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and

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**Conservation Police Officer Trainees,
Conservation Police Officer I's and II's**

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and the

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State of Illinois

for RC-61

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AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into this first day of July 2023, by and between The Illinois Departments of Central Management Services and Natural Resources, hereinafter referred to as "Employer" and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, hereinafter referred to as "FOP", on behalf of the employees in the collective bargaining unit described in Article I of this Agreement.

PURPOSE

Whereas, Conservation Police Lodge, was certified by the Office of Collective Bargaining, State of Illinois, on June 6, 1991, in Case No. RC-110-OCB, as the exclusive bargaining representative for the purpose of bargaining for the employees; and

Whereas, on June 29th, 2016, the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council was certified by the Illinois Labor Relations Board, in Case No. S-RC-16-061, as the exclusive bargaining representative for the purpose of bargaining for the employees; and

Whereas, it is the intent and purpose of Employer and FOP to set forth the accords between them, for the term thereof, of the rates of pay, the hours of work, and the other terms and conditions of employment to be observed by the employees covered and the parties in order to establish harmonious relations and to provide equitable treatment of the covered employees;

Therefore, the following Agreement is entered into.

ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION

Section 1.1. Recognition

Employer recognizes the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, hereinafter referred to as "FOP" as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for all sworn Conservation Police Officer Trainees, and Conservation Police Officer I's and II's employed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Section 1.2. Successor Classes

The parties agree that if a new classification is a successor title, or replacement title, to a classification covered by this Agreement, with no substantial change in duties, the parties shall stipulate to the inclusion of such classification in this agreement.

Section 1.3. New Classifications - Scope of RC-61-OCB Unit

Employer agrees to meet and discuss with FOP the inclusion or exclusion of any and all newly instituted job classifications which may be described within the scope of the RC-61 bargaining unit as follows:

A statewide unit of professional law enforcement officers of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The bargaining unit titles include sworn Conservation Police Officer Trainee, Conservation Police Officer I and Conservation Police Officer II.

Where the parties agree to include a new classification, they shall so stipulate before the Illinois State Labor Relations Board.

Employer shall notify FOP of such new job classifications prior to the submission of said classifications to the Civil Service Commission.

Section 1.4. Changes in Existing Classifications

The Employer shall notify FOP of any changes in bargaining unit job classifications and upon timely request meet with FOP prior to the submission of said classifications to the Civil Service Commission.

Section 1.5. Pay

Employer agrees to negotiate with FOP as to the appropriate pay grade to be assigned to job classifications determined to be in the RC-16-061 bargaining unit. If no agreement is reached between the parties, the FOP shall be allowed to file a grievance in accordance with Article X of this Agreement. The grievance shall be filed at Step 4 of the grievance procedure. In the event that an appropriate resolution is not reached at Step 4, then the issue may be submitted to an arbitrator.

The arbitrator shall determine the reasonableness of the proposed salary grade in relationship to:

- a) The job content and responsibilities attached thereto in comparison with the job content and responsibilities of other position classifications in the classification series and in the bargaining unit;
- b) Like positions with similar job content and responsibilities within the labor market generally;

The pay grade originally assigned by the Employer shall remain in effect pending the arbitrator's decision.

Section 1.6. Integrity of the Bargaining Unit

Employer recognizes the integrity of the bargaining unit and agrees that it will not propose or take any action for the purpose of eroding it.

ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS

1. "Director" refers to the Director of the Illinois Departments of Central Management Services or Natural Resources as the context may require.
2. "Employer" refers to the Illinois Departments of Central Management Services or Natural Resources as the context may require.
3. "Employee" refers to a person employed in the job classifications covered by this Agreement, excluding temporary, emergency, per diem, confidential, managerial, or supervisory employees, and shall include the term officer wherein used.
4. "Probationary employee" refers to an employee in a probationary period as currently administered under the Personnel Rule 302.300; provided, however, that such probationary employees shall have no right to grieve disciplinary actions including discharge.
5. "Day" refers to workday when used increments of 15 or less.
6. "Workday" shall mean a normal period of eight (8) hours which is uninterrupted by any period of time except for breaks and meal periods or leave time.
7. "FOP" refers to the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council.

ARTICLE III - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

It is understood and agreed by the parties that the Employer possesses the sole right to operate its agencies so as to carry out the statutory mandate and goals assigned to the agencies and that all management rights repose in Employer. Except as modified or amended by this Agreement, management rights include but are not limited to:

1. The right to utilize personnel, methods and means in the most appropriate and efficient manner possible;
2. The right to manage and direct the employees.
3. The right to transfer, assign, or retain employees in positions within the agency; subject to the provisions of this agreement.
4. The right to suspend, discharge or take other appropriate disciplinary action against employees for just cause;
5. The right to determine the size and composition of the work force and to layoff employees as provided in Article XIV of this Agreement;

6. The right to determine the mission of the agency and the methods and means necessary to fulfill that mission including the contracting out for or the transfer, alteration, curtailment or discontinuance of any goals or services.

ARTICLE IV - NON-DISCRIMINATION

Section 4.1. Prohibition

Neither Employer nor FOP shall discriminate against any employee on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, political affiliation or age.

Section 4.2. Employer's Responsibility

Employer shall not discriminate against, interfere with, restrain or coerce employees because of their lawful activities on behalf of FOP or because of their exercise of any rights granted by this Agreement by the Illinois Labor Relations Act (P.A. 83-1012).

Section 4.3. FOP Responsibility

FOP shall not restrain or coerce employees in the exercise of rights guaranteed by this Agreement, or by the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (P.A. 83-1012).

Section 4.4. Equal Employment - Affirmative Action

The parties agree that both have a legal and moral obligation to comply with EEO and related affirmative action laws.

ARTICLE V - DUES DEDUCTIONS

Section 5.1. Deductions

Employer agrees to deduct FOP membership fees and assessments upon receipt of an appropriate written authorization in accordance with the law and procedures of the Comptroller.

Section 5.2. Remittance

Employer agrees to remit deductions made pursuant to Section 5.1 of this Article promptly to FOP at the address designated in writing to the Comptroller by FOP.

Section 5.3. Indemnification

The Union shall indemnify and hold the Employer harmless against any claim, demand, suit, or liability arising from any action taken by the Employer in complying with this Article.

ARTICLE VI - SENIORITY

Section 6.1. Definition

- A. Seniority shall for the purpose stated in this Agreement, consist of an employee's length of continuous service as a sworn officer with the Department of Natural Resources Office of Law Enforcement (including its predecessor the Department of Conservation Division of Law Enforcement).
- B. Employees who have been employed by other agencies, boards, or commissions under the jurisdiction of the Governor shall be entitled to continuous service in accordance with Section 302.190 of the Personnel Rules.

Section 6.2. Seniority Ties

For new hires, a drawing will be held on the first day of employment among the affected employees to determine seniority order.

For employees covered by this agreement and hired before July 1, 2004, seniority shall be by drawing, the date to be determined by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Fraternal Order of Police.

Section 6.3. Information

Employer shall provide FOP with seniority dates for all bargaining unit employees within 30 days of the effective date of this Agreement. An employee who wishes to challenge their seniority date must do so within 15 days of the FOP's receipt of seniority dates by filing a grievance at Step 1 of the grievance procedure.

Section 6.4. Termination

Seniority shall be terminated when an employee:

- A. voluntarily resigns, provided that they are not reemployed within four (4) calendar days;
- B. is discharged, provided that should the employee be returned as a result of an appeal, their seniority shall be reinstated;
- C. fails to report to work upon recall as provided in Article XIV;
- D. is laid off for a period of two (2) years.

ARTICLE VII - HOURS OF WORK

Section 7.1. Limitation

This Article shall not be construed as a guarantee or limitation on the number of hours per day or days per week.

Section 7.2. Definition

The workweek is defined as a regularly reoccurring period of 168 hours consisting of 7 consecutive 24-hour periods beginning Sunday and ending Saturday. An employee's normal workweek shall consist of not more than 40 hours.

The normal workday is defined as eight consecutive hours.

No later than 15 calendar days prior to the beginning of a work period (15 days), employees shall submit their proposed work schedule to the appropriate supervisor. This schedule shall consist of three blocks of time, all of which shall be 10 hours in length in which the submitting Officer will be expected to work an 8-hour block of time within the following time frames referred to as A, B, and C shifts.

- A- shift shall be between 6:00 am to 4:00 pm
- B- shift shall be between 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
- C- shift shall be between 4:00 pm to 2:00 am

The Employer may change the schedule submitted by an officer for a legitimate operational need. In the event a schedule is changed due to legitimate operational need, the seniority shall prevail, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise.

Nothing herein shall prohibit the employee from making changes within the work period to their shift or days off due to operational need after giving forty-eight (48) hour notice and receiving supervisory approval. Nothing in this paragraph prevents a supervisor from granting time off with less than forty-eight (48) hours' notice.

The Employer shall have the ability to deviate shift hours outside the above referenced A, B, and C, due to legitimate operational needs.

Section 7.3. Work Schedules

The work schedules shall be the following:

Field CPOs

Week	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	W	RDO	RDO	W	W	W	W
2	W	W	RDO	RDO	W	W	W
3	W	W	W	RDO	RDO	W	W

4	W	W	W	W	RDO	RDO	W
5	W	W	W	W	W	RDO	RDO
6	RDO	W	W	W	W	W	RDO
7	RDO	RDO	W	W	W	W	W

Once a CPO is placed in a District, the CPO shall be placed in one of seven rotating days off schedules.

Section 7.4. CPO Assigned to Fixed Sites

The work week may run from Monday through Sunday with regular days off being Saturday and Sunday. Workdays for employees assigned to a fixed site may be scheduled eight (8) consecutive hours of work or a schedule that is mutually agreed upon by the parties. Examples of assignments include but are not limited to temporary assignments, Academy Staff Advisors or Administrative Roles.

Section 7.5. Schedule Changes

Thereinafter, where changes in permanent schedules affecting bargaining unit employees or the scheduling process set forth in section 2 are made by Employer, the Employer shall notify FOP and upon timely request, negotiate with it concerning such changes. Disputes over such changes shall be subject to contractual grievance procedure. The Employer reserves the right to implement such schedule or scheduling process changes pending resolution of any grievance. The affected employee shall be notified five (5) days in advance of such change.

The Employer reserves the right to make temporary or seasonal work schedule changes after first discussing it with the union and providing legitimate operational reasons for such change, provided that, such change shall not affect a CPO's regular day off (RDO) schedule. In the event the Union disagrees with the operational reasons for the change, the Union may file a grievance directly at the CMS level of the grievance procedure. Should the Employer desire to make a schedule change that affects a CPO's regular day off schedule, the parties shall negotiate over such change. If the parties reach impasse, the Employer may implement pending resolution via the grievance procedure.

Section 7.6. CPO Trainee Schedules

Schedules for CPO Trainees shall be determined solely by the Employer.

Section 7.7. Rest Period

Employees with a fixed work-site shall be entitled to a non-cumulative 15-minute paid rest period at approximately midway during both the first and second half of the workday. Employees with a non-fixed worksite shall be entitled to a paid rest period not to exceed 15 minutes during both the first and second half of the workday where current practice so provides. Such rest periods shall be granted except during operational emergencies.

Employees scheduled to work a workweek of four consecutive workdays of relatively equal length shall receive two rest periods consisting of 20 minutes each.

Section 7.8. Meal Period

The Employer agrees to grant a meal period of not less than 30 but not more than 60 consecutive minutes to employees with a fixed work site approximately midway during the workday. Employer shall grant a meal period of not less than 30 but not more than 60 consecutive minutes to employees with a non-fixed work site approximately midway in the workday where current practice so provides. However, this shall not preclude work schedules which provide for a paid meal period. Those employees who receive an unpaid meal period and are required to work at their work assignments and are not relieved for such meal periods, shall have such time treated as hours worked for the purpose of computing overtime. Such meal periods as defined above shall be granted except in the case of an operational emergency.

Section 7.9. Scheduling of Overtime

Whenever possible, overtime shall be scheduled sufficiently in advance to allow available officers to fill available slots voluntarily.

When more than one eligible officer wishes to accept a single available slot and are unable to come to an agreement among themselves, supervisors will make the assignment.

When other considerations are approximately equal, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, preference will be given to the officer with the greatest seniority.

When voluntary overtime assignment(s) are needed, it shall be offered in seniority order as follows: officers assigned within the District of a given work location shall be given preference followed by officers living in the zone, if there are no volunteers overtime shall then be offered statewide. The aforementioned language does not apply to training assignments.

For mandatory overtime, a maximum work day of 12 hours will be assigned or approved except in extenuating circumstances such as disasters, search and rescue or other situation where the need for exceeding 12 hours can be articulated and justified.

In an effort to minimize the canceling of regular days off, when scheduling mandatory overtime for four hours or less, attempts will be made to assign personnel who are already working before assigning mandatory overtime or approving voluntary overtime on an officer's regular days off.

Section 7.10. 4-Day Workweek

When in the judgment of the affected agencies, efficiency and economy can best be served by doing so, the agency may institute a workweek of four consecutive workdays of relative equal length on selected operations. FOP will be notified and have the opportunity to discuss such change. Overtime shall be paid in accordance with Article IX, Section 1. Any sick leave, vacation,

personal leave, holidays or other time taken off shall be earned or accumulated on the basis of the normal 8-hour workday.

Section 7.11. Holiday Scheduling

Prior to the start of each calendar year, the Employer shall schedule a meeting of all employees for the purpose of scheduling holiday work for the upcoming calendar year. In the event that any employees are unable to attend, they may submit their written preferences in advance.

The Employer shall provide a list of all holidays to be worked with the number of employees to be assigned for each day.

In the event the employer cancels a holiday that is scheduled as set forth above, employee(s) shall receive at least two (2) weeks' notice, or forty-eight (48) hours; in the event of inclement weather. Employees that are not provided said advance notice shall be permitted to work the holiday as scheduled.

Assignments of employees, within the District, desiring to volunteer to work the holidays will be conducted first with the most senior employee choosing one holiday slot from the available list of holidays. The next senior employee will then choose the next available holiday slot from the list of holidays. This rotation shall continue through all employees, or until all available holidays are taken voluntarily in the District for the year. The remaining holidays, if any, will be filled by involuntary assignment by reverse seniority. The assignment will begin with the Christmas holiday and work in reverse through the year's assignments. The employee with the least seniority, who is on a regular scheduled workday, will be assigned to work that holiday. Once an employee has been involuntarily assigned a holiday, their name shall move to the end of the rotation for the next assignment. This rotation will continue through until all assignments have been filled.

No employee may choose a holiday that falls on their regularly scheduled day off.

Nothing herein precludes the Employer from scheduling an employee to work a holiday that falls on their regularly scheduled day off.

ARTICLE VIII - RATES OF PAY

Section 8.1. Wage Schedule

Such negotiated rates are set forth in Appendix A and shall become the rates of pay applicable to such position classifications.

Section 8.2. Wage Increase

The salary scale for all the positions covered by this Agreement shall be increased by 4% effective July 1, 2023.

The salary scale for all the positions covered by this Agreement shall be increased by 2.5% effective January 1, 2024.

The salary scale for all the positions covered by this Agreement shall be increased by 4% effective July 1, 2024.

The salary scale for all the positions covered by this Agreement shall be increased by 3.95% effective July 1, 2025.

The salary scale for all the positions covered by this Agreement shall be increased by 3.5% effective July 1, 2026.

Section 8.2.1 Shift Differential Pay

Effective July 1, 2010, officers that work between the hours of 12:00 am and 6:00 am shall be paid premium pay of an additional \$0.25 per hour for all time worked between the hours of 12:00 am and 6:00 am.

Effective January 1, 2024, officers that work between the hours of 6:00 pm and 5:00 am shall be paid premium pay of an additional \$0.75 per hour for all time worked between the hours of 6:00 pm and 5:00 am.

Section 8.3. Pension Contribution

Effective January 1, 1992, the Employer shall make the employee contribution to the appropriate Retirement System for all employees in an amount equal to the coordinated rate (4% for covered employees; 5.5% for covered employees in the alternative formula).

The employee contributions shall be treated for all purposes in the same manner and to the same extent as employee contributions made prior to January 1, 1992, consistent with Article 14 of the Illinois Pension Code.

Effective January 1, 2005, employees shall make half the employee contribution to the appropriate Retirement System in an amount equal to the coordinated rate (2% for covered employees; 2.75% for covered employees in the alternative formula).

Effective January 1, 2006, employees shall make the employee contribution to the appropriate Retirement System in an amount equal to the coordinated rate (4% for covered employees; 5.5% for covered employees in the alternative formula).

Section 8.4. Longevity Bonuses

Step 1 - 7

Effective January 1, 1991, employees shall receive a step increase to the next higher step upon satisfactory completion of twelve (12) months creditable service in such step and within such position classification, including successor title changes not involving pay grade changes.

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Effective July 1, 2000, employees covered by this Agreement shall receive longevity bonuses, pursuant to Schedule A, at the beginning of 9, 10, 12.5, 14, 15, 17.5, 20, 21, 22.5, and 25 years of service.

Effective July 1, 2010, longevity bonuses will be increased by \$25 at each step for employees who attain 15 or more years of continuous service.

Effective July 1, 2014, longevity bonuses will be increased by \$25 at each step for employees who attain 21 or more years of continuous service.

Section 8.5. Promotion from CPO I to CPO II

Effective January 1, 1994, all employees beginning their Fifteenth (15th) year of service shall be advanced to Conservation Police Officer II provided that their performance is considered satisfactory pursuant to their most recent evaluation and provided the employee has not been on a formal "Performance Improvement Plan" as outlined in General Order G23-82 "Completing Evaluations" in the prior three (3) years. The effective date of such promotion shall be no later than the date the CPO completed the years of service requirement for such advancement, provided the annual evaluation considered satisfactory and the employee has not been on a formal "Performance Improvement Plan" as outlined in General Order G23-82 "Completing Evaluations" in the prior three (3) years.

Section 8.6. Promotion from CPO Trainee to CPO I

Upon satisfactory completion of the training period a CPO Trainee will be promoted and serve a probationary period, as outlined in Article II of this Agreement. Employees upon satisfactory completion of the Field Training Program shall be eligible for promotion to a CPO I. Any transactional delays in processing of promotional paperwork shall not prevent the employee from advancement. Any backpay shall be effective to the date the employee became eligible for promotion.

Section 8.7. Direct Deposit

Effective July 1, 2004, all paychecks for new hires shall be delivered via direct deposit. All current employees using direct deposit shall continue to receive paychecks via direct deposit.

ARTICLE IX - PREMIUM PAY-

Section 9.1. Overtime

- A. Effective August 29, 1997, employees who are authorized and do work in excess of their normal workday and/or workweek shall receive time and one-half overtime credit for such hours worked. No overtime credit shall be earned unless specifically authorized and/or directed by Employer. Overtime in less than 1/2-hour increments shall not accrue.

All payment for overtime shall be paid within the next two pay periods after the overtime has been submitted by the employee for payment.

- B. Effective July 1, 2023, payment for such overtime credits shall be in compensatory time or cash payment if cash payment is requested by the employee, provided that cash payment shall only be available for a maximum of 100 hours for each employee per fiscal year.
 - 1) In the event a state of natural disaster is declared, all employees assigned or functioning in emergency response efforts shall receive cash payment for all hours worked. The payments made due to a natural disaster payment shall not count toward the 100 hours cash pay.
 - 2) Holiday Cash payments shall not count toward the 100-hour cash pay.
- C. In the event an employee is paid for overtime credits in compensatory time rather than cash, the employee may only accrue and carry over up to 250 hours of compensatory time on a fiscal year basis. However, the employer may require the employee to work overtime that would exceed the 250 hour cap due to emergency operating needs. Employees that have 250 hours of compensatory time on the books who work additional overtime shall be paid in cash for all overtime hours worked in excess of the 250 hours cap (not to exceed 100 hours), unless the employee has already been paid cash for 100 hours of overtime for the fiscal year. Upon retirement, employees shall be allowed to cash out up to 250 hours.

Officers who are over the 250 hour compensatory time allowance at any given time shall within 30 days from the end of the pay period for which the overage was accrued, utilize (not cash) all overage amounts of compensatory time. In the event the officer does not utilize the overage amount, the district sergeant may schedule the officer's overage compensatory time off at the Sergeant's Discretion.

The fact that an officer might have compensatory time scheduled off at a future date (outside the 30-day limit) shall not prohibit the District Sergeant from scheduling those overage amounts within the required 30 days.

The Sergeant, with the approval of the zone commander, may allow for a time extension for the use of overage amounts of compensatory time on a case-by-case basis.

- D. For the purpose of this section (D), shift minimums shall be defined as the number of officers in a district allowed off in addition to officers on regularly scheduled days off.

The request of use of earned compensatory time shall be submitted on the Departmental Official Leave request form. All such request shall be considered on a first come first serve basis. In the event two or more employees submit requests on the same date, the request of the employee with greater seniority, as defined by Article IV, shall be considered first. The employer shall approve or deny all requests within two (2) days of said request. Request for use of compensatory time shall be approved unless the granting of said request would cause the district to drop below the established shift minimums outlined in table 1 and 2 below. These tables shall serve as the shift minimum levels and cannot be changed by order or policy and/or without mutual agreement of the union and the employer. The District Sergeant may, with the approval of the Zone Commander, authorize the use of compensatory time which would place the district in a position of having a higher number of officer off work than outlined in the table below, on a case-by-case basis and therefore choose when the hiring back of officers is warranted. However, no officer will be forced back to work (hire back) from regular day off (RDO) or benefit time so long as the shift minimum levels outlined in the tables below are followed, unless an emergency of an extreme nature would cause cancellation of such day off. If the Union or an employee believes that a request has been unreasonably denied the employee and/or the union may initiate a grievance at step three (3) of the grievance process.

For the purpose of counting towards the shift minimums outlined in the tables below, a work shift is defined as a minimum of 6 hours. However, additional benefit time shall be required to fulfill the required hours for payroll purposes in accordance with this agreement. Overtime due to hire backs shall be offered based on seniority within the District. In the event there are no volunteers for the necessary hire back shift, the least senior officer shall be required to work and will be paid in accordance with Article IX.

If the employer is forced to hire back an officer, a workday shall be no more than 6 hours unless working additional hours on that day is agreed to by the District Sergeant and the officer who was hired back.

CPOs working outside of their normal district of assignment shall only be counted towards shift minimums of their district of assignment.

The use of Compensatory Time and Vacation Time will not be authorized for the following times without the approval of the district sergeant and zone commander:

1. Memorial Day and the weekend preceding;
2. Labor Day and the weekend preceding;
3. The 4th of July Holiday and the weekend preceding or following. If the 4th of July Holiday falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the weekend preceding will not be authorized for time off. If the 4th of July Holiday falls on Thursday,

or Friday, the weekend following the Holiday will not be authorized for time off.

4. First and Second Firearm Deer Season.

For the purpose of this section, the weekend is defined as only Saturday and Sunday.

Shift Minimums Tables:

Table 1. – Memorial Day through Labor Day, and First and Second Firearm Season

Officers assigned to District	Number of Officers allowed OFF per district, in addition to officers on regular days off.
5	1
6	2
7	2
8	2
9	2
10	3
11	3
12	3
13	3

Table 2. All Other Time Outside Table Listed Above:

Officers assigned to District	Number of Officers allowed OFF per district, in addition to officers on regular days off.
5	1
6	2
7	2
8	3
9	3
10	4
11	4
12	4
13	4

- E. The parties further agree that employees that are eligible to retire and intend to retire shall be allowed to take an indeterminate leave in an amount not to exceed the total amount of compensatory time on the books. Said indeterminate leave benefit shall be subject to the following terms:

- 1) The employee shall notify the employer of their intent to retire and take indeterminate leave at least four (4) months prior to their intended separation/retirement date.
- 2) The employee shall not be permitted to start the indeterminate leave until their proposed retirement has been formally approved by the Director of Natural Resources.
- 3) Once an employee's retirement has been formally approved the retirement shall be irrevocable.
- 4) An employee on indeterminate leave may be recalled to work for court appearances and for emergency situations provided that he employee shall be credited for any leave time they lose as a result of being recalled.

Section 9.2. Holiday Pay

Any employee who works a holiday shall receive eight (8) hours of holiday time, except for Christmas Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Labor Day, the employee shall receive twelve (12) hours of Holiday time. The employee may choose to take Holiday time as paid cash or accrued holiday time. For the purpose of overtime computation, any and all time worked on holidays shall count as time worked, unless such holiday falls on the employee's regularly scheduled day off. Holiday time liquidated with cash payment shall not count towards the employee's total cash overtime compensation hours.

Shift minimums for the holidays outlined in section 9.3 shall be 2 officers per district with the exception of the following holidays which would fall within the guidelines outlined in section 9.1D.

1. Memorial Day
2. 4th of July
3. Labor Day

Section 9.3. Holidays

All employees shall have time off, with full salary payment on the following holidays:

New Year's Day
 Martin Luther King Day
 Lincoln's Birthday
 President's Day
 Memorial Day
 Juneteenth
 Independence Day
 Labor Day
 Columbus Day
 Veterans' Day

Thanksgiving Day
Friday Following Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
General Election Day
(on which members of the House of Representatives are elected) and any additional days
proclaimed as holidays or non-working days by the Governor of the State of Illinois or by
the President of the United States.

In the event an employee works on a holiday, holiday pay shall be accrued on the actual Holiday
NOT the observed holiday. Holidays which change annually are outlined below:

New Years Day, January 1st
Lincoln's Birthday Day, February 12th
Juneteenth, June 19th
Independence Day, July 4th
Veterans' Day, November 11th
Christmas Day, December 25th

All payment for holiday(s) shall be paid within the next two pay periods after the accumulated
holiday(s) has been submitted by the employee for payment.

Section 9.4. Call-back

An employee called back to work by the Employer outside of his regularly scheduled shift or on
their scheduled days off shall be compensated at the appropriate straight time or overtime rate
for a minimum of two (2) hours of work. Payment shall be made pursuant to this Article.

Section 9.5. Stand-by

An employee who is directed by the Employer to be available for work within one hour shall be
entitled to stand-by pay and shall receive two (2) hours pay for any period of stand-by of twelve
(12) hours or less, whether required to work or not.

Section 9.6 Field Training Officer/Instructor Pay

Effective January 1, 2024, Field Training Officers will be awarded an additional one-half hour (1/2)
of overtime for each complete workday (no less than 4 hours) spent training an officer in a field
training program. Additionally, advisors and certified instructors, while teaching/advising at an
academy as outlined in OLE orders, shall receive an additional one-half hour (1/2) of overtime for
each workday (no less than 4 hours) spent instructing. Instructors conducting training outside of
Academy setting, such as firearms and defensive tactics training shall receive the same benefit
as outlined above. Other certified instructors may receive this benefit for assigned instruction
duties approved by the Training Lieutenant.

The first 25 hours of overtime paid under this section shall not be counted toward the cash overtime limits outlined in section 9.1 of this contract. Any time earned under this section over 25 hours will count towards the officer's overtime limit in accordance with section 9.1.

ARTICLE X - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 10.1. Definition

- A. A grievance is defined as any dispute or difference between Employer and FOP or any employee or group of employees covered by this Agreement with respect to the meaning, interpretation, or application of this Agreement or with respect to issues arising out of other circumstances or conditions of employment within the control of Employer.
- B. Grievances may be processed by an employee as provided herein, and by FOP on behalf of itself, on behalf of any employee or on behalf of a group of employees but must set forth the names or classifications of such group of employees on the grievance. The resolution of a group grievance shall be made applicable only to those employees listed as grievants or only to employees in the aggrieved classifications.
- C. Any grievance arising out of the interpretation and/or application of a provision contained within this Agreement shall be heard pursuant to the procedures established herein.

Section 10.2. Grievance Steps

By mutual agreement, a grievance concerning the intent of DNR policy may be initiated by Step 3 of the grievance process.

The Department of Natural Resources and the FOP identify the listed positions as those through which grievances are to be processed under the respective steps established pursuant to Article X of the RC-61 Master Agreement.

Office of Law Enforcement
Step 1 Regional Commander
Step 2 Chief/Director of Law Enforcement

All step 3 grievances processed to the Director's level shall be routed directly to the Labor Relations Office of the Department of Natural Resources.

- Step 1. Within ten (10) days of the incident giving rise to the grievance, or from the date the employee shall have become aware of the incident with the exercise of reasonable diligence, the grievant shall file a written grievance with the Regional Commander. Only one subject matter shall be covered in any one grievance. The grievance shall

contain a clear and concise statement of the facts giving rise to the grievance, the issue involved, the relief sought and specific references to this Agreement when appropriate. Within five days of receipt of the grievance, the Regional Commander shall issue a written decision and serve a copy on the grievant and on FOP.

Step 2. If dissatisfied with the Step 1 decision, the grievant or FOP may appeal to Step 2 within five days of receipt of the Step 1 decision or the date such decision was due, whichever is earlier, by filing a copy of the grievance with the Chief/Director of Law Enforcement. Within five days of receipt of the grievance, the Chief of Law Enforcement shall issue a written decision and serve a copy on the grievant and on FOP.

Step 3. If dissatisfied with the Step 2 decision, the FOP may appeal to Step 3 within five days of receipt of the Step 2 decision or the date such decision was due, whichever is earliest, by filing a copy of the grievance with the agency head or the agency head's designee. The agency head, or their designee, shall schedule a meeting to discuss the grievance with the grievant and FOP. Such meeting shall be held within ten (10) days of receipt of the grievance. Within five days after such meeting, the agency head shall issue a written decision and serve a copy on the grievant and on FOP.

Step 4. If dissatisfied with the Step 3 decision, or if no decision is issued within the specified time limit, FOP may appeal to the Director by submitting a written notice of appeal with a copy of the grievance attached within ten (10) days after receipt of the Step 3 decision or the date such decision was due. Failure to file to Step 4 within the prescribed time limits, unless mutually agreed otherwise, shall result in the grievance being resolved pursuant to the Step 3 decision. Within ten (10) days after receipt of the Step 4 appeal the CMS Director, or their designee, the parties shall schedule a meeting to:

- a) Discuss and resolve the grievance; or
- b) Select an arbitrator to hear the grievance and establish, where possible, the hearing date, unless prohibited by law.
- c) Both parties agree to attempt to arrive at a joint stipulation of the facts and issues as outlined to be submitted to the arbitrator. The Employer or FOP shall have the right to request the arbitrator to require the presence of witnesses and/or documents. Each party shall bear the expense of its own witnesses.

Questions of arbitrability shall be decided by the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall make a preliminary determination on the question of arbitrability. Once a determination is made that the matter is arbitrable or is such preliminary determination cannot be reasonably made, the arbitrator shall then proceed to determine the merits of the dispute.

The arbitrator shall only have authority to determine compliance or non-compliance with the provisions of this Agreement and shall have no right to amend, modify, nullify, ignore, add to, or subtract from the provisions of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall only consider and make a decision with respect to the specific issues submitted and shall have no authority to make a decision on any other issue not so submitted, and shall have no authority to make a decision on any other issue not so submitted to them. In the event the arbitrator finds a violation of the terms of this Agreement, they shall fashion an appropriate remedy. The arbitrator shall be without power to make a decision contrary to or inconsistent with or modifying or varying in any way the application of laws and rules and regulations having the force and effect of law.

The arbitrator shall submit in writing their decision within thirty (30) calendar days following close of the hearing or the submission of briefs by the parties, whichever is later, unless the parties agree to written extension thereof. The decision shall be based solely upon his interpretation of the meaning or application of the express terms of this Agreement to the facts of the grievance presented. A decision rendered consistent with the terms of this Agreement shall be final and binding.

The expenses and fees of the arbitrator and the cost of the hearing room shall be paid by the losing party. In cases of split decisions, the arbitrator shall determine what portion each party shall be billed for expenses and fees.

Nothing in this Article shall preclude the parties from agreeing to the appointment of a permanent arbitrator(s) during the term of the Agreement or to use the expedited arbitration procedures of the American Arbitration Association.

If either party desires a verbatim record of the proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made. In cases where a court reporter is used the cost of the court reporter's attendance and transcript shall be borne by the party that requests the court reporter. However, in the event an arbitrator requests a copy of the record the costs of the court reporter's attendance and arbitrator's transcript shall be borne equally. If both parties request copies of the record the entire cost of transcription shall be borne equally by each party.

Section 10.3. Representation

Employees covered by this Agreement shall be represented only by FOP. Such representation shall be permitted at any and all steps of the procedure. Union Representatives shall be from the same Region as the employee requesting representation unless the Region does not have a Representative, the regional Representative is unavailable, or unless mutually agreed otherwise.

In any case where an employee represents themselves, the final level through which the grievance may be processed by the employee shall be at Step 2.

Section 10.4. Time Limits

- A. Grievances may be withdrawn at any step of the procedure without prejudice. Grievances not appealed within the designated time limits shall be treated as withdrawn. Failure of Employer to respond within the designated time limits at any step of the grievance procedure shall permit FOP, and where provided, the employee, to process the grievance to the next step within the designated time limits.
- B. The time limits at any step may be extended by agreement of the parties involved at that step.
- C. Grievances concerning suspensions or layoffs shall be initiated at Step 3 of the grievance procedure.
- D. Certain issues which by nature are not capable of being settled at a preliminary step of the grievance procedure may by mutual agreement be filed at the appropriate step where the action giving rise to the grievance was initiated.

Mutual agreement shall take place between the appropriate FOP representative and the proper Employer representative at the step where it is desired to initiate the grievance.

Section 10.5. Time Off

- A. The grievant and/or a FOP steward shall be permitted reasonable time without loss of pay during their normal working hours to process a grievance. No employee or FOP steward shall leave their work to process a grievance without first notifying and receiving authorization from their supervisor, which authorizations shall not unreasonably be withheld. Such leave shall not interfere with the operating needs of the agency. Such reasonable time off shall not exceed 8 hours in any one day, unless a delay was created by the Employer. Whereby mutual agreement, the date of any hearing or meeting between the Employer and the grievant is scheduled on a grievant's day off, the grievant shall receive straight time credit for all such hours up to a maximum of 8 hours per work day, but such credit shall not exceed the actual hours expended.
- B. Employer shall not be responsible for any subsistence expenses incurred by grievants or FOP steward in the processing of grievances.
- C. Witnesses who have been subpoenaed and who are State employees and whose testimony is pertinent to the grievance presentation will be permitted reasonable time off without loss of pay to attend grievance or arbitration hearings.

Section 10.6. Number of Grievances

By mutual agreement of FOP and Employer, more than one grievance may be scheduled at any step of the grievance procedure.

Section 10.7. Stewards and Jurisdictions

FOP shall designate up to 7 stewards, in addition to FOP staff, who are bargaining unit members who are authorized to represent employees. FOP shall designate the jurisdictional area for each steward. Each jurisdictional area shall be limited to a reasonable area to minimize the loss of work time and travel, giving consideration for the geographic area, shifts, units and where the number of employees in such units are too minimal to warrant designation of a steward.

FOP shall provide to Employer a written list of stewards and their respective jurisdictional areas within a reasonable period of time after the effective date of this Agreement. Any changes thereto shall be forwarded to Employer by FOP as soon as possible after changes are made.

Section 10.8. Civil Service Commission Jurisdiction

The parties recognize that the Civil Service Commission has sole jurisdiction and authority to hear appeals relating to demotion, geographical transfer, or position classification/allocation.

Discharges and suspensions in excess of thirty (30) days within a twelve-month period shall be either arbitrated through the grievance procedure or appealed to the Civil Service Commission.

ARTICLE XI - DISCIPLINE

Section 11.1. Definition

Disciplinary action shall include the following:

- A. Oral reprimand
- B. Written reprimand
- C. Suspension
- D. Discharge

Discipline may be imposed upon an employee only for just cause. Employer agrees with the tenets of corrective and progressive discipline.

Notations of oral reprimands may be placed in the employee's personnel file. Copies of that notation shall be given to the employee. An employee shall not be demoted for disciplinary reasons, nor shall any employee be transferred for disciplinary reasons.

Section 11.2. Suspension Pending Discharge

Employer may suspend an employee without pay up to 30 days pending a decision on discharge of the employee.

Section 11.3. Pre-Disciplinary Meeting

Prior to notifying the employee of the measure of discipline to be imposed, Employer shall notify FOP and the employee. Employer shall afford a reasonable opportunity for a meeting with the employee involved and, if requested by the employee, FOP, for the purposes of providing all relevant documentation, contemplated measures of discipline, if possible, and names of witnesses relating to the facts of the charge; and to permit the employee to rebut the charges, if the employee so desires. If the employee does not request union representation, a union representative shall nevertheless be entitled to be present as a non-active participant at any and all such meetings. Employer shall provide at least 48 hours advance notice, unless mutually agreed otherwise, of such meeting to be held at a mutually agreeable time.

Pre-disciplinary meetings shall not be held in cases of oral reprimands.

Section 11.4. Notice

In the event written disciplinary action is taken against an employee, Employer shall promptly furnish employee and FOP with a clear and concise copy of the statement of facts giving rise to the discipline and the measure of discipline intended. The measure of discipline intended may not be increased as it relates to the statement of facts once the statement has been served.

Employer shall notify the employee and FOP of the discipline imposed, within 45 days after completion of the pre-disciplinary meeting. No discipline shall be imposed if the Employer fails to notify the Employee and FOP within 45 days of the pre-disciplinary meeting.

Section 11.5. Investigatory Interview

An employee shall be entitled to the presence of a steward and/or FOP staff at an investigatory interview if the employee requests one and if the employee has reasonable grounds to believe that the interview may be used to support disciplinary action against them.

Section 11.6. Removal of Discipline

Discipline matters shall only be removed from an officer's personnel file pursuant to applicable law.

Section 11.7. Administrative Reassignment

The Employer may reassign an employee during the course of an investigation. Administrative reassignment shall not change an employee's region of assignment or use of scheduled benefit time.

Section 11.8 Global Positioning System

GPS shall not be used as a primary source of investigation in considering disciplinary action. The Department shall not use stored GPS data to discipline an officer unless the discipline is likely to be a suspension of three (3) or more days.

ARTICLE XII - LEAVES OF ABSENCE OTHER THAN SICK LEAVE AND ILLNESS AND INJURY LEAVE

Section 12.1. Leave for Personal Business

All employees, excepting those in emergency, per diem or temporary status, shall be permitted three (3) personal business days off each calendar year with pay. Employees entitled to receive such leave who enter service during the year shall be given credit for such leave at the rate of 1/2 day for each two (2) months service for the calendar year in which hired. Such personal leave may not be used in increments of less than 1/2 hours at a time. Supervisors may, however, grant employee requests to use personal business time in smaller increments of fifteen (15) minutes after a minimum use of one-half (1/2) hour.

Personal leave shall not accumulate from calendar year to calendar year; nor shall any employee be entitled to payment for unused personal leave upon separation from the service except as provided by law and/or Personnel Rule.

When requested, personal business days shall be granted, unless an emergency of an extreme nature would cause cancellation of such day off.

Personal Business leave shall not be used on a holiday as outlined in Article IX, section 9.3 of the contract. Nothing shall limit the employee from using personal business leave in increments more or less than 6 hours, however, no more than 4 full duty shifts may be taken using personal business leave in a calendar year. In the event an employee accrues 32 hours of personal business leave in a calendar year, those personal business leave hours in excess of 24 hours must be used within the confines of vacation or compensatory time use as outlined in Sections 15.2 (Vacation Time Scheduling) or 9.1, section D (Scheduling of Compensatory Time) of this agreement.

If 6 hours of Personal Business leave is used to secure the full workday off, additional benefit time (comp, vacation or personal business leave) shall be used to complete the 9-hour workday and not be denied.

The Sergeant with the approval of the zone commander may hire back officers to cover personal business leave use that would force a district below the shift minimum tables outlined in section 9.1 D. In the event of a hire back due to personal business leave, no officer shall be forced to cancel any previous approved time off to cover the hire back shift, unless an emergency of an extreme nature would cause cancellation of such day off. All hire backs must be done in accordance with section 9.1 D.

Section 12.2. Leaves of Absence Without Pay

Unless otherwise provided in the Personnel Rules and with the prior approval of the Director, an agency may grant leaves of absence without pay to employees for periods not to exceed six (6) months, and such leaves may be extended for good cause by the operating agency for additional six (6) month periods with the Director's approval.

Any employee, except an employee in a position or program financed in whole or in part by loans or grants made by the United States or any Federal agency, who is elected to State office, shall, upon request, be granted a leave of absence for the duration of the elected terms.

No emergency or temporary employee shall be granted leave of absence.

Section 12.3. Disability Leave

- A. An employee who is unable to perform a substantial portion of their regularly assigned duties due to temporary physical or mental disability shall upon request be granted a leave for the duration of such disability.
- B. In granting such leave or use of sick leave provided in Personnel Rule 303.90, the agency shall apply the following standards:
 - 1. A substantial portion of regularly assigned duties shall be those duties or responsibilities normally performed by the employee which constitute a significant portion of the employee's time, or which constitute the differentiating factors which identify that particular position from other positions, provided the balance of duties can be reassigned by the agency;
 - 2. A request for disability leave shall be in writing except when the agency is advised by other appropriate means of the employee's disability in which event the employee's signature is not required;
 - 3. Except for service-connected disability as provided in Personnel Rule 303.135, the employee shall have exhausted available sick leave provided under Personnel Rule 303.90 prior to being granted a disability leave; an employee may use other accrued paid time for this purpose but is not required to do so;
 - 4. During a disability leave, the disabled employee shall provide written verification by a person licensed under the "Medical Practices Act" (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1981, ch. 111, pars. 4401 et seq.) or under similar laws of Illinois or of other states or countries or by an individual authorized by a recognized religious denomination to treat by prayer or spiritual means; such verification shall show the diagnosis, prognosis and expected duration of the disability; such verification shall be made no less often than every 30 days during a period of disability, unless the nature of the disability precludes the need for such frequency of verification;
 - 5. As soon as an employee becomes aware of an impending period of disability, they shall notify the appropriate supervisor of such disability and provide a written statement by the attending physician of the approximate date the employee will be unable to perform their regularly assigned duties.

6. If the agency has reason to believe that the employee is able or unable to perform a substantial portion of their regularly assigned duties, it may seek and rely upon the decision of an impartial physician chosen by agreement of the parties or in the absence of such agreement upon the decision of an impartial physician who is not a State employee and who is selected by the Director.
 7. In the case of a dispute involving service connected injury or illness, no action shall be taken which is inconsistent with relevant law and/or regulations of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. Such determination shall pertain solely to an employee's right to be placed on or continued on illness or injury leave, including service connected illness or injury leave. For service connected illness or injury leave the right to select the impartial physician shall be between the Union and the Department of Central Management Services,
- C. Failure of an employee to provide verification of continued disability upon reasonable request shall on due notice cause termination of such leave.
- D. An employee's disability leave shall terminate when said employee is no longer temporarily disabled from performing their regularly assigned duties.
1. An employee is no longer temporarily disabled when they are able to perform their regularly assigned duties upon advice or the appropriate authority or, in the absence of such authority, the attending physician.
 2. An employee is no longer temporarily disabled when they are found to be permanently disabled and unable to perform a substantial or significant portion of their regularly assigned duties by the appropriate authority, or in the absence of such authority, by the attending physician.
 3. In determining whether to approve a requested discharge of an employee for failure to return from a disability leave or for physical inability to perform the duties of a position, the Director may seek and rely upon the advice of the State Employees' Retirement System or other appropriate authority, including an impartial physician selected in accordance with Personnel Rule 303.145 B. (See B. 6. above)
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1. An employee who returns from a disability leave of six (6) months or less shall be returned by the agency to the same or similar position in the same classification in which the employee was incumbent at the time the leave commenced.
 2. An employee who returns from a disability leave exceeding six (6) months and there is no vacant position available in the same classification held by the employee at the commencement of such leave may be laid off in accordance

with the Personnel Rules on Voluntary Reduction and Layoff, unless such leave resulted from service-connected disability, in which case the employee shall be returned to employment as in E. 1. above.

Section 12.4. Employee Rights After Leave

When an employee returns from a leave of absence of six (6) months or less, the agency shall return the employee to the same or similar position in the same classification in which the employee was incumbent prior to commencement of such leave. Except for those leaves granted under Personnel Rules 303.155 and 303.160, when an employee returns from a leave or leaves exceeding six (6) months and there is no vacant position available to them in the same classification in which the employee was incumbent to such leave or leaves commencing, the employee may be laid off in accordance with the Personnel Rules on voluntary reduction and layoffs.

Section 12.5. Failure to Return

Failure to return from leave within five (5) days after the expiration date may be cause for discharge. An employee's disability leave and employment shall terminate when said employee is deemed permanently disabled pursuant to Personnel Rule 303.145.

Section 12.6. Leave to Take Exempt Position

The Director may approve leaves of absence for certified employees who accept appointment in a position which is exempt from Jurisdiction B of the Personnel Code. Such leaves of absence may be for a period of one year or less and may be extended for additional one-year periods. At the expiration thereof, an employee shall be restored to the same or similar position upon making application to the employing agency with continuous service including the period of such leave.

Section 12.7. Military and Peace Corps Leave

Leaves of absence shall be allowed employees who enter military service or the Peace or Job Corps as provided in Personnel Rules 302.220 and 302.250 and as may be required by law.

Section 12.8. Military Reserve Training and Emergency Call-Up Pay Policy

- A. Any full-time employee who is a member of a reserve component of the Armed Services of the United States, including the reserve components of the Armed Services of any state, or who is a member of the National Guard of any state shall be allowed military leave with pay in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Service Member Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (330 ILCS 61/) to fulfill the military reserve obligation. Such leaves will be granted without loss of seniority or other accrued benefits.
- B. In the case of an emergency call-up (or order to State active duty) by the Governor, the leave shall be granted for the duration of said emergency with pay and without loss of seniority or other accrued benefits. Military earning for the emergency call-up

paid under the Illinois Military Code must be submitted and assigned to the employing agency, and the employing agency shall return it to the payroll fund from which the employee's payroll check was drawn. If military pay exceeds the employee's earnings for the period, the employing earnings for the period, the employing agency shall return the difference to the employee.

- C. To be eligible for military reserve leave or emergency call-up pay, the employee must provide the employing agency with a certificate from the commanding officer of their unit that the leave taken was for either such purpose.
- D. Any full-time employee who is a member of any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or who is a member of the National Guard of any state shall be granted leave from State employment for any period actively spent in such military service including basic training and special or advanced training, whether or not within the State, and whether or not voluntary, in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Service Member Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (330 ILCS 61).

Section 12.9. Leave for Military Physical Examinations

Any permanent employee drafted into military service shall be allowed up to three (3) days leave with pay to take a physical examination required by such draft. Upon request, the employee must provide the employing agency with certification by a responsible authority that the period of leave was actually used for such purpose.

Section 12.10. Attendance in Court

Any permanent employee called for jury duty or subpoenaed by any legislative, judicial, or administrative tribunal, shall be allowed time away from work without loss of pay during their working hours for such purposes, for work related appearances. An employee subpoenaed by any legislative, judicial, or administrative tribunal for non-work related personal litigation shall be granted benefit time if such time is available and consistent with operational needs. If benefit time is not available, the employee shall be granted an unpaid leave. Upon receiving the sum paid for jury service or witness fee, the employee shall submit the warrant, or its equivalent, to the agency to be returned to the fund in the State Treasury from which the original payroll warrant was drawn. Provided, however, an employee may elect to fulfill such call or subpoena on accrued time off and personal leave and retain the full amount received for such service.

Section 12.11. Effect of Department of Central Management Services Personnel Rules

Except where the express terms of this Agreement conflict, the Department of Central Management Services Personnel Rules govern the substantive content of this Article, and any amendments to said Rules are immediately incorporated as additions and/or amendments to this Article.

Section 12.12. Parental Leave

All employees who provide proof of their pregnancy or that of their female partner at least 30 days prior to the expected due date will be eligible for twelve (12) weeks (60 workdays) of paid parental leave for each pregnancy resulting in birth or multiple births. Should both parents be employees they shall each be eligible for twelve (12) weeks of paid parental leave which may be taken consecutively or concurrently. No employee will be allowed to take less than a full work week (5 consecutive days). Regardless of the number of pregnancies in a year, no employee shall receive more than 12 weeks (60 workdays) of paid leave under this Section per year. The State shall require proof of the birth. In addition, non-married male employees may be required to provide proof of parentage such as a birth certificate or other appropriate documentation confirming parentage. Leaves under this section for a maximum of six (6) weeks shall also be granted for the loss of a pregnancy that occurs at or after twenty (20) weeks of pregnancy.

All bargaining unit members are eligible for twelve (12) weeks (60 days) of paid leave with a new adoption, with the leave to commence when physical custody of the child has been granted to the member, provided that the member can show that the formal adoption process is underway. In the event the child was in foster care immediately preceding the adoption process the leave will commence once a court order has been issued for permanent placement and the foster parent has been so notified of their right to adopt as long as the foster child has not resided in the home for more than four (4) years. The agency personnel office must be notified, and the member must submit proof that the adoption has been initiated. Should both parents be employees they shall each be eligible for twelve (12) of paid parental leave which may be taken consecutively or concurrently. No employee will be allowed to take less than a full work week (5 consecutive workdays). Regardless of the number of adoptions in a year no individual shall receive more than twelve (12) weeks (60 workdays) of said leave under this Section per year.

Parental leave is for the purpose of bonding with the new member of the household and to allow the birth parent to heal. Employees are not eligible for the above referenced leave in the event the adoption is for a stepchild or relative with whom the employee has previously established residency for a period one (1) year or more.

Section 12.13. Union Leave

Section 12.13.1 Attendance at Lodge Meetings

Subject to operational needs, the Employer agrees that elected officials and members of the Board of Directors of the Lodge may be permitted reasonable time off without pay to attend general, board or special meetings of the Lodge, provided that at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice of such meetings shall be given in writing to the Employer, and provided further that the names of such officials and officers shall be certified in writing to the Employer. Such time off shall not be unreasonably denied.

Section 12.13.2 Attendance at State and National Conferences

Subject to operational needs, a reasonable number of appointed or elected delegates may be permitted to attend state and national conferences of the FOP and its affiliated organizations. Accrued paid time off may be used for such absence. Such time off shall not be unreasonably denied.

Section 12.14 Bereavement Leave

Upon request, employees shall be granted paid leave to attend the funeral or similar service, for related travel, and bereavement time, upon the death of a member of the employee's immediate family. For the first instance in a calendar year, the employee shall be granted two scheduled workdays. In the event there is a second instance in the calendar year, the employee shall be granted one scheduled workday. Leave shall be limited one two instances per calendar year. Leave shall be limited two (2) instances per calendar year. Documentation of the reason for the funeral/bereavement leave, attendance at the funeral or similar service, and relationship to the deceased may be required.

Immediate family is defined pursuant to this Section as: father, mother, sister, brother, spouse, children, grandparent, and grandchildren including relationships established by marriage.

ARTICLE XIII - SICK LEAVE AND ILLNESS AND INJURY LEAVE

Section 13.1. Sick Leave

All employees, excepting those in emergency, intermittent, per diem or temporary status, unless such status is the result of accepting a non-permanent working assignment in another class, shall accumulate paid sick leave at the rate of one day for each month's service during their current period of continuous service. Sick leave may be used for illness, disability, or injury of the employee, appointments with doctor, dentists, or other professional medical practitioner, and for not more than 30 days in one calendar year in the event of serious illness, disability, injury, or death of a member of an employee's immediate family or household. For purposes of definition, the "immediate family or household" shall be husband, wife, mother, father, brother, sister, children or any relative or person living in the employee's household from whom the employee has custodial responsibility or where such person is financially and emotionally dependent on the employee and where the presence of the employee is needed. Such days may be used in increments of no less than 1 hour at a time. Supervisors may, however, grant employee requests to use sick time in smaller increments of fifteen (15) minutes after a minimum use of one-half (1/2) hour. Evidence of illness, including doctor's statement, may be required where Employer may have reason to believe that such leave days were not used for the purpose herein set forth. For periods of absence for more than ten (10) consecutive workdays the employee shall provide verification for such absence in accordance with the provisions of Personnel Rule 303.145. Sick leave may also be used in the event of death of grand relations and parent and child-in-laws. Visit of four days per year to a veteran's hospital or clinic for examination needed because of military service-connected disability shall be in pay status without charge to sick leave.

An employee, who is in pay status for a minimum of 1040 hours in a calendar year, shall be awarded one additional personal day on January 1st of each calendar year, if no sick time was used in the preceding twelve (12) month period, beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st. Such additional personal day shall be liquidated in accordance with Article XII, Section 1. Overtime hours paid do not count towards the minimum hours above.

Section 13.2. Accumulation of Sick Leave

Employees shall be allowed to carry over from year to year of continuous service any unused sick leave allowed under this provision and shall retain any unused sick leave or emergency absence leave accumulated prior to the effective date of this Agreement.

Section 13.3. Advancement of Sick Leave

An employee with more than two (2) years continuous service, whose personnel records warrant it, may be advanced sick leave with pay for not more than ten (10) working days upon written approval of the operating agency and the Director. Such advances will be charged against sick leave accumulated in subsequent service.

Section 13.4. Illness or Injury Leave

Employees who have utilized all their accumulated sick leave days and are unable to report to or back to work because of their sickness or injury shall receive an Illness or Injury Leave without pay and may receive additional extension(s) of such leave. Prior to application for such leave or extension thereof the employee shall inform Employer that such condition exists or advise Employer that such condition is continuing before the expiration of their original leave or an extension thereof and if so requested, take a physical examination given by employer's physician if there is a doubt as to the employee's illness. The employee shall report back to work as soon as physically able. If there is a difference of opinion between employer's physician and the employee's physician as to their illness or ability to return to work, Employer may request an examination by another physician (who is not employed by the State). Such examination shall be paid for by Employer.

Section 13.5. Proof of Illness or Injury Status

The Employer may place an employee on proof of illness or injury status by notifying the employee and FOP that future use of sick time must be substantiated. In said notice, the Employer will state its reasons for placing the employee on proof status and will specify the type of substantiation required. The Employer shall specify any specific information it requires in the substantiation and the length of proof status. The employee or FOP may grieve being placed on proof status pursuant to the procedures of Article X. If an employee on proof status fails to provide a medical statement which verifies they were seen by a medical practitioner on the date in question, the employee will not be allowed to use accumulated sick leave and may be subject to docking and/or discipline.

If the employer demands an additional form of proof different from that which is furnished and involves cost to the employee the employer shall pay the cost of such professional charges, when such verifies the employee was not abusing sick leave.

Section 13.6. Effect of Department of Central Management Services Personnel Rules

The Department of Central Management Services Personnel Rules govern the substantive content of this Article, and any amendments to said rules are immediately incorporated as additions and/or deletions to this Article.

Section 13.7. Payment in Lieu of Sick Leave

Upon termination of employment for any reason, an employee or the employee's estate is entitled to be paid for unused sick leave pursuant to Public Act 90-65.

Section 13.8. Appointments

Employees shall attempt to schedule non-emergency medical appointments during their non-working hours.

ARTICLE XIV - LAYOFF

Section 14.1. Application of Layoff

FOP recognizes the right of Employer to layoff employees for reasons of lack of funds or work, abolition of a position, or material change in duties or organization. Layoffs shall be in accordance with the procedure set forth in this Article except that it shall not apply to temporary emergency shutdown where all affected employees are able to be recalled nor shall it apply in the event of temporary layoff pursuant to Section 6 of this Article.

Section 14.2. General Layoff Procedure

- A . Employees subject to layoff shall be provided assistance with identifying position(s) for which they have recall rights in the employer's electronic hiring system.
- B. Layoffs shall be by appropriate organizational unit in the bargaining unit. The organizational unit is the State of Illinois. Layoff will be inverse seniority order statewide. The least senior employees' position(s) shall be identified and targeted for layoff.
- C. Employee within the appropriate layoff unit shall be laid off in inverse order of seniority except that Employer may layoff out of seniority to comply with EEO and related affirmative action laws. For the purposes of layoff, seniority shall prevail unless a less senior employee has demonstrably superior skill and ability to perform the work required in the position classification. The parties shall meet to discuss such compliance with EEO and related affirmative action laws.

D. Layoff will be implemented as follows:

1. Position with the least senior employee shall be identified for layoff.
2. The next least senior employees shall be identified by the Employer to back-fill the positions vacated by the least senior employees.
3. In seniority order, among the employees identified as the next least senior employees, will be given the opportunity to choose transfer in lieu of layoff, or choose layoff, from the positions vacated by the least senior employees.
4. The impacted positions and those vacated due to employees exercising their right to transfer in lieu of layoff, will be filled at the discretion of the Employer.
5. The process of backfill shall be repeated until Employer has balanced the workload statewide.
6. If positions within a District are targeted for layoff, and that District does not contain the least senior employees statewide, the employees in the targeted positions, in seniority order, will have the ability to transfer to the position(s) vacated by the least senior employees statewide. This shall be limited to the county targeted and the county containing the least senior employees.
7. In the event an employee refuses to accept a transfer in lieu of layoff, the employee shall be laid off.

Section 14.3. Notice of Layoff

In the event that the Employer becomes aware of an impending reduction in the work force due to layoff, it will notify FOP as soon as practicable.

Section 14.4. Transfer on Layoff

An employee who is scheduled for layoff shall be offered available permanent vacancies in the same position classification on a state-wide basis. Refusal to accept such offer will not impair the employee's rights to recall.

Employees who choose "Transfer in Lieu of Layoff" recognize that it is a voluntary action, and the Employer shall not be responsible for moving expenses for such employee.

Section 14.5. Recall

When staffing is increased, the employee shall be notified electronically of any vacancies for positions the employee has identified and has contractual rights. The employee shall be notified by email, as they become available, of vacancies for the position from which they were laid off, including the classification series, if applicable.

The Employer shall recall laid off employees and employees who chose transfer in lieu of layoff to such position classification(s), amongst those employees who bid on the position via the electronic hiring system. Recall shall be in accordance with Article VI Seniority, Section 1. Notice of Recall shall occur via the method used for all hiring notifications.

An employee laid off from work shall retain and accumulate seniority and continuous service during such layoff not to exceed two (2) years. A laid off employee who fails to respond within ten (10) workdays of the recall, or upon acceptance fails to be available for work within the time agreed to by Employer, which shall not be less than five (5) calendar days, shall forfeit all recall rights.

If an employee is recalled and is unavailable to accept the position due to documented medical reasons, the agency may bypass the employee and the employee's recall rights shall remain.

Employee's right to recall shall exist for a period of two (2) years from the effective date of layoff.

Section 14.6. Temporary Layoff

The above provisions do not apply in the event of layoff pursuant to Personnel Rule 302.510 which allows the Employer to temporarily layoff any employee for not more than five scheduled workdays in any 12-month period as a result of or for lack of work or funds.

ARTICLE XV – VACATIONS

Section 15.1. Amounts

Employees shall earn vacation time. No employee on leave of absence may earn vacation except when the leave was for the purpose of accepting a temporary working assignment in another classification.

Eligible employees shall earn vacation time in accordance with the following schedule:

- a) From the date of hire until the completion of five (5) years of continuous service: ten (10) workdays (80 hours) per year.
- b) From the completion of five (5) years of continuous service until the completion of nine (9) years of continuous service: fifteen (15) workdays (120 hours) per year.
- c) From the completion of nine (9) years of continuous service until the completion of fourteen (14) years of continuous service: seventeen (17) workdays (136 hours) per year.
- d) From the completion of fourteen (14) years of continuous service until the completion of nineteen (19) years of continuous service: twenty (20) workdays (160 hours) per year.
- e) From the completion of nineteen (19) years of continuous service until the completion of twenty-five (25) years of continuous service: twenty-two (22) workdays (176 hours) per year.

- f) From the completion of twenty-five (25) years of continuous service: twenty-five (25) workdays (200 hours) per year.

Section 15.2. Vacation Time

Vacation time may be taken in one (1) hour increments at a time. Supervisors may however, grant employee requests to use vacation time in smaller increments of fifteen (15) minutes after a minimum use of one-half (1/2) hour. Vacation time shall not be accumulated for more than 24 months after the end of the calendar year in which it is earned. Vacation time earned shall be computed in workdays/work hours in section 15.1.

Request for use of vacation time shall be approved unless the granting of said request would cause the District to drop below the established shift minimums outlined in Article IX, section 9.1. These tables shall serve as the statewide shift minimums and cannot be changed by order or policy and/or without mutual agreement of the union and the employer. The District Sergeant may, with the approval of the Zone Commander, authorize the use of Vacation time which would place the District below the outlined shift minimums, on a case-by-case basis.

Section 15.3. Interrupted Service

Computation of vacation time of state employees who have interrupted continuous state service shall be determined as though all previous state service which qualified for earning of vacation benefits is continuous with present service. The rule provided in this paragraph applies to vacation time earned on or after October 1, 1972.

Section 15.4. Vacation Scheduling

Vacation must be scheduled so that it may be taken no later than 24 months after the expiration of the calendar year in which such vacation was earned. If the employee does not request and take accrued vacation within such 24 month period, vacation earned during such calendar year shall be lost. Employer, unless emergency needs dictate otherwise, shall not change an employee's vacation once it has been approved, without the employee's written authorization.

Section 15.5. Vacation Payment

If because of operating needs Employer cannot grant an employee's request for vacation time within the 24 month period after the expiration of the calendar year such time was earned, such vacation time shall be liquidated in cash at straight time provided the employee has made at least three (3) separate requests, consisting of different days not including regular days off, for such time within the calendar year preceding liquidation.

No salary payment shall be made in lieu of vacation earned but not taken except as provided in this Section and on termination of employment for eligible employees with at least six (6) months of continuous service in which case the effective date of termination shall not be extended by the number of days represented by said salary payment.

Section 15.6. Vacation Action

During the period of November 1 through November 30 of each year, officers may submit in writing to the Employer, their preferences for vacation periods for the following calendar year. An officer may submit requests for up to three (3) blocks of vacation time during this period. An employee who has been granted their first preference shall not be granted another preference if such would require denial of the first preference of a less senior employee. An employee's preference shall be defined as a block of vacation time consisting of a specific period of time, uninterrupted by workdays, and may include the officer's entire available earned vacation time. In establishing vacation schedules, the Employer shall consider both the officer's preference and the operating needs of the Employer. Where the Employer, based on operational needs, is unable to grant and schedule the vacation preference for all officers within a work location, but is able to grant some of such (one or more) vacation preferences, such approval shall be done on basis of seniority as defined in Article VI. Subject to Employer's operating needs, all other vacation requests shall be scheduled in the order of request.

The Employer shall approve or disapprove vacation requests within ten (10) working days after receipt of an employee's request, except those requests submitted between November 1 and November 30 shall be considered as a whole and acted upon by December 15 of that year.

ARTICLE XVI - TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT

Employer may temporarily assign an employee to perform the duties of another position classification. To be eligible for temporary assignment pay, the employee must:

- A. Be assigned, by Employer, to assume the duties and responsibilities of a different position classification.
- B. Perform a preponderance of duties and responsibilities which distinguish the position.
- C. Perform duties and responsibilities not provided for in their regular position classification.

When selecting employees for temporary assignments, as outlined in this agreement, the employer shall use the following criteria:

- A. The education, training, and experience of an officer.
- B. The merit and overall work performance of an officer.
- C. In the event of equally qualified candidates, the employer shall use seniority as outlined in Article VI as the deciding factor for the assignment.

An employee temporarily assigned to the duties of a position classification in an equal or lower pay grade than their permanent position classification shall be paid their permanent position classification rate. If the employee is temporarily assigned to a position classification having a higher pay grade than their permanent position classification, the employee shall be paid as if they have received a promotion into such higher pay grade.

Employer agrees to pay the employee the higher rate as set forth above for the full time of such assignment. For the purpose of calculation, any temporary assignment of less than one-half day shall be counted as one-half day and any temporary assignment of more than one-half day but less than a full day shall be considered one full day. No employee shall be required to work in a temporary position in excess of six (6) months per calendar year.

When the Employer makes a temporary assignment, it will give notice to the employee of the anticipated length of the assignment and extensions thereof. An employee's refusal to take a temporary assignment to a higher level position outside the bargaining unit which assignment is anticipated to last more than two months will not subject the employee to discipline.

ARTICLE XVII - WORK RULES

Section 17.1. Definition

Work rules are those rules promulgated by Employer which regulate the personal conduct of the employee as it affects their employment. Such work rules shall be reasonable and shall not conflict with any provisions of this Agreement. In accordance with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Policy and Procedures Manual Code #9101-E or its successor, work rules are to be interpreted and uniformly to all bargaining unit employees under like circumstances.

Section 17.2. Notice

Newly established work rules or amendments to existing work rules shall be reduced to writing and furnished to FOP and the employees at least ten (10) workdays prior to the effective date of the rule.

Section 17.3. Work Rules

Newly established procedural work rules, orders or changes and/or amendments to existing rules or orders are subject to discussions pursuant to Article XXIII (Labor Management Meetings). The Union and Employer shall bargain any change in work rules or orders that impacts terms or conditions of employment for bargaining unit employees, provided that, the Union must notify the Employer of its intent to negotiate such changes within five (5) days of receiving notice of the proposed work rule or orders change.

In accordance with past practice, Conservation Police Officers (CPO's) will be assigned to work at specific departmental sites for a specific time, prior to retaining a non-departmental law enforcement officer. The CPO's will be paid the appropriate overtime monies as specified in the past.

Section 17.4. State Officials and Employees Ethics Act

Employees shall comply with all of the provisions set forth in the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430).

ARTICLE XVIII - CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- A. Employer shall provide any special clothing, office supplies, and/or equipment, or the equivalent by reimbursement, which is required by Employer and/or is determined by Employer as being necessary for such employees to perform their work. Employer shall pay for the maintenance of all clothing and equipment determined by the Employer as being necessary.
- B. The active-duty officer clothing allowance shall be seven-hundred fifty dollars (\$750) each year to be paid on or before October 1st.
- C. Any bargaining unit employee who believes equipment to be unsafe or improper shall promptly report that fact to their supervisor so that the appropriate inspection and/or corrective action can be taken. If the supervisor does not take the appropriate action within a reasonable period, the employee may report the unsafe or improper equipment to the next higher ranking official. In this instance such employee shall not be disciplined for violating the normal chain of command.

ARTICLE XIX - FILLING OF VACANCIES

Section 19.1. Policy

Employer recognizes the operational value of internally promoting qualified employees and will strive to provide career progression subject to the operating needs of the agency. Qualified employees shall be considered for such bargaining unit vacancies for which they apply, through the employee portal, prior to the employer using other such means available to fill such vacancies. However, Employer reserves the right to use at its discretion other means available as provided in the Personnel Rules for filling vacancies, subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 19.2. Posting

Permanent vacancies shall not be filled pursuant to this Article until the position has been posted for ten (10) days by making the posting available on the Employers website for employees. Such posting shall include job description, training and experience requirements, pay, and related information. Any bargaining unit employee may bid on a position; however, they must be deemed qualified and eligible to be considered for selection. An employee on a leave of absence at the time of the posting is not considered eligible.

Section 19.3. Order of Selection

Permanent vacancies shall be filled in the following order of priority:

1. Recall/Transfer in Lieu of Layoff
2. Transfer among all other bargaining unit employees by seniority

Section 19.4. Selection

Selection shall be made on the basis of seniority from among employees within categories as listed in Section 3 of this Article, unless a less senior employee within such category has demonstrably superior skill and ability to perform the work required in the position classification. Employer reserves the right to administer appropriate examinations.

Section 19.5. Class Progression

Upon eligibility, employees shall be automatically advanced to the next higher position classification within the classification series according to the following time limits:

CPO Trainee to CPO I

Conservation Police Officer Trainee to Conservation Police Officer I- after completion of the training period which shall be a minimum of six (6) months of service. Provided, however, an employee may remain in such training status for up to 24 months, upon consultation with, and the agreement of the Union. Any extension of training status shall solely be for performance issues.

CPO I to CPO II

Conservation Police Officer I to Conservation Police Officer II- After completion of 14 years of service within IDNR Office of Law Enforcement.

To be eligible for advancement as outlined above an employee must have annual evaluation that is considered satisfactory, and the employee has not been on a formal "Performance Improvement Plan" as outlined in General Order G23-82 "Completing Evaluations".

ARTICLE XX - GEOGRAPHICAL TRANSFER

In the event of a geographical transfer under Personnel Rule 302.430 is required, seniority as defined in Article VI shall govern, the most senior employee being given first preference. If no employee wishes to accept such transfer, the least senior employee the effected position classification shall be required to take such transfer. An employee shall be reimbursed for all reasonable transportation and moving expenses incurred in moving to a new location because of an involuntary permanent geographical transfer.

ARTICLE XXI - LEGISLATED BENEFITS

During the term of this Agreement, Employer shall continue in effect and employees shall enjoy the benefits, rights and obligations of (a) the group insurance health and life plan applicable to all Illinois State employees pursuant to the provisions of the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 (P.A. 77-476) as amended or superseded; and (b) the retirement program provided in the Illinois Pension Code, Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 108 1/2, as amended or superseded.

ARTICLE XXII - POSITION CLASSIFICATION

The Employer may, subject to the provisions of Article XVI, Temporary Assignment, temporarily assign an employee to perform the duties of another position classification. When the time limits set forth in Article XVI expire, the Employer may terminate the duties or establish a new position at the appropriate classification.

In cases when the new position is established at an equal rated or higher classification than that of the temporarily assigned employee, the position is declared vacant, and it shall be posted subject to the provisions of Article XIX, Filling of Vacancies. If the employee who has been temporarily assigned is not selected for the posted vacancy, the employee shall have the right to be placed in a vacant position equal to their current classification, if the employee meets the minimum training and experience requirements of the position including bona fide skills, if any, required for the position pursuant to this Agreement. If no such vacancy exists within the employee's official organizational unit, the employee shall displace the least senior employee in his/her classification within such unit and the least senior employee shall be subject to the provisions of Article XIV, Layoff. If the temporarily assigned employee is the least senior within the employee's classification, the employee shall be subject to the provisions of Article XIV, Layoff.

If the employee who has been temporarily assigned is selected for the posted vacancy, the employee shall have their creditable service date adjusted to reflect the first date on which they were temporarily assigned without interruption.

In cases when the new position is established at a classification lower than that of the temporarily assigned employee, the least senior employee in the same classification as the temporarily assigned employee within the official organizational unit shall be assigned to the lower level position, and the temporarily assigned employee shall be transferred to the least senior employee's former position, if there are not sufficient vacancies in the employee's original classification.

In all cases when the employee is moving to an equal or lower level position, such actions shall not be subject to the provisions of Article XIX, Filling of Vacancies. Should the employee elect not to accept any of these options or none of the options exist, the employee shall be laid off, subject to the provisions of Article XIV, Layoff. When an employee is placed in a lower level

position, the employee's rate of pay in the original position shall be frozen for 12 months from the effective date of the placement in the lower level position.

The above conditions do not apply to the implementation of classification studies.

ARTICLE XXIII - LABOR MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

Section 23.1. General

Employer shall meet with FOP representatives and/or staff in labor management meetings on an as needed basis. Items to be included on the agenda for the aforementioned labor management meetings are to be submitted to the respective parties at least five (5) days in advance of the scheduled dates of the meeting if at all possible. Unless mutually agreed otherwise, the purpose of such meeting shall be restricted to:

- A. Discussion of the administration of this Agreement.
- B. Dissemination of general information of interest to the parties.
- C. Providing an opportunity to express various views and to make suggestions on subjects of interest to employees of the bargaining unit.
- D. Discussing with FOP changes in non-bargaining conditions of employment contemplated by management which may adversely affect the employees in the bargaining unit, including, but not limited to, the discontinuation of the use of state vehicles by bargaining unit employees.
- E. Satisfying the negotiation obligations of both parties as provided in specific provisions of this Agreement.
- F. Agreements reached during labor management meetings shall be committed to writing, signed by the Division Director and the Union. Said agreements shall be disseminated to bargaining unit employees by the Union and to all Division of Law Enforcement Supervisors by the Department.

Section 23.2. Statewide Meetings

Statewide meetings between Employer and FOP shall be conducted on an as needed basis. Up to ten (10) bargaining unit members may attend such statewide meetings without loss of pay for their normal work hours. Such attendance at the statewide meetings shall not be unreasonable denied but shall not interfere with agency operations. Proposed agendas shall be exchanged between the parties at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the statewide meeting. Travel expenses associated with these meetings shall be the responsibility of the employee.

ARTICLE XXIV - FOP RIGHTS

Section 24.1. Access to State Premises by FOP

Employer agrees that FOP staff shall have reasonable access to the premises of Employer, giving notice upon arrival to the appropriate Employer representative. Such visitations shall be for the reason of the administration of this Agreement. FOP agrees that such visitations shall not unduly interfere with the operations requirements of Employer. Employer reserves the right to designate a meeting place or to provide a representative to accompany a staff representative where security requirements exist.

Section 24.2. Information Provided to FOP

At least once each month the Employer shall provide FOP by electronic notification the following personnel transactions involving bargaining unit employees within the agency: new hires, promotions, demotions, layoffs, reemployments, transfers, leaves, returns from leaves, superior performance increases, suspensions, discharges, reallocations, terminations, and continuous service rosters of bargaining unit employees.

Section 24.3. Non-Preferential Treatment

Those employees designated as Stewards and/or FOP representatives shall not receive preferential treatment with respect to shift, workload or job assignments. Employer agrees, however, that such employees shall be reassigned because of operational needs only and not because of legitimate FOP activity.

Section 24.4. Leaves to Attend FOP

Employer shall grant a reasonable number of employees leave without pay for a maximum of three (3) days per employee per calendar year for the purposes of discussing the administration of this Agreement. FOP shall provide written notice to Employer at least 15 days prior to the meeting date. Employer shall not unreasonably deny an employee's request for such leave and such leave shall not substantially interfere with the operating needs of Employer.

Section 24.5. Leaves to Conduct FOP Business

Employer shall grant requests for leaves of absence without pay for not more than two (2) bargaining unit employees at any one time, but not more than one employee from a Region for the purpose of service as FOP representatives or officers with a State or National organization, up to a maximum of six (6) months, provided adequate notice is afforded Employer and granting such leave will not substantially interfere with employer's operations. The length of such leave may be increased by mutual agreement of the parties. Continuous service shall be retained and accumulated for a maximum of one year and the employee, continuous service permitting, can return to their position classification at the termination of leave.

Section 24.6. FOP Agent of Record

The FOP will keep the Employer apprised of the legal mailing address of the Chief Steward. In the event the FOP fails to notify the Employer of a change in the mailing address of the Chief

Steward, the Union may not hold the Employer responsible for notices not received in a timely manner.

Section 24.7. FOP Chief Union Steward

The Chief Union Steward of the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council shall be allowed to be released from their duties, without loss of pay or benefits, for the administration of this Agreement up to a maximum of 20 days per fiscal year. Said time may also be used for the purpose of contract negotiations. The official leave request form shall be submitted through the chain of command for approval in advance, unless emergency situations dictate otherwise. The granting of such time off shall be subject to operational needs but shall not be unreasonably denied. If the Chief Union Steward visits another worksite, they shall notify the appropriate supervisor prior to arrival.

ARTICLE XXV – PERSONNEL FILES

Section 25.1. Number and Type

Only one personnel file will be maintained at the Region Office for each employee and the agency shall have the right to maintain a copy at its central office. The Department of Central Management Services shall keep and maintain an official personnel file. Working files may be kept by supervisors for employees, and such files shall contain only job-related material. Working files shall not be considered personnel files as required in this Article. No other files, records or notations shall be kept by employer or any of its representatives except as may be prepared or used by Employer in the course of preparation or participation for any pending case, such as a grievance, Civil Service matter, criminal investigation, Department of Human Rights or EEOC matter, etc. An employee has the right upon written request to review the contents of their personnel file or working file. Such review may be made during working hours with no loss of pay for time so spent within reason. Upon authorization by an employee, FOP may inspect that employee's personnel file following written request to the agency.

Section 25.2. Employee Notification

A copy of any disciplinary action or material related to employee performance which is placed in the personnel file shall be served in person upon the employee (the employee noting receipt, or the supervisor noting failure of employee to acknowledge receipt) or sent by certified mail (return receipt requested) to their last address appearing on the records of Employer. It is the obligation of each employee to provide Employer with their current address and telephone number.

Section 25.3. Counseling Session Notations

Copies of notations of counseling session shall not be placed in an employee's personnel file.

Supervisors shall not maintain in working files copies of or notations of counseling sessions beyond a period of one year or when such session is made part of an evaluation, whichever comes first.

ARTICLE XXVI - TRAINING

Section 26.1. General

Employer and FOP recognize the need for the development and training of employees in order that services are efficiently and effectively provided. In recognition of such principle, Employer shall endeavor to provide employees with orientation to current procedures, forms, methods, material, and equipment used in the work assignments.

Section 26.2. Distribution of Training

Training programs which are instituted by Employer shall be equitably distributed among employees on the basis of need for such training. Such distribution shall be made giving due consideration to seniority, knowledge, skill, ability, district need, and geographical location. Such distribution shall not be arbitrary or capricious. Time spent by an employee in a training program shall be considered work time. Agency training assignment requests shall be sent to every bargaining unit employee and the Union within the applicable district or region. The Employer shall inform the Union in writing or by electronic notification when training is provided/received by any bargaining unit member during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXVII - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 27.1. Distribution of Contract

The Employer shall be responsible for posting the contract online in a format compatible with software provided on departmental computers. The Union shall be responsible for publishing and distributing the contract to Union members upon request.

Section 27.2. Safety and Health

Employer shall attempt to provide a safe and healthy place within which employees shall work. Labor management meetings shall be used to review and suggest health and safety measures to be implemented, including vehicle safety. However, this shall not abrogate an employee's right to challenge unsafe and unhealthy conditions through a grievance. Additionally, all State of Illinois owned, or leased property and vehicles shall be smoke free.

The Union and Department shall each appoint up to 3 persons to serve on a Safety Committee. The Committee shall meet as needed at mutually agreed times and places to review safety issues and equipment. Safety Committee members shall be permitted to attend Committee meetings during working hours without loss of pay.

Section 27.3. Damage to Personal Property

- A. Where current agency practices so provides, Employer shall reimburse employees for any losses of personal property incurred as a result of the performance of their official duties.

- B. If no agency practice exists, a policy statement shall be subject of discussion at agency level local negotiations.

Section 27.4. Assignment Within Classification Specification

The phrase "performs other duties as required or assigned" under "Illustrative Examples of Work" in the job classification specification shall be interpreted to mean other duties which are reasonably within the intended scope of the job classification.

Section 27.5. Polygraphs

No employee may be required to take polygraph examination nor shall be subject to discipline for refusal to take such. If the employee agrees to voluntarily take a polygraph examination as a part of a formal investigation, the following restrictions apply:

- A. An employee shall be provided sufficient advance notice of the scheduling of such polygraph examination in order to allow the employee to exercise their representational rights.
- B. An employee shall be entitled to have a FOP representative or FOP counsel at all steps of the polygraph examination process except during the actual administration of a polygraph examination.
- C. The employee shall be provided with a copy of the results of the report of the polygraph examination and a copy of the conclusions reached by the examiner.

Section 27.6. Sub-Contracting

Employer agrees that upon formal consideration to sub-contract any work performed by bargaining unit employees which affects the job security or classification status of such employees, it shall: (1) provide reasonable advance notice to FOP, and (2) shall meet with FOP, prior to making a decision to contract, for the purpose of discussing the reasons for its proposal.

If the decision to sub-contract work results in employees being subject to layoff, Employer will make a reasonable effort with the contractor to ensure that the affected employees are considered for employment by the contractor. FOP shall have an opportunity to meet with the proposed subcontractor as well as the agency and/or the Department of Central Management Services to discuss the employment of employees subject to layoff. Such meeting shall not be used to coerce or harass prospective subcontractors.

Section 27.7. Notification of Leave Balances

Timesheets shall be handled in accordance with agency policy.

Bargaining unit employees shall be allowed to review and verify their time sheets on a monthly basis. After reviewing the timesheets, the employee shall initial it in the appropriate box, if agreeable, verifying the correctness of all accumulated vacation, sick, personal leave and

accumulated time off. The officer shall be provided with a statement on a monthly basis which outlines this information.

Section 27.8. Restricted Duty

The Department shall implement a restricted duty program for officers who are temporarily unable to perform all of the duties required of the position. The provisions of the restricted duty program shall be discussed at agency Labor/Management meetings. In those instances, in which only one (1) position is available, those employees with service connected injuries shall be given preference over employees with non-service connected injuries.

Section 27.9. Fitness for Duty

When the Employer has requested a fitness for duty evaluation which determines the employee is unfit for duty and the employee's physician certifies the employee is fit for duty, the Employer may rely upon the decision of an impartial physician from SERS (State Employee Retirement System) for the employee's fitness for duty. Such examination shall be paid for by the Employer.

Section 27.10. Residency Requirement

Employees covered by this agreement shall reside within 30 minutes of the border of their county of assignment regardless of zone or district of assignment within the State of Illinois. Variances shall only be granted in cases where the limit to residency requirement causes a demonstrable and extraordinary hardship. Employees granted a variance prior to July 1, 2004 will not be required to relocate. Employees shall be paid from the time they start their shift (10-41) until the end of their shift (10-42)

To determine travel time, the Employer will utilize Google Maps (or a mutually agreed upon alternative commercial mapping program) to calculate the time of travel using existing roadways. The Employer will check the travel time on Google Maps or other approved mapping program at a time when there are no traffic obstructions and traffic is flowing freely. The Employer will ensure that the procedure used to calculate travel time is applied consistently across all employees.

If there is a challenge on the accuracy of the time of travel, the Union and the Employer will make the final determination on the official time of travel.

Section 27.11. State Fair and Sparta

Subject to operational necessities, DNR shall designate Illinois State Fair (Springfield and DuQuoin) and Sparta assignments for Conservation Police Officers by seniority first on a District basis, Zone basis and then Statewide, as per Article VI. Voluntary shall be from most senior to least senior; mandatory shall be from least senior to most senior.

Section 27.12. Tuition Reimbursement

Effective July 1, 2001, the Office of Law Enforcement shall provide up to \$5000 per fiscal year for the purpose of tuition reimbursement. Consideration of requests for reimbursement shall be in accordance with Department of Natural Resources Policy and Procedures Chapter 3 Sec. 3C-2.

Section 27.13. Stipend

Effective July 1, 2023, and paid upon ratification of the Agreement, provided that ratification occurs prior to November 15, 2023, all bargaining unit employees shall receive a one (1) time stipend of \$1,200.

ARTICLE XXVIII - NO STRIKE

In as much as this Agreement provides machinery for the orderly resolution of disputes which relate to this Agreement by an impartial third party, Employer and FOP recognize their responsibility to provide for uninterrupted services. Therefore, for the duration of this Agreement, FOP agrees:

- A. That neither it nor any of its members, individually or collectively, will authorize or support any form of strike or any other concerted interruption of operations or services by employees. FOP acknowledges Employer has the right to deal with any such work action through disciplinary action, including discharge and/or injunctive relief.
- B. When Employer notifies FOP by certified mail that any of its members are engaged in such job action, FOP shall immediately, orally and in writing, order such employees to return to work and provide the Employer with a copy of such written order by certified mail within 24 hours of such order being given to the employees.

ARTICLE XXIX - AUTHORITY OF CONTRACT

Section 29.1. Partial Invalidity

Should any part of this Agreement or any provision contained herein be judicially determined to be contrary to law, the remaining portions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 29.2. Effective of Department of Central Management Services Personnel Rules and Pay Plan

Unless specifically covered by this Agreement, the Personnel Rules of the Department of Central Management Services and/or the Pay Plan shall control. In the event the Director proposes to change an existing Personnel Rule or the Pay Plan provisions, FOP shall be notified and be afforded the right to negotiate over the impact of such change on the bargaining unit members as it relates to wages, hours and conditions of employment prior to its submission to the Civil Service Commission or emergency effective date.

Section 29.3. Increase in Benefits

In the event of any increase in the number of holidays, vacation days, sick days, personal days, or other related non-wage economic benefits granted unilaterally to all employees covered by the Personnel Code or Rules, such increases shall be made applicable to employees covered by this Agreement.

In the event of any decrease in the number of holidays, vacation days, sick days or other non-wage economic benefits the Director shall notify FOP and upon timely request negotiate with FOP over the impact of such reductions.

Section 29.4. Obligations to Bargain

This Agreement represents the entire Agreement of the parties and shall supersede all previous agreements, written or verbal. Where past practice directly conflicts with the express terms of the contract, the contract shall prevail. The parties agree that the provisions of this Agreement shall supersede any provisions of the Personnel Rules of the Director relating to any of the subjects of collective bargaining contained therein when the provisions of such Personnel Rules differ with this Agreement. The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining, and that all of the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, Employer and FOP, for the term of this Agreement and any extension, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter, referred to or covered in this Agreement, or with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time that they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXX - TERMINATION

This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2023, and shall continue in full force and effect until midnight, June 30, 2027, and thereafter from year-to-year unless not more than 180, but not less than 60 days prior to June 30, 2027, or any subsequent June 30, either party gives written notice to the other of its intention to amend or terminate this Agreement.

In witness hereof, the parties have hereto set their signatures on the day first above written.

Raven Derkay
For the State of Illinois
February 13,
Date 2024

Robert C. Smith
For the ILFOP Labor Council
2/13/2024
Date

SIDE LETTER

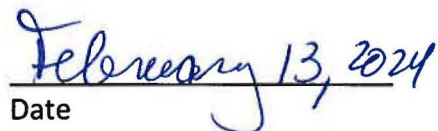
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

Section 1. The Employer shall have the right to conduct random drug testing or drug testing on an employee if there is reasonable suspicion that the employee is under the influence of alcohol or an unauthorized controlled substance. No officer shall be required to submit to a blood test, breathalyzer test, or any other test to determine the presence of alcohol in the blood, or any test to determine the use of or presence of drugs or other chemical substances, except pursuant to the Department's random drug testing policy, or if the officer is involved in an on-duty incident where deadly force, as defined in 50 ILCS 727/1-25 was used, or if the Employer has reasonable suspicion that the employee is under the influence of or is using alcohol or an unauthorized controlled substance.


Such testing shall be completed as soon as practicable, but no later than the end of the involved officer's shift. The officer shall submit to a blood test, breathalyzer test, or any other test to determine the presence of alcohol in the blood, or any test to determine the use of or presence of drugs or other chemical substances. Investigations shall be in accordance with the Office of Law Enforcement Policy and Procedure/Orders.

Additionally, the Union and the Employer agree to participate in the Policy and Development Committee to give input on the drug testing procedure. The union will send one representative to the committee to give input on the drug testing protocol.


For the State of Illinois 


Date


For the ILFOP Labor Council


Date

SIDE LETTER

INVESTIGATIONS

Whenever a non-probationary officer is the subject of an investigation which could result in discipline, the investigation shall be conducted in accordance with the following:

1. All interrogations of an officer shall be scheduled at a reasonable time and shall be conducted while the officer is on duty.
2. The interrogation depending on the allegation, will normally take place at a Department facility.
3. Prior to the interrogation, the officer will be informed of:
 1. The identity of the person who will be conducting the interrogation;
 2. The identity of all persons who will be present for the interrogation;
 3. The nature of the complaint and the pertinent facts alleged;
 4. The names of the complainants known at the time;
 5. His constitutional rights concerning self-incrimination if the allegations under investigation indicates criminal prosecution is probable.
4. The length of the interrogation will be reasonable, with interruptions permitted for personal necessities, meals, telephone calls and rest.
5. The officer will be provided, without unnecessary delay, a copy of written statements and recordings they have made.
6. The officer under interrogation shall have the right to counsel present at the interrogation and/or to have a member of the Union present during the interrogation. The Union representative shall not be involved in the incident and must be authorized to act on behalf of the Union.
7. GPS shall not be used as a primary source of investigation in considering disciplinary action. The Department shall not use stored GPS data to discipline an officer unless the discipline is likely to be a suspension of three (3) or more days.
8. The investigation shall not be unreasonably or arbitrarily delayed.
9. Whenever the results of an investigation result in discipline, the officer shall, upon request, be provided a complete copy of the investigation.

10. Department Criminal Investigations

The provisions of this Side Letter do not apply to criminal investigations in which the Department acts in its capacity as a law enforcement agency to investigate potential violations of criminal law. In addition to being afforded Miranda rights as required by law, an officer interviewed as part of a criminal investigation will be informed in writing that:

- a. the interview relates to a criminal investigation; and
- b. the Department is acting as a law enforcement agency, and not as the officer's employer and thus no adverse employment action will be taken against the employee for refusing to participate in the interview; and
- c. the officer is free to choose not to participate in the interview and/or leave at any time.

Ronnie DeBeauvoir
For the State of Illinois
By [Signature]

February 13, 2024
Date

[Signature]
For the ILFOP Labor Council

2/13/2024
Date

SIDE LETTER

MILITARY PERSONNEL

The parties agree that the following practice shall continue: Any full-time employee who is a member of any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or any component of the Illinois National Guard shall be permitted to voluntarily change their work scheduled days off to accommodate their monthly military drill requirements.

Raven Sabatini
For the State of Illinois *By Evan Sabatini*

February 13, 2024
Date

Robert J. Smith
For the ILFOP Labor Council

2/13/2024
Date

SIDE LETTER

VOLUNTARY DETAIL LIST

The Employer shall establish a voluntary detail list to be used for disaster response, and/or in the event that the Department of Natural Resources Division of Law Enforcement provides specialized Law Enforcement assistance to other agencies and/or jurisdictions. Employees shall be given the opportunity to be included on or removed from the list at least every six months. When all considerations, (including but not limited to, skills, training and geographic assignment of the CPO,) are approximately equal, preference for assigning volunteers shall be given to the employee with the greatest seniority. In the event there are more assignments than qualified volunteers, the Employer reserves the right to mandate additional assignments. Mandates assignments shall be assigned in reverse seniority order, giving consideration to qualifications and the geographic location of the assignment.


For the State of Illinois 

February 13, 2024
Date


For the ILFOP Labor Council

2/13/2024
Date

**9-Hour Work Week Pilot Program
Between
The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)
And
The Department of Natural Resources (DNR)**

The parties agree to the following pilot program regarding a nine (9) hour work ^{day RGT} week. The following contract sections of Article VII Hours of Work, Article XII Leaves of Absence Other Than Sick Leave and Illness and Injury Leave, XIII Sick Leave and Illness and Injury Leave, and XV Vacation shall apply during the pilot program.

Section 7.1. Limitation

This Article shall not be construed as a guarantee or limitation on the number of hours per day or days per week.

Section 7.2. Definition

The workweek is defined as a regularly reoccurring period of 168 hours consisting of seven (7) consecutive 24-hour periods beginning Sunday and ending Saturday. An employee's normal workweek shall consist of thirty- six (36) to forty-five (45) hours as shown in the work schedule table in Section 7.3 listed below.

Beginning January 1, 2024, the normal workday is defined as nine (9) consecutive hours, unless a split shift is approved District Sergeant or Zone Commander. The "9 hours schedule" will be reviewed for efficiency no later than October 15, 2025. The schedule shall not be changed without mutual agreement of the union and the employer.

No later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the beginning of a work period fifteen (15) days, employees shall submit their proposed work schedule to the appropriate supervisor. This schedule shall consist of three blocks of time, all of which shall be eleven (11) hours in length in which the submitting Officer will be expected to work a 9-hour block of time within the following time frames referred to as A, B, and C shifts.

A- shift shall be between 5:00 am to 4:00 pm

B- shift shall be between 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

C- shift shall be between 3:00 pm to 2:00 am

The Employer may change the schedule submitted by an officer for a legitimate operational need. In the event a schedule is changed due to legitimate operational need, the seniority shall prevail, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise.

Nothing herein shall prohibit the employee from making changes within the work period to their shift or days off due to operational need after giving forty-eight (48) hour notice and receiving

supervisory approval. Nothing in this paragraph prevents a supervisor from granting time off with less than forty-eight (48) hours' notice.

The Employer shall have the ability to deviate shift hours outside the above referenced A, B, and C, due to legitimate operational needs. It is understood that the nature of a job as a CPO requires the working of varied hours with seasonal changes. CPOs shall frequently vary their work shift throughout the year.

Section 7.3. Work Schedules

The work schedules shall be the following:

Field CPOs work schedules shall be the following:

Table showing Sunday through Saturday

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Line 1	W	W	W	W	W	RDO	RDO
Line 2	RDO	W	W	W	W	W	RDO
Line 3	RDO	RDO	W	W	W	W	W
Line 4	RDO	RDO	RDO	W	W	W	W
Line 5	W	RDO	RDO	RDO	W	W	W
Line 6	W	W	RDO	RDO	RDO	W	W
Line 7	W	W	W	RDO	RDO	RDO	W
Line 8	W	W	W	W	RDO	RDO	RDO

Table showing full 8-day rotation

Day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Line 1	W	W	W	W	W	RDO	RDO	RDO
Line 2	RDO	W	W	W	W	W	RDO	RDO
Line 3	RDO	RDO	W	W	W	W	W	RDO
Line 4	RDO	RDO	RDO	W	W	W	W	W
Line 5	W	RDO	RDO	RDO	W	W	W	W
Line 6	W	W	RDO	RDO	RDO	W	W	W
Line 7	W	W	W	RDO	RDO	RDO	W	W
Line 8	W	W	W	W	RDO	RDO	RDO	W

Once a CPO is placed in a District, the CPO shall be placed in one of eight rotating days off schedules.

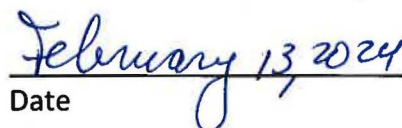
The 9-hour workday pilot program consists of 8-day off lines numbered 1 through 8. If any district has more than 8 officers assigned to it, some lines will be duplicated, meaning more than one officer may be assigned to a specific day off-line number. The specific day off lines that may be repeated will be decided by supervisory personnel. It is understood that some day off lines may

be more beneficial to officers than others for a variety of reasons. Day off lines will be assigned at the district level and will be offered in order of seniority to district officers unless there is a specific articulable reason given, in writing or other form of electronic communication, by the District Sergeant or Zone Commander to the affected officer. Day off lines will remain constant year to year for officers assigned to a particular district unless the District Sergeant can provide specific articulable reason(s) for moving a CPO from one day offline to another. This section of the agreement aims to demonstrate respect for seniority while balancing the operational needs of the department. In cases where all things are equal, seniority will receive preference in day offline selection unless there is a specific, documented operational requirement to do otherwise.


Benefit Time shall be earned and used in accordance with Article XII Leaves of Absence Other Than Sick Leave and Illness and Injury Leave, XIII Sick Leave and Illness and Injury Leave, and XV Vacation. All employees shall accumulate benefit time at the rate of eight (8) hours as outlined in the applicable article as listed above. Any benefit time used while on a nine (9) hour work schedule must be supplemented by additional benefit time.

Sick, Personal Business, Holiday, and Vacation time shall accrue and be utilized in accordance with the prior eight (8) hour workday.


For the State of Illinois 


Date


For the ILFOP Labor Council


Date

FOP - RC061

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2023

GENERAL INCREASE: 4.00%

NORMAL STEP PROGRESSION

JOB CODE	JOB TITLE	SALARY PLAN	PAY FORMULA	STEP 1C	STEP 1B	STEP 1A	STEP 01	STEP 02	STEP 03	STEP 04	STEP 05	STEP 06	STEP 07
09345	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER TRAINEE	RC061/10/Q-09345	ALTERNATIVE				4675	4860					
09341	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER I	RC061/20/Q-09341	ALTERNATIVE				5827	6106	6547	6854	7175	7518	7518
09342	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER II	RC061/30/Q-09342	ALTERNATIVE						6647	6954	7274	7615	7615

LONGEVITY STEP PROGRESSION

JOB CODE	JOB TITLE	SALARY PLAN	PAY FORMULA	STEP 1C	STEP 1B	STEP 1A	STEP 01	STEP 02	STEP 03	STEP 04	STEP 05	STEP 06	STEP 07
LONGEVITY PAY STEPS				9 YRS.	10 YRS.	12.5 YRS.	14 YRS.	15 YRS.	17.5 YRS.	20 YRS.	21 YRS.	22.5 YRS.	25 YRS.
09341	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER I	RC061/21/Q-09341	ALTERNATIVE	7875	8337	8542	8542	8669	8669	8669	8698	8698	8698
09342	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER II	RC061/31/Q-09342	ALTERNATIVE	7973	8434	8643	8643	9173	9600	10055	10181	10651	11145

FOP - RC061

EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2024

GENERAL INCREASE: 2.50%

NORMAL STEP PROGRESSION

JOB CODE	JOB TITLE	SALARY PLAN	PAY FORMULA	STEP 1C	STEP 1B	STEP 1A	STEP 01	STEP 02	STEP 03	STEP 04	STEP 05	STEP 06	STEP 07
09345	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER TRAINEE	RC061/10/Q-09345	ALTERNATIVE				4792	4982					
09341	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER I	RC061/20/Q-09341	ALTERNATIVE				5973	6259	6711	7025	7354	7706	7706
09342	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER II	RC061/30/Q-09342	ALTERNATIVE						6813	7128	7456	7805	7805

LONGEVITY STEP PROGRESSION

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09341	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER I	RC061/21/Q-09341	ALTERNATIVE	8072	8545	8756	8756	8886	8886	8886	8915	8915	8915
09342	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER II	RC061/31/Q-09342	ALTERNATIVE	8172	8645	8859	8859	9402	9840	10306	10436	10917	11424

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EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2024

GENERAL INCREASE: 4.00%

NORMAL STEP PROGRESSION

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09341	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER I	RC061/20/Q-09341	ALTERNATIVE				6212	6509	6979	7306	7648	8014	8014
09342	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER II	RC061/30/Q-09342	ALTERNATIVE						7086	7413	7754	8117	8117

LONGEVITY STEP PROGRESSION

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09341	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER I	RC061/21/Q-09341	ALTERNATIVE	8395	8887	9106	9106	9241	9241	9241	9272	9272	9272
09342	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER II	RC061/31/Q-09342	ALTERNATIVE	8499	8991	9213	9213	9778	10234	10718	10853	11354	11881

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EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2025

GENERAL INCREASE: 3.95%

NORMAL STEP PROGRESSION

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09341	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER I	RC061/20/Q-09341	ALTERNATIVE				6457	6766	7255	7595	7950	8331	8331
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09341	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER I	RC061/21/Q-09341	ALTERNATIVE	8727	9238	9466	9466	9606	9606	9606	9638	9638	9638
09342	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER II	RC061/31/Q-09342	ALTERNATIVE	8835	9346	9577	9577	10164	10638	11141	11282	11802	12350

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EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2026

GENERAL INCREASE: 3.50%

NORMAL STEP PROGRESSION

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09341	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER I	RC061/20/Q-09341	ALTERNATIVE				6683	7003	7509	7861	8228	8623	8623
09342	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER II	RC061/30/Q-09342	ALTERNATIVE						7624	7976	8342	8733	8733

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09341	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER I	RC061/21/Q-09341	ALTERNATIVE	9032	9561	9797	9797	9942	9942	9942	9975	9975	9975
09342	CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER II	RC061/31/Q-09342	ALTERNATIVE	9144	9673	9912	9912	10520	11010	11531	11677	12215	12782

APPENDIX B - ZONE MAP



APPENDIX C - DUES AUTHORIZATION FORM

**ILLINOIS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE
LABOR COUNCIL
974 CLOCK TOWER DRIVE
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62704**

I, _____ (insert your name), understand that under the U.S. Constitution I have a right not to belong to a union. By my signature I hereby waive this right and opt to join the IL FOP Labor Council.

I, _____ (insert your name), hereby authorize my Employer, _____ (insert Employer name), to deduct from my wages the uniform amount of monthly dues set by the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, for expenses connected with the cost of negotiating and maintaining the collective bargaining agreement between the parties and to remit such dues to the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council as it may from time to time direct. In addition, I authorize my Employer to deduct from my wages any back dues owed to the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council from the date of my employment, in such manner as it so directs.

Date: _____ Signed: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
Personal e-mail: _____

Employment Start Date: _____
Title: _____

Employer, please remit all dues deductions to:

Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council
Attn: Accounting
974 Clock Tower Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62704
(217) 698-9433

Dues remitted to the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes; however, they may be deductible on Schedule A of Form 1040 as a miscellaneous deduction. Please check with your tax preparer regarding deductibility.

APPENDIX D - GRIEVANCE FORM

(use additional sheets where necessary)

Lodge/Unit No.: _____

Year: _____

Grievance No.: _____



Date Filed: _____

Department: _____

Grievant's Name: _____

Last

First

M.I.

STEP ONE

Date of Incident or Date Knew of Facts Giving Rise to Grievance: _____

Article(s)/Sections(s) violated: _____, and all applicable Articles

Briefly state the facts: _____

Remedy Sought: _____, in part and in whole, make grievant(s) whole.

Given To: _____ Date: _____

Grievant's Signature

FOP Representative Signature

EMPLOYER'S RESPONSE

Employer Representative Signature

Position

Person to Whom Response Given

Date

STEP TWO

Reasons for Advancing Grievance: _____

Given To: _____ Date: _____

Grievant's Signature

FOP Representative Signature

EMPLOYER'S RESPONSE

Employer Representative Signature

Position

Person to Whom Response Given

Date

Lodge/Unit No.:

Year:

Grievance No.:

STEP THREE

Reasons for Advancing Grievance: _____

Given To: _____ Date: _____

Grievant's Signature

FOP Representative Signature

EMPLOYER'S RESPONSE

Employer Representative Signature

Position

Person to Whom Response Given

Date

STEP FOUR

Reasons for Advancing Grievance: _____

Given To: _____ Date: _____

Grievant's Signature

FOP Representative Signature

EMPLOYER'S RESPONSE

Employer Representative Signature

Position

Person to Whom Response Given

Date

REFERRAL TO ARBITRATION by Illinois FOP Labor Council

Person to Whom Referral Given

Date

FOP Labor Council Representative

