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Re: Police Dispatcher Labor Contract

Dear Ms Sherwood:

The labor contract for the police dispatchers covering the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 has, at long last, been signed. As you requested, I am forwarding a copy to you for your files. I have taken the liberty of filing a copy with SERB, as is required by law, so the City will not have to do that.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Underwood

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION DISPATCHER UNIT

AND

CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO

JANUARY 1, 2001 --- DECEMBER 31, 2001

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ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into between the City of Gahanna, Ohio (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (hereinafter referred to as the "OPBA" or "Union"), in recognition of the common interest in public service to the citizens and for the purpose of achieving better understanding between the parties as well as for the purpose of providing for the peaceful settlement of any differences which may arise between the parties.

ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION AND DUES

Section 1. Recognition. The City recognizes the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all full-time dispatchers in the bargaining unit in any and all matters relating to wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment. The bargaining unit shall include all full-time dispatchers employed by the Police Department of the City of Gahanna.

<u>Section 2</u>. <u>Bargaining Unit Exclusions</u>. All employees whose classification is not listed in Section 1 above shall be excluded from the bargaining unit.

Section 3. Dues Checkoff.

- a. The City and the Union agree that membership in the Union is available to all employees occupying classifications determined by this Agreement to be appropriately within the bargaining unit upon the successful completion of sixty (60) days of employment.
- b. The City agrees to deduct regular Union membership dues once each month from the pay of any employee eligible for membership in the bargaining unit upon receiving written authorization signed individually and voluntarily by the employee. Upon receipt of the proper authorization, the City will deduct Union dues from the payroll check during the next pay period that Union dues deduction is normally made.
- c. The rate at which dues are to be deducted and a list of employees who have authorized deductions shall be certified to the City by the Treasurer of the Union.
- d. Each eligible employee's written authorization for dues deduction shall be honored by the City for the duration of this Agreement. An employee may only revoke his/her authorization for dues deduction by giving written notice to the Union and City.

- e. The total amount of dues deduction and a list of all employees whose dues have been deducted shall be transmitted to the Union Treasurer within ten (10) days following the date when the deduction was made.
- f. It is specifically agreed that the City assumes no obligation, financial or otherwise, arising out of the provisions of this Article, and the Union hereby agrees that it will indemnify and hold the City harmless from any claims, actions, or proceedings by any employee arising from deductions made by the City pursuant to this Article. Once the funds are remitted to the Union, their disposition thereafter shall be the sole and exclusive obligation and responsibility of the Union.
- g. It is agreed that neither the employee nor the Union shall have a claim against the City for errors in processing of deductions unless a claim of error is made to the City in writing within sixty (60) days after the date such an error is claimed to have occurred. If it is found an error was made, it will be corrected at the next pay period that the Union dues deduction would normally be made by deducting the proper amount. Payroll collection of dues shall be authorized for the exclusive bargaining agent only, and for no other organization attempting to represent the employees within the bargaining unit as herein determined.
- h. In the event a deduction is not made for any Union member during any particular month, the City, upon written verification from the Union, will make the appropriate deduction from the following pay period in which dues are normally deducted, if the deduction does not exceed the total of two (2) months regular dues from the pay of any Union member. The City will not deduct more than one (1) month's regular dues for more than one (1) consecutive month.
- i. The City shall be relieved from making such individual dues deductions upon:
 - 1. termination of employment;
 - 2. transfer to a job other than one covered by the bargaining unit;
 - 3. layoff from work;
 - 4. an agreed unpaid leave of absence, or
 - 5. revocation of the check-off authorization in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- j. The City shall not be obligated to make dues deductions from any employee who, during any dues month involved, shall have failed to receive sufficient wages to equal the dues deductions.

ARTICLE 3 - NON-DISCRIMINATION

There shall be no discrimination, harassment, or pressure by the City or the OPBA against any employee on the basis of such employee's membership or non-membership in the OPBA. Additionally, neither the City nor the OPBA shall discriminate on account of age, race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation or disability, as defined by law.

ARTICLE 4 - DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Just Cause. Employees may only be disciplined for just cause. Discipline for just cause shall be administered within a progressive policy of discipline. In the event that an employee is to be given disciplinary action for behavior or conduct which warrants time-off suspension or removal, a predisciplinary conference between the employee and the City or its designee, shall be arranged. This conference shall be scheduled not earlier than 72 hours after the time the employee is notified of the proposed discipline. The employee may be suspended during this time. The employee may have a Union representative at any such conference.

<u>Section 2</u>. <u>Notification</u>. The employee shall be notified in writing of any disciplinary action resulting from the predisciplinary conference referenced in Section 1 above.

Section 3. Personnel Files. Every employee shall be allowed to review and copy the contents of his/her personnel file at all reasonable times upon written request and subject to all applicable laws regarding access to employee records. Memoranda clarifying and explaining alleged inaccuracies of any document in his/her file may be added to the file by the respective employee. The official employment files shall be maintained by the Chief, or his designee. Additionally, the personnel files are subject to review by a representative if prior written approval is submitted by the employee to the Chief. All items in an employee's file with regard to complaints and investigations will be clearly marked with respect to final disposition.

Section 4. Duration of Records. All corrective and instructive actions of record (verbal counseling, oral reprimands, written reprimands, suspensions, reduction, or removal) will be maintained in each bargaining unit member's personnel file. In any case in which an oral reprimand, written reprimand, suspension reduction or dismissal is disaffirmed through the Grievance Procedure, by the Safety Director, by the Civil Service Commission, by a court of competent jurisdiction, or otherwise, the member's personnel record shall clearly indicate such disaffirmance. In addition, unsubstantiated, unproven or untimely allegations or complaints of misconduct made against a member and appearing in the file of the City shall not be considered in future corrective action or promotional considerations, and shall not be shared outside the Police Department. At the member's request, the City shall also expunge records from the member's personnel file when such disaffirmance has occurred.

- A. <u>Verbal Counseling</u>. A verbal counseling form shall be expunged after six (6) months, at the member's request, provided that no further counseling of the same or similar nature is imposed within six (6) months of the verbal counseling.
- B. Oral Reprimand. An oral reprimand shall be expunged after six (6) months, at the member's request, provided that no further discipline of the same or similar nature is imposed within six (6) months of the oral reprimand.
- C. <u>Written Reprimand</u>. A written reprimand shall be expunged after two (2) years, at the member's request, provided that no further discipline of the same or similar nature is imposed within two (2) years of the written reprimand.
- D. Suspension/Reduction. A suspension or reduction shall be expunged after five (5) years of the suspension or reduction unless the suspension was for an act of serious misconduct which is of a criminal nature or which violates a federal or state statute. In any case where a suspension is used for subsequent disciplinary action, the time that has passed since the suspension and the member's work record since the suspension will be considered as possible mitigating circumstances.

<u>ARTICLE 5 - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS</u>

Section 1. Before an employee may be charged with a violation of the Rules and Regulations for a refusal to answer questions or participate in an investigation, he/she shall be advised that his/her refusal to answer such questions or participate in such investigation will be the basis of a charge.

Section 2. Questioning or interviewing of an employee in the course of a disciplinary investigation will be conducted at hours reasonably related to the employee's shift, unless operational necessities require otherwise. Interrogation sessions shall be for reasonable periods of time and time shall be provided for rest periods and attendance to physical necessities.

Section 3. An employee will be informed of the nature of any investigation of himself/herself prior to any questioning. If the employee being questioned is, at that time, a witness and not under investigation, he/she shall be so advised.

Section 4. All complaints by civilians which may form the sole basis for any disciplinary action of an employee, shall be in writing and signed by the complainant. The employer will furnish a copy of the complaint to the Union upon request and will certify that it has been signed. However, the City need not give the Union the name of the complainant but will produce such complaint as signed at any appropriate hearing, if such complaint is the sole basis for the disciplinary action. When any anonymous complaint is made against a bargaining unit member and no corroborative evidence is obtained, the complaint shall be classified as unfounded and the

accused member shall not be required to submit a written report. Also, when any citizen complaint is filed greater than 30 calendar days after the date of the alleged event complained of, and where the conduct complained of, if true, could not lead to a criminal charge, the complaint will be classified as untimely, not to be investigated and the accused member will not be required to submit a written report, but will be notified orally or in writing of the claim. However, if there is competent and reliable evidence other than the complaining person's version of events to corroborate that the conduct occurred, then an investigation may go forward.

Section 5. All employees shall be entitled to Union representation, at no cost to the City at any disciplinary conference that may result in disciplinary action being taken by the employer. Said conference shall not be delayed due to the unavailability of the Union representative, unless mutually agreed by the parties.

ARTICLE 6 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>General</u>. There shall be an earnest, honest effort to settle disputes and controversies promptly. The procedures of this Article shall serve as a means of settlement of all grievances.

<u>Section 2</u>. <u>Grievance Defined</u>. A grievance is any unresolved question or dispute regarding the wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment of bargaining unit members. This procedure shall not be used for purposes of adding to, subtracting from, or altering in any way, any of the provisions of this contract.

Section 3. Procedure.

Step 1. The grievant and representative shall first discuss the grievance with the immediate supervisor, within seven (7) calendar days after the employee has knowledge of, or should have knowledge of, the incident upon which the alleged grievance is based. Grievances brought to the attention of the supervisor beyond the seven (7) day time limit shall not be considered. The supervisor shall respond within seven (7) calendar days.

Step 2. If the grievant is unsatisfied with the answer of the Supervisor at Step 1, the grievance involves a pay issue, or if the grievance concerns an issue which the supervisor has no discretion or authority to resolve, the grievance shall be reduced to writing and presented to the Chief within seven (7) calendar days of the supervisor's answer. Grievances brought to the attention of the chief beyond the seven (7) day time limit shall not be considered.

The Chief shall investigate the grievance and may schedule a joint grievance meeting within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the grievance. The Chief shall reply to the grievant and his/her Union representative in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days after completion of the grievance meeting or receipt of the grievance, whichever is later. Except in

the case of an emergency causing the delay, in the event that a timely response has not been submitted to the Union by the Chief, the grievance will be deemed to have been granted in full and the requested remedy will be implemented.

Step 3. If the Union is dissatisfied with the answer of the Chief at Step 2, the Union representative may appeal the decision to the Safety Director and/or Mayor within seven (7) days after receiving the Chief's written reply. Grievances brought to the attention of the Safety Director and/or Mayor beyond the seven (7) day time limit shall not be considered. The Safety Director and/or Mayor shall investigate the grievance and may schedule a joint grievance meeting within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the grievance. The Safety Director and/or Mayor shall reply to the Union within fourteen (14) calendar days after completion of the grievance meeting or receipt of the grievance, whichever is later. Except in the case of an emergency causing the delay, in the event that a timely response has not been submitted to the Union by the Safety Director, the grievance will be deemed to have been granted in full and the requested remedy will be implemented.

Step 4. If the Step 3 answer is not satisfactory to the Union, the grievance may be appealed within seven (7) calendar days to arbitration. Grievances not appealed to arbitration within seven (7) days shall not be considered. The City and Union shall jointly request a list of arbitrators from the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") within fourteen (14) calendar days thereafter. Upon receipt of names from AAA, an arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the rules of AAA.

Section 4.

- A. All decisions of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon all parties participating. The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, change, modify or amend any of the provisions of this Agreement, and he/she shall decide the issues presented on the basis of the reliable, substantial and preponderance of the evidence in the record of the proceedings and the express terms of this Agreement.
- B. Employees who are called by either party as witnesses and who give testimony shall lose no pay for the time spent at an arbitration hearing if it is during regular working hours. Off-duty employees called by Management as witnesses shall receive payment pursuant to the applicable provision of this Agreement. The arbitrator will be paid in the following manner.
- C. The party that wins the arbitration shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the arbitrator's fee. The party that loses shall pay fifty percent (50%). Any additional cost, such as transcripts of the hearing, the use of legal counsel, etc., shall be borne by the individual party that makes use of such service.

D. Only the Union may authorize an appeal to arbitration. If Management fails to answer any grievance within the prescribed limits, the grievance shall be automatically referred to the next higher step in this Article. The time limits imposed in the Article may be extended at any step by the written consent of the parties. Any step herein may be waived by the express, mutual written consent of the parties.

ARTICLE 7 - LAYOFFS

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Civil Service</u>. Layoffs and reinstatements from layoffs within the bargaining unit shall be governed by the Rules of the Gahanna Civil Service Commission.

Section 2. <u>Layoff List</u>. Prior to the institution of any layoff, the City shall create and post a list containing the name and rank of employees in the Department in the order of their seniority. This list shall be used for the purpose of recalling employees.

Section 3. Recall From Layoff List. Employees who are to be recalled shall be given a written notice of their recall. A recalled employee shall have a fourteen (14) day period from the date of the receipt of the recall notice to accept reemployment and return to work. A recalled employee who fails to return to work or respond to the notice within said fourteen (14) day period shall be removed from the layoff list and lose all rights of reinstatement or reemployment.

ARTICLE 8 - LABOR RELATIONS MEETINGS

Section 1. Labor Relations Meetings. The City and the Union recognize the benefit of exploration and the study of current and potential problems and differences via meetings of representatives to exchange views and information without the stress and time limitations which may exist at the bargaining table. Accordingly, the Union and the City agree to establish a Labor Relations Committee to function during the term of this Contract to develop approaches and possible solutions to matters of vital concern to both. Included among the matters which can be the subject of these discussions are such things as major changes in operations contemplated by the City which will affect members of the bargaining unit, contemplated changes in General Orders, and concerns of the bargaining unit relative to equipment, uniforms, etc.

The committee shall consist of two (2) members of the Union negotiating team; and the Chief of Police or his designee and any other City Administration member who wishes to participate.

Labor Relations Meetings shall be held at least twice each calendar year during the months of March and September, and may meet at other times when necessary. The specifics of the

procedures which are to guide the Labor Relations Meetings shall be developed by the participants. Agenda items may be drawn from those items identified in the Contract as being proper subjects for Labor Relations Meetings or from any issues confronting the Division which are mutually accepted for discussion.

ARTICLE 9 - TRADING OF TIME

Section 1. If an employee with the approval of the supervisor, and solely at the employee's option, agrees to substitute during scheduled work hours for another employee the hours the employee works as a substitute shall be excluded in the calculation of hours for which the employee is entitled to overtime. The division is permitted, but not required, to keep a record of the hours of the substitute work.

Employees with the approval of the Chief of Police, and solely at the employee's option, shall be permitted to trade shifts with employees who are qualified to perform all of the necessary functions of the position. Approval for shift trades may be reasonably withheld. The request must be in writing and signed by both employees.

ARTICLE 10 - INSURANCE

Section 1. Medical Insurance. The City will continue to provide comprehensive hospitalization, surgical, major medical, additional physicians services coverage, and prescription drug coverage for the duration of this contract. The coverage levels and the employee contribution toward the premiums for calendar year 2001 will be the same as those negotiated between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge No. 9 for its members for calendar year 2001.

<u>Section 2</u>. <u>Dental Insurance</u>. The City will continue to provide, at no cost to the employee or his or her family, a fully paid dental insurance plan at least equivalent to that which was in effect on December 31, 2000.

Section 3. Life Insurance. The City will continue to provide fully-paid life insurance for members in an amount equal to twice the member's annual salary or fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), whichever amount is greater, on the life of each member with a provision for double that amount additional coverage in the event of accidental death or dismemberment.

Section 4. Cost Containment. If premium rates increase during the life of this Agreement, the parties agree to meet and discuss the increase in premium cost for the purpose of discussing alternatives to maintain cost control, including, but not limited to, alternate insurance coverage, and alternate means of providing coverage. The employees recognize the right of the City to

secure alternate insurance carriers and to modify insurance coverage so as to continue to provide equivalent or better benefits, which measures may be used to maintain or lessen premium costs.

The City agrees to meet and discuss any proposed modifications in the insurance plan or change of carrier prior to the time any modifications or change of carrier would be implemented.

Section 5. <u>Vision Insurance</u>. The City will provide, at no cost to the member or his family, a fully paid vision care insurance plan to cover the member and his or her family.

ARTICLE 11 - SICK LEAVE

Section 1. Sick Leave Entitlement. Each employee shall be entitled to sick leave with pay as established in Section 2 of this Article. Unused sick leave shall be cumulative without limit. When sick leave is used, it shall be deducted from the employee's credit on the basis of thirty (30 minutes for each one-half hour of absence from previously scheduled work.

Each bargaining unit member shall be entitled to eighty hours of sick leave upon the satisfactory completion of six (6) months of full-time employment with the City. Bargaining unit members may be granted sick leave prior to six (6) months at the discretion of the Chief. Any sick leave so granted will be charged to the bargaining unit member's original eighty hour entitlement.

Section 2. Sick Leave Accumulation. Employee's shall accumulate sick leave at the following rates:

Years of Service	Sick Leave Hours <u>Per Leave</u>
Date of hire through 5 years 6 years through 10 years	120 hours per year (15 days) 128 hours per year (16 days)
11 years through 15 years 16 years or more	136 hours per year (17 days)
10 Jours of more	144 hours per year (18 days)

<u>Section 3</u>. <u>Sick Leave Usage</u>. Employees may use sick leave, upon approval of the Chief of Police, for the following reasons:

- A. Sickness of the employee.
- B. Injury to the employee, except where injury leave may apply.

- C. Medical, dental or optical consultation or treatment of the employee, providing the person rendering such treatment is licensed to practice his/her profession by the State of Ohio.
- D. Sickness or injury of a member of the employee's immediate family, whether or not the convalescence occurs in the employee's household.
- E. For the purpose of interpreting this Section of the Agreement, any period of disability due to pregnancy shall be considered to be sickness entitled to the same benefits as any other form of sick leave.
- F. In the event of quarantine because of contagious disease, or because of known contact with such disease, the Chief of Police shall require a doctor's certificate before paying any employee sick leave under the provisions of Subsection F.
- G. An employee who is absent without leave for a period of three (3) work days is considered to have resigned; however, such resignation may be rescinded at the discretion of the Safety Director or Mayor within thirty (30) calendar days of the date the employee became absent.
- H. A doctor's Certificate may be required by the Chief of Police for any absence permitted by this Section of the Agreement, and shall be required for all absences of more than five (5) work days.
- I. Sick leave may, at the discretion of the employee, be charged to vacation leave.
- J. Any period to be charged to sick leave shall be in increments of not less than one-half (1/2) hour.

Section 4. Cash Payment for Sick Leave Credit. Employees shall, at the time of their retirement or resignation in good standing, receive payment based on the employee's rate of pay at retirement or resignation for 50% of the accumulated sick leave up to a maximum of 1,200 sick leave hours, but not less than that accumulated as of December 30, 1990. After 1200 hours, payment shall be at 25% of accumulated sick leave. Payment under this Section shall be as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 2113.04. All severance pay shall be paid at the employee's current rate of pay. In the event an employee dies as a direct result of injury sustained in the course of his/her employment, payment shall be made on a day-for-day basis for his/her unused sick leave as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 2113.04.

Section 5. Injury With Pay. Employees shall be allowed injury leave with pay for each service connected injury, provided such injury is reported to the employee's immediate supervisor within six (6) hours of such injury but under unusual conditions, no later than twenty-four (24) hours. In the absence of the employee's immediate supervisor, the injury may

be reported to any supervisory or administrative official of the City of Gahanna. Any additional period of leave must receive the approval of the Safety Director before it will be effective, and must be submitted to the Safety Director with a recommendation in writing from the Chief of Police for approval or denial.

A report of the cause of all injuries signed by the immediate supervisor, the division and department heads, shall be submitted to the Safety Director within two (2) days of the date of the injury, on forms designed and furnished by the Safety Director. The Safety Director may arrange to have the injured person examined by a qualified physician other than the employee's own personal physician and if, in the judgment of the Safety Director, the injury was sustained while on duty with the City of Gahanna Police Department, the member shall be continued on the payroll and be paid for a period not to exceed six (6) calendar months; additional increments of thirty (30) days may be granted by the Safety Director. A report made by the physician designated by the City, if applicable, shall be filed in the employee's personnel record within three (3) months. If the physician designated by the City is of the opinion that the employee is capable of performing his/her regular duties, the employee shall be informed by the Safety Director to return to work on the first regular assigned work day following the physician's report to the Safety Director. If the physician recommends that the employee be granted light duties for a period of time, the employee shall be so notified, and shall be recalled to work and given whatever light work is available for as long as necessary in the judgment of the physician. If the employee is injured to the extent that he/she is unable to perform his/her regular duties after the maximum injury leave allowance, but is capable of performing other duties which are available to him/her in the municipal service, the Chief of Police, to whom he will be assigned upon his return, will submit a statement of his/her new duties to the Civil Service Commission, and the Commission, after due investigation, will classify the job and recommend a pay range to Council, if an appropriate classification and pay range does not already exist covering the work to be performed. If the injured employee elects to return to work, and suitable work is available for him/her, he/she shall be employed in the new classification, and at the appropriate rate within the range for that class. When able to resume his/her former duties, he/she shall be restored to his/her previous job at the step at which he/she was paid when the injury occurred.

If the employee disagrees with the determination of the City-appointed physician or other appropriate licensed practitioner, the employee may submit an examination report from a licensed practitioner of his choice. If the opinion and conclusions of the City-appointed and employee-retained practitioners differ, the employee shall submit to an examination by a practitioner mutually appointed by the two practitioners.

Section 6. Special Major Medical Leave. For all employee's with ten (10) or more years of service, a period of nine (9) months at one-half pay will be provided for special major Medical leave. "Major Medical" shall be defined as any debilitating disease or injury that by its nature requires a lengthy confinement or convalescence sufficient to exhaust an employee's accrued sick leave and vacation. Major Medical leave may be used after other benefits from Article XVI have been used.

Section 7. Coordination of Workers' Compensation. Employees who receive Injury or Work-Related Special Major Medical Leave benefits cannot receive and retain Workers' Compensation temporary total disability benefits for the same period of time, arising out of the same injury. However, employees who are injured while on duty shall file for Workers' Compensation benefits according to the Ohio Workers' Compensation Act. Such filing shall include request for any available compensatory program designed to compensate workers for lost wages. Copies of all filings shall be submitted to the City as a condition precedent to receiving Injury or Work-Related Special Major Medical Leave . Thereafter, the employee is required to endorse over to the City any Workers' Compensation temporary total disability benefits he or she receives that extend over the same period for which the employee was paid Injury or Work-Related Special Major Medical Leave . In furtherance of these provisions and in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation the employee will be required to execute a written agreement which reflects the provisions of this Section.

ARTICLE 12 - SPECIAL LEAVES

Section 1. <u>Jury Duty Leave</u>. An employee, while serving upon a jury in any court of record, will be paid his regular salary for each of his workdays during the periods of time so served. Time so served shall be deemed active and continuous service for all purposes.

Section 2. Examination Leave. Time off with pay shall be allowed employees to participate in Gahanna Civil Service tests or to take a required examination, pertinent to their City employment, before a State or Federal licensing board.

Section 3. Court Leave. Time off with pay shall be allowed employees who are required to attend any court of record as a witness for the City in any matters.

Section 4. Military Leave.

A. Paid Leave. Employees who are members of the Ohio National Guard, U.S. Air Force Reserves, U.S. Army Reserves, U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, U.S. Coast Guard Reserves, or the U.S. Naval Reserves shall be granted military leave of absence with pay in addition to vacation leave when ordered to temporary active duty or when ordered to military training exercises conducted in the field for a period not to exceed one hundred and seventy-six (176) hours during each calendar year. When the Chief Executive Officer of the State of Ohio or the Chief Executive Officer of the United States declares that an emergency exists, then the employee, if ordered to active duty for the purposes of that emergency shall be paid pursuant to this Section for the period, or periods, of that emergency, whether or not consecutive. An employee shall be paid his regular salary for the period of time so served less whatever amount such employee may receive as his/her military base pay.

- B. <u>Military Leave Without Pay</u>. An employee shall be granted a leave of absence without pay to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of America or any branch thereof. Employees in a probationary period shall not be granted such leave. Such leave of absence shall be governed by the following principles:
 - 1. No eligible employee shall lose his rank, grade, or seniority enjoyed at the time of his enlistment, induction or call into the active service (other than for military training level), of the Armed Forces for the United States of America or any branch thereof, except that a provisional employee at the time of entering active military service shall not be entitled to restoration to his position if an eligible list from which appointment to such positions may be made has been established prior to his/her application for restoration to such position.
 - 2. Any employee who has entered the service as stated above, upon his/her Honorable Discharge from the service and establishment of the fact that his/her physical and mental condition has not been impaired to the extent of rendering him/her incompetent to perform the duties of the position, shall be returned to the position he held immediately prior to his/her enlistment or induction into the service or to a position of equal rank and grade. Such employee must request restoration to his/her position. Nothing contained in this paragraph "B" shall obligate the City to pay an employee who is on military leave of absence.
 - 3. Any employee serving in a position vacated temporarily due to the previous incumbent being in the military service shall be determined to have been given a permanent appointment, if the returnee fails to exercise his/her restoration rights within the prescribed time.
 - 4. The term "Armed Forces of the United States" as used in this Section shall be deemed to include the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard.
 - 5. An employee who achieves permanent status while filling a vacancy resulting from the enlistment or induction of an employee into military service, upon return of that employee from the service, shall be placed on an eligible list in the order of his/her original position.
 - 6. Where service in the Armed Forces results from induction or call to active duty, leave shall be granted for the duration of such call.
 - 7. Where service in the Armed Forces results from enlistment, leave shall be granted for not more than one (1) voluntary enlistment.

C. Return from Military Leave. Whenever an employee returns from military leave, he/she shall be restored in his/her former position at the step which corresponds to the step he/she received at the time of his/her departure and, in addition, shall be granted any increases to which he/she would have been entitled had he/she not entered military service.

Section 5. Funeral Leave. Employees shall be entitled to three (3) consecutive work days, including the day of the funeral, and may be granted two (2) additional work days with pay at his/her regular straight hourly rate, for funeral leave for a death in the immediate family with written approval from the Chief of Police. In the event of need for time off to attend the funeral of an aunt, uncle, niece or nephew, an employee may use any accumulated paid vacation or compensatory time off and if the employee does not have adequate advance notice of the need for the time off, then the normally-required advance notice to the City for using vacation or compensatory time off will be waived.

<u>Section 6</u>. <u>Absence Without Leave</u>. All unauthorized and unreported absences shall be considered as absence without leave and loss in pay shall automatically be made for the period of absence. Such unauthorized absence may also be made the grounds for corrective action, including dismissal or suspension.

ARTICLE 13 - EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVES

Section 1. Reimbursement Program. Each member who is subject to the provisions of this Agreement shall be eligible for a reimbursement of tuition, course fees and lab fees in courses of instruction taken towards an associate's and/or a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university. The rate of reimbursement shall be one hundred percent (100%), provided that a grade C or better is attained in a course subject to a maximum limit of \$2,000 per member per calendar year. Job related advanced training given by the recognized organizations and educational facilities shall be included to assist each member in professional development.

- A. All courses must be taken during other than scheduled working hours. All scheduled hours of courses of instruction must be filed with the Chief of Police or his/her designee and with the Department of Finance. All scheduled times of courses must be approved by the Appointing Authority. Any situation which, in the discretion of the Appointing Authority, would require an employee's presence on the job, shall take complete and final precedence over any times scheduled for courses.
- B. Any financial assistance from any governmental or private agency available to a member, whether or not applied for and regardless of when such assistance may have been received, shall be deducted in the entire amount from the full tuition reimbursement the member is eligible for under this Section. If an employee's

- tuition is fully covered by another governmental or private agency, then the employee is not entitled to any payment from the City.
- C. The Department of Finance shall create and maintain a current list of approved institutions for which reimbursement for tuition may be made under this Section. Only those institutions listed by the Department shall establish eligibility of the employee to receive reimbursement for tuition. Additional institutions can be added by forwarding an application for reimbursement to the Department of Finance. Applications for approval of institutions must be made to the Department of Finance not less than thirty (30) days prior to enrollment. The thirty days may be waived with the approval of the Finance Director.
- D. No reimbursement will be granted for books, paper, supplies of whatever nature, transportation, meals, or any other expense connected with any course except the cost of tuition.

ARTICLE 14 - PERSONAL EXPENSES

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Personal Expenses</u>. The following shall apply as to personal expenses incurred by employees related to travel, etc., on City business:

- A. Any employee, whenever authorized by the Chief of Police, Mayor or Safety Director to engage in or upon official daily business for/or on behalf of the City, will be reimbursed for all expenses incurred subject to limitations by policy. Such employee shall submit a statement of expenses to the Director of Finance with such supporting data as the Director requires.
- B. This reimbursement for any expenses shall include, but not be limited to, the pay for the use of personal vehicles at the rate allowed by I.R.S. per mile. A member may not use his or her personal vehicle on City business unless approved by the Chief or his designee.
- C. Any employee may request prepayment of any expenses. Such request shall be submitted for authorization by the Mayor or Safety Director and submitted to the Director of Finance for approval with such properly executed supportive documents as the Director requires. Such prepayment shall be accounted for to the Director within thirty (30) days following the expenditure.
- D. All reimbursement for travel expenses, including meals, is subject to the maximum amounts stated in the City's Policy and Procedures Manual, in the section entitled "Travel Procedure."

ARTICLE 15 - MISCELLANEOUS ECONOMIC

- Section 1. Termination During the Probationary Period. Employees shall be given sufficient time to demonstrate their abilities and may be terminated during the probationary periods. At least, once during each six (6) months of the probationary period, the Department Head or his representative shall inform the employee as to his/her progress and advise him/her as to how he/she can improve his/her work performance.
- <u>Section 2</u>. <u>Job-Related Education Incentive</u>. Each employee is eligible to qualify for a lump-sum, non-wage rate payment during any calendar year during the term of this Agreement under the following conditions:
- A. The intent of this provision is to improve the job skills of each employee by encouraging -- but not requiring -- them to engage in continuing education activities related to their job.
- B. Each employee who, before December 31 of a year covered by this Agreement, completes one course at an accredited institution of higher learning approved by the Chief of Police and the Finance Director shall receive, for that year, a lump-sum payment (which shall not become part of their wage base) of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00). To be eligible to receive this payment, the employee must give notice to the Finance Director before December 1 of the year for which payment will be requested. Payment will be made no later than thirty (30) days after the Finance Director is given notice by the employee that the class has been completed.
- C. The above required course approval by the Chief of Police and the Finance Director shall not be unreasonably denied. Any such denial may be challenged through the grievance procedure.
- Section 3. Physical Fitness Incentive. In lieu of the Job-Related Education Incentive provision referenced above, any employee covered by this Agreement may qualify for the payment set forth in Article 15, Section 2(B) by complying with the requirements of the Physical Fitness Incentive Payment Provision which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Addendum A.

ARTICLE 16 - DEFINITIONS

Section 1. For the purposes of use of sick leave and funeral leave, immediate family consists of spouse, son, daughter, foster child, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepsister, stepbrother, stepson, stepdaughter, half-brother, half-sister, grandchild, and grandparent-in-law.

ARTICLE 17 - WAGE RATES SERVICE CREDITS

Section 1. Wages.

The following straight-time wage rates shall be paid Police Radio Dispatchers effective the pay period after the dates indicated

Pay Period	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
January 1, 2001				
Hourly Bi-Weekly Annual	12.58 1006.40 26,166.40	14.37 1149.60 29,889.60	16.20 1296.00 33,696.00	18.15 1452.00 37,752.00

<u>Section 2 Pay Plan Administration</u>. The following shall apply to advancement from Step 1 to Step 4 in the rank of an employee.

- A. Step 1 shall be the minimum rate and shall be the hiring rate for the class.
- B. An employee becomes eligible and shall be advanced by the Appointing Authority to Step 2 on the first day following satisfactory completion of six (6) months of continuous service in his or her class at Step 1.
- C. An employee becomes eligible and shall be advanced by the Appointing Authority to Step 3 on the first day following satisfactory completion of one (1) year of continuous service in his or her class at Step 2.
- D. An employee becomes eligible and shall be advanced by the Appointing Authority to Step 4 on the first day following satisfactory completion of one (1) year of continuous service in his or her class at Step 3.
- E. The salary step advancements as prescribed in this Article shall be mandatory upon the Appointing Authority with regard to employees, except that the Chief, in his discretion, may start any new full-time employee at Step 2 of the wage scale if that employee has previous training and experience that warrant the higher starting wage.

Section 3 Pay Period. All employees whose salaries are provided for by this Agreement shall be paid on a bi-weekly basis (or pay period) unless otherwise provided by appropriate ordinance of Council.

<u>Section 4 Annual Service Credit</u>. Employees shall receive, in addition to other pay called for herein, an Annual Service Credit payment based on completed years of service according to the following table:

Service	<u>Base</u>	
5 through 9 years	\$600.00	
10 through 14 years	\$800.00	
15 through 19 years	\$1,000.00	
20 or more years	\$1,200.00	

Payment of Service Credit shall be made in a lump sum, in a separate check, and will accompany the first regular paycheck in December of each calendar year. Payment shall be based upon completed years of active service as a full-time dispatcher in the Gahanna Police Department as of the date of payment.

The Annual Service Credit will be included in the calculation of the regular rate for overtime pay. The Base amount will be divided by 2080 to reflect the increase in the hourly rate. The increase in the hourly rate will be multiplied by (.5), and then multiplied by the number of hours in excess of 40 worked in each work week by the employee. A lump sum check reflecting this additional overtime will be issued with the second regular paycheck in January of the following year.

For the purpose of this Section, completed active service shall include approved City paid military leave.

Section 5. Shift Differential Pay.

- A. The shift differential rate shall be 55¢ per hour for any eight (8) hour workday in which the work occurs after 3:00 p.m. and prior to 7:00 a.m., excluding hours in paid status while on approved vacation, sick leave, compensatory time, and off-duty court time hours. Shift differential pay shall be paid for injury leave for scheduled premiums hours only.
- B. Shift differential pay shall be paid only for actual hours worked during an eight (8) hour workday. Shift differential shall not be paid in addition to regular pay for any hours of leave with pay, except as stated in paragraph A. If authorized overtime occurs in conjunction with an eight (8) hour workday during the time period specified in paragraph A above for which shift differential would be paid, the shift differential shall be paid for each hour of overtime worked.
- C. The shift differential will be added to the base hourly rate prior to computing the overtime rate.

ARTICLE 18 - RATES FOR EMPLOYEES FOLLOWING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Section 1. Recall From Layoff.

- A. An employee who is recalled from layoff shall be reinstated at the same rate as if he or she were not laid off.
- B. A member who is recalled shall suffer no loss of seniority for the time during which the member was laid off, which time shall not constitute a break in service.

<u>Section 2</u>. <u>Reinstatement From Authorized Leave</u>. Time spent on authorized leave shall be credited for purposes of step advancement and shall not constitute a break in service.

ARTICLE 19 - HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

Section 1. Definition. The workweek shall consist of forty (40) hours based on five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour workdays and two (2) consecutive days off. The salary and wage ranges prescribed in the pay plan for the respective classes of positions are based upon an average workweek of forty (40) hours and a work year of 2,080 hours. "Pay status" shall include work hours as well as all hours in pay status while on any approved leave, including holiday, vacation, injury, military, and sick leave.

Section 2. Overtime. Bargaining unit members shall be compensated at straight time rates for all hours in paid status, except that all hours worked in excess of eight (8) in any day or forty (40) in any workweek shall be compensated for at a rate of time-and-one-half. Employees shall be paid time-and-one-half for time worked between forty (40) hours and forty-eight (48) hours and double time for time worked in excess of forty-eight (48) hours. No employee shall be paid for overtime worked which has not been authorized by his/her Supervisor. The City will make a good faith effort to offer all overtime of four hours or longer in duration to bargaining unit members on an equalized basis insofar as practicable. The City has the right to correct any agreed-upon unequal distribution of overtime as soon as reasonably practicable but not later than ninety (90) days after the matter is brought to the City's attention, provided sufficient overtime is available to correct the unequal distribution.

Section 3. Call-In Pay/Court Pay. When a bargaining unit member is called back for work by the Appointing Authority or his/her designee for hours not abutting his/her regular shift hours, he/she shall be paid or credited with a minimum of three (3) hours at the appropriate rate of pay. This provision shall apply to employees called in to off-duty court appearances and department meetings. If a member is given at least twenty (20) days' advance notice of a call-in for a planned event, such as P.T. testing or any other reason, then compensation for the time will be on an hour-for-hour basis.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Additional Considerations</u>. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, employees shall be paid time and one-half for time worked on the sixth consecutive day worked and double-time on the seventh (7th) consecutive day worked. There shall be no pyramiding of overtime.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, employees who are called in or are to report for court appearances shall receive the minimum call-in guarantee at their regular rate of pay unless the employee would be placed in an overtime status. If the call-in for court appearances places the employee in overtime status, the employee shall receive compensation at the rate of time-and-one-half his/her rate of pay. Other premium rates shall not apply to court appearance time.

An employee engaged in or required to attend training, schooling or seminars shall be paid at the rate of time-and-one-half his/her rate of pay if the employee would be placed in an overtime status for such training, schooling or seminars.

<u>Section 5</u>. <u>Compensatory Time</u>. Compensatory time off shall be earned or granted to employees, at the election of the member, in lieu of payment for overtime worked, and shall be earned at a rate consistent with this Article. The maximum amount of compensatory time an employee may accrue is one-hundred forty-four (144) hours.

Upon separation from employment with the City for any reason, employees shall be entitled to compensation at their then current rate of pay for accrued and unused compensatory time accumulated. In the case where an employee is removed by the City, no compensation will be given for accrued time for the period of time in which the employee's conduct is proven to have caused the removal.

Section 6. Report-In Pay. Whenever any employee reports for duty on a regular work day, at his/her usual time, and sufficient work is not available, he/she shall be guaranteed payment for a minimum of four (4) hours of work even if the number of hours actually worked is less than four (4) hours. In addition, any absence from work under these circumstances shall not constitute a break in service.

ARTICLE 20 - UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT AND ALLOWANCES

Section 1. <u>Initial Issue</u>. Upon appointment to the Police Department, each employee shall be provided all necessary uniforms and equipment (summer and winter) by the City.

Section 2. Required Uniforms. All required uniforms, leather and equipment shall be fully furnished by the City and shall be replaced by the City with equal quality/style, design replacements, as needed, on a trade-in basis.

Section 3. <u>Damaged Uniform Parts or Equipment</u>. Employees shall be allowed to turn in clothing and uniform parts or equipment which are damaged in the line of duty and these items will be replaced by the City with equal quality/style, design replacements at no cost to employees except where the damage was caused by the employee's negligence.

Section 4. Damaged Personal Property. Employees shall be allowed to turn in personal property which is damaged in the line of duty and these items will be repaired or replaced by the City at no cost to the employee, except where such damage was caused by the employee's negligence. The following

rules will apply: \$150.00 maximum per personal item damaged; \$300.00 maximum per incident. An A/I Report will accompany all requests for reimbursement under this Section.

Section 5. List of Uniforms and Equipment.

Shirts, summer

Pants (summer)

Uniform belt

Footwear

Shoulder patches

Name tags and other insignia Light weight jacket or sweater

Badge and Badge Case

- A. The Uniform and Equipment Committee will determine the style type, design, size, quality, and quantity of uniform and equipment items. Initial uniform issue will include five (5) shirts and the member will be able to designate a preference for long- or short-sleeve shirts.
- B. The Uniform Committee will consists of the following members: one bargaining unit member, the Safety Director, the Chief of Police, and the Captain.

Section 6. Dry Cleaning. Employees shall be entitled to have their uniforms dry cleaned. Each member may have no more than eight (8) uniform items cleaned each week, at no cost. The City shall designate the dry cleaning service where uniforms are to be cleaned and the City shall have the exclusive authority to contract for the provision of such services.

Section 7. Termination. Upon termination, employees shall return all uniforms and equipment furnished by the City to the City.

ARTICLE 21 - VACATION LEAVE

 $\underline{\text{Section 1}}$. $\underline{\text{Vacation Year}}$. The vacation year for employees shall end at midnight on December 31 of each year.

Section 2. Conditions for Accrual. Each full-time status employee shall accrue vacation leave by pay period at the annual rate of workdays based on completed years of service as an employee of the City of Gahanna, or other law enforcement agencies as recognized by the City, according to the schedules contained in Section 3 of this Article. In computing years of service, the higher rate of accrual will begin on the first day of the first pay period in which a year of service is completed.

<u>Section 3</u>. <u>Accrual Schedule for Vacation</u>. The following vacation-accrual schedules are established.

Years of Service

Paid Vacation Hrs./Yr. Paid Vacation Days/Yr.

Date of hire but fewer than 5 years	80 hours	10 days
5 years but fewer than 10 years	136 hours	17 days
10 years but fewer than 15 years	176 hours	22 days
15 years but fewer than 20 years	200 hours	25 days
20 years or more	240 hours	30 days

Section 4. <u>Vacation Carry Over</u>. An employee may carry over into the following year a maximum of two hundred forty (240) hours. However, the amount of vacation time carried over into the following year must be used prior to December 31 of said year (subject to Section 5-A below).

Section 5. Additional Considerations.

- A. At the end of each vacation year, an employee in full-time status shall be paid for any vacation balance in excess of the maximum fixed by this Article upon certification by the Appointing Authority to the Finance Director, and subject to the approval by the City Council, that due to emergency work requirements, it is not in the best interests of the City to permit an employee to take vacation leave which would otherwise be forfeited as provided in Section 4.
- B. An employee in full-time status who is to be separated from the City service through removal, resignation, retirement or layoff and who has unused vacation leave to his credit, shall be paid in a lump sum for such unused vacation leave in lieu of granting such employee a vacation leave after his or her last day of active service with the City. However, in the case where an employee is removed by the City, no compensation will be given for the period of time in which the employee's conduct is proven to have caused the removal.
- C. When an employee dies while in paid status in the City service, any unused vacation leave to his/her credit shall be paid in a lump sum as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 2113.04.
- D. All vacation leaves shall be taken at such time or times at the discretion of and as approved by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.
- E. Vacation leaves may be taken in multiples of one hour.

ARTICLE 22 - HOLIDAYS

Section 1. Holiday Leave Pay. Holiday Leave Pay for all employees shall be for 128 holiday hours. These hours will be paid 50% each on or about January 15, and July 15 by the following method:

(a) Pay; (b) Compensatory Time; (c) A Combination of Pay and Compensatory Time. Hours actually worked on a holiday in excess of eight (8) will be paid at the applicable holiday premium rate.

Prior to January 1 of each year, each employee must inform the payroll department of exactly how this is to be paid for the year.

All new hires or terminations will be prorated based on holidays remaining in the year.

Section 2. Schedules and Amounts.

New Year's Day Martin Luther King Day (3rd Monday in Jan.) President's Day (3rd Monday in February) Easter Day Memorial Day (Last Monday in May) Independence Day (July 4th) Labor Day (1st Monday in September) Columbus Day (2nd Monday in October) Veteran's Day (November 11th) Thanksgiving (4th Thursday in November) Christmas Eve (August 16)	2½ times 2 times 2 times 2½ times 2½ times 2½ times 2½ times 2½ times 2 times 2 times 2½ times 2½ times 2½ times
Christmas Day (December 25th)	$2\frac{1}{2}$ times $2\frac{1}{2}$ times

ARTICLE 23 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Section 1. Should any Article, Section or portion of this Agreement be held unlawful and unenforceable by any court, legislative or administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, then such decision or legislation shall apply only to that specific Article, Section or portion of the Agreement. The parties will meet and discuss the abrogated provision. The remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 2. Prior to any change in this Contract made in accordance with Section 1, the City shall notify the Union of the change and give the Union the opportunity to bargain collectively with the City on such changes.

ARTICLE 24 - NO STRIKE - NO LOCKOUT

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Strike Prohibition</u>. The services performed by the employees included in this Agreement are essential to the public health, safety, and welfare. There shall be no interruption of the work for any cause whatsoever, nor shall there be any work slowdown or other interference with public services.

Section 2. Notice. In the event any employee covered hereunder is engaged in any violation of Section 1 above, the Union shall, upon notification by Management, immediately order such employee or employees to resume normal work activities and certify same to Management. Violation of Section 1 constitutes just. cause for employment termination.

Section 3. No Lockout. The Management shall engage in no lockout of employees in the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 25 - UNION BUSINESS

Section 1. Directors. There shall be one Union Director authorized under this Agreement.

<u>Section 2</u>. <u>Investigation</u>. The Director, upon reasonable notice and authorization from the Chief or designee, shall be allowed reasonable time off without loss of pay to investigate grievances or disciplinary actions and to attend grievance or disciplinary hearings. Permission to investigate and/or process grievances will not be denied.

Section 3. OPBA. A representative of OPBA may meet with employees in a meeting area designated by the City before the start of or at the completion of a shift and shall be permitted access to work areas at all reasonable times to adjust grievances and to settle disputes, provided work assignments are not interfered with.

ARTICLE 26 - WORK RULES

The City agrees that, to the extent possible, work rules and changes in work rules shall be reduced to writing and applied uniformly where possible.

ARTICLE 27

Section 1. Management Rights. Except to the extent otherwise limited or modified by this Contract, the City retains the right and responsibility, regardless of the frequency of exercise, to operate and manage its affairs in each and every respect. These rights and responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

- A. To determine the organization of the Division of Police;
- B. To determine and change the purpose and extent of each of its constituent subdivisions:

- C. To exercise control and discretion over the organization and efficiency of operations of the Division of Police;
- D. To set standards for service to be offered to the public;
- E. To direct the employees of the Division of Police, including the right to assign work and overtime;
- F. To hire, examine, promote, train, transfer, assign and schedule employees in positions with the Division of Police;
- G. To suspend, demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary action against officers for proper cause;
- H. To increase, reduce or change, modify or alter the composition and size of the workforce;
- I. To determine the location, methods, means and personnel by which operations are to be conducted;
- J. To change or eliminate existing methods of operation, equipment or facilities;
- K. To create, modify or delete departmental rules and regulations;
- L. To take actions as may be necessary to carry out the mission of the Division of Police;.
- M. To train or retrain employees as appropriate;
- N. To maintain and improve the efficiency of the Division of Police; and
- O. To determine, provide and maintain the necessary tools, facilities, vehicles, supplies, and equipment required for employees to appropriately and safely carry out their duties.
- P. The Safety Director may promulgate rules and regulations relative to the management of the Police Department except as may be prohibited by law, by the Articles of this Contract or by any other written agreement between the City and the Union.

Those inherent managerial functions, prerogatives and policy-making rights, whether or not listed above, which the City has modified or restricted by a specific provision of this Contract are subject to the Grievance Procedure contained herein.

ARTICLE 28-- FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

The City will allow employees all leaves and other rights as required by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. Any paid or unpaid leaves provided by this Agreement which are used for purposes that could have been taken under the FMLA will be credited against the employee's time available under the FMLA. Employees on FMLA leave are required to exhaust available paid leave. This Article

establishes notice that any paid or unpaid time taken under this Agreement will be credited against time available under the FMLA.

ARTICLE 29 - DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be, subject to council ratification, effective as of the first pay period after January 1, 2001 and shall remain in effect through December 31, 2001 and shall continue thereafter for successive periods of twelve (12) months, unless either party to this Agreement on or before sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of any such period, notifies the other party, in writing, of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA:

FOR THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION:

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF CREATION OF A JOINT DISPATCHING DISTRICT

The City acknowledges its obligation under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4117 to bargain with the OPBA about the possible creation of a Joint Dispatching District. The City will bargain with the OPBA over the effects on bargaining unit members of any decisions regarding creating a Joint Dispatching District. The City also will make reasonable good-faith efforts to afford continued employment to members if creating a Joint Dispatching District were to result in eliminating any positions of bargaining unit members.

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Mayor James McGregor JME 44 201	
Chief Dennis Murphy	
Safety Director Robert Keyes	***************************************

ADDENDUM A

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING PHYSICAL FITNESS INCENTIVE PAYMENT

The City of Gahanna ("City") and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, Gahanna Dispatcher's Unit ("Union") hereby agree as follows on the standards to be used for the physical fitness incentive payment provided for in Addendum A of their Agreement effective January 1, 1998:

- 1. The Army Physical Fitness Test ("APFT"), as described in Chapter 14 of <u>Physical Fitness Training</u>, (Document FM 21-20, Headquarters, Department of the Army), as modified in this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), prescribes the tests, standards and procedures to be used to determine whether a bargaining unit member qualifies for the physical fitness incentive payment provided for in Addendum A of the Agreement. A copy of Chapter 14 of <u>Physical Fitness Training</u> is attached.
- 2. The APFT is a three-event physical performance test. Two of the events, push-ups and sit-ups, will be conducted as prescribed in Chapter 14 of <u>Physical Fitness Training</u>. A 440-yard run in two minutes (2 min.) or less is required in place of the two-mile run prescribed in <u>Physical Fitness Training</u> as the third event.
- 3. Any bargaining unit member having a demonstrable physical limitation which would prevent performance of the 440-yard run may substitute one of the alternate test events specified in the chart on page 14-21 of Chapter 14 of Physical Fitness Training. The substituted event must be performed for the full distance and within the applicable age-group time specified in the chart.
- 4. A passing score for push-ups and sit-ups will be 60%, under the scoring standards specified at pages 14-4 and 14-5 in Chapter 14 of <u>Physical Fitness Training</u>.

5. The undersigned representatives are fully authorized to agree to and sign this MOU.

So Agreed this 31st day of August 1998:

For the City

For the Union