

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

## SAFETY MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY UNIT

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BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO AND  
THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES' BENEFIT  
ASSOCIATION CONCERNING THE EMPLOYEES IN THE  
SAFETY MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY UNIT

**PREAMBLE**

This Memorandum of Understanding for the Safety Management and Supervisory Unit contains the complete results of negotiations concerning wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment for employees in the Safety Management and Supervisory Unit. The parties hereto have met and conferred in good faith exchanging various proposals in an attempt to reach agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County of San Bernardino (hereinafter referred to as County) and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Employees' Benefit Association (hereinafter referred to as SEBA) hereby agree as follows:

**ACCESS TO WORK LOCATIONS**

The parties recognize and agree that in order to maintain good employee relations, it is necessary for Field Representatives of SEBA to confer with County employees during working hours.

Therefore, SEBA Field Representatives will be granted access to work locations during regular working hours to investigate and process grievances or appeals or examine working conditions. SEBA Field Representatives shall be granted access with reasonable advance notice to the appointing authority or designated management representative prior to entering a work location and after advising of the general nature of the business. However, the appointing authority or designated management representative may deny access or terminate access to work locations if in their judgment, it is deemed that the visit would interfere with the efficiency, safety, or security of County operations. The appointing authority shall not unreasonably withhold timely access to work locations. The appointing authority shall ensure that there is at all times someone designated who shall have full authority to approve access. If a request is denied, the appointing authority or designated management representative shall establish a mutually agreeable time and location for access to the employee, and/or facilities.

SEBA Field Representatives granted access to work locations shall limit such visits to a reasonable period of time, taking into consideration the nature of the grievance or appeal or visit.

The appointing authority or designated management representative may mutually establish with the SEBA Field Representatives reasonable limits as to the number of visits authorized with the same employee on the same issue, and reasonable limits as to the number of employees who may participate in a visit when several employees are affected by a specific issue. The County shall not unduly interfere with SEBA's access right to work locations.

**ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE**

- (a) Effective pay period 1 of each year, an employee in a regular position in the classification of Sheriff's Lieutenant will be provided with eighty (80) hours of Administrative Leave time for the employee's use. Employees entering the class covered by this Section (i.e., Sheriff's Lieutenant) after the beginning of pay period 1 shall be credited with Administrative Leave prorated on a monthly basis, based upon the annual rate of eighty (80) hours (i.e., 6.67 hours per month, or any portion thereof). Such Administrative Leave may be cashed out at the employee's then current base rate of pay in increments of one (1) hour one (1) time during the calendar year to the extent that the hours would have accrued at a rate of 6.67 hours per month minus any hours used up to that time. Any Administrative Leave accrual balances in effect at the end of the last pay period paid in the calendar year will automatically be paid at the employee's then current base rate of pay.

Employees may designate that cash outs of Administrative Leave be allocated to the County's Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, consistent with the requirements and restrictions of such Plan. Upon termination of employment, unused Administrative Leave will be paid at the current rate of pay only by the amount of hours that would have been accrued at a rate of 6.67 hours per month that exceeds the total number of hours previously used and cashed out. Administrative Leave may be used on the same basis and under the same conditions as vacation leave.

- (b) Effective pay period 1 of each year, employees in regular positions in the classifications of Sheriff's Sergeant and District Attorney Supervising Investigator, will be provided with forty (40) hours of Administrative Leave time for the employee's use. Employees entering any of these classes after the beginning of pay period 1 shall be credited with Administrative Leave prorated on a monthly basis, based upon the annual rate of forty (40) hours (i.e., 3.33 hours per month, or any portion thereof). Such Administrative Leave may be cashed out at the employee's then current base rate of pay in increments of one (1) hour one (1) time during the calendar year to the extent that the hours would have accrued at a rate of 3.33 hours per month minus any hours used up to that time. Any Administrative Leave accrual balances in effect at the end of the last pay period paid in the calendar year will automatically be paid at the employee's then current base rate of pay. Employees may designate that cash outs of Administrative Leave be allocated to the County's Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, consistent with the requirements and restrictions of such Plan. Upon termination of employment or upon leaving the group of classes covered by this Section (Sheriff's Sergeant and District Attorney Supervising Investigator), unused Administrative Leave will be paid at the current rate of pay only by the amount of hours that would have been accrued at a rate of 3.33 hours per month that exceeds the total number of hours previously used and cashed out. Administrative Leave may be used on the same basis and under the same conditions as vacation leave.
- (c) Any Administrative Leave accumulated and unused in calendar year 1995 and calendar year 1996 shall be placed in a separate bank for the employee's later use as time off. In the event an employee leaves County service with a balance in that bank, that balance will be cashed out at the then current rate.

#### **AGENCY SHOP**

Within thirty (30) days of April 13, 2004, an election shall be conducted within the Safety Management and Unit, Sheriff's Sergeants, Deputy Sheriff Criminalists III and Supervising District Attorney Investigators only, to determine whether the following provision regarding agency shop shall be incorporated into the terms and conditions of employment for the Safety Management and Supervisory Unit. If by such an election the majority of the members of the affected classifications in the Safety Management and Supervisory Unit casting ballots approve inclusion of this agency shop provision.

Effective the pay period beginning May 29, 2004, all current employees who are in the job classifications of Sheriff's Sergeant, Deputy Sheriff Criminalist III and Supervising District Attorney Investigator, shall become a member of SEBA or pay via payroll deduction to SEBA an agency fee in an amount equal to SEBA's bi-weekly dues or a lesser amount designated by SEBA. Employees who are hired after May 29, 2004, and who are in an affected job classification within this Unit, shall within the first pay period from the date of commencement of duties as an employee, become a member of SEBA or pay via payroll deduction to SEBA an agency fee in an amount equal to SEBA's biweekly dues. Excepted from the above are extra-help and recurrent employees. Dues and agency fees withheld by the County shall be transmitted to the SEBA officer designated in writing by SEBA as the person authorized to receive such funds, at the address specified. The parties agree that the obligations herein are a condition of continued employment for unit members. The parties further agree that the failure of any unit member covered by the Article to remain a member in good standing of SEBA or to pay the prescribed fee during the term of this Agreement shall constitute, generally, just and reasonable cause for termination.

The County shall not be obligated to put into effect any new, changed or discontinued dues deduction until a payroll deduction card is submitted to the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax-Collector in sufficient time to permit normal processing of change or deduction. Agency fees shall automatically be deducted from employees who elect not to become members of SEBA.

No unit member shall be required to join SEBA or to authorize an agency fee payroll deduction if the unit member is an actual, verified member of a bona fide religion, body, or sect which has historically held conscientious objections to joining or financially supporting employee organizations; this exemption shall not be granted unless and until such unit member has verified the specific circumstances. Such employee must, instead, arrange with SEBA to satisfy his/her obligation by donating the equivalent amount to a non-labor, non-religion charitable fund, tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), chosen by the employee, from the following: County Employees Combined Giving Campaign; Teddy Bear Tymes; or the Salvation Army. SEBA shall be responsible for determinations under this paragraph. Proof of such payments shall be submitted to the County on a monthly basis as a condition of continued exemption from the agency fee requirement.

SEBA shall be fully responsible for expending funds received under this Article consistent with all legal requirements for expenditures of employee dues which are applicable to public sector labor organizations.

Whenever a unit member shall be delinquent in the satisfaction of his or her obligation described above, SEBA shall give the unit member written notice thereof and fifteen (15) days to cure the delinquency; a copy of said notice shall be forwarded to the County Employee Relations Division Chief. In the event the unit member fails to cure said delinquency, SEBA shall request, in writing, that the County initiate termination proceedings. The termination proceedings shall be governed by applicable laws and are specifically excluded from the Grievance Procedure.

The County shall not involuntarily deduct from non-members monies specifically earmarked for a Political Action Committee or other political activities.

SEBA shall keep an adequate itemized record of its financial transactions and shall make available annually to the County and, upon request to the employees who are members of SEBA within sixty (60) days after the end of its fiscal year, a detailed written financial report thereof in the form of a balance sheet and an operating statement, certified as to its accuracy by its President and Treasurer or corresponding Principal Officer or by a Certified Public Accountant. A copy of financial reports required under or referred to in the Labor-Management Disclosure Act of 1959 or Government Code Section 3546.5 shall satisfy this requirement.

This organizational security arrangement shall be null and void if rescinded by a vote of employees in the unit pursuant to Government Code Section 3502.5(d).

SEBA hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County of San Bernardino and its officers and employees from any claim, loss, liability or cause of action of any nature whatsoever arising out of the operation of this Article. SEBA's indemnity and liability obligation is more fully set forth as follows:

SEBA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County of San Bernardino and its officers and employees from any claim, loss, liability, cause of action or administrative proceeding arising out of the operation of this Article. Upon commencement of such legal action, administrative proceeding, or claim, SEBA shall have the right to decide and determine whether any claim, administrative proceeding, liability, suit or judgment made or brought against the County or its officers and employees because of any application of this Article shall or shall not be compromised, resisted, defended, tried or appealed. Any such decision on the part of SEBA shall not diminish SEBA's defense and indemnification obligations under this Agreement.

The County, immediately upon receipt of notice of such claim, proceeding or legal action shall inform SEBA of such action, provide SEBA with all information, documents, and assistance necessary for SEBA defense or settlement of such action and fully cooperate with SEBA in providing all necessary employee witnesses and assistance necessary for said defense. The cost of any such assistance shall be paid by SEBA.

SEBA upon its compromise or settlement of such action or matter shall timely pay the parties to such action all sums due under such settlement or compromise. SEBA, upon final order and judgment of a Court of competent jurisdiction awarding damages or costs to any employee, shall pay all sums owing under such order and judgment.

## ASSIGNMENT TO HIGHER POSITION

Employees directed to continuously perform duties in a vacant higher-level position for which funds have been appropriated shall be entitled to compensation on the higher level for the time actually worked in excess of sixty (60) work days in a one hundred twenty (120) work day corridor, unless specifically waived by the employee; provided, however:

- (a) The appointing authority certifies to the Chief Executive Officer in writing at the time of appointment that the employee is assigned and held responsible to fully perform all of the duties normally associated with the higher-level classification without limitation as to difficulty or complexity of assignments or consequence of action and that the employee shall be required to meet standards for satisfactory performance normally required at the higher-level classification.
- (b) A written request of compensation at the higher-level classification is directed to the Chief Executive Officer through the Human Resources Department for approval. It shall be the responsibility of the appointing authority to initiate such requests and whenever possible to anticipate need for reassignment to a higher-level classification. Written requests may also be made by the employee or the exclusive recognized employee organization in the same manner. A copy of the written request for compensation at the higher-level classification and the certification of the assignment of duties shall be provided to the employee. The employee shall be advised of the date compensation at the higher level is to be effective.

No employee shall be required to accept assignments to continuously perform the duties of vacant higher-level position for which funds have been appropriated unless directed in writing by the appointing authority or supervisor with the delegated authority.

Employees may be temporarily assigned higher or lower duties without a change in pay and such action not be deemed as a basis for transfer, demotion, promotion, or reclassification. In all cases where periodic or regular variations in assignments occur because of seasonal needs or because of the nature of the duties or the work schedule, such variations shall be considered as incidental to the position.

Appointments to regular positions from an appropriate eligible list of a lower classification as a Trainee are exempt from provisions of this Article and are governed by the provisions of the Personnel Rule on Appointments.

Approval of compensation at the higher-level classification shall not circumvent the principle of the competitive process for appointments to positions in the classified service. Approval of the higher salary may not be retroactive unless approved by the Assistant Administrative Officer for Human Resources and unless a request for compensation at the higher-level classification is made within twenty (20) work days following the sixty (60) working day period. In no event shall additional compensation be paid for the first sixty (60) days worked. Requests approved for compensation at the higher-level classification shall be governed by the Personnel Rule on Provisional Appointments as to the duration of approval and eligibility requirements for compensation at the higher-level classification and as to continuation of the appointment.

This Article does not apply to a situation in which there is no vacant higher-level position for which funds have been appropriated. Addition of duties of a higher-level classification to an employee's budgeted position shall be governed by the Personnel Rule on Classifications.

It is the responsibility of all parties including department heads and other supervisory personnel to follow the procedures set forth in this Article and promptly report unauthorized situations covered by this Article to the Chief Executive Officer.

For purposes of this Article, a vacant position is defined as an authorized position for which funds have been appropriated and allocated to an existing job classification based upon the duties and responsibilities currently assigned to the position and which may be:

- (1) An unoccupied position due to attrition and for which the Civil Service appointment process has been initiated.
- (2) A new position authorization by Board of Supervisors budgetary action for which the Civil Service



appointment process has been initiated.

- (3) A position from which the incumbent is on extended authorized leave of absence.

### COUNTY MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

All management rights and functions shall remain vested exclusively with the County except those which are clearly and expressly limited in this Agreement. It is recognized merely by way of illustration that such management rights and functions include but are not limited to:

- (a) The right to determine the mission of each of its agencies, departments, institutions, boards, and commissions.
- (b) The right of full and exclusive control of the management of the County; supervision of all operations; determination of the methods and means of performing any and all work; and composition, assignment, direction, location, and determination of the size and mission of the work force.
- (c) The right to determine the work to be done by the employees, including establishment of levels of service and staffing patterns.
- (d) The right to change or introduce new or improved operations, methods, means or facilities; or, to contract for work to be done.
- (e) Subject to the Personnel Rules, where applicable, the right to prescribe qualifications for employment and determine whether they are met; to hire, set and enforce performance standards, and promote employees; to establish, revise and enforce work rules; to schedule work time and time off; to transfer, reassign, furlough and lay off employees; to suspend, reduce in step, demote, discharge or otherwise discipline employees for cause; and to otherwise maintain orderly, effective, and efficient operations.

### DEFINITIONS

Listed below are definitions of terms commonly used in this Agreement.

Appointing Authority – Refers to the department head of the employee’s department. It includes any person who is designated as acting department head, employees acting for the department head during absence, and/or employees delegated all authority to act on behalf of the appointing authority on a regular basis.

Base Rate of Pay or Base Hourly Rate – The employee’s base hourly wage (including POST Pay), excluding differentials and other pay above the base hourly wage (See Appendix B).

Base Biweekly Salary – Employee’s base hourly rate (including POST Pay), excluding any differentials or other pay above the base hourly rate, multiplied by the base hours paid (e.g., REG, SCK, VAC, etc.) each pay period. Base hours paid does not include time without pay or disability payments such as workers’ compensation.

Calendar year – Refers to pay period 1 through 26, or 27 when applicable, of the same year.

County Service or Continuous Service – Refers to the total length of service from an employee’s beginning (hire) date in a regular position with no separation from County employment.

Director of Human Resources – Refers to the incumbent in the Director of Human Resources’ position. It also includes any person who has been designated as acting Director of Human Resources, employees acting for the Director during absence, and/or employees delegated authority approval on a regular basis by the Director of Human Resources.

Fiscal Year – Refers to pay period 15 of one year through pay period 14 of the following year.

Hire Date or Date of Hire - Refers to the effective date of the most recent start date in a regular position.

Paid Hours – Shall mean hours actually worked or the use of accrued leave time such as vacation, sick, holiday, or compensatory time. It does not include unpaid hours or disability payments (excluding 4850 time) such as workers' compensation.

Paid Status – Refers to any pay period in which an employee codes paid hours.

Regular Position – Refers to a position authorized by the Board of Supervisors that may be budgeted at a full-time level, and may be in either the Classified or Unclassified Service. Regular positions do not include recurrent, extra-help, ordinance, contract and other contingent positions.

Regular Status - Refers to the completion of a required probationary period in a regular classified position in the employee's current or prior position, as applicable.

Service Hours - Refers to paid hours during an employee's regular tour of duty, up to eighty (80) hours per pay period. Time without pay, absences while receiving disability payments (excluding 4850 time), Medical Emergency Leave, and overtime hours do not count as service hours.

Working Days – Refers to the days that the County is normally open to conduct business, i.e., Monday through Friday, excluding County holidays.

## DEMOTIONS

A demotion is the appointment of an employee from an incumbent position to a position in a different classification for which the maximum rate of pay is lower. An employee demoted for disciplinary reasons shall be placed on the step within the base salary range of the class to which demoted as provided in the Order of Demotion; provided, however that the employee shall not be placed lower than two (2) step increments (approximately five percent (5%) below employee's current step). An employee demoted for disciplinary reasons cannot be placed higher than the top step in the range for the class to which the employee is demoted.

An employee demoted for nondisciplinary reasons shall be retained at the same salary rate, provided, that the salary rate does not exceed the top step of the salary range of the demoted class, except that such an employee may be placed on an "X" step in accordance with the provision of the Article on Downgradings, with the approval of the appointing authority and the Director of Human Resources.

A promoted employee who is returned to former classification during the probationary period shall be placed on the same step within the base salary range for the former classification that the employee was on at time of promotion. No credit shall be granted for time spent at the promoted level for next step advance due date.

## DEPENDENT CARE ASSISTANCE PLAN

The purpose of this Section 125 Dependent Care Assistance Plan (DCAP) is to permit eligible employees to make an election to pay for qualifying dependent care expenses on a pre-tax basis by salary reduction. DCAP exclusions from gross income do not affect compensation for retirement purposes.

DCAP is administered by the Employee Benefits and Services Division in accordance with the County's Dependent Care Assistance Plan Document and IRS regulations.

- (a) To be eligible for this benefit, an employee must be in a regular position.
- (b) Enrollment in the Plan is required every Plan year and is limited to the annual open enrollment period or no later than sixty (60) calendar days following the date of becoming eligible due to a mid-year Change in Status Event. Failure to submit participation agreement within the time frame shall result in an election to not participate in the Plan.

- (c) An employee election to participate shall be irrevocable for the remainder of the Plan year except to the extent permitted under Internal Revenue Service rulings and regulations and with the County's Dependent Care Assistance Plan Document.
- (d) Any unused amounts remaining in an employee's account at the end of a Plan year must be forfeited except as permitted by the IRC and the County's Dependent Care Assistance Plan Document. The County will use any forfeited amounts to defray the Plan's administrative expenses.

### **DIRECT DEPOSIT**

All employees must make arrangements for the direct deposit of paychecks and expense reimbursements into the financial institution of their choice via electronic fund transfer.

Employees who fail to make arrangements for direct deposit shall receive paychecks and/or expense reimbursements via pay card.

### **DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE**

#### **Section 1 – Purpose**

The County and SEBA fully realize the importance of viable procedures to aid in the resolution of disputes among employees, supervisors, and management. It is recognized that conditions may arise which can create employee dissatisfaction, and that to maintain high employee morale and harmonious relations, an orderly method of processing disputes is necessary. The Board of Supervisors and SEBA have pledged that their representatives at all levels will extend active, aggressive, and continuing efforts to secure prompt disposition of issues. The initiation of a complaint in good faith by an employee shall not cause any adverse reflection on the employee's standing with immediate supervisors or loyalty as a County employee.

#### **Section 2 – Definitions and Exclusions**

There are three (3) types of dispute procedures in this Article: grievances, disciplinary appeals, and unfair labor practices.

- (a) A grievance is a disagreement between County management and an employee, or group of employees concerning the interpretation, application, or violation of this Memorandum of Understanding. Formal grievances must be filed by SEBA on behalf of any employee or group of employees. SEBA shall have sole discretion to determine whether to file, advance and settle any formal grievances. Group grievances are defined as, and limited to, those grievances that allege more than one (1) employee suffered harm under similar facts and circumstances within the grievance filing period. A group grievance does not need to identify, by name, the specific individuals alleged to have suffered harm provided the affected employees (i.e., grievants) are readily ascertainable (e.g., all deputies assigned to the Rancho Cucamonga Station on the night shift). However, where only some employees in a larger group of employees are alleged to have suffered harm or where back pay or monetary relief is sought, SEBA shall be required to name the grievants so as to enable the County to determine and evaluate the scope and potential liability and also attempt settlement.
- (b) A disciplinary appeal is an appeal of discipline as defined by the Personnel Rules.
- (c) An unfair labor practice charge is an allegation of a violation of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act. This section also applies to unit modification and unit determination issues.

Any dispute which may arise between parties involving the application, meaning, or interpretation of the Personnel Rules is excluded from this Article and shall be settled in accordance with the appropriate appeal procedure established by the Personnel Rules except as provided in Section 4 of this Article.

All matters are excluded from this procedure which deal with the Non-Discrimination Article, County Management Rights Article, federal or state statutes, rules or regulations, or matters that are preempted by County Charter. However, SEBA retains the right to process a grievance based upon a claim of discrimination because of labor organization affiliation as an alleged violation of the Article entitled Employee Rights.

Except as otherwise provided by this Agreement or state or federal statute, this grievance procedure shall be the sole and exclusive procedure for seeking recourse for any grievance, as defined herein.

### **Section 3 – Grievance Procedure**

(a) Jurisdiction

The Director of Human Resources or designee shall have the sole authority within the County structure to provide the official management interpretation or application to any and all provisions of this Agreement. The arbitrator has the final authority within the County structure to adjudicate all grievances, as defined or otherwise provided herein.

(b) Representation

Aggrieved employees shall be represented by an authorized SEBA employee representative. This representation may commence at any step in the Grievance Procedure. A representative of the Human Resources Department may be in attendance at any step in the Grievance Procedure. The County agrees within reasonable limits to compensate the aggrieved employee(s) for time spent during regularly scheduled hours in the handling of real and prospective grievances.

(c) Consolidation of Grievances

In order to avoid the necessity of processing numerous similar grievances at one time, similar grievances must be consolidated.

(d) Time Limitations and Notification

Time limitations are established to settle a grievance quickly. Time limits may be modified only by agreement of the parties. If at any step of this Grievance Procedure SEBA is dissatisfied with the decision rendered, it shall be SEBA's responsibility to initiate the action which submits the grievance to the next level of review within the time limits specified. Failure to submit the grievance within the time limits imposed shall terminate the grievance process and the matter shall be considered resolved. If a reviewing official does not respond within the time limits specified, the grievance shall be deemed to have been denied on the last day upon which the response could have been made.

SEBA shall then proceed to the next step of the Grievance Procedure within the specified time limits. A formal grievance may be entertained in or advanced to any step if the parties jointly so agree, except as limited by Section 2 of this Article. A copy of such agreement bearing the signatures of the parties shall be filed with the Employee Relations Division of the Human Resources Department.

For purposes of this Grievance Procedure, notification to a party may be given either personally or by mail. When notice is mailed to an employee, it shall be sent to the employee's current address of record. For the purpose of this procedure, notice by mail shall be deemed to have been completed on the third calendar day following deposit of notice with the United States Postal Service, unless the party can establish that notice was not actually received as a result of circumstances beyond the party's control.

(e) Steps in the Grievance Procedure

The procedures outlined herein constitute the informal and formal steps necessary to resolve an employee's

grievance. The attempt of settlement of grievances filed on behalf of an individual employee(s) in the informal step at the employee-supervisor level is required. The presentation of the informal grievance is an absolute prerequisite to the institution of a formal grievance. The grievance must be submitted within fifteen (15) work days after the employee is aware of the conditions precipitating the grievance.

Step 1 – Informal. Initially, the employee having a grievance shall on a personal face-to-face basis discuss the complaint with the immediate supervisor informally.

Within three (3) work days the immediate supervisor shall give the decision to the employee orally.

If a mutually acceptable solution has not been reached in the informal step, SEBA shall submit the grievance in writing on appropriate forms prepared and supplied by the Employee Relations Division which shall provide a detailed statement of the grievance, including dates, names, and places, applicable MOU articles, and the specific remedy or action requested. The written grievance shall be filed in duplicate with the Employee Relations Division within five (5) work days of oral notification of the immediate supervisor's decision.

Step 2 – Formal. The Employee Relations Division shall make a determination of whether the grievance is a matter for which the formal Grievance Procedure is appropriate. In making such determination, the Employee Relations Division shall determine if: (1) the grievance has been filed in a timely manner; (2) the initial step has been followed; (3) if the grievance alleges that a specific Memorandum of Understanding Article(s) has been misinterpreted, misapplied, or violated; and (4) the matter complained of in the grievance is covered by a specific provision of the MOU. The determination and notification to SEBA will be made within five (5) work days of receipt of the grievance.

If the Employee Relations Division has determined that the formal Grievance Procedure is appropriate, SEBA, on behalf of the grievant shall submit the written grievance to the Division/Section Head within three (3) work days of the receipt of written response of the Employee Relations Division.

If objection is made to the procedural and/or substantive grievability of a grievance at any step of the Grievance Procedure, it is expressly agreed that such defenses are preserved in any arbitration hearing and that no waiver will result from the subsequent processing and discussion of the grievance on the merits.

Step 3. The Division/Section Head shall meet with SEBA and thoroughly discuss the grievance within five (5) work days of receipt of the written grievance of the employee.

In the Sheriff's Department, it may be necessary to involve intermediate supervisors in the discussions with SEBA. The time limits established normally allow for this, but if an extension of time is needed, it should be mutually agreed upon in writing by both the appointing authority and the grievant or designated representative. A copy of the written agreement will be furnished to the Employee Relations Division of the Human Resources Department.

The Division/Section Head shall give a written decision to SEBA and the Employee Relations Division within five (5) work days after discussion with SEBA. If the grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved at this level, it may be appealed by SEBA to the appointing authority within five (5) work days following notification to SEBA.

Step 4. The appointing authority shall review the matter and shall render a decision within five (5) work days after receiving the grievance.

Step 5 – Arbitration. If the grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved, a written appeal for arbitration must be filed by SEBA with the Employee Relations Division within five (5) work days of notification of the decision by the appointing authority. The appeal must be presented on the aforementioned grievance form supplied by the Employee Relations Division of the Human Resources Department along with a copy of any pertinent documents. Grievances shall only be advanced to arbitration by SEBA.

In reaching a decision and award the arbitrator shall limit himself to the allegations contained in the grievance presented in relation to the express provisions of the MOU alleged to have been violated. Further,

the arbitrator shall have no authority to amend, change, add to, subtract from, or ignore any provisions of this MOU. Lastly, the arbitrator shall not substitute his judgment for that of the County on matters pertaining to the exercise of managerial discretion except where it can be shown by the grievant/SEBA that the County abused its discretion.

The decision of the arbitrator will be in writing and transmitted to the parties within thirty (30) calendar days after the close of the hearing. The arbitrator's decision may require an appointing authority or a subordinate to cease and desist from the action which is the subject of the grievance. The arbitrator may also require the appointing authority to take whatever action is necessary, within the control of the appointing authority, to remedy the grievance, or take other action to relieve the loss, if any, to the employee. Under no conditions can the arbitrator order relief that exceeds the relief requested by the grievant, and shall be limited to making the grievant whole. The decision by the arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties unless there is a financial impact of greater than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), in which case it shall be subject to approval of the Board of Supervisors. For grievance decisions with financial impact greater than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), the Employee Relations Division will submit the grievance decision at the next practicable meeting of the Board of Supervisors. If the Board of Supervisors fails to act within thirty (30) days following receipt of formal notice of the decision of the arbitrator, the decision shall become final and binding. A copy of the arbitration decision shall be filed with the Employee Relations Division of the Human Resources Department and SEBA.

All grievances shall be treated as confidential, and no publicity will be given until the final resolution of the grievance.

#### **Section 4 – Disciplinary Appeals**

Disciplinary appeals are governed by the Personnel Rules, except where the provisions in the MOU differ from those in the Personnel Rules the provisions of the MOU take precedent.

In instances where an employee is not represented by SEBA, the employee may elect to have the appeal heard by the Civil Service Commission at no cost to the employee. If the employee elects to have the appeal heard by a hearing officer, the employee must assume one-half (1/2) of the costs of the appeal process, including any arbitrator's costs. If the County does not elect to have the appeal heard by the Civil Service Commission, the County shall pay the entire cost of the appeal process, including any arbitrator costs, but not expenses, incurred by the employee. Except as provided below, disciplinary appeals shall be heard by a hearing officer. Except as provided herein, the hearing officer's findings and recommendation shall be final and binding on both parties but shall be subject to review by the Civil Service Commission on its own initiative only as described below. The Civil Service Commission shall either accept or reject the hearing officer's findings and recommendations in its entirety within sixty (60) days of receipt by the Commission. The only basis the Civil Service Commission can use to reject the hearing officer's decision in its entirety, is for one or more of the following reasons:

- (a) The recommendation was procured by corruption, fraud, or other undue means;
- (b) There was corruption in the hearing officer;
- (c) The rights of a party were substantially prejudiced by the misconduct of the neutral hearing officer;
- (d) The hearing officer exceeded his/her powers on the matter submitted; or
- (e) The rights of a party were substantially prejudiced by the refusal of the hearing officer to postpone the hearing upon sufficient cause being shown therefore, or by the refusal of the hearing officer to properly include or exclude material to the controversy.

Should such be the case, the Commission must state in writing specific reason(s) for the decision (a, b, c, d, or e) and subsequently conduct and complete a full and fair evidentiary hearing on the disciplinary appeal. Such hearing shall commence within thirty (30) days of rejecting the hearing officer's findings and recommendations unless the hearing cannot for good cause be commenced within thirty (30) days. Both the County of San Bernardino and SEBA reserve the right to seek judicial review of the final administrative decision pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

Within five (5) business days of acceptance of the appeal by the Civil Service Commission (CSC), the parties shall either mutually agree to have the appeal heard by the CSC or the appellant's representative shall request a list of hearing officers from the State Mediation and Conciliation Service (SMCS).

If applicable, the names provided by SMCS shall be added to the list established annually by the parties and the CSC. Within ten (10) business days, the parties shall select from the list by mutual agreement. Where mutual agreement cannot be made, the hearing officer in each case shall be determined following a striking process. The determination as to which party strikes first shall be based on a coin flip. If the last remaining person on the list is not available, the previously stricken person(s) shall be contacted in reverse order until one is available.

The parties shall advise the CSC of the selection of hearing officer and request that the hearing officer be appointed.

The hearing officer shall conduct the hearing and issue its decision in accordance with provisions of this MOU and the rules and procedures of the Civil Service Commission.

The cost of the hearing officer's services, and court reporter if applicable, shall be borne equally by the parties. Any cancellation fee will be paid by the party responsible for canceling the hearing, or divided between the parties if both parties are responsible.

#### **Section 5 – Unfair Labor Practices**

Unfair labor practice charges as well as unit modification and unit determinations shall be heard by a Hearing Officer in accordance with Section 7 of this Article.

#### **Section 6 – Mediation**

The parties (Director of Human Resources or designee and SEBA) may by mutual agreement utilize mediation for grievances filed under the provisions of this Agreement. The mediator has no authority to compel resolution of the matter mediated.

No reference to a matter mediated may be utilized in a subsequent arbitration or hearing unless stated in writing at a step prior to the mediation. The penalty for disclosure shall be forfeiture of the hearing or appeal by the party violating the same. When possible the parties shall utilize the mediation services provided by the State or Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. In the event that the mediation process would result in fees for service rendered by the State or by use of a private mediator officer, such costs shall be equally divided between the employee's department and SEBA.

No person serving in the capacity as a mediator may serve as the hearing officer/arbitrator for the same case should the same be forwarded to arbitration or a Personnel Rules disciplinary hearing unless the parties agree otherwise.

#### **Section 7 – Procedures Governing Appeals Before the Arbitrator/Hearing Officer**

- (a) Arbitrators/Hearing officers may be selected by mutual agreement of the Human Resources Department and SEBA as soon as possible, but in no event later than ten (10) working days after receipt of a written notice by SEBA of its appeal to arbitration or receipt of a list from the State Mediation and Conciliation Service as applicable. Otherwise, they shall be selected from a list established by the Human Resources Department and SEBA from names provided by the State Mediation and Conciliation Service. The arbitrator/hearing officer in each case shall be determined following a striking process. The determination as to which party strikes first shall be based on a coin flip. If the last remaining person is not available, the previously stricken person(s) shall be contacted in reverse order until one is available. The list shall be in effect for one (1) year; names are subject to renewal only if both the Human Resources Department and SEBA are in agreement; and where there is not mutual agreement, new name(s) shall be added to the list in the aforementioned manner.
- (b) The cost of the hearing officer's/arbitrator's services, and court reporter if applicable, shall be split equally

between the County Department of the complainant(s) and SEBA, except as otherwise provided. Any cancellation fee will be paid by the party responsible for canceling the hearing, or divided between the parties if both parties are responsible.

- (c) Prehearing conferences are to be mandatory. Within twenty (20) work days, both parties are required to meet in such conference to jointly or individually declare stipulations, identify witnesses and exchange exhibits that will be carried forward to the hearing, the intent being full disclosure by both sides prior to the arbitration process.
- (d) The decision of the arbitrator shall be made in writing and transmitted to the parties within thirty (30) calendar days after the conclusion of the hearing.

### **DOWNGRADINGS**

When a position is downgraded because of decreased responsibility or difficulty, the Director of Human Resources may authorize continuation of the same salary rate payment to the incumbent employee that the employee received prior to the downgrading of the position by placing the employee on an "X" step, provided that the employee shall receive no future salary rate increases until the salary rate of the position held exceeds the "X" step.

### **DUAL APPOINTMENTS**

The appointment of two (2) full-time employees to the same budgeted position may be authorized by the Director of Human Resources to facilitate training, to make assignments to a position vacant due to extended authorized leave of absence, or in an emergency.

### **EDUCATION INCENTIVE**

Effective August 6, 2016, employees who possess, or subsequently obtain, a Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree during the term of this MOU shall be eligible to receive a one-time education incentive in the following amounts:

- \$1,500 for a Bachelor's Degree
- \$3,000 for a Master's Degree

To receive the incentive eligible employees shall be required to submit a written request for the incentive and a verification of their degree to the Appointing Authority. The incentive shall be payable as soon as practicable following the Appointing Authorities verification of such written request.

An employee who receives the Bachelor's Degree Incentive, who subsequently obtains a Master's Degree during the term of this MOU, shall be eligible to receive the difference between the Master's Degree Incentive and the Bachelor's Degree Incentive. For example, an employee receives the \$1,500 Bachelor's Degree Incentive in January 2016. The employee thereafter attains a Master's Degree and submits a written request in July 2017 for the Master's Degree Incentive. The employee would be eligible to receive an additional \$1,500, which when combined with the \$1,500 the employee received for the Bachelor's Degree, would total \$3,000.

An eligible employee in a regular position who is part-time or job-sharing shall be eligible for a prorated lump-sum payment based on regularly scheduled hours.

An employee who has separated from County employment or the Unit for any reason prior to submitting a written request for the incentive, or who fails to submit a written request for the incentive prior to the expiration of the MOU, shall not be eligible to receive the incentive.

This Article shall sunset upon the expiration of the MOU.



## EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

All employees shall have the following rights which may be exercised in accordance with State Law, the County Charter, and applicable ordinances, rules and regulations.

- (a) The right to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations.
- (b) The right to refuse to join or participate in the activities of employee organizations and the right to represent themselves individually in their employment relations with the County, subject to the limitations contained in the Article entitled Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- (c) The right to be free from interference, intimidation, restraint, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal on the part of an appointing authority, supervisor, other employees, or employee organizations as a result of their exercise of rights granted in this Article (a) and (b).

The provisions of Section 3300 et seq. of the Government Code are hereby incorporated as such provisions may apply to employees within the Safety Management and Supervisory Unit; provided, however, that these provisions or alleged violations thereof shall not be subject to the Grievance Procedure.

## EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

### Section 1 – General Provisions

The purpose of this Article is to define the policies and procedures by which employees shall report and be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred on behalf of San Bernardino County, except as may be otherwise provided in this Agreement.

### Section 2 – Responsibilities

It shall be the responsibility of each appointing authority or designee to investigate and approve each request for expense reimbursement. It shall be the responsibility of each employee to obtain prior approval from the appropriate appointing authority or designee to incur a business expense or to exceed maximum allowable amounts provided in Section 7 and Section 8 of this article. Prior approval may be in the form of standing orders issued by the appointing authority.

### Section 3 – Travel Authorization

- (a) Travel outside the State of California must be approved by the County Administrative Office or designee except when the trip outside California is within twenty (20) miles of the California border or travel through a location anywhere in the adjacent state as a means of arriving within California. Requests for such travel shall be submitted to the County Administrative Office in triplicate on a standard "Travel Request" form, unless specifically approved in the department's budget.
- (b) The appointing authority or designee shall initiate Travel Requests. The County Administrative Office and Auditor/Controller shall be notified in writing of all such designees.
- (c) The appointing authority or designee is authorized to approve necessary travel within the State of California and use of transportation mode consistent with this Article.

### Section 4 – Authorization for Attendance at Meetings

- (a) Appointing authorities may authorize attendance at meetings at County expense when the program material is directly related to an important phase of County service and holds promise of benefit to the County as a result of such attendance.

- (b) Authorization for attendance at meetings without expense reimbursement, but on County time, may be granted when the employee is engaged on the County's behalf, but from which the gain will inure principally to the benefit of the employee and only incidentally to the County.

#### **Section 5 – Records and Reimbursements**

- (a) Requests for expense reimbursement should be submitted once each month, except if the amount claimable for any month does not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), the submission may be deferred until the amount exceeds twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or until June 30 during the current fiscal year, whichever occurs first. At the end of the fiscal year, expense reimbursement claims for July 1 and beyond must be on a separate claim from those expenses claimed for June 30 or earlier.
- (b) Receipts or vouchers which verify the claimed expenditures will be required for all items of expense, except:
  - (1) Subsistence, except as otherwise provided in this Article.
  - (2) Private mileage.
  - (3) Taxi, streetcar, bus, and ferry boat fares; bridge and road tolls; and parking fees.
  - (4) Telephone and telegraph charges.
  - (5) Other authorized expenses of less than one dollar (\$1.00).
- (c) Claims for expense reimbursement totaling less than one dollar (\$1.00) in any fiscal year shall not be paid.
- (d) Reimbursement shall not be made for any personal expenses such as, but not limited to entertainment, barbering, tips, etc., unless such personal expense is a necessary and integral part of an authorized investigation.
- (e) Expense reimbursements shall be made on an actual cost basis.
- (f) Expense reimbursements will be made via Direct Deposit.

#### **Section 6 – Transportation Modes**

- (a) The general rule for selection of a mode of transportation is that mode which represents the lowest expense to the County.
- (b) Travel Via Private Automobile
  - (1) Reimbursement for use of privately owned automobiles to conduct County business shall be at the IRS allowable rate per mile for all miles driven per month. Reimbursements at this rate shall be considered as full and complete payment for actual necessary expenses for the use of the private automobile, insurance, maintenance, and all other transportation related costs. The County does not provide any insurance for private automobiles used on County business. The owner of an automobile is responsible for the personal liability and property damage insurance when the vehicle is used on County business.
  - (2) When employees, traveling on official County business, leave directly from their principal place of residence rather than from their assigned work location, mileage allowed to the first work contact point shall be equal to the actual mileage from the residence or the mileage computed from the assigned work location, whichever is less.

Similarly, if the employee departs from the last work contact point directly to the residence, only such mileage shall be allowed as the lesser distance between it and the assigned work location.

(c) Travel Via Rental Vehicles

Reimbursement will be provided for the cost of a rental vehicle for business purposes if such use is approved by the appointing authority. Rental vehicles are covered for liability and vehicle physical damage under the County's self-insurance program. Reimbursement will not be provided for the additional costs incurred if any employee purchases additional insurance or signs a Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) when renting a vehicle for County business.

(d) Travel Via Air

Commercial Aircraft – Expense reimbursement for travel via commercial aircraft shall be compensated only for the cost of air coach rates, unless air coach or economy space is unavailable to meet emergency requirements.

**Section 7 – Subsistence for Overnight Travel**

(a) Subsistence allowances for lodging and meals while traveling overnight on County business shall not be allowed without prior approval of the appointing authority or designee and only as deemed necessary for the purpose of conducting County business. As provided in Section 5(e), expense reimbursements shall be made on an actual cost basis except that the allowances listed below shall apply.

(1) The allowance for lodging is sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) plus tax, per night, single.

(2) The allowance for meals is forty-one dollars (\$41.00) plus tax and gratuity, the latter not to exceed fifteen percent (15%), per full day, or when it is less than a full day or separate meals are claimed, nine dollars (\$9.00) for breakfast; twelve dollars (\$12.00) for lunch; and twenty dollars (\$20.00) for dinner, all plus tax and gratuity, as provided above.

(3) Reasonable charges greater than the amounts listed above in paragraphs (1) and (2) may be authorized with receipts under special conditions, such as a convention requirement or in an area of unusually high cost (such as San Francisco Bay area, Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Diego.)

**Section 8 – Meal Reimbursement**

(a) The parties agree that it is the basic responsibility of employees to anticipate and make provision for their own meals eaten during the employee's regularly scheduled tour of duty; however, reimbursement for meals may be approved by the appointing authority when an employee is twenty (20) miles or more distant from assigned work location for more than one-half (1/2) of the scheduled tour of duty or when an employee is required to work for two (2) hours or more in excess of the regularly scheduled tour of duty during an unplanned activity. Receipts are not mandatory for claims under this subsection; however, reimbursement for meals provided for in this subsection shall be made on an actual cost basis not to exceed nine dollars (\$9.00) for breakfast; twelve dollars (\$12.00) for lunch; and twenty dollars (\$20.00) for dinner, all plus tax and gratuity, as provided above.

(b) Meal allowances for a business meeting/conference including meals are the actual cost.

(c) Employees may be reimbursed for purchasing meals for prisoners, while being transported. Said meal expenses are not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00) per meal. Original receipts are mandatory to obtain reimbursement for meals for prisoners.

**Section 9 – Expense Advances**

Advancement of funds for business expenses can be obtained from the Auditor/Controller's Office through submission of the appropriate form. Advancements shall not exceed the maximum allowances set forth herein. The minimum amount to be advanced is fifty dollars (\$50.00).

## **Section 10 – Burial Expenses**

Immediately following proof of the death of an employee resulting from an accident or injury caused by external violence or physical force incurred in the performance of duty, the County shall pay to the employee's designated beneficiary the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for purposes of burial expenses. Any sums for such burial expenses entitled to the beneficiary under the Worker's Compensation laws not to exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000) shall be assigned to and paid directly to the County.

## **Section 11 – Meal Reimbursement for Trimester Use of Force Training**

All employees attending trimester use of force training may be eligible for meal reimbursement under this Section even though they may have traveled less than twenty (20) miles from their normal work location. Meal reimbursements under this Section shall be subject to the POST-established amounts and requirements. Employees attending trimester use of force training are not eligible for expense reimbursement under Section 8 of this Article. If POST suspends or eliminates reimbursement for such expenses, operation of this Section shall be suspended. In the event this Section is suspended, reimbursement for meals shall be made pursuant to Section 8 of this Article.

### **FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT**

The purpose of this Section 125 Medical Expense Reimbursement Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Plan is to permit eligible employees to make an election to pay for qualifying medical care expenses on a pre-tax basis by salary reduction. FSA exclusions from gross income do not affect compensation for retirement purposes.

FSA will be administered by the Employee Benefits and Services Division, consistent with IRS regulations and the County's Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan Document.

- (a) To be eligible for this benefit, an employee must be in a regular position.
- (b) Eligible employees may contribute on a pre-tax basis, to a flexible spending account, each bi-weekly pay period up to the established amount pursuant to the IRC annual maximum. An employee election to participate in the Plan shall be irrevocable for the remainder of the Plan year except to the extent permitted under Internal Revenue Service rulings and regulations and with the County's Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan Document.
- (c) Enrollment in the Plan is required every Plan year and is limited to the annual open enrollment period or no later than sixty (60) days following the date of becoming eligible due to a mid-year Change in Status event. Failure to submit participation agreement within the time frame shall result in election to not participate in the plan.
- (d) Any unused amounts remaining in an employee's account at the end of the Plan year must be forfeited except as permitted by the IRC and the County's Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan Document. The County will use any forfeited amounts to defray the Plan's administrative expenses.

### **FULL UNDERSTANDING, MODIFICATION AND WAIVER**

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 within the scope of representation, and that the understandings arrived at after the exercise of that right are set forth in this Agreement. The express provisions of this Agreement for its duration therefore constitute the complete and total contract between the County of San Bernardino and SEBA with respect to wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment. Any other prior or existing understanding or agreements by the parties, whether formal or informal, regarding any such matters are hereby superseded or terminated in their entirety. The County and SEBA for the life of this Agreement each voluntarily waives the right to meet and confer in good faith and waives the right to compel the other party to meet and confer in good faith with respect to any subject or matter whether or not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement. This section shall not act as a waiver of any reserved County management rights or act as a waiver of SEBA's right to bargain the impact of the County's exercise of its management's rights.

## HOURS OF WORK

Employees in this Unit, except those in the classifications of Sheriff's Sergeant and District Attorney Supervising Investigator, are considered to be salaried executives and are paid on a salary basis. The salary of Lieutenants assigned to the West Valley Detention Center who regularly work twelve (12) hour shifts shall be five percent (5%) higher than the applicable corresponding salary reflected in Appendix B. As such, they are subject to the following working conditions.

Employees shall be required to work during such hours as necessary to carry out the duties of their position, as designated by the appointing authority, and such hours may be varied so long as the work requirements and efficient operations of the County are assured.

Such hours may include short periods away from work for personal reasons at times the employee judges to be appropriate for his/her absence.

Employees covered by this Article who are disciplined by a suspension without pay shall only receive such suspension in increments of one (1) full work day. Alternatively, an appointing authority may discipline the employee covered by this Article via a deduction of accrued leave time. The accrued leave time is limited to vacation, holiday or administrative leave. Any disciplinary action imposed under this Article is subject to appeal under the Personnel Rules of San Bernardino County and the applicable provisions of the Dispute Resolution Procedure Article. Employees in regular positions in this unit are considered to be salaried for purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act. If as a result of changes in legislation, federal regulations or court decisions, employees are considered to be unsalaried, the County and SEBA will meet and confer concerning the impact of such changes.

## IMPLEMENTATION

This Memorandum of Understanding constitutes a mutual agreement by all parties to be jointly submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval. It is agreed that this Memorandum of Understanding shall not be binding upon the parties either in whole or in part unless and until approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Any changes to this Memorandum of Understanding, which do not have specific effective dates, become effective on the date of Board of Supervisors approval. Any economic changes to this Memorandum of Understanding, which do not have specific effective dates, become effective the beginning of the pay period following Board of Supervisors approval.

## LAYOFF

### Section 1 – Layoff Policy

Whenever possible, loss of employment for regular County employees shall be avoided by transfer, demotion, or temporary work. During the first year following a layoff, laid off employees shall have first consideration for any vacancies in a classification for which qualifications are deemed suitable by the Director of Human Resources.

After one (1) year on the layoff list, the names of employees shall be transferred to the appropriate open, promotional, or open-promotional list. The duration of such placement shall not exceed two (2) years.

### Section 2 – Definition of Layoff

Layoff is the involuntary separation or demotion of a regular employee without fault of the employee.

### Section 3 – Notification

Whenever the appointing authority anticipates a surplus of employees in regular positions, immediate notification to the Director of Human Resources and SEBA shall be made. The notification shall include the anticipated number and classifications of employees to be laid off and a plan for conducting an orderly layoff to reduce adverse effect on employees to be laid off.

### Section 4 – Order of Layoff

Layoffs shall be by classifications unless the appointing authority, with the approval of the Director of Human Resources, deems it for the best interests of the service to make reductions in classification first and thereby cause separation from the service only in the lower ranks. The services of all provisional, temporary, and probationary employees in the classification affected within the interested department shall be terminated in that order before any reduction in the regular force. Layoffs among regular employees shall be made on the basis of seniority determined by the employee's current beginning date of continuous service in a regular position with the County of San Bernardino. A regular employee who accepts demotion in lieu of layoff retains layoff rights to his former classification.

### Section 5 – Short-Term Layoffs

Layoffs for periods not to exceed fifteen (15) consecutive work days may be made in any order for reasons approved by the Director of Human Resources.

### Section 6 – Exception to Order of Layoff

Whenever the appointing authority believes that the best interests of the service require the retention of employees with special qualifications, characteristics, and fitness for the work, the appointing authority may request an exception to the order of layoff. Such requests must be in writing to the Director of Human Resources and must be supported by the appointing authority's reason. A copy of such request shall be submitted to SEBA at that time.

## LEAVE PROVISIONS

Employees in this Unit shall apply available paid leave time whenever a leave of absence is approved.

### Section 1 – Sick Leave

- (a) Definition – Sick leave with pay is an insurance or protection provided by the County to be granted in circumstances of adversity to promote the health of the individual employee. It is not an earned right to time off from work. Sick leave is defined to mean the authorized absence from duty of an employee because of illness, injury, pregnancy, exposure to contagious disease, attendance upon an ill member of the employee's family member, or for a medical, optical, or dental appointment, for certain purposes related to being a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or other purpose authorized herein. Such authorized absence may include attendance upon the parent(s) of an employee, not to exceed a total of eighty (80) hours per calendar year. In addition, a maximum of twenty four (24) hours earned sick leave may be used for bereavement due to the death of persons who are family members of the employee's, or any relative living with the employee.
- (b) Family Member – Family Member is defined by Labor Code section 245.5 as a parent, spouse, registered domestic partner, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling. Child means a biological, foster, or adopted child, a step child, a legal ward, a child of a domestic partner or a child of a person standing in loco parentis. Parent means a biological, foster, or adoptive parent, a stepparent, legal guardian, or a person who stood in loco parentis when the employee was a minor child. Domestic Partner is defined by California Family Code Section 297.
- (c) Accumulation – Employees in regular positions shall accrue sick leave for each payroll period completed, prorated on the basis of eighty-eight (88) hours per year, or 3.39 hours per pay period. Earned sick leave shall be available for use the first day following the payroll period in which it is earned. Sick leave shall be

accumulative without limitation. The minimum charge against accumulated sick leave shall be fifteen (15) minutes. Employees in regular positions budgeted less than eighty (80) hours per pay period shall receive sick leave accumulation on a pro-rata basis.

- (d) Compensation – Approved sick leave with pay shall be compensated at the employee's base rate of pay (including Incentive Pay).
- (e) Administration
  - (1) Investigation – It shall be the responsibility and duty of each appointing authority to investigate each request for sick leave and to allow sick leave with pay where the application is determined to be proper and fitting, subject to approval of the Director of Human Resources.
  - (2) Notice of Sickness – The appointing authority or designated representative must be notified at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the employee's scheduled tour of duty of a sickness on the first day of absence. For employees assigned to 24-hour institutions (e.g., correctional facilities) the appointing authority or designee should be notified at least two (2) hours prior to the start of the employee's scheduled tour of duty of a sickness on the first day of absence and must be notified at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the employee's scheduled tour of duty. It is the responsibility of the employee to keep the appointing authority informed as to continued absence beyond the first day for reasons due to sickness. Failure to make such notification may result in denial of sick leave with pay.
  - (3) Review – The Director of Human Resources may review and determine the justification of any request for sick leave with pay and may, in the interest of the County, require a medical report by a doctor to support a claim for sick leave pay.
  - (4) Proof – A doctor's certificate or other adequate proof of illness shall be provided by the employee in all cases of absence due to illness when requested by the appointing authority. Requests for proof of illness will be made in compliance with the California Labor Code.
  - (5) Improper Use – Evidence substantiating the use of sick leave for trivial indispositions, instances of misrepresentation, or violation of the rules defined herein shall be construed as grounds for dismissal or such other action as may be deemed proper and necessary by the appointing authority and/or the Board of Supervisors.
  - (6) Misconduct – Sick leave with pay may be denied if the absence is found to be due to willful injury, gross negligence, intemperance, improper conduct or willful absence without leave on the part of the employee.
- (f) Workers' Compensation – As provided in Section 4850 of the Labor Code, a Safety Management and Supervisory Unit employee who is injured in the line of duty is entitled to full salary in lieu of Workers' Compensation benefits and sick leave for a period not to exceed one (1) year. After the employee has used one (1) full year of such 4850 time, said employee may use accumulated sick leave with pay with the approval of the appointing authority to augment temporary disability payments if said employee is still temporarily disabled by order of an accepted physician under the Workers' Compensation sections or until said employee is retired.
- (g) Separation – Unused sick leave shall not be payable upon separation of the employee, except as provided in the Retirement Medical Trust Article.
- (h) Vacation Conversion Option – At the beginning of each fiscal year, employees who have used less than forty (40) hours of sick leave in the preceding fiscal year (i.e., pay period 14 through pay period 13 of the following year) may, at the employee's option, convert sick leave to vacation leave on the following formula: Hours of sick leave used are subtracted from forty (40). The employee may elect to convert sixty percent (60%) of the remainder, or a portion thereof, to vacation leave to be utilized in the same manner as other accrued vacation leave. Any sick leave not converted, along with the forty-eight (48) hours not subject to this option, shall be accumulated, provided that the forty percent (40%) of the sick leave hours converted to vacation leave shall be relinquished.

Example:

Sick Leave Hours Used	Hours to be Converted	Vacation	Relinquished
0	40	24	16
8	32	19.2	12.8
16	24	14.4	9.6
24	16	9.6	5.4
32	8	4.8	3.2
40	0	0	0

## Section 2 – Vacation Leave

- (a) Definition – Vacation is a right, earned as a condition of employment, to a leave of absence with pay for the recreation and well-being of the employee. Under unusual circumstances, vacation leave may be used for sick leave purposes upon a special request of the employee and with the approval of the appointing authority.
- (b) Accumulation – All employees in regular positions shall accrue, on a pro-rata basis, vacation leave for completed service hours, up to eighty (80) hours per pay period. Such vacation allowance shall be available for use on the first day following the pay period in which it is earned, provided an employee has completed 1,040 hours of continuous service from the employee's date of hire in a regular bargaining unit position. Employees in regular positions budgeted less than eighty (80) hours per pay period shall receive vacation leave accumulation on a pro-rata basis.

Length of Service Allowance	Annual Vacation Unused Balance	Maximum Allowed from Hire Date
After 1,040 and through 8,320 service hours	80 hours	160 hours
Over 8,320 and through 18,720 service hours	120 hours	240 hours
Over 18,720 service hours	160 hours	500 hours

(c) Administration

- (1) Vacation periods shall be taken annually with the approval of the appointing authority, and at such times as will not impair the work schedule or efficiency of the department. The parties recognize that it is the responsibility of the employees to keep track of their own leave balances and to endeavor to keep the leave balance within the maximum allowable unused balance. Every effort will be made to enable employees to take time off to remain below the maximum balance; however, to facilitate scheduling the employee should provide at least six (6) pay period advance notice of reaching the maximum balance to the appointing authority or designee. No employee, however, shall lose earned vacation leave time because of work urgency or during a leave of absence under Section 4850 of the Labor Code. If an employee has reached the maximum allowed unused balance due to work urgency or leave of absence under Section 4850 of the Labor Code and is unable to take a vacation leave, the appointing authority will notify the Auditor-Controller of the situation and approve a waiver of the maximum allowed unused balance for a period not to exceed thirteen (13) pay periods, or in the case of a 4850 leave, not to exceed thirteen (13) pay periods from date the employee returns to duty.
- (2) The minimum charge against accumulated vacation leave shall be one-half (1/2) hour or multiples thereof. Vacation leave shall be compensated at the employee's base rate of pay.
- (3) When a fixed holiday falls within a vacation period, the holiday time shall not be charged against an employee's earned vacation benefits.
- (4) Employees not planning to return to County employment at the expiration of a vacation leave, except those retiring, shall be compensated in a lump sum payment for accrued vacation at the employee's then base rate of pay and shall not be carried on the payroll. Retiring employees may elect to use vacation leave, provided that each pay period the employees charge their number of hours in their regular scheduled tour of duty, or be compensated in a lump sum payment for accrued vacation leave.



Terminating employees not covered by the above provisions shall be compensated at their base rate of pay (including Incentive Pay) for accrued vacation leave that they were entitled to use as of the date of termination.

- (5) On one (1) occasion during each calendar year, an employee who had used eighty (80) or more hours of vacation, administrative, and/or holiday leave during the previous calendar year may elect to convert into a cash payment, at the rate of pay (including POST Pay) then in effect, up to eighty (80) hours of accrued vacation leave.

In order to sell back vacation time an employee must make an irrevocable election (i.e., pre-designation) during the month of December, specifying the number of hours to be sold back from the next calendar year's vacation leave accrual. Such election must be made in a single block of not more than eighty (80) hours. During the calendar year following the pre-designation, no more than three (3) requests may be made to cash out the vacation leave in a single block of not less than eight (8) hours and no more than eighty (80) hours. An employee shall be eligible to cash-out vacation leave hours accrued up to the preceding pay period in which he/she requested the cash-out. For example, an employee who requests a cash-out in pay period 15 can only cash-out the vacation leave accrued through pay period 14. The number of hours requested for cash-out shall not exceed an amount equal to or less than the amount accrued. For example, an employee in December 2017 makes a pre-designation to cash-out 25 hours. The employee accrues 4.61 hours of vacation leave per pay period. At the end of pay period 2 the employee can request to cash-out the 8 hours of vacation leave that she had accrued, but is not yet eligible to cash-out the entire 25 pre-designated hours because the employee has yet to accrue 25 hours of vacation leave. Once an election is made, if the employee does not request that the designated number of hours actually be sold back by pay period 25 of the calendar year in which the election is effective, the hours will be automatically converted into cash payment in pay period 26.

### Section 3 – Holiday Leave

- (a) Fixed Holidays – All employees in regular positions shall be entitled to the following fixed holidays off provided such employees are on the payroll on the day that the holiday falls.

New Year's Day	Veteran's Day
Third Monday in January	Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Independence Day	December 24th
Labor Day	Christmas Day

- (b) Floating Holidays – All employees in regular positions shall be entitled to a total of thirty-two (32) hours floating holiday time provided that the employee is on the payroll during the entire pay period in which such floating holiday time is to accrue. "Entire pay period" shall mean that an employee must have been hired prior to the start of the pay period and not have separated prior to the end of the pay period and was paid for at least one-half (1/2) of the accountable hours.

Floating holiday time shall accrue in the following increments:

- (1) Eight (8) hours floating holiday time shall be accrued during the pay period in which February 12 falls.
- (2) Eight (8) hours floating holiday time shall be accrued during the pay period in which February 22 falls.
- (3) Eight (8) hours floating holiday time shall be accrued during the pay period in which August 1 falls.
- (4) Eight (8) hours floating holiday time shall be accrued during the pay period in which October 1 falls.

Floating holidays accrued shall be available for use on the first day following the pay period in which they are accrued, with the approval of the appointing authority. Fixed or floating holiday leave shall be compensated at the employee's base rate of pay, including incentive pay.

- (c) New and terminating employees must be on the payroll the day before and the day after a fixed holiday to receive holiday pay. Regular employees must be on the payroll the day before or the day after a fixed holiday to receive holiday pay.
- (d) When a fixed holiday falls on a Sunday, the next day, Monday, shall be observed as the holiday. When a fixed holiday falls on a Saturday, the fixed holiday shall be treated as an eight (8) hour floating holiday.
- (e) Upon retirement or separation, employees shall be compensated for any unused accrued holiday leave at the then current base rate equivalency (including Incentive Pay).
- (f) When a fixed holiday falls within a vacation period, the holiday time shall not be charged against an employee's earned vacation benefits. As such, the employee shall receive holiday pay for any fixed holiday that falls within a vacation period, provided the employee is eligible for that fixed holiday pay. For example, an employee has approved vacation leave from Tuesday through Thursday and Wednesday is a fixed holiday. Tuesday and Thursday would be coded as vacation leave but Wednesday would be coded as holiday leave.
- (g) Whenever an employee is required to work on a fixed holiday, the employee shall accrue a total of eight (8) hours holiday time; provided, however, that total holiday accrual shall not exceed a maximum of two hundred seventy-five (275) hours. Any holiday time accrued in excess of two hundred seventy-five (275) hours shall be lost, provided that no employee shall lose earned holiday leave because of work urgency.

**Section 4 – Annual Leave Conversion**

An employee promoted from the Safety Unit to this Unit shall have any annual leave balance converted to vacation leave and holiday leave pursuant to the following formula.

PERCENT APPLIED TO ANNUAL LEAVE BALANCE		
Length of Service from Hire Date	Vacation Leave	Holiday Leave
After 1,040 and through 8,320 service hours	47.62	52.38
Over 8,320 and through 18,720 service hours	57.69	42.31
Over 18,720 service hours	64.52	35.48

In no event shall such an employee lose any vacation or holiday leave for thirteen (13) pay periods following such promotion.

**Section 5 – Compulsory Leave**

If in the opinion of the appointing authority an employee could be incapacitated for work for physical or psychological reasons, an examination may be required by a physician or other competent authority designated or approved by the Assistant Administrative Officer for Human Resources. If the examination report shows the employee to be in an unfit condition to perform the duties required of the position, the appointing authority shall have the right to compel such employee to take sufficient leave of absence with or without pay, to transfer to another position without reduction in compensation, and to follow a prescribed treatment regimen until medically qualified to return to unrestricted duty.

If an employee temporarily does not possess a job prerequisite, until such time as the deficiency disappears, the appointing authority shall compel the employee either (1) to take a leave of absence with or without pay or (2) to transfer to another position without a reduction in pay; provided that nothing herein shall inhibit the ability of the appointing authority to impose appropriate discipline.

**Section 6 – Military Leave**

As provided in the California Military and Veterans Code Section 395 et seq., and any amendment thereto, and the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, a County employee, regular, extra-help, or recurrent may be entitled to the following rights concerning military leave:

- (a) Definition – Military leave is defined as the performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service under competent authority and includes active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training (weekend drills), full-time National Guard duty, and a period for which an employee is absent for the purpose of an examination to determine the fitness of the person to perform any such duty.
- (b) Notice and Orders – All employees shall provide advance notice of military service unless military necessity prevents the giving of notice or the giving of notice is impossible or unreasonable. Where available, copy of military orders must accompany the request for leave.
- (c) Temporary Active Duty – Any employee who is a member of the reserve corps of the Armed Forces, National Guard, or Naval Militia shall be entitled to temporary military leave of absence for the purpose of active military training provided that the period of ordered duty does not exceed one hundred eighty (180) calendar days, including time involved in going to and returning from such duty. While on paid status, an employee on temporary military leave shall receive the same vacation, holiday, and sick leave, step advances and benefits that would have been enjoyed had the employee not been absent, providing such employee has been employed by the County for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the date such leave begins. In determining the one (1) year employment requirement, all time spent in recognized military service, active or temporary, shall be counted. An exception to the above is that an uncompleted probationary period must be completed upon return to the job. Any employee meeting the above one (1) year employment requirement shall be entitled to receive their regular salary or compensation, pursuant to Section (e) of this Article.
- (d) Full-Time Active Duty – Employees who resign from their positions to serve in the Armed Forces for more than one hundred eighty (180) days, shall have a right to return to their former classification upon serving written notice to the appointing authority, no later than ninety (90) days after completion of such service. Returning employees are subject to a physical/psychological examination.

Should such employee's former classification have been abolished, then the employee shall be entitled to a classification of comparable functions, duties, and compensation if such classification exists, or to a comparable vacant position for which the employee is qualified.

The right to return to former classification shall include the right to be restored to such civil service status as the employee would have if the employee had not so resigned; and no other person shall acquire civil service status in the same position so as to deprive such employee of this right to restoration.

Eligible employees are also entitled to the reemployment and benefit rights as further described in the Uniformed Services and Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, 38 U.S.C. Sections 4301-4333. Specifically, a returning employee will receive restoration of original hire date, salary step, vacation accrual rate, sick leave balance (unless the employee has received payment for unused sick leave in accordance with provisions contained herein), the retirement plan contribution rate and retirement system contributions (provided the employee complies with any requirements established by the Retirement Board). However, such employee will not have accrued vacation, sick leave, or other benefit while absent from County employment, except as provided in the temporary duty provision.

- (e) Compensation – This provision does not include an employee's attendance for inactive duty, commonly referred to as weekend reserve meetings or drills. Employees must use their own time to attend such meetings. Should the meetings unavoidably conflict with an employee's regular working hours, the employee is required to use vacation or holiday leave, leave without pay, or make up the time. Employees who are called in for a medical examination to determine physical fitness for military duty must also use vacation leave, leave without pay, or make up the time. Employees cannot be required to use their accrued leave. Any employee meeting the requirements in (c) and (d) shall be entitled to receive their regular salary or compensation for the first thirty (30) calendar days of any such leave. Pay for such purposes shall not exceed thirty (30) days in any one fiscal year and shall be paid only for the employee's regularly scheduled workdays that fall within the thirty (30) calendar days.
- (f) Extension of Benefits – The County recognizes the increased requirements of the military due to the current threats facing the United States of America and, as such, has established a program under which employees

may be eligible for an extension of benefits. Employees who are called to active duty as a result of the activation of military reservists beginning in September 2001, and who are eligible to receive the thirty (30) calendar day military leave compensation, and meet the requirements established by the Board, shall receive the difference between their base County salary and their military salary starting on the 31st calendar day of military leave. The difference in salary shall continue for the period approved by the Board of Supervisors. During this period, the County will continue to provide the employee the benefits and all leave accruals as was provided prior to such active duty. Retirement contributions and credit will be granted if the employee had enough pay to cover the entire contribution. If the employee does not get enough pay to cover the retirement contribution, no contribution or credit will be given. Employees should note that the Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) plan contains a war exclusion.

If the employee becomes eligible for full County payment for the first 30 days of military leave provided in (c) of this Article, the extended payments provided under this Section shall be suspended and shall be continued after the 30 days compensation has been completed.

No compensation shall be paid beyond the 30-day leave period, unless such compensation is expressly approved by the Board of Supervisors. The County may unilaterally extend the benefits of this subsection upon the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

- (g) Vacation and Military Leave – Employees shall not be permitted to take vacation or other accrued leave in lieu of the military leave provisions provided in Section (c) of the Article. Employees may elect to use accrued leave time, except sick leave, in lieu of the integrated pay in Section (f) of this Article under the following conditions:
- (1) The employee must decline in writing the benefits of Section (f) of this Article prior to the due date of the Time and Labor Report (TLR). The employee must include the dates for which he/she is declining the benefit.
  - (2) The employee must use accrued leave time for the entire pay period (i.e., County pay will not be integrated with military pay for partial pay periods).
  - (3) Such written declination cannot be revoked or amended at a later date for a pay period for which the TLR has already been submitted.
  - (4) Benefits, leave accruals, and pay will be administered per normal procedures for vacation pay; no additional benefits otherwise granted under this Article will be available.

Employees may elect to use accrued leave time, except sick leave, once all paid benefits have been exhausted.

## **Section 7 – Political Leave**

Any employee who is a candidate for public office (i.e., a candidate who has filed the appropriate documents) shall have the right to a leave of absence without pay for a reasonable period to campaign for the election. Such leave is subject to the conditions governing Special Leaves of Absence Without Pay contained herein.

## **Section 8 – Special Leaves of Absence Without Pay**

A special leave without pay for a period not exceeding one (1) year, unless extended, may be granted to an employee who:

- (a) Is medically incapacitated to perform the duties of the position.
- (b) Desires to engage in a relevant course of study which will enhance the employee's value to the County.
- (c) Takes a leave pursuant to the federal Family Medical Leave Act of 1993, the California Family Rights Act, and/or Pregnancy Disability Leave provisions under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA).

- (d) Is approved for any reason considered appropriate by the appointing authority and the Director of Human Resources.

Such request must be in writing and requires the approval of the appointing authority and the Director of Human Resources. The employee is responsible for providing appropriate documentation to justify the reasons for the special leave of absence (e.g. medical documentation from a qualified health care practitioner) prior to approval. Upon request, the appointing authority and the Director of Human Resources may grant successive leaves of absence (e.g. employees who meet the eligibility requirements for a disability retirement) with appropriate documentation.

Leaves of absence without pay may be given to an employee with or without right to return to classification. At the expiration of leaves without right to return, the employee must contact Human Resources to be referred for a sixty (60) calendar day period to all job openings in their classifications for reemployment without examination, such time to run concurrently with the one hundred eighty (180) calendar day period provided in the Reemployment Article herein. The employee must be appointed to a position within this sixty (60) day period or be terminated. At the expiration of leaves with right to return, the employee will have the right to return to a vacant position within the department in their current classification.

### **Section 9 – Relocation Leave**

Employees in regular positions who are required by an appointing authority to change their principal place of residence because of a reassignment to meet the needs of the service, shall be granted time off with pay at their base rate of pay not to exceed twenty-four (24) work hours.

### **Section 10 – Jury Duty Leave**

Employees in regular positions who are summoned to jury duty shall be entitled to base pay for those hours of absence from work, provided the employee deposits fees for service, other than mileage, with the County Treasurer. Such employees will further be required to deliver a "Jury Duty Certification" form at the end of the required jury duty to verify such service. Employees called for Grand Jury duty shall be granted a leave of absence without pay to perform the duties of a member of the Grand Jury.

### **Section 11 – Examination Time**

Employees in regular positions shall be entitled to a reasonable amount of leave with pay for the purpose of applying for and taking County promotional examinations. Employees are responsible for notifying and obtaining approval from their immediate supervisor prior to taking such leave. Examination time shall not be charged against any accumulated leave balances and shall be compensated at the employee's base hourly rate. An employee is not entitled to compensation for any examination process that occurs outside their scheduled work shift or on a day that the employee is not scheduled to work.

### **Section 12 – Witness Leave**

Employees in regular positions shall be entitled to a leave of absence from work when subpoenaed to testify as a witness, such subpoena being properly issued by a court, agency, or commission legally empowered to subpoena witnesses. This benefit shall not apply in any case in which the subpoenaed employee is a party to the action or the subpoena has arisen out of the employee's scope of employment. Witness leave shall not be charged against any accumulated leave balances and shall be compensated at the employee's base hourly rate. This benefit will be paid only if the employee has demanded witness fees at the time of service of the subpoena, and such fees are turned over to the County.

### **Section 13 – Blood Donations**

Employees in regular positions who donate blood without receiving compensation for such donation, may have up to four (4) hours off to recover with pay as necessary, provided the employee has received prior approval of the immediate supervisor to make the donation. This benefit shall not be charged to any accumulated leave; provided, however, that any time in excess of four (4) hours must be charged to accumulated sick leave or be

taken as leave without pay. Evidence of each donation must be presented to the appointing authority to receive this benefit.

#### **Section 14 – Failure to Return After Leave**

Failure of an employee to report to work at the expiration of a leave of absence shall separate the employee from the service of the County and be considered, in effect, a resignation unless extenuating circumstances can be justified to the appointing authority who may approve additional leave.

#### **Section 15 – Bereavement Leave**

Bereavement – Employees in regular positions may use up to two (2) days paid leave, not charged to the employee's personal leave balances, per occurrence for bereavement due to the death of an employee's family member as defined under Section 1(b)(2) of this Section.

One (1) additional day shall be granted if the employee travels over one thousand (1,000) miles from his/her residence to the bereavement service(s). This additional day shall not be charged to the employee's personal leave balances.

### **LIFE INSURANCE**

#### **Section 1**

The County agrees to make available to each employee a group term life insurance program wherein the employee may purchase, through payroll deductions, term life insurance in accordance with the amounts specified in the Certificate of Insurance. New employees shall become initially eligible to participate in these programs on the first day of the pay period following the pay period in which the employee works and receives pay for one half plus one of his/her regularly scheduled hours.

The County agrees to provide these benefits subject to carrier requirements as specified in the Certificate of Insurance. Selection of the insurance provider(s), the method of computing premiums and administration of the plan shall be within the sole discretion of the County.

#### **Section 2**

The County shall provide at County expense to all employees assigned in the normal course of their regular duties to the Arson/Bomb Squad, the Narcotics Division, the IRNET Division, the Specialized Enforcement Detail, the District Attorney Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit, to the position of Motorcycle Traffic Officer, and employees in the Scientific Investigations Division who regularly work with and/or are exposed to dangerous substances a sixty thousand dollar (\$60,000) face value occupational accidental death and dismemberment policy. Selection of the insurance provided shall be at the sole discretion of the County.

### **LONG TERM DISABILITY (LTD) INSURANCE**

At the beginning of each month the County will pay to SEBA thirty-three dollars (\$33.00) times the number of unit employees in regular positions at that particular time for the LTD plan administered by SEBA. Participation is mandatory for all Safety Management & Supervisory Unit employees. SEBA shall have sole fiduciary and administrative responsibility for the LTD program for a minimum period of six (6) years. The transfer of responsibility for LTD from the County to SEBA shall occur on the first day of the month. These payments shall not be reported to the Retirement System as "Compensable Earnable."

## MEDICAL AND DENTAL COVERAGE

### Section 1 – Medical and Dental Plan Coverage

- (a) All eligible employees scheduled to work forty one (41) hours or more per pay period in a regular position must enroll in a medical and dental plan offered by the County. Employees who fail to elect medical and dental plan coverage will be automatically enrolled in the medical and dental plan with the lowest bi-weekly premium rates available in the geographical location of the employee's primary residence. Medical and dental plan coverage will become effective on the first day of the pay period following the pay period in which the employee is scheduled to work forty one (41) or more hours and received pay for at least forty one (41) hours.
- (b) To continue enrollment in a County-sponsored medical and dental plan, an employee must remain in a regular position scheduled to work a minimum of forty one (41) hours and have received pay for at least forty one (41) hours in a pay period or be on an approved leave for which continuation of medical and dental coverage is expressly provided, or be eligible for and have timely paid the premium for COBRA continuation coverage.
- (c) Eligible employees may elect to enroll their dependents upon initial eligibility for medical and dental insurance. Thereafter, newly eligible dependents may be enrolled within the specified time frame in accordance with the County Plan Documents and/or applicable IRS regulations of obtaining dependent status, such as birth, adoption or marriage.
- (d) Dependent(s) must be removed mid-Plan year when a dependent(s) becomes ineligible for coverage under the insurance plan eligibility rules (e.g., divorce, termination of domestic partnership, or over age dependent). Employees are responsible for notifying the County within sixty (60) days of a dependent's change in eligibility for the County plans.
- (e) Enrollment elections must remain in effect for the remainder of the Plan year to the extent permitted under IRS regulations.
- (f) Notification of a mid-year qualifying event must be submitted to the Employee Benefits and Services Division in accordance with procedures adopted by the County.
- (g) Premiums for coverage will be automatically deducted from the employee's pay warrant. If the employee does not have sufficient earnings to cover the deduction for premiums, the employee must make alternative payment arrangements that are acceptable to the Employee Benefits and Services Division. Failure to pay premiums will result in loss of coverage for the employee and/or the dependents.

### Section 2 – Opt-out and Waive

- (a) Employees eligible for medical and dental plan coverage who are also enrolled in a comparable group medical and/or dental plan sponsored by another employer may elect to opt-out of County-sponsored medical and/or dental coverage (opt-out).
- (b) Employees eligible for medical and dental plan coverage who are covered by a spouse, domestic partner, or parent who is also employed by the County may elect to waive their County-sponsored medical and/or dental plan (waive).
- (c) To receive the opt-out or waive amounts of this Section the employee must be paid for a minimum of forty one (41) hours during a pay period.

- (d) Employees who completed more than eighteen (18) years of service with the County as of December 25, 2005, who previously elected to opt-out or waive to a spouse and continue to opt-out or waive shall receive one hundred fifty dollars and ninety-three cents (\$150.93) per pay period. All other Unit employees who elect to opt-out of County-sponsored medical plan coverage or waive to a spouse during the term of this MOU will receive twenty dollars (\$20.00) per pay period in lieu of the Medical Premium Subsidy described below.
- (e) The rules and procedures for electing to opt-out or waive County-sponsored medical and dental plan coverage are established and administered by the Employee Benefits and Services Division.
- (1) Employees may elect to opt-out or waive County-sponsored medical and/or dental plan(s) within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of coverage of another employer-sponsored group plan. Proof of initial gain of other group coverage is required at the time that opt-out or waive is elected.
  - (2) Employees may also elect to opt-out or waive County-sponsored medical and/or dental plan(s) coverage during an annual open enrollment period. All employees who are newly opting-out or waiving during an open enrollment period must provide verification of other group coverage.
  - (3) Employees who opt-out or waive and who voluntarily or involuntarily lose their other group medical and/or dental plan coverage must enroll in a County-sponsored medical and/or dental plan within sixty (60) calendar days. Enrollment in the County-sponsored plan will be provided in accordance with the requirements of the applicable plan. If the employee elects not to enroll their eligible dependents, the dependents may only be added at a subsequent annual open enrollment period.
  - (4) There must be no break in the employee's medical and/or dental plan coverage between the termination date of the other employer group coverage and enrollment in a County medical and/or dental plan. Terms and conditions of the applicable plan will determine the required retroactive enrollment period and premiums required to implement coverage. Failure to notify the County of loss of group coverage within sixty (60) calendar days will require the employee to pay their insurance premiums retroactively on an after-tax basis.

### Section 3 – Medical Subsidies

- (a) The County has established a Medical Premium Subsidy (MPS) in an amount that would offset a portion of the cost of medical plan premiums charged to eligible employees. The MPS shall be applied to medical insurance premiums only and shall not be applicable to dental plan premiums. The applicable MPS amount shall be paid directly to the provider of the County-sponsored medical plan in which the eligible employee has enrolled. In no case, shall the MPS exceed the total cost of the medical insurance premium for the coverage selected (e.g., where the MPS amounts below exceed the lowest cost HMO).
- (b) Unit employees shall receive a Medical Premium Subsidy (MPS) in the amounts per pay period as set forth below:

Coverage	
Employee Only	
Lowest Cost—HMO	\$166.30
Highest Cost—HMO	\$191.64
Employee + 1	
Lowest Cost—HMO	\$355.45
Highest Cost—HMO	\$381.41
Employee + 2	
Lowest Cost—HMO	\$487.09
Highest Cost—HMO	\$538.93



Effective August 6, 2016, Unit employees shall receive a Medical Premium Subsidy (MPS) in the amounts per pay period as set forth below:

Coverage	
Employee Only	
Lowest Cost—HMO	\$194.00
Highest Cost—HMO	\$194.51
Employee + 1	
Lowest Cost—HMO	\$360.78
Highest Cost—HMO	\$387.13
Employee + 2	
Lowest Cost—HMO	\$494.40
Highest Cost—HMO	\$547.00

Effective July 8, 2017, Unit employees shall receive a Medical Premium Subsidy (MPS) in the amounts per pay period as set forth below:

Coverage	
Employee Only	
Lowest Cost—HMO	\$194.00
Highest Cost—HMO	\$197.43
Employee + 1	
Lowest Cost—HMO	\$366.19
Highest Cost—HMO	\$392.94
Employee + 2	
Lowest Cost—HMO	\$501.81
Highest Cost—HMO	\$555.21

Effective July 7, 2018, Unit employees shall receive a Medical Premium Subsidy (MPS) in the amounts per pay period as set forth below:

Coverage	
Employee Only	
Lowest Cost—HMO	\$194.00
Highest Cost—HMO	\$200.39
Employee + 1	
Lowest Cost—HMO	\$371.69
Highest Cost—HMO	\$398.83
Employee + 2	
Lowest Cost—HMO	\$509.34
Highest Cost—HMO	\$563.54

- (c) Employees who elect Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) coverage shall receive the same MPS amounts as those who elect coverage with the highest cost HMO.
- (d) Eligibility: Employees in a regular position scheduled for a minimum of forty one (41) hours per pay period are eligible to receive the benefits of this Section in the amounts described in (b) above. However, employees must be paid for at least forty one (41) hours in order to receive the benefits of this Section. For instance, an employee scheduled to work eighty (80) hours per pay period must be paid at least forty-one (41) hours to actually receive the benefits of this Section.

#### **Section 4 – Needles Medical Premium Subsidy**

- (a) For employees assigned to work in the Needles, Trona, and Baker work locations, the County will establish a “Needles Subsidy.” To be eligible for the Needles Subsidy the employee must be enrolled in a medical plan and receive MPS. The Needles Subsidy will be paid by the employee’s Department and will be equal to the amount of the premium difference between the indemnity medical plan offered in these specific work locations and the lowest cost medical plan provided by the County. The applicable Subsidy amount shall be paid directly to the provider of the County-sponsored medical plan in which the eligible employee has enrolled. This Subsidy will be established each year when premiums change for the County-sponsored medical plans. The Subsidy will be discontinued when the lowest cost medical plan becomes available to the employees.

#### **Section 5 – Eligibility for MPS While on Leave**

- (a) FMLA/CFRA - Employees who are on an approved leave pursuant to FMLA/CFRA and whose paid hours in a pay period are less than forty-one (41) hours will continue to be enrolled in a County-sponsored medical plan and receive the MPS in accordance with applicable law.

An employee who does not otherwise meet the requirements for FMLA and/or CFRA (e.g., an employee who has not actually worked 1,250 hours during the applicable twelve (12) month rolling period) after the employee has received the MPS, shall not be eligible for continuation of the MPS in the subsequent year. For example, an employee who is off work continuously for two years, and has received the MPS for a total six (6) pay periods during his/her absence, shall not be eligible for the continuation of MPS in the next rolling year.

- (b) Per Episode of Illness or Injury – Employees who are on approved medical leave of absence and whose paid hours in a pay period are less than 41 hours will continue to receive MPS for up to six (6) pay periods per episode of illness or injury.
- (c) Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL) – An employee on an approved Pregnancy Disability Leave is eligible for continuation of MPS in accordance with PDL law.

#### **Section 6 – Meet and Confer**

If any time during the Memorandum of Understanding SEBA requests to withdraw the bargaining units from the County-sponsored benefit plan, and that if, as a result of a meet and confer process, the County and SEBA mutually agree that the bargaining units can withdraw participation from the County-sponsored plan, the County and SEBA shall develop a plan to address the timing and implementation of such agreement. The parties acknowledge and agree that should the parties agree to SEBA withdrawing participation from the County-sponsored medical plans, that the County will continue to contribute medical premiums in the same amounts on the same terms identified in the current Memorandum of Understanding.

### **MEDICAL EMERGENCY LEAVE**

The particulars of this Medical Emergency Leave policy are as follows:

- (a) The employee must have regular status with the County or one (1) year of continuous service in a regular position with the County.
- (b) The employee must meet all of the following criteria before he or she becomes eligible for Medical Emergency Leave donation: (1) Be on an approved medical leave of absence for at least thirty (30) calendar days (160 working hours) exclusive of an absence due to a work related injury/illness; (2) Submit a doctor's off work order verifying the medical requirement to be off work for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days (160 working hours); (3) Have exhausted all available leave balances prior to initial eligibility for Medical Emergency donations; (4) Have also recorded at least eighty (80) hours of sick leave without pay.

- (c) An employee is not eligible for Medical Emergency Leave if he or she is receiving Workers' Compensation benefits. An employee eligible for state disability insurance and/or Long Term Disability must agree to integrate these benefits with Medical Emergency Leave.
- (d) Annual, vacation, holiday or administrative leave, as well as compensatory time, may be donated by employees only on a voluntary and confidential basis, in increments of eight (8) hours not to exceed a total of fifty percent (50%) of an employee's yearly vacation, holiday, annual, administrative leave or compensatory time accrual per employee. The donation may be made for a specific employee on the time frames established by the Human Resources Department. The employee (donee) using/coding the Medical Emergency Leave will be taxed accordingly.
- (e) The donation is to be for the employee's Medical Emergency Leave only; the donation to one (1) employee is limited to a total of one thousand forty (1,040) hours per fiscal year.
- (f) The definition of Medical Emergency Leave is an approved Leave of Absence due to a verifiable, long term illness or injury, either physical or mental impairment. Job and/or personal stress (not the result of a diagnosed mental disorder) is specifically excluded for receipt by the employee of Medical Emergency Leave. A statement from the employee's treating physician, subject to review by the County's Occupational Health Officer or medical designee, is required for initial and continued eligibility. An employee shall be eligible to utilize and receive Medical Emergency Leave during the period they are on the approved long term leave of absence.
- (g) The employee on an approved Medical Leave of Absence who is receiving Medical Emergency Leave can continue to earn benefit monies (i.e., MPS, Opt-out, and Waive amounts) per the minimum paid hours per pay period requirement (i.e., 41 hours) of the Medical and Dental Coverage Article, the requirement of the Federal and State Family Leave Acts, as applicable to the individual employee. An employee using/coding leave under this program is not eligible for receipt of any accruals such as vacation, administrative leave, annual leave, sick leave or retirement credit.
- (h) Donor hours shall be contributed at the donor's hourly base salary rate (which will include POST PAY where applicable) and be converted to the donee's hourly base salary (which will include POST PAY where applicable), exclusive in both instances of overtime, differentials and the like as the singular purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance.
- (i) Any donated time unused by the employee for the medical emergency shall remain in the donee's accruals or shall be returned to the donor employee(s) to be utilized as follows:
  - 1) An employee who resigns while on Medical Emergency Leave (i.e., an approved Leave of Absence due to a verifiable, long-term illness or injury, either physical or mental impairment of the employee) shall be paid at one hundred percent (100%) of his/her base hourly rate of pay for all unused Medical Emergency Leave up to 160 hours at time of resignation in accordance with payroll procedures established by the County Auditor/Controller. In the case of employees who die while on Medical Emergency Leave, the employees spouse or registered domestic partner, unless otherwise specified on the Beneficiary Designation For Last Warrant form on file with the ATC, shall be paid at one hundred percent (100%) of the deceased employee's base hourly rate of pay for all unused Medical Emergency Leave up to 160 hours at the time of the employee's death in accordance with payroll procedures established by the County Auditor/Controller. Any unused Medical Emergency Leave in excess of 160 hours shall be returned to the donor(s) in accordance with procedures established by the County.
  - (2) An employee on Medical Emergency Leave who has received the approval of his/her physician and the County's Occupational Health Officer to return to full time work shall be eligible to retain up to 160 hours unused Medical Emergency Leave. Such hours shall be used for the same purpose and in the same manner as Sick Leave and in accordance with the applicable Sick Leave provision of the Memorandum of Understanding, however, such hours shall not be eligible for conversion (e.g., cash-out). Any unused Medical Emergency Leave in excess of 160 hours shall be returned to the donor(s) in accordance with procedures established by the County.

- (3) An employee on Medical Emergency Leave who has received the approval of his/her physician and the County's Occupational Health Officer to return to work on a part time basis (less than the employee's normally scheduled hours of work per pay period) may code MEL for those hours the employee was restricted from working pursuant to a physician's order. The combined total of work time and Medical Emergency Leave coded may not exceed each pay period the lesser of eighty (80) hours or the employee's normally scheduled hours of work.
- (j) The donation shall be administered on a specific basis where so designated with instances charged to the Medical Emergency Leave donation for the actual administrative costs.
- (k) Solicitation of donors shall be regulated by the Human Resources Department; names of donors are to be confidential; the privacy rights of the donee upheld per legal requirements.
- (l) All donors and donees shall sign release forms designed, retained and effected by the Human Resources Department.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

The County shall establish an individual departmental fund in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per annum for each employee in a regular position budgeted more than forty (40) hours per pay period to reimburse employees for membership dues in professional organization(s) except for payment of dues to a recognized employee organization. Requests for reimbursement must be approved by the appointing authority or designee and shall be paid upon proof of expenditure not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per employee per year.

### **MERIT ADVANCEMENTS**

#### **Section 1**

It is agreed that a work performance evaluation shall be completed by the employee's immediate supervisor within sixty (60) work days prior to the employee's step advance due date for all employees in this Unit who are below the top step of their salary range. If such employee is evaluated as having met job standards or better, the employee will be granted the step advancement effective on the employee's salary benefit date.

#### **Section 2**

If no work performance evaluation is filed, or if an employee receives an overall "Unsatisfactory" or "Below Job Standards" evaluation, the employee's step advance may not be granted on the date due.

#### **Section 3**

In cases where no work performance evaluation is filed, an employee will contact the supervisor, who must complete and file the work performance evaluation within five (5) work days. If the employee is rated as having met job standards or better, the employee will be granted the step advancement retroactive to the employee's salary benefit date.

#### **Section 4**

A denied step advancement can be granted following any sequence of a thirty (30) work day review period of the employee's performance.

#### **Section 5**

Any dispute arising out of the content of the work performance evaluation may be processed in accordance with the appeal procedure in the Personnel Rules.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION

The parties agree that the provisions of this Agreement shall be applied equally to all employees covered hereby without favor or discrimination because of race, color, sex, age, physical or mental disability, national origin, political or religious opinions or labor organization affiliations.

The parties agree to actively support the objectives of the County's Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

## OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT

The parties agree that subsequent to the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding and during the period of time said Memorandum is pending before the Board of Supervisors for action, neither SEBA nor Management, nor their authorized representatives will appear before the Board of Supervisors individually or collectively to advocate any amendment, addition or deletion to the terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding. It is further understood that this Article shall not preclude the parties from appearing before the Board of Supervisors nor meeting with individual members of the Board of Supervisors to advocate or urge the adoption and approval of this Memorandum of Understanding in its entirety.

## ON-CALL PAY

Employees who are released from active duty but are required by the Sheriff's Department or District Attorney to leave notice where they can be reached and be able to return to active duty when required by the department shall be assigned to on-call duty. While assigned to on-call duty, an employee shall be free to use the time for his or her own purposes.

On-call duty requires that employees so assigned shall: (1) leave a telephone number where they can be reached or wear a communicating device; and (2) be able to respond to duty within an hour.

Assignment of on-call duty and approval of compensation shall be made by the appointing authority based upon the needs of the department. On-call duty shall be compensated at the rate of one hundred eighty-five dollars (\$185.00) per week. Lieutenants, excluding the Watch Commander Lieutenants assigned to the West Valley Detention Center, shall be assigned to on-call duty on a weekly basis and shall receive the on-call pay if the employee works a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours during the week that the employee is assigned to be on-call. Said compensation is exclusive of any other compensation and shall not count as hours worked.

## OVERTIME

- (a) Policy – It is the policy of the County to discourage overtime except when necessitated by abnormal or unanticipated workload situations. It is the responsibility of the appointing authorities to arrange for the accomplishment of workloads under their jurisdiction within the normal tours of duty of employees. The County has the right to require overtime to be worked as necessary.
- (b) 7(k) Exemption – The parties agree that all employees in this unit, except those who are exempt from overtime requirements pursuant to the FLSA, are covered by the partial overtime exemption set forth at 29 U.S.C. § 207(k) of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Although the County pays overtime compensation to employees in this unit in excess of what is required by Section 207(k) or any other provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act, the parties agree that the Section 207(k) partial overtime exemption has been adopted and is applicable to FLSA overtime.
- (c) Definition – For employees covered by this Agreement who are in the classifications of Sheriff's Sergeant and District Attorney Supervising Investigator, overtime shall be defined as all hours actually worked in excess of a regularly scheduled daily work shift, forty (40) hours per week, or eighty (80) hours during a pay period. In designated work locations where the regular work schedule does not call for the employees to work forty (40) hours per week, although it causes the employees to work an average of forty (40) hours per week during a

pay period, overtime shall be defined as all hours actually worked in excess of a regularly scheduled daily work shift or eighty (80) hours per pay period. In designated work locations where the regular work schedule does not call for the employees to work at least eighty (80) hours in each pay period, although it causes them to work an average of at least eighty (80) hours per pay period during two (2) consecutive pay periods, overtime shall be defined as actual hours worked in excess of the regular scheduled daily work shift, or one hundred sixty (160) hours during two (2) consecutive pay periods.

For employees assigned to a 12-hour shift schedule, employees will normally be scheduled to work seven 12-hour shifts in a 14-day period. Overtime for employees assigned to this schedule shall be defined as all hours actually worked in excess of a regularly scheduled daily work shift, or in excess of eighty-four (84) hours per period.

All work periods which define overtime based as other than time worked in excess of forty (40) hours are established pursuant to Section 207(k) of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 USC 201 et seq.

All forms of paid leave time as set forth in the Leave Provisions Article, excluding sick leave used by employees on sick leave restriction plans, plus leaves of absence pursuant to Section 4850 of the California Labor Code, and time spent in meeting and conferring sessions shall be considered as time actually worked for purposes of computing premium overtime compensation.

Voluntary overtime and time spent while attending employee-initiated training shall not be considered as time worked for purposes of computing overtime compensation.

Unless specifically provided herein, "hours worked" for purposes of computing premium overtime shall be consistent with requirements established by the Fair Labor Standards Act and other applicable law.

Any time spent by an employee in a regular position who is required to appear in a court of law arising out of the employee's scope of employment during said employee's regularly scheduled off-duty hours shall be treated as time actually worked. Compensation for required time spent in court as described above shall be granted to an employee only when said employee has actually reported to court. Such employee shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours time worked or the actual amount of time, whichever is greater. To qualify for such compensation, the employee must contact the District Attorney's Office no later than 8:30 a.m. on the scheduled day for court appearance to ensure that the case is still on the court's calendar. Any time spent traveling to and from court in excess of one (1) hour per occurrence shall be compensated at straight time rates, but shall not be credited as time worked for any other purposes. For example, if an employee lives in San Bernardino and is required to appear in court in Joshua Tree, and the total travel time from home to court is three (3) hours, the employee would be paid for two (2) hours at straight time rates.

If an employee is authorized by the Appointing Authority and the employee chooses, for his/her convenience, to use a department vehicle for a court appearance, travel time in excess of one (1) hour commences when the employee has left the station.

When an employee in a regular position returns to active duty at the request of the appointing authority after said employee has been released from active duty and has left the work station, the employee shall be regarded as having worked for two (2) hours or for the actual amount of time worked, whichever is greater. Overtime scheduled in advance shall not be included. Further, employees called back to duty while assigned to on-call duty shall only be compensated for hours actually worked.

When an employee in a regular position reports for active duty at the request of the appointing authority while on Vacation leave or other discretionary leave time off, the employee shall be paid for hours worked in lieu of scheduled leave time.

All overtime shall be reported in increments of full fifteen (15) minutes and is non-accumulative and non-payable when incurred in units of less than fifteen (15) minutes.

- (d) Premium Overtime Compensation – Any employee in a regular position authorized by the appointing authority or authorized representative to work overtime shall be compensated at premium rates, i.e. one and one-half (1-1/2) times the employee's regular rate of pay. Payment for premium overtime compensation shall

be made on the first regular payday following the pay period in which such overtime is worked, unless premium overtime compensation cannot be computed until some later date, in which case, premium overtime compensation will be paid on the next regular payday after such computation can be made. In lieu of cash payment, upon request of the employee and approval of the appointing authority, an employee may accrue compensating time off at premium hours. Cash payment at an employee's base rate of pay (including POST incentive pay) shall automatically be paid for any compensating time in excess of eighty (80) hours, or any hours on record immediately prior to promotion, demotion or termination of employment. Effective the pay period following Board approval of the MOU, cash payment at an employee's base rate of pay (including POST incentive pay) shall automatically be paid for any compensating time in excess of fifty (50) hours, or any hours on record immediately prior to promotion, demotion or termination of employment. Compensatory time off may be taken with approval of the appointing authority at such time as will not impair the work schedule or efficiency of the department but with consideration given to the wellbeing of the employee.

On one occasion each calendar year, during the pay period which includes April 15, an employee may elect to convert up to forty (40) hours of compensatory time into cash payment at the rate of pay then in effect.

### **PAY PERIOD**

A pay period shall be comprised of a fourteen (14) calendar day corridor. The first pay period under this Agreement shall commence at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 6, 2016, and shall end at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on the second Friday thereafter. Each subsequent fourteen (14) day period shall commence on the succeeding Saturday at 12:01 a.m. and shall end at midnight on the second Friday thereafter.

The pay period and work week may be adjusted in accordance with FLSA requirements. The intent of the County and SEBA is to allow for alternative shift scheduling without violating requirements of the FLSA. Under no circumstances shall the right to adjust in accordance with FLSA requirements entitle the County to make such adjustments for the primary purpose of avoiding overtime.

The County may reasonably establish, change, or modify standard days, tours of duty, or shifts for individual positions according to the needs of the service within the established period. Except in instances of law enforcement or staffing emergencies, employees shall be notified personally or by mail by a ranking officer of a shift change no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time the shift change is to become effective. Projected work shift schedules will be posted two (2) months in advance, subject to change as a result of personnel shortages or emergencies.

It is recognized that during the term of this Agreement it may be necessary for Management to make changes in the number of hours in a standard day, tour of duty, or shift to meet the needs of the service. Where Management finds it necessary to make such changes, it shall notify SEBA indicating the proposed change prior to its implementation. Where such change would significantly affect the working conditions of a significantly large number of employees in the Unit as defined below and where SEBA requests to meet with Management, the parties shall expeditiously undertake to meet as provided by Section 3500 et seq. of the California Government Code regarding the impact the change would have on the employees in the Unit.

The phrase "significantly large number" shall mean: (a) a majority of the employees in the Unit, (b) all employees within a division or substation in the Unit, or (c) all employees within a readily identifiable category such as Sergeants or Captains.

### **PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**

It is agreed that, in the absence of an unfair labor practice ruling, SEBA membership dues and insurance premiums for plans sponsored by SEBA shall be deducted by the County from the pay warrant of each employee covered hereby who files with the County a written authorization requesting that such deduction be made. Remittance of the aggregate amount of all membership dues and insurance premiums deducted from the pay warrants of employees covered hereby shall be made to SEBA within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the month in which said membership dues and insurance premiums were deducted.

The County shall not be liable to SEBA, employees, or any other persons by reason of the requirements of this Article for the remittance of any sum other than that constituting actual deductions made from employee wages earned. SEBA shall hold the County harmless for any and all claims, demands, suits, orders, judgments or other forms of liability that may arise out of or by reason of action taken by the County under this Article.

**PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST) PAY**

A Safety Management and Supervisory Unit employee in a regular position who complies with the procedure below shall receive compensation as part of the base rate of pay for an Advanced POST Certificate or a Supervisory POST Certificate, Management POST Certificate, or for possession of a Master’s Degree earned by attendance at an accredited college or university.

The rates for POST pay will be as follows:

Classification	Advanced POST (hourly)	Supervisory POST, etc. (hourly)
Sheriff’s Sergeant	\$2.50	\$3.76
DA Supervising Investigator	\$2.74	\$4.12
Sheriff’s Lieutenant	\$2.86	\$4.30

Effective January 21, 2017, the County shall add the current Advanced POST and Supervisory POST flat dollar amounts into the current base rate of pay to establish a new higher base rate of pay for the Advanced and Supervisory POST levels. Once the new higher base rate of pay is established, the County shall establish a new POST Pay of two percent (2.00%) for the Advanced and Supervisory POST levels, as provided in Appendix B.

POST pay shall be considered as part of the base hourly rate, as part of the regular rate of pay for purposes of computing overtime compensation, and part of the base hourly rate when calculating the County contribution to the employee’s Retirement Medical Trust (RMT) account and sick leave payoffs pursuant to the RMT article and vacation and holiday payoffs upon termination of employment, pursuant to the Article on Leave Provisions, Sections 2 (c) (4) and 3 (e). The employee shall submit a written request for POST pay to the department with an attached copy of the appropriate POST certificate or official transcript. POST pay shall start the first pay period following receipt by the County of a valid POST certificate or transcript. The County shall submit to POST, in an expeditious manner, applications by affected employees for the certificates described above.

**PHYSICAL FITNESS AND APPEARANCE**

**Section 1**

The parties agree that the physical, medical, mental fitness and appearance of public safety officers are requirements to perform the duties of the job and instill public confidence in the law enforcement function. They agree that public safety members require special treatment and consideration for the stress, physical demands and appearance expectations of the County and the public. Recognizing these important factors, the parties agree that during the term of this Agreement, the County may require medical, physical ability, appearance and psychological assessments of safety employees, provided the County pays and provides time off without loss of pay for such assessments. Any remedial or treatment action shall be the full responsibility of the employee.

In the event that the qualified health care professional finds that the employee is not psychologically fit for duty, the employee may request to have a second opinion from a mutually agreed upon independent qualified health care professional. The employee shall notify the County of his/her request for a second opinion no later than five (5) working days of receipt of the result of the initial fitness for duty assessment. If the employee requests a second opinion, the employee will sign an authorization for the Center for Employee Health and Wellness to release the initial psychological report to the health care professional conducting the second assessment. The parties agree that the second assessment will be binding to determine if the employee is fit for duty.



If the employee does not seek a second opinion, or fails to sign the release, the County will use the information provided in the initial assessment.

All reports and communications shall be kept confidential in accordance with applicable law.

Both parties shall meet to mutually agree upon a list of qualified professionals to conduct such examination within ninety (90) days of Board of Supervisors Approval of this Agreement.

## **Section 2**

The County shall provide at County expense prescheduled annual toxicology tests performed by a County-selected physician for all employees assigned to the Arson/Bomb Squad, the Narcotics Division, District Attorney Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit, Specialized Enforcement Detail, Range personnel who are regularly assigned to firearms training, and employees in the Scientific Investigations Bureau who regularly work with and/or are exposed to dangerous substances. Upon assignment to one of the aforementioned divisions the Department will schedule the employee for testing in order to establish the baseline and will be conducted annually thereafter.

## **Section 3**

The County shall provide at County expense an annual Class II, Federal Aviation Administration-certified physical by a County-selected, certified physician for each employee who regularly operates aircraft in the Aviation Division of the Sheriff's Department.

## **Section 4**

Employees in this Unit over age 40 may obtain body scan services provided by the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center once every two (2) years, provided that the employee pays for said services. The County agrees to charge employees in this Unit the same fees for these services as employees in the Exempt Group.

## **PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

The probationary period for positions in the Safety Management and Supervisory Unit shall be 1,600 hours. The probationary period ends at the end of the day in which the employee has completed the required number of service hours.

The probationary period shall be automatically extended for each hour during which the employee is on leave without pay, including absences while receiving disability payments, or on Military Leave. In situations where the employee is on continuous paid sick leave or is using vacation or holiday leave in lieu of paid sick leave, for eighty (80) or more consecutive hours, or is on modified duty for occupational or non-occupational reasons and cannot perform the primary duties of the position, the probationary period may be extended for the period of modified duty at the discretion of the appointing authority. Such extensions are in addition to the fifteen (15) pay period extension allowed by the Personnel Rules.

## **PROMOTIONS**

A promotion is the appointment of an employee from one classification to a classification having a higher base salary range. A promoted employee, including an individual promoted into this Unit, shall receive the entrance rate of the new range or be placed on the step that causes him/her to receive a salary increase (including Incentive Pay) of approximately five percent (5%) whichever is greater; provided that no employee is thereby advanced in step nor advanced above the top step of the higher base salary range. Effective August 6, 2016, a promoted employee, including an individual promoted into this Unit, shall receive the entrance rate of the new range or be placed on the step that causes him/her to receive a salary increase (including Incentive Pay) of approximately (i.e., mathematically closest to) seven and one-half percent (7.5%) whichever is greater; provided that no employee is

thereby advanced in step nor advanced above the top step of the higher base salary range. For purposes of computing the seven and one-half percent (7.5%) salary increase, consideration shall be given to any POST pay being received by the promoted employee. An employee promoted out of this Unit shall be governed by the Article on Salary Rates and Step Advancements in the Memorandum of Understanding or other applicable document pertaining to the appropriate unit or group.

Employees in the Unit on the date of Board approval of the MOU who promoted between February 1, 2016 – August 5, 2016, shall receive the approximate 2.5% difference in promotional pay effective August 6, 2016.

### **PROSPECTIVE LAWSUITS**

The parties agree that prior to filing lawsuits, the parties shall formally meet to attempt resolution of the matter in question with the intent of reaching a mutually acceptable solution.

### **PROVISIONS OF LAW**

It is understood and agreed that this Memorandum of Understanding is subject to all current and future applicable Federal and State laws and regulations and the current provisions of the Charter of the County of San Bernardino. If any part or provision of this Memorandum of Understanding is in conflict or inconsistent with such applicable provisions of those Federal, State, or County enactments or is otherwise held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such part or provisions shall be suspended and superseded by such applicable law or regulations, and the remainder of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not be affected thereby. If any substantive part or provision of this Memorandum of Understanding is suspended or superseded, the parties agree to reopen negotiations regarding the suspended or superseded part or provision with the understanding that total compensation and benefits to employees under this Memorandum of Understanding shall not be reduced or increased as a result of this Article. The parties hereto agree to refrain from initiating any legal action or taking individual or collective action that would invalidate Articles of this Memorandum of Understanding.

### **RECOGNITION**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Employee Relations Code of the County of San Bernardino and applicable State law, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Employees' Benefit Association (SEBA) has been certified by the County's Employee Relations Panel as the exclusive recognized employee organization for County employees in the Safety Management and Supervisory Unit (hereinafter the "Unit") previously found to be appropriate by said Employee Relations Panel. The County hereby recognizes SEBA as the exclusive recognized employee organization for the employees in the employee classifications comprising said Unit as listed in the Salary Adjustment Article hereof, as well as employees in such classes as may be added to this Unit hereafter by the County.

Employees in this Unit shall retain all rights, benefits and protection provided in this Memorandum of Understanding and the Personnel Rules when assigned to court services.

### **REEMPLOYMENT**

An employee who has separated from County employment, and who is subsequently rehired in the same classification in a regular position within a one-hundred and eighty (180) calendar day period, shall receive restoration of salary step, annual/vacation leave accrual rate, and sick leave balance (unless the employee has received payment for unused sick leave in accordance with the Retirement Medical Trust Article), subject to the approval and conditions of the appointing authority and the Administrative Office. The employee shall suffer loss of seniority and a new hire date shall be established for purposes of seniority.

## RENEGOTIATION

In the event either party hereto desires to negotiate a successor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), each party shall serve upon the other during a thirty-one (31) day period commencing 180 days prior to the expiration of this Agreement, its written request to commence negotiations, as well as its initial written proposals for such successor Memorandum of Understanding. Upon receipt of such written proposals, an initial meeting of the parties shall be held no later than thirty (30) days after such receipt.

However, SEBA may, during the month of September 2018, request to begin negotiations for a successor MOU. Should SEBA request in September 2018 to begin negotiations, the parties shall meet within sixty (60) days of the end of September and the first order of business shall be to establish Ground Rules.

Nothing in this Article is intended to preclude either party from supplementing their proposals prior to the end of the fourth negotiation session.

## RETIREMENT MEDICAL TRUST FUND

A Retirement Medical Trust Fund has been established for eligible employees of the Safety Management and Supervisory Unit.

The Trust is administered by a Board of Trustees who manage the resources of the Trust Fund and determine appropriate investment options and administrative fees for managing the Trust Fund. The Trustees insure that payments of qualified medical expenses incurred by retirees or their eligible dependents are properly reimbursed. The trust will establish individual accounts for each participant who will be credited with earnings/losses based upon the investment performance of the participant's individual account. All of the contributions to the Trust Fund will be treated for tax purposes, as employer, non-elective contributions resulting in tax-free contributions for the County. All of the distributions from the Trust Fund made to retirees or their eligible dependents for the reimbursement of qualified medical expenses as defined by the Internal Revenue Codes (including medical and other eligible insurance premiums) will also be non-taxable to the retiree or the retiree's eligible dependent(s).

The Trust Fund is a Voluntary Employees Benefit Association (VEBA) and will comply with all of the provisions of Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### Section 1 – Sick Leave Conversion Eligibility

Eligible employees are those employees with ten (10) or more years of participation in the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association; or those individuals who contributed to a public sector retirement system or systems over a ten-year period and did not withdraw their contributions from the retirement system(s); or those who receive a disability retirement. Those eligible employees with ten (10) or more years of combined contributions to SBCERA and other public sector retirement system(s) must complete a Prior Service Credit Request form and submit it to the Retirement Medical Trust Plan Administrator for approval. A letter from the public sector retirement system(s) confirming that contributions have not been withdrawn must accompany the form.

### Section 2 – Sick Leave Conversion Formula

At retirement, all eligible employees will be required to contribute the cash value of their unused sick leave balances to the Trust, in accordance with the formula table below:

<u>Amount of Remaining Sick Leave Hours</u>	<u>Cash Value Formula</u>
241 to 480 hours	35%
481 to 600 hours	40%
601 to 720 hours	45%
721 to 840 hours	50%
841 to 1,500 hours	75%

**Section 3 - Death**

Upon the death of an active employee with ten (10) or more years of continuous service from the most recent date of hire in a regular position, the estate of the deceased employee will be paid for unused sick leave balances according to the above formula.

**Section 4 – County Contributions**

The County shall contribute to the Trust an amount equal to a percentage of the base biweekly salary of eligible employees as follows:

<u>Years of Completed Regular County Service</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Less than one year	0%
One but less than ten years	1.0%
Ten but less than sixteen years	1.75%
Sixteen or more years	3%

Contributions to the Trust shall not be considered earnable compensation.

**RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Section 1 – Employee Contributions**

Employees shall pay all the required employee retirement contributions to the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association. The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector has implemented the pickup of such Retirement System contributions under Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h)(2).

The County shall make member contributions under this Section on behalf of the employee which shall be in lieu of the employee's contributions, and such contributions shall be treated as employer contributions for purposes of reporting and wage withholding under the Internal Revenue Code and the Revenue and Taxation Code. The amounts picked up under this Section shall be recouped through offsets against the salary of each employee for whom the County picks up member contributions. These offsets are akin to a reduction in salary and shall be made solely for purposes of income tax reporting and withholding. The member contributions picked up by the County under this Section shall be treated as compensation paid to County employees for all other purposes, including calculation of retirement benefits. No employee shall have the option to receive the Retirement System contribution amounts directly instead of having them paid to the County Retirement System.

**Section 2 – Special Provisions**

Employees with at least 25 years of service as defined by Government Code section 31625.3 as of March 9, 2012 and who either had or thereafter attain thirty (30) years of service credit as defined by Government Code section 31625.3 and no longer make retirement contributions under the provisions of the County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937 shall have one opportunity during the employee's employment to receive cash payments of three hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$387.00) per month for up to twenty-six (26) pay periods.

**Section 3 – Retirement Formula**

1. Tier 1 Retirement Formula: For Tier 1 safety members of SBCERA, the County adopted a resolution to make Section 31664.1 of the Government Code (3% at 50 Retirement Formula) applicable to eligible members of this Unit on October 1, 2003. The County also adopted a resolution pursuant to Section 31678.2 of the Government Code to make Section 31664.1 applicable to all prior safety retirement service credit for each eligible employee in this Unit.
2. Tier 2 Formula: For Tier 2 safety members of SBCERA, the applicable Retirement Formula shall be 2.7% at age 57 as provided by applicable law.

## **SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

The County shall provide the following items of safety equipment upon request to each employee in a regular position required to have safety equipment: handgun, magazine pouch with two (2) extra magazines, Baton and Baton holder, chemical agent and holder, uniform holster, uniform belt with keeper straps, handcuffs and handcuff case, ammunition, off-duty holster, helmet and face shield, and protective vest. The type and make of each item of equipment shall be designated by the County.

Such equipment shall remain the property of the County of San Bernardino and will be returned to the County upon the employee's termination. Employees shall be responsible for loss or damage to such equipment due to their negligence, except normal wear.

## **SALARY ADJUSTMENTS**

### **Section 1**

#### Across the Board Salary Increases:

Effective August 6, 2016, the County shall provide a two percent (2.00%) across the board salary increase to the Safety Management and Supervisory Unit.

Effective July 8, 2017, the County shall provide an additional three percent (3.00%) across the board salary increase to the Safety Management and Supervisory Unit.

Effective July 7, 2018, the County shall provide an additional three percent (3.00%) across the board salary increase to the Safety Management and Supervisory Unit.

### **Section 2**

Effective August 6, 2016, the County shall provide a two and one-half percent (2.5%) equity increase to the following classifications: DA Supervising Investigator, Sheriff's Sergeant, DS Criminalist III, and Sheriff's Lieutenant.

### **Section 3**

The parties having jointly reviewed and considered all available factors, including those referred to in Section 13.0210(c)(1) of the San Bernardino County Code, further agree that the recommended salary ranges set forth herein are consistent with the requirements of Section 13.0210(c)(1) of the San Bernardino County Code.

## **SALARY RATES AND STEP ADVANCEMENTS**

### **Section 1 – General**

New employees shall be hired at step 1 of the established base salary range, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement. Variable entrance steps may be established if justified by recruitment needs through step 5 with the approval of the appointing authority and through top step with the approval of the Director of Human Resources or designee.

### **Section 2 – Step Advancements**

Within the base salary range, all step advancements will be made at the beginning of the pay period in which the employee completes the required number of service hours. However, when an employee reaches the required number of service hours with eighty (80) hours of service in each pay period, the step advance will be made at the beginning of the next pay period. Approval for advancement shall be based upon completion of required service hours in the classification, satisfactory work performance and appointing authority recommendation. An employee whose step advancement is denied shall not be eligible for reconsideration for step advancement except as provided in the Article, "Merit Advancements."

Completed service hours shall be defined as regularly scheduled hours in a paid status, up to eighty (80) hours per pay period. Overtime hours, absences while receiving disability payments (excluding 4850 time), Medical Emergency Leave, and time without pay shall not count toward step advancements. Step advancements within a base salary range shall be based upon one (1) step increments for all steps. The employee shall be eligible for the first step advancement after completion of 1,040 hours and subsequent step advancements after completion of 2,080 hours.

### **Section 3 – Adjustment of Salary Steps or Salary Rates**

The Director of Human Resources or designee may authorize the increase of the salary step or salary rate of an employee to maintain salary equity within the system, to prevent undue hardship or unfairness due to the application of any rule or policy, or to correct any salary inequity. The Director of Human Resources or designee may authorize the increase of the salary step or salary rate of an employee to correct any payroll error or omission, including any such action which may have arisen in any prior fiscal year.

### **SECTION 125 PREMIUM CONVERSION PLAN**

- (a) Eligible employees shall be provided with a Section 125 Premium Conversion Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to provide employees a choice between paying premiums with either pre-tax salary reductions or after-tax payroll deductions for medical insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, voluntary life (to the IRS specified limit) and accidental death and dismemberment insurance premiums currently maintained for Unit employees or any other program(s) mutually agreed upon by the parties. The amount of the pre-tax salary reduction or after-tax payroll deduction must be equal to the required insurance premium in accordance with IRS regulations.
- (b) Benefit elections shall not reduce earnable compensation for purposes of calculating benefits or contributions for the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association.
- (c) To be eligible for the Section 125 Premium Conversion Plan, an employee must be eligible to participate in medical, dental, vision, accidental death and dismemberment, and/or life insurance and have a premium deduction for any of these benefit plans.
- (d) Election of pre-tax and after-tax payroll deductions shall be made within sixty (60) days of the initial or subsequent eligibility period in a manner and on such forms designated by the Human Resources Employee Benefits and Services Division. Failure to timely submit appropriate paperwork will result in after-tax deductions for all eligible premiums for the remainder of the Plan year.
- (e) Once a salary reduction has begun, in no event will changes in elections be permitted during the Plan year except to the extent permitted under Internal Revenue Service rulings and regulations and with the County's Plan Document.

### **TERM**

The term of this Memorandum of Understanding shall commence upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, and this Memorandum of Understanding shall expire and otherwise be fully terminated at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) of August 2, 2019; provided, however, that if the Safety Unit receives across-the-board wage increases totaling more than one percent (1.0%) more than the increases received by the Safety Management Unit then SEBA may request to re-open the MOU.

## TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Effective January of each year, the County agrees to establish an annual tuition fund of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00). The fund shall be used for purposes of reimbursing employees for tuition and registration fees incurred in connection with job-related education or career development training, which shall include any courses that are either (a) job-related, (b) in the 100 series or above, or (c) necessary to satisfy a job-related or career development degree requirement. Prior to becoming eligible for reimbursement, the course must have been approved by the appointing authority or designee and the employee must have completed the course with a grade of "C" or better or "pass" when taken on a pass/fail basis. Such expenditures shall be authorized to employees in regular positions budgeted more than forty (40) hours per pay period. Specifically excluded from this provision are parking fees, book costs, travel and lodging charges.

Reimbursement will be calculated December 31 of each year of the Agreement. Full reimbursement will be applied as long as the fund as described above, is not exceeded, provided that no employee shall be reimbursed more than four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) per year, unless otherwise specified in this article. If the fund is exceeded, reimbursement will be pro-rated. The fund will be administered for all employees in the Unit by the Sheriff's Department.

In the event that claims against the Safety Management and Supervisory Unit Tuition Fund exceeds the annual allowance and the Safety Unit Tuition Fund for that calendar year is not exhausted, excess funds from the Safety Unit Tuition Fund shall be made available to pay claims for Safety Management and Supervisory Unit members, provided that no employee shall be reimbursed more than a combined total of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) per year from both Unit's funds.

In the event that claims against the Safety Management and Supervisory Unit Tuition Fund do not exceed the annual allowance and all claims have been satisfied for the Safety Unit employees as provided for in the Tuition Reimbursement article in the Safety Unit MOU, any remaining Safety Management Unit Tuition Fund money will be divided equally among those Safety Management and Supervisory Unit employees who previously submitted claims which exceeded the cap of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00). Each Unit member will receive no more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in addition to the four thousand dollar (\$4,000.00) cap.

## UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

The County agrees to provide an annual uniform and clothing allowance in the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) to employees in this Unit in regular positions on payroll in a paid status as of pay period 24 to compensate for costs associated with uniform and clothing purchase, maintenance, cleaning and replacement.

Employees on a leave of absence without pay in pay period 24 shall receive the uniform allowance upon return to paid status, provided, however, that an employee who is not in paid status during the entire year (i.e., not in paid status from pay period 24 of one year through pay period 23 of the following year) shall not receive the annual Uniform Allowance for the year(s) during which he/she was not in paid status. For example, if an employee is not in paid status from October 2015 through January 2017, and then returns to paid status in February 2017, the employee shall receive the allowance payment for 2016 upon return to paid status but shall not receive the 2015 allowance because the employee was not in paid status from pay period 24/2015 through pay period 23/2016. Any employee separating from County employment at the conclusion of a leave of absence shall not receive the uniform allowance.

## UPGRADINGS

An upgrading is the reclassification of a position from one classification to another classification having a higher base salary range. Whenever an incumbent employee is upgraded as a result of such reclassification, pursuant to the Personnel Rules, such employee's step placement in the new salary range shall be governed by the Article on Promotions.

## USE OF BULLETIN BOARDS

The County will furnish adequate bulletin board space where currently available. Only areas designated by the appointing authority may be used for posting of notices. Bulletin boards shall only be used for the following notices:

- (a) Scheduled SEBA meetings, agendas, and minutes.
- (b) Information on SEBA elections and the results.
- (c) Information regarding SEBA social, recreational, and related news bulletins.
- (d) Reports of official business of SEBA, including reports of committees or the Board of Directors.

Posted notices, notices sent through interoffice e-mail or placed in an employee's County mailbox shall not be obscene, defamatory, or of a political nature, nor shall they pertain to public issues which do not include the County or its relations with County employees. All notices to be posted must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of SEBA, and must have the prior written approval of the appointing authority or authorized representative. County equipment, materials, supplies, or interdepartmental mail systems shall not be used for the preparation, reproduction, or distribution of notices, nor shall such notices be prepared by County employees during their regular work time. In cases where SEBA represents more than one (1) authorized employee representation unit at a work location, the space described above will become the bulletin board space for all employees represented by SEBA at that work location.

SEBA campaign posters may be posted on bulletin boards under the following conditions:

- (a) The maximum size of the poster will be 8 1/2" X 11".
- (b) The content of the poster will only include the candidate's name, picture, the position being sought and information relating to the candidate's qualifications and position on salient issues.
- (c) The poster must be approved by the SEBA Executive Committee and the Sheriff's Department before posting.

## USE OF COUNTY RESOURCES

SEBA may be granted permission to use County facilities for the purpose of meeting with employees to conduct its internal affairs during non-work hours, provided space for such meetings can be made available without interfering with County needs. Permission to use County facilities must be obtained by SEBA from the appropriate appointing authority or designated representative. SEBA shall be held fully responsible for any damages to and the security of any County facilities that are used by SEBA.

No County vehicles may be used in connection with any activity of SEBA.

The printing of the consolidated Memorandum of Understanding shall be jointly paid for by the County and SEBA, using the County's Printing Services. The number of copies shall be jointly decided by the two parties.

## VISION CARE INSURANCE

The County will pay the full premiums for vision care insurance for all employees in a paid status and eligible dependents. The County agrees to provide these benefits subject to carrier requirements as specified in the Certificate of Insurance. Employees and eligible dependents, will have the option of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage provided they meet the COBRA requirements.



## **WAGE DIFFERENTIALS**

### **Section 1 – Special Circumstances Pay**

Sheriff's Sergeants in regular positions who are assigned as resident commanders to work and reside in the communities of Parker Dam, Havasu Landing, Trona, Wrightwood, and Lucerne Valley shall be compensated an additional ten and one-half percent (10.5%) above their base salary as provided in Appendix B. In addition, such Sheriff's Sergeants shall receive a pay differential of one hundred forty-three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$143.75) per pay period.

Incumbents of these positions are not eligible for any overtime compensation under the Article on Overtime of this Agreement. The Sheriff shall designate the geographic boundaries of these communities for the purpose of defining residency requirements for eligibility for Special Circumstances Pay.

### **Section 2 – Flight Pay**

The parties jointly agree that Safety Management and Supervisory Unit employees officially assigned to the Sheriff's Emergency Services Bureau/Aviation Division and who are assigned to act as pilots or observers shall receive a wage differential for flight pay. The wage differential for pilots shall be fifteen percent (15%) above the base rate of pay as provided in Appendix B. Effective August 6, 2016, the wage differential for observers shall be ten percent (10.0%) above the base rate of pay as provided in Appendix B.

### **Section 3 – Arson/Bomb Hazard Pay**

Safety Management and Supervisory Unit employees who are assigned to the Arson/Bomb Unit shall receive a pay differential of three dollars (\$3.00) per hour per pay period above the base rate of pay as provided in Appendix B. Employees not assigned to the Arson/Bomb Unit, but who are trained in and required to perform arson/bomb duties, shall receive three dollars (\$3.00) per hour for any hours spent directly performing arson/bomb duties.

### **Section 4 – Motorcycle Officer Hazard Pay**

Safety Management & Supervisory Unit employees who are assigned in the normal course of their regular duties to perform as a Motorcycle Traffic Officer shall receive a pay differential of one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per actual hour worked operating a motorcycle per pay period above the base rate of pay as provided in Appendix B. Leave types (e.g., sick leave, annual leave, etc.), with the exception of Labor Code 4850 leave, shall not be considered hours worked for the purpose of this section.

### **Section 5 – Canine Officer Pay**

Employees assigned by the Appointing Authority to care for a Department Canine will be compensated eight (8) hours of pay each pay period at the employee's base rate of pay in order to provide care, feeding and maintenance to the Canine for the Department. Such time will be considered hours worked for the purposes of calculating overtime. This compensation shall not be paid during any period of extended leave, e.g., more than 80 consecutive hours, during which the employee is no longer responsible for caring for the Canine.

### **Section 6 – Bilingual Pay**

Effective August 6, 2016, employees who are in positions designated by the appointing authority which require employees to perform bilingual translation as a part of their regular duties shall be entitled to bilingual compensation. Such compensation shall apply regardless of the total time required per day for such translation. Employees in such positions must be certified as competent in job-related translation skills by the Human Resources Department via examination to be eligible for such compensation. Compensation shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per pay period.

The number of employees receiving bilingual compensation shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the Unit's total number of employees. The Human Resources Department and the appointing authority shall jointly make

the sole determination of specific language competencies to be compensated under this Article.

The Human Resources Department will have the sole authority to compose and administer the examination process and certify the employee's competency.

#### **WORK DISRUPTION**

During the term of this agreement, SEBA will not cause or permit its members to take part in any concerted work action for the purpose of changing wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment provided that by executing this agreement neither SEBA nor any of its members waive their rights, if any, under Section 6300 et seq. of the California Labor Code. The participation of any employee in any such concerted work action against the County shall be grounds for disciplinary action, including termination.



## APPENDIX B - SALARY SCHEDULE

Effective 8/6/16

2% Across-the-Board Salary Increase and 2.5% Equity

		DA Supervising Investigator		Sheriff's Sergeant		DS Criminalist III, Sheriff's Lieutenant	
		24		25		28	
Base Step	Steps	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
	1	45.10	93,808.00	40.93	85,134.40	47.20	98,176.00
	2	46.20	96,096.00	41.89	87,131.20	48.39	100,651.20
	3	47.32	98,425.60	42.94	89,315.20	49.58	103,126.40
	4	48.46	100,796.80	43.98	91,478.40	50.85	105,768.00
	5	49.70	103,376.00	45.10	93,808.00	52.01	108,180.80
	6	50.94	105,955.20	46.20	96,096.00	53.36	110,988.80
	7	52.20	108,576.00	47.32	98,425.60	54.65	113,672.00
	8	53.49	111,259.20	48.46	100,796.80	55.99	116,459.20
	9	54.84	114,067.20	49.70	103,376.00	57.40	119,392.00
	10	57.60	119,808.00	52.20	108,576.00	60.28	125,382.40
Advanced POST	Steps	Hourly Rate with POST (\$2.74/hr)	Annual	Hourly Rate with POST (\$2.50/hr)	Annual	Hourly Rate with POST (\$2.86/hr)	Annual
	11	47.84	99,507.20	43.43	90,334.40	50.06	104,124.80
	12	48.94	101,795.20	44.39	92,331.20	51.25	106,600.00
	13	50.06	104,124.80	45.44	94,515.20	52.44	109,075.20
	14	51.20	106,496.00	46.48	96,678.40	53.71	111,716.80
	15	52.44	109,075.20	47.60	99,008.00	54.87	114,129.60
	16	53.68	111,654.40	48.70	101,296.00	56.22	116,937.60
	17	54.94	114,275.20	49.82	103,625.60	57.51	119,620.80
	18	56.23	116,958.40	50.96	105,996.80	58.85	122,408.00
	19	57.58	119,766.40	52.20	108,576.00	60.26	125,340.80
20	60.34	125,507.20	54.70	113,776.00	63.14	131,331.20	
Supervisory POST	Steps	Hourly Rate with POST (\$4.12/hr)	Annual	Hourly Rate with POST (\$3.76/hr)	Annual	Hourly Rate with POST (\$4.30/hr)	Annual
	21	49.22	102,377.60	44.69	92,955.20	51.50	107,120.00
	22	50.32	104,665.60	45.65	94,952.00	52.69	109,595.20
	23	51.44	106,995.20	46.70	97,136.00	53.88	112,070.40
	24	52.58	109,366.40	47.74	99,299.20	55.15	114,712.00
	25	53.82	111,945.60	48.86	101,628.80	56.31	117,124.80
	26	55.06	114,524.80	49.96	103,916.80	57.66	119,932.80
	27	56.32	117,145.60	51.08	106,246.40	58.95	122,616.00
	28	57.61	119,828.80	52.22	108,617.60	60.29	125,403.20
	29	58.96	122,636.80	53.46	111,196.80	61.70	128,336.00
30	61.72	128,377.60	55.96	116,396.80	64.58	134,326.40	

## APPENDIX B - SALARY SCHEDULE

Effective 1/21/17

2% POST

		DA Supervising Investigator		Sheriff's Sergeant		DS Criminalist III, Sheriff's Lieutenant	
		24		25		28	
Base Step	Steps	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
	1	45.10	93,808.00	40.93	85,134.40	47.20	98,176.00
	2	46.20	96,096.00	41.89	87,131.20	48.39	100,651.20
	3	47.32	98,425.60	42.94	89,315.20	49.58	103,126.40
	4	48.46	100,796.80	43.98	91,478.40	50.85	105,768.00
	5	49.70	103,376.00	45.10	93,808.00	52.01	108,180.80
	6	50.94	105,955.20	46.20	96,096.00	53.36	110,988.80
	7	52.20	108,576.00	47.32	98,425.60	54.65	113,672.00
	8	53.49	111,259.20	48.46	100,796.80	55.99	116,459.20
	9	54.84	114,067.20	49.70	103,376.00	57.40	119,392.00
	10	57.60	119,808.00	52.20	108,576.00	60.28	125,382.40
Advanced POST - 2% POST	Steps	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual
	11	48.80	101,504.00	44.30	92,144.00	51.06	106,204.80
	12	49.92	103,833.60	45.28	94,182.40	52.28	108,742.40
	13	51.06	106,204.80	46.35	96,408.00	53.49	111,259.20
	14	52.22	108,617.60	47.41	98,612.80	54.78	113,942.40
	15	53.49	111,259.20	48.55	100,984.00	55.97	116,417.60
	16	54.75	113,880.00	49.67	103,313.60	57.34	119,267.20
	17	56.04	116,563.20	50.82	105,705.60	58.66	122,012.80
	18	57.35	119,288.00	51.98	108,118.40	60.03	124,862.40
	19	58.73	122,158.40	53.24	110,739.20	61.47	127,857.60
	20	61.55	128,024.00	55.79	116,043.20	64.40	133,952.00
Supervisory POST - 2% POST	Steps	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual
	21	50.20	104,416.00	45.58	94,806.40	52.53	109,262.40
	22	51.33	106,766.40	46.56	96,844.80	53.74	111,779.20
	23	52.47	109,137.60	47.63	99,070.40	54.96	114,316.80
	24	53.63	111,550.40	48.69	101,275.20	56.25	117,000.00
	25	54.90	114,192.00	49.84	103,667.20	57.44	119,475.20
	26	56.16	116,812.80	50.96	105,996.80	58.81	122,324.80
	27	57.45	119,496.00	52.10	108,368.00	60.13	125,070.40
	28	58.76	122,220.80	53.26	110,780.80	61.50	127,920.00
	29	60.14	125,091.20	54.53	113,422.40	62.93	130,894.40
	30	62.95	130,936.00	57.08	118,726.40	65.87	137,009.60

## APPENDIX B - SALARY SCHEDULE

Effective 7/8/17

3% Across-the-Board Salary Increase

		DA Supervising Investigator		Sheriff's Sergeant		DS Criminalist III, Sheriff's Lieutenant	
		24		25		28	
Base Step	Steps	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
	1	46.45	96,616.00	42.16	87,692.80	48.62	101,129.60
	2	47.59	98,987.20	43.15	89,752.00	49.84	103,667.20
	3	48.74	101,379.20	44.23	91,998.40	51.07	106,225.60
	4	49.91	103,812.80	45.30	94,224.00	52.38	108,950.40
	5	51.19	106,475.20	46.45	96,616.00	53.57	111,425.60
	6	52.47	109,137.60	47.59	98,987.20	54.96	114,316.80
	7	53.77	111,841.60	48.74	101,379.20	56.29	117,083.20
	8	55.09	114,587.20	49.91	103,812.80	57.67	119,953.60
	9	56.49	117,499.20	51.19	106,475.20	59.12	122,969.60
	10	59.33	123,406.40	53.77	111,841.60	62.09	129,147.20
Advanced POST - 2% POST	Steps	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual
	11	50.27	104,561.60	45.62	94,889.60	52.59	109,387.20
	12	51.42	106,953.60	46.63	96,990.40	53.85	112,008.00
	13	52.59	109,387.20	47.74	99,299.20	55.09	114,587.20
	14	53.79	111,883.20	48.83	101,566.40	56.43	117,374.40
	15	55.09	114,587.20	50.01	104,020.80	57.65	119,912.00
	16	56.40	117,312.00	51.16	106,412.80	59.07	122,865.60
	17	57.72	120,057.60	52.34	108,867.20	60.42	125,673.60
	18	59.08	122,886.40	53.54	111,363.20	61.83	128,606.40
	19	60.50	125,840.00	54.85	114,088.00	63.31	131,684.80
	20	63.39	131,851.20	57.47	119,537.60	66.33	137,966.40
Supervisory POST - 2% POST	Steps	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual
	21	51.71	107,556.80	46.95	97,656.00	54.11	112,548.80
	22	52.87	109,969.60	47.96	99,756.80	55.36	115,148.80
	23	54.04	112,403.20	49.06	102,044.80	56.61	117,748.80
	24	55.24	114,899.20	50.15	104,312.00	57.94	120,515.20
	25	56.54	117,603.20	51.34	106,787.20	59.16	123,052.80
	26	57.84	120,307.20	52.49	109,179.20	60.58	126,006.40
	27	59.17	123,073.60	53.66	111,612.80	61.93	128,814.40
	28	60.53	125,902.40	54.87	114,129.60	63.34	131,747.20
	29	61.94	128,835.20	56.16	116,812.80	64.82	134,825.60
	30	64.84	134,867.20	58.79	122,283.20	67.85	141,128.00

## APPENDIX B - SALARY SCHEDULE

**Effective 7/7/18**

3% Across-the-Board Salary Increase

		DA Supervising Investigator		Sheriff's Sergeant		DS Criminalist III, Sheriff's Lieutenant	
		24		25		28	
Base Step	Steps	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
	1	47.84	99,507.20	43.42	90,313.60	50.08	104,166.40
	2	49.02	101,961.60	44.44	92,435.20	51.34	106,787.20
	3	50.20	104,416.00	45.56	94,764.80	52.60	109,408.00
	4	51.41	106,932.80	46.66	97,052.80	53.95	112,216.00
	5	52.73	109,678.40	47.84	99,507.20	55.18	114,774.40
	6	54.04	112,403.20	49.02	101,961.60	56.61	117,748.80
	7	55.38	115,190.40	50.20	104,416.00	57.98	120,598.40
	8	56.74	118,019.20	51.41	106,932.80	59.40	123,552.00
	9	58.18	121,014.40	52.73	109,678.40	60.89	126,651.20
	10	61.11	127,108.80	55.38	115,190.40	63.95	133,016.00
Advanced POST - 2% POST	Steps	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual
	11	51.78	107,702.40	46.99	97,739.20	54.17	112,673.60
	12	52.96	110,156.80	48.03	99,902.40	55.46	115,356.80
	13	54.17	112,673.60	49.16	102,252.80	56.74	118,019.20
	14	55.41	115,252.80	50.30	104,624.00	58.12	120,889.60
	15	56.74	118,019.20	51.51	107,140.80	59.38	123,510.40
	16	58.09	120,827.20	52.69	109,595.20	60.84	126,547.20
	17	59.46	123,676.80	53.91	112,132.80	62.24	129,459.20
	18	60.85	126,568.00	55.14	114,691.20	63.69	132,475.20
	19	62.31	129,604.80	56.49	117,499.20	65.21	135,636.80
	20	65.29	135,803.20	59.19	123,115.20	68.32	142,105.60
Supervisory POST - 2% POST	Steps	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual	Hourly Rate with 2% POST	Annual
	21	53.26	110,780.80	48.36	100,588.80	55.73	115,918.40
	22	54.45	113,256.00	49.40	102,752.00	57.02	118,601.60
	23	55.66	115,772.80	50.53	105,102.40	58.31	121,284.80
	24	56.90	118,352.00	51.66	107,452.80	59.67	124,113.60
	25	58.23	121,118.40	52.88	109,990.40	60.93	126,734.40
	26	59.58	123,926.40	54.06	112,444.80	62.39	129,771.20
	27	60.95	126,776.00	55.27	114,961.60	63.79	132,683.20
	28	62.34	129,667.20	56.51	117,540.80	65.24	135,699.20
	29	63.80	132,704.00	57.84	120,307.20	66.77	138,881.60
	30	66.79	138,923.20	60.56	125,964.80	69.89	145,371.20