall be granted only in cases involving extended periods of illness or injury. No advance of sick leave shall be authorized unless the employee has first exhausted all accrual to his/her credit for sick leave and vacation leave, including current accruals and any available compensatory time. No advance of sick leave shall be granted until an employee has completed at least five (5) years of full-time employment in state service.

(b) The advanced sick leave which may be granted shall be on the basis of one (1) day at full pay for each completed year of full-time service. In no case shall advanced sick leave exceed thirty (30) days at full pay.

(c) Any such advanced sick leave as may be granted shall be repaid by an equal charge against such sick leave as the employee may subsequently accrue. No repayment of advanced sick leave shall be required, however, until the employee has first accrued five (5) days of sick leave following his/her return to duty.

Section 6. Medical Certificate.

(a) For the following reason Form P33A, which is the acceptable medical certificate, signed by a licensed physician or other practitioner whose method of healing is recognized by the State, shall be required of an employee by the Office of the Chief State's Attorney or by an employee's Supervisor to substantiate a request for sick leave or special leave of absence with pay:

(1) any period of absence consisting of more than five (5) consecutive working days.

(b) For the following reasons an acceptable medical certificate, signed by a licensed physician or other practitioner whose method of healing is recognized by the State, may be required of an employee by the Office of the Chief State's Attorney or by an employee's Supervisor to substantiate a request for sick leave or special leave of absence with pay:

- (1) to support request for sick leave during annual vacation;
- (2) when excessive absenteeism or other circumstances indicate reasonable cause for requiring such a certificate.

The Office of the Chief State's Attorney may have a physician make a further examination under both (a) and (b) above.

Section 7. Exhaustion of Leave. Any eligible employee in the Division absent from duty by reason of illness or injury who has exhausted all of his/her accrued sick leave, compensatory time, vacation leave including current accrual, personal leave days, advanced sick leave, when applicable, and for sick leave bank days when applicable, and who thereafter does not return to duty, will receive no further compensation.

Section 8. Leave of Absence Without Pay.

- (a) (1) If an employee has exhausted all available vacation and personal leave, compensatory time, and any leave available under FMLA or the SEBAC Agreement, a leave of absence without pay for the protection or improvement of an employee's health, or for any other cause considered reasonable or proper, may be granted to an employee upon approval of the appointing authority or any authorized committee thereof for a period not to exceed one (1) year. Requests for such leave must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief State's Attorney. Such leave may be extended beyond one (1) year by the Chief's State's Attorney. If such leave is granted, the employee's specific position and assignment may not be held open based on operational needs in the sole discretion of the Chief State's Attorney or his/her designee, unless otherwise required by law.
 - (2) Upon expiration of paid leave for disability resulting from pregnancy, the employee may request, and shall be granted, a medical leave of absence without pay, position held, for a period not to exceed six (6) months following the date of termination of the pregnancy. Such medical leave of

absence may, at the exclusive option of the Chief State's Attorney, be extended beyond the six (6) month period with or without holding the position. Requests for such extensions shall be submitted to the Office of the Chief State's Attorney.

Section 9. Status of Accrued Sick Leave and Paid Leave Upon Reemployment of Resigned Employee. Any employee who resigns in good standing from the Division and who is reemployed within one (1) year from the date of his/her resignation shall be credited with the amount of sick leave accrued to his/her credit on the effective date of his/her resignation.

Section 10. Compensation for Unused Sick Leave Accrual Upon Retirement. Each eligible employee in the Division who retires shall be compensated, effective as of the date of his/her retirement, at the rate of one-fourth (1/4) of his/her daily salary for each day of sick leave accrued to his/her credit as of his/her last day on the active payroll up to a maximum payment equivalent of four hundred twenty (420) hours' pay.

Section 11. Records. All leave with or without pay shall be recorded in the State's electronic attendance records.

Section 12. Upon death of an employee who has completed ten (10) years of State service, the employer shall pay one fourth (1/4) of the deceased employee's daily salary for each day of sick leave accrued to his/her credit as of his/her last day on the active payroll up to a maximum payment equivalent to four hundred and twenty (420) hours' pay. Such payment shall be made to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries lawfully designated by the employee under the State Employees Retirement System or, if there is no such designated beneficiary or beneficiaries, to the estate of the deceased.

Section 13. Emergency Sick Leave Bank.

(a) There shall continue to be an Emergency Sick Leave Bank, composed of the contributions of bargaining unit employees under the predecessor Agreements and any additional contributions as provided pursuant to this Section. All unit employees serving an original probationary period on the effective date of this Agreement and all unit employees hired after that date shall contribute fourteen (14) hours from accrued sick leave to the sick leave bank upon obtaining permanent status. Hours contributed shall not revert to employees if not used.

(b) Hours contributed to the bank shall thereafter be allocated to nonprobationary employees with catastrophic or extended, long-term illnesses.

(c) To be eligible for allocation of sick hours from the bank, an employee must meet the following conditions:

(1) Exhaustion of all sick leave, personal and vacation leave, including advance sick leave under Section 5 of this Article.

(2) The illness or injury is not covered by workers' compensation and/or such benefit has been exhausted.

(3) An acceptable medical certificate supporting the absence is on file.

In addition, the parties shall consider as a factor the extent and circumstances of the applicant's usage of sick leave prior to the illness or injury in question.

(d) Hours shall be allocated by the parties. The parties shall have full authority to grant benefits and administer the program in accordance with guidelines outlined in this Section.

(e) Unused days shall be carried over from year to year and shall not lapse. The parties may, by agreement, provide for additional opportunities for contribution to the bank.

(f) Time off without loss of pay or benefits may be granted, as necessary, to members of the bargaining unit to attend meetings to administer this program.

(g) The actions or nonactions of the parties shall in no way be subject to collateral attack or the grievance/arbitration machinery. The parties shall not be considered a State agency, board or any other subdivision of the Employer. No requests shall be conducted as contested cases or otherwise be subject to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Section 14. Reopener. In the event the length of the regular work week is changed, either party may reopen negotiations for the purpose of negotiating the impact of such change upon the provisions of this Article.

Section 15. The parties agree to be bound by Section 5-248a of the General Statutes, and any other applicable state or federal law concerning family and medical leave, and its appurtenant regulations, and any amendments thereto.

ARTICLE 21 - HOLIDAYS

For the purpose of this Article, holidays are as follows: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

ARTICLE 22 - INSURANCE

Section 1. Health Insurance. The terms and conditions of the health insurance coverage for employees covered by this Agreement are the subject of a separate agreement between the parties.

Section 2. Death and Dismemberment Insurance. The State shall provide a Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$50,000) Death and Dismemberment Policy for each employee.

Section 3. Automobile Insurance. The State shall provide a One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000) Underinsured/Uninsured Motorist Automobile Policy for each employee.

Section 4. Supplemental Group Life Insurance. In addition to any life insurance coverage available pursuant to Section 5-257(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, optional group life insurance coverage up to a maximum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) may be purchased by an employee in the bargaining unit whose yearly gross earnings are at least forty-five thousand five hundred dollars (\$45,500). The actual cost of such optional group life insurance shall be fully borne by the employee. The State Comptroller shall deduct the necessary amount from the employee's pay and shall pay the premiums on such policy or policies. Any dividend or other refunds or rate credits shall inure to the benefit of the State and shall be applied to the cost of such insurance. Such optional coverage shall not be included when calculating the amount of reduced life insurance coverage due retired employees pursuant to Section 5-257(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

ARTICLE 23 - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

Employees covered by this Agreement shall suffer no reprisals for exercising their rights under this Agreement. Employees covered under this Agreement shall have full rights to Union representation as described in Article 9 (Grievance Procedure) and Article 13 (Discipline), Section 6.

ARTICLE 24 - FEDERAL GRANT EMPLOYEES

The Employer will exert its best efforts with appropriate third parties to obtain funds which are necessary to implement for federal grant employees the economic benefits of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 25 - TRANSFERS AND VACANCIES

Section 1. Transfer to Another Agency. An employee who wishes to transfer to another agency shall make application directly to that agency. Upon acceptance by that agency of the transfer request, the Chief State's Attorney shall not deny the transfer of the employee.

Section 2. Vacancies. Notice of vacancies to be filled in the bargaining unit shall be posted division-wide. A concurrent notice will be sent to the Union's Council President. Notice shall remain posted for ten (10) work days from the date of the initial posting. Interested employees must submit applications within ten (10) days of the initial posting. Vacancies will not be filled within this ten (10) day period. The Employer may advertise such vacancies in any other way simultaneously with this posting and may interview external applicants at any time in the process.

An employee may apply for a transfer or promotion to a vacancy by putting his/her request in writing to the Chief State's Attorney, or as otherwise designated on the posting. Provided that an employee who applies is qualified for the vacancy, the employee shall be interviewed for the vacant position. It is understood that newly hired employees serving their initial six (6) month probationary period or any extension thereof pursuant to Article 10 shall not be eligible to apply for transfer or promotion to another vacancy. If one or more internal candidates apply for transfer or promotion to a vacancy in response to a posting, the Division must select an internal candidate prior to appointing an external candidate unless the internal candidate is not qualified for the vacancy because of a demonstrable lack of particular necessary skill set forth in the job posting which cannot be acquired with reasonable training within a thirty (30) working day period. The Division shall have the sole discretion to select the successful candidate for the position. If an internal employee is not selected, a written explanation shall be given to the employee spelling out the reason why he/she was not selected. Denial of a request for appointment to a vacancy shall

not be subject to review under Article 9 for any reason whatsoever.

When a vacancy is filled by an internal candidate from another Duty Station, the employee's transfer or promotion shall be subject to a thirty (30) working day test period. During that working test period, either the employee, or the Division, may determine that the position to which he/she was transferred or promoted is not a good fit and the employee shall be returned to his/her prior position. The determination of good fit shall not be subject to review under Article 9 for any reason whatsoever. In the event that an employee is returned to his/her prior position, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to determine whether the position will be filled by an internal or external candidate. Such determination shall not be subject to review under Article 9 for any reason whatsoever.

Section 3. Temporary Transfer. A temporary transfer is defined as a temporary assignment away from the duty station. Ordinarily such transfers shall not exceed ninety (90) calendar days. This initial ninety-day temporary transfer period may be extended for a period of up to ninety (90) calendar days, in increments of thirty (30) calendar days, with the written consent of the Union, at each thirty (30) day interval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Unless otherwise mutually agreed based on operational need, no employee will be required to be in temporary transfer status for more than one hundred eighty (180) days within any one year period commencing on the first day of the temporary transfer. In making temporary transfers, the Employer shall consider the wishes of employees, seniority, and operational needs; provided, however, its determination shall not be subject to review under Article 9. Newly hired employees serving their initial six (6) month probationary period or any extension thereof pursuant to Article 10 shall not be eligible for transfer.

Section 4. Permanent Involuntary Transfer. Except as provided in Section 5 of this Article, employees may be permanently transferred. A permanent transfer is defined as a permanent, indefinite change in duty station. Permanent transfers, except when caused by the creation of a new judicial district as provided in Section 5 of this Article, shall be accomplished, subject to the following:

(a) The Employer decides the duty station from which and to which such transfers will be made.

(b) Permanent transfers shall first be attempted on a voluntary basis.

(c) Permanent transfers shall next be made in accordance with inverse seniority in the duty station from which the permanent transfer is made. Duty stations shall be deemed to consist of the Office of the Chief State's Attorney and the Judicial Districts/State's Attorney's Offices (currently 13) located throughout the State. New Haven shall be considered one duty station for purposes of this provision.

Seniority, for the purpose of this section, shall be defined as current continuous service as a full-time permanent employee in the Division of Criminal Justice or its predecessor entity as an Inspector. Newly hired employees serving their initial six (6) month probationary period or any extension thereof pursuant to Article 10 shall not be eligible for transfer.

Section 5. Transfer to Newly Created Judicial District. In the event of the creation of a new judicial district, any employee may be permanently transferred to that new judicial district regardless of the date of hire. Such permanent transfers shall be accomplished subject to the following:

(a) The Employer decides the duty station from which and to which the transfers will be made, provided the location from which the transfers are made is a judicial district which formerly contained all or some of the towns which comprise the new judicial district.

(b) Permanent transfers shall first be attempted on a voluntary basis.

(c) Permanent transfers shall be made in accordance with inverse seniority in the duty station from which the permanent transfer is made.

Seniority for the purpose of this Section shall be defined as current continuous service as a full- time permanent employee in the Division of Criminal Justice or its predecessor entity as an Inspector. Newly hired employees serving their initial six (6) month probationary period or any extension thereof pursuant to Article 10 shall not be eligible for transfer.

ARTICLE 26 - LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The cost items contained in this Agreement and the provisions of this Agreement which supersedes pre-existing statutes shall not become effective unless and until legislative approval has been granted pursuant to Section 5-278(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes or as otherwise provided by said section. The Employer shall request such approval as provided in Section 5-278(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes. If the legislature rejects such requests as a whole, the parties shall return to the bargaining table.

ARTICLE 27 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any provision of this Agreement be found unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in force, and the parties shall immediately negotiate a substitute provision. Disputes concerning the appropriate substitute provision shall be handled as provided under the State Employee Relations Act.

ARTICLE 28 - RETIREMENT

Section 1. The terms and conditions of the employee retirement plan are governed by the Pension Contract between the Union and the State of Connecticut which is incorporated herein.

Section 2. Hypertension or Heart Disease.

(a) The presumption contained in C.G.S. Section 5-145c shall also apply to unit employees who successfully passed the type of physical examination mentioned in said statute on entry into prior service in any federal law enforcement agency.

(b) Employees hired on or after the date of approval of this Agreement who are not protected by C.G.S. Section 5-145c shall be required, as a condition of hire and a condition of employment, to undergo a physical examination, including but not limited to, an examination for hypertension and heart disease. If such examination fails to reveal

any evidence of such condition the presumption of C.G.S. Section 5-145c shall apply. The result of the examination shall be noted in the employee's personnel record.

ARTICLE 29 - SUPERSEDENCE

Section 1. The inclusion of language in the Agreement concerning matters formerly governed by law, regulation, or policy directive shall not be deemed a preemption of the entire subject matter. Accordingly, statutes, rules, regulations, and administrative directives or orders shall not be construed to be superseded by any provision of the Agreement except as provided in the Supersedence Appendix to this Agreement or where, by necessary implication, no other construction is tenable.

Section 2.

(a) Except to the extent that a particular personnel or operational practice is specifically modified or restricted by an express provision of this Agreement or specifically incorporated by reference in this Agreement, the Employer reserves and retains the right to add to, alter, or eliminate such practices.

(b) In connection with the exercise of rights conferred under paragraph (a) above, which exercise impacts upon a mandatory subject of bargaining, the following procedures shall apply:

(1) The Employer shall give notice of its contemplated action.

(2) The Union may request that a meeting be convened to discuss such impact.

(3) The parties shall commence discussions in a timely fashion.

 (i) The fact that such discussions have not commenced or concluded shall not operate to delay the exercise of the Employer's rights under this Agreement, including but not limited to, the right to implement all or part of the contemplated action.

(ii) Prior to any such implementation, the Employer shall give notice to the Union and schedule a meeting with the Union.

(5) The fact that the Employer has exercised its rights shall not operate to terminate the obligation to continue such discussions for a reasonable period of time.

ARTICLE 30 - TRAINING

Section 1.

(a) The Employer and the Union, through the existing Training Sub-Committee, shall cooperate in providing information to employees concerning relevant in-service training, workshops, etc.

(b) Time off to attend training may be granted where-

(1) the employee submits a timely request;

(2) the training is deemed by the Employer to be relevant to the maintenance or improvement of necessary job skills; and

(3) operational needs permit.

Denials of requests shall not be subject to Article 9.

Section 2. The existing Training Sub-Committee shall determine procedures to implement the advance of reimbursable travel expenses to employees whose attendance at training has been approved.

Section 3. Tuition Reimbursement Fund.

(a) The Division shall allocate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in each year of this Agreement to provide full reimbursement for tuition and fees to eligible employees. Criteria for course approval set forth in the State's existing tuition reimbursement program shall be adopted for use under this Section, with required exceptions as indicated in this Agreement. The maximum reimbursement rate shall be ninety dollars (\$90) per credit for undergraduate course and one hundred ten dollars (\$110) per credit for graduate courses.

(b) An employee may be reimbursed for a maximum of twelve (12) credits in a fiscal year.

(c) There shall be unlimited carryover of unused funds from one fiscal year to the succeeding fiscal year(s) provided, however, that the tuition reimbursement fund will expire on expiration of this Agreement. The previous sentence notwithstanding, applications for tuition reimbursement which are submitted and approved within the final six (6) months of the Agreement may be paid, within the remaining available funds, up to three (3) months following expiration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 31- MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Equipment.

During the life of this Agreement the Division of Criminal Justice will not increase the cost of equipment to the employees. There will be an Equipment sub-committee of the Labor Management Committee. The sub-committee will meet biannually, or more frequently if requested for a legitimate purpose, to discuss inspector equipment and recommend any changes to such equipment to improve quality, function, efficiency, and safety. The following equipment will be provided by the Division, as may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties: A firearm, a holster, Oleoresin Capsicum (Pepper Spray), a ballistic vest, a tactical flashlight, handcuffs, a handcuff case, ammunition, and a magazine holder. It is understood that the Employer need not provide the above items to its employees who already have them.

Section 2. Civic Duty.

(a) Employees absent from duty to perform jury service shall receive their regular straight time salary, exclusive of overtime or any other premium pay; acceptance of

such salary shall be deemed a waiver of any statutory jury service fee.

(b) Employees called as a witness outside normal working hours in a matter arising out of the performance of customary duties of employment shall, upon request, be granted compensatory time off in accordance with the provisions of Article 18 (Compensatory Time Off).

Section 3. Method of Salary Payment. Employees shall continue to be paid on a biweekly basis for the duration of this Agreement.

Section 4. Workers' Compensation Payments. Accrued sick leave, to the extent available, then personal leave, to the extent available, then accrued vacation leave, to the extent available, and finally, accrued compensatory time, to the extent available, may, upon election of the employee, be used to supplement workers' compensation payments up to but not beyond an employee's regular salary.

Section 5. The use of the term "Chief State's Attorney" in this Agreement shall be deemed to include any person(s) who may from time to time be designated by the Chief State's Attorney to perform functions set forth in the Agreement.

Section 6. Clothing Claims. The Employer agrees to facilitate the expeditious processing of claims for lost or damaged property to the Claims Commission.

Section 7. Indemnification. Indemnification_shall be provided pursuant to Section 4-165 of the General Statutes.

Section 8. Use of Assigned Vehicles While Off Duty.

During the life of this Agreement the Employer shall continue to permit the use of assigned vehicles while off duty, subject to the rules, regulations and orders which are presently in existence.

Section 9. The use of the word "he" or "him" in this contract shall be construed in its generic meaning unless otherwise indicated.

Section 10. Outside Employment. In addition to statutory requirements concerning outside employment, the following provisions shall apply to the bargaining unit:

(a) notification of outside employment shall be provided by the affected employee, in accordance with procedures established by the Chief State's Attorney, and

(b) no resources or equipment of the employer shall be utilized by an employee in connection with his/her outside employment.

Section 11. Cellular Phones. The Division shall provide to each Inspector and Supervisory Inspector a cellular phone. The Division policy concerning use of this type of equipment, including the prohibition on personal use, shall apply to the cellular telephones issued pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 12. Supervisory Position. In any office with three (3) or more inspectors, one of those

positions will be allocated as a supervisory inspector position. For purposes of this provision only, within the Chief States Attorney's Office, an "office" shall be any bureau or unit, or set of bureaus or units, which is under the direction of a specific supervisory assistant state's attorney.

ARTICLE 32 - DURATION

Section 1. Except as otherwise provided, this Agreement shall be effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025.

Section 2. Negotiations for a successor agreement shall commence in August, 2024. Initial Union proposals for changes in the Agreement shall be submitted on or before the third week of September, 2025. The parties may, by mutual agreement, commence negotiations on a different date.

Section 3. Reopener. Notwithstanding Sections 1 and 2, there shall be a reopener to negotiate general wage increases, steps, and lump sum in lieu of steps, if any, to be effective during the 2024-2025 contract year. Negotiations with respect to such issue shall commence in August, 2023. Initial Union proposals with respect to those issues shall be submitted on or before the third week of September, 2024. The parties may, by mutual agreement, commence negotiations on a different date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused their names to be signed.

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

By:

John J. Russotto. Deputy Chief State's Attorney For Administration

Date:

CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, SEIU LOCAL 2001 (POLICE INSPECTORS COUNCIL)

By:

David Glidden **Executive Director**

David Sydnor

President

Date: 9-1-2027

APPENDIX A - SUPERSEDENCE

To the extent applicable and necessary, certain provisions of the Agreement supersede preexisting statutes, as follows:

(1) The waiver of jury service fee by acceptance of regular salary, pursuant to Article 31 (Miscellaneous), Section 2, shall supersede C.G.S. Section 51 -247, Compensation of Jurors.

(2) The exclusive deduction of dues for members of CSEA under Article 7 (Union Security and Payroll Deductions), shall be deemed to supersede the words "any organization" in C.G.S. Section 5-260.

(3) Article 5 (Entire Agreement), Section 2 and Article 29 (Supersedence), Section 2 shall be deemed to supersede C.G.S. Section 5-271(a) and (e) and Section 5-272 (c), except to the extent that Article 29, Section 2(a) mandates impact bargaining.

(4) Disciplinary interviews (Article 13, Sec. 6) shall be deemed to supersede C.G.S. Section 5-27 1 (a).

(4) Article 16, Section 5 shall be deemed to supersede C.G.S. Section 5-213.

(5) Expansion of hypertension/heart disease presumption to employees previously employed n a federal law enforcement agency who, upon employment in such agency, passed a physical examination indicating no such condition, pursuant to Article 28 (Retirement), Section 2, shall supersede C.G.S. Section 5-145c.

(6) Payment for temporary service in the supervisory inspector classification commencing with the thirty-first (31st) consecutive work day retroactive to the first (1st) day of such work pursuant to Article 16, Section 3(c) shall be deemed to supersede the sixty (60) day requirement of C.G.S. Section 5-209.

(7) Travel reimbursement (Article 16, Section 6) shall be deemed to supersede the Standard State Travel Regulations.

(8) Article 16 (Compensation) and the Salary Schedules of Appendix C shall supersede the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 5-200a concerning objective job evaluation and the statewide SCOPE agreement.

(9) Article 20 (Sick Leave-Leave Without Pay) shall be deemed to supersede Conn. Gen. Stat. § 5-247 and any regulations thereunder promulgated by the Commissioner of Administrative Services.

APPENDIX B - MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT

<u>RE:</u> Firearms Instructors

Should the Division decide to have its inspectors serve as firearms instructors in the future, the parties will meet to discuss any substantial secondary impacts, including compensation issues, associated with that decision.

RE: Article 13, Discipline

Representatives of the Division and the Union shall discuss possible modifications to Article 13, Discipline. If the parties mutually agree, the revised language may be substituted for some or all of the current provisions.

RE: Involuntary Reassignments within the Chief State's Attorney's Office

Representatives of the Division and the Union shall discuss through Labor Management possible language relating to involuntary reassignments within the Chief State's Attorney's Office. If the parties mutually agree, such agreed upon language will be implemented.

RE: Job Descriptions

The parties agree that, as a housekeeping matter, the Division will update the job descriptions for those positions covered by the collective bargaining agreement to reflect the duties that those in such positions currently perform and to make any legally appropriate updates. The Union President will be provided a copy of any updated job descriptions and the opportunity to engage in Labor Management Committee discussions before they are distributed to bargaining unit members. This shall not waive any duty to bargain the Division may have with respect to this issue.

RE: Policies and Procedures

The parties agree that, as a housekeeping matter, the Division will update the Divisions Policies and Procedures and to make any legally appropriate and/or required updates. The Union President will be provided a copy of any updated policies and procedures and the opportunity to engage in Labor Management Committee discussions before they are distributed to bargaining unit members. This shall not waive any duty to bargain the Division may have with respect to this issue.

RE: Racial Justice

The parties will meet and discuss policies to promote racial justice. These discussions may include, but not be limited to, recruitment, training – including implicit bias training – promotion, and maintaining a workplace where racial justice is encouraged. These discussions shall not be deemed collective bargaining, nor shall they be used with respect to any argument or in any proceeding concerning what is or isn't a mandatory subject of bargaining.

APPENDIX C - GRIEVANCE FORM

Instructions: Grievant,	Police Inspectors C <u>GRIEVANCE F(</u> complete in triplicate, retain one copy and gi	RM	
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Work Location:	Date of A	lleged Violation:	
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