

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2008 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-34-2008

Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Member Dean

Date of Introduction April 29, 2008

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Compensation and Benefits,

3 International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1619, AFL-CIO (Civilians)

4 Salary Schedule “H”

5 For the purpose of amending the Salary Plan of the County to reflect the terms of the labor
6 agreement by and between Prince George’s County and the International Association of Fire
7 Fighters, Local 1619, AFL-CIO (Civilians).

8 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 903 of Article IX of the Prince George’s County Charter
9 and Section 16-125(a) of the Prince George’s County Code, amendments to the County’s Salary
10 Plan are to be submitted to the County Council in resolution form; and

11 WHEREAS, the Salary Plan must at this time be amended by the approval of a salary
12 schedule to reflect the terms of the labor agreement by and between Prince George’s County and
13 the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1619, AFL-CIO (Civilians).

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
15 County, Maryland, that Salary Schedule “H” submitted and recommended by the County
16 Executive on April 11, 2008, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, setting forth the
17 following modifications: cost of living increases in Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009; merit increases
18 in Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009; wage scale adjustments; health insurance; clothing allowance;
19 training and education; and wellness and fitness, be and the same is hereby approved.

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2008.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Samuel H. Dean
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____
Jack B. Johnson
County Executive

SALARY SCHEDULE H

SCHEDULE OF PAY GRADES

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS

LOCAL 1619, CIVILIANS

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2009

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1. SCHEDULED PAY RATES

**SALARY SCHEDULE H
EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 2006
FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
H02		
HOURLY	8.0408	16.6098
WEEKLY	643.27	1328.79
ANNUAL	16,725	34,548
H03		
HOURLY	8.4255	17.4186
WEEKLY	674.04	1393.49
ANNUAL	17,525	36,231
H04		
HOURLY	8.8296	18.2677
WEEKLY	706.36	1461.41
ANNUAL	18,365	37,997
H05		
HOURLY	9.2536	19.1593
WEEKLY	740.29	1532.74
ANNUAL	19,247	39,851
H06		
HOURLY	9.6988	20.0954
WEEKLY	775.90	1607.63
ANNUAL	20,173	41,798
H07		
HOURLY	10.1658	21.0779
WEEKLY	813.27	1686.23
ANNUAL	21,145	43,842
H08		
HOURLY	10.6569	22.1101
WEEKLY	852.55	1768.81
ANNUAL	22,166	45,989
H09		
HOURLY	11.1725	23.1939
WEEKLY	893.80	1855.51
ANNUAL	23,239	48,243

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
H10		
HOURLY	11.7138	24.3320
WEEKLY	937.10	1946.56
ANNUAL	24,365	50,610
H11		
HOURLY	12.2821	25.5272
WEEKLY	982.57	2042.18
ANNUAL	25,547	53,097
H12		
HOURLY	12.8789	26.7813
WEEKLY	1030.31	2142.50
ANNUAL	26,788	55,705
H13		
HOURLY	13.5052	28.0987
WEEKLY	1080.42	2247.90
ANNUAL	28,091	58,445
H14		
HOURLY	14.1631	29.4817
WEEKLY	1133.05	2358.53
ANNUAL	29,459	61,322
H15		
HOURLY	14.8540	30.9340
WEEKLY	1188.32	2474.72
ANNUAL	30,896	64,343
H16		
HOURLY	15.5795	32.4591
WEEKLY	1246.36	2596.73
ANNUAL	32,405	67,515
H17		
HOURLY	16.3409	34.0601
WEEKLY	1307.27	2724.81
ANNUAL	33,989	70,845
H18		
HOURLY	17.1410	35.7414
WEEKLY	1371.28	2859.32
ANNUAL	35,653	74,342
H19		
HOURLY	17.9804	37.5070
WEEKLY	1438.44	3000.56
ANNUAL	37,399	78,015

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
H20		
HOURLY	18.8622	39.3605
WEEKLY	1508.97	3148.84
ANNUAL	39,233	81,870
H21		
HOURLY	19.7875	41.3063
WEEKLY	1583.00	3304.50
ANNUAL	41,158	85,917
H22		
HOURLY	20.7596	43.3502
WEEKLY	1660.77	3468.02
ANNUAL	43,180	90,168
H23		
HOURLY	21.7804	45.4957
WEEKLY	1742.43	3639.65
ANNUAL	45,303	94,631
H24		
HOURLY	22.8519	47.7488
WEEKLY	1828.15	3819.90
ANNUAL	47,532	99,318
H25		
HOURLY	23.9775	50.1144
WEEKLY	1918.20	4009.15
ANNUAL	49,873	104,238
H26		
HOURLY	25.1586	52.5985
WEEKLY	2012.69	4207.88
ANNUAL	52,330	109,405
H27		
HOURLY	26.3995	55.2066
WEEKLY	2111.96	4416.53
ANNUAL	54,911	114,830

The rates are the July 1, 2006 rates multiplied by 102.5%. For administrative purposes, the hourly rates are the controlling rates. Biweekly rates are hourly rates multiplied by 80 and rounded to the nearest cent. Annual rates are the hourly rates multiplied by 2,080 and rounded to the nearest dollar.

SALARY SCHEDULE H
EFFECTIVE JULY 8, 2007
FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
H02		
HOURLY	8.2418	17.0251
WEEKLY	649.70	1342.07
ANNUAL	16,892	34,894
H03		
HOURLY	8.6361	17.8541
WEEKLY	680.78	1407.43
ANNUAL	17,700	36,593
H04		
HOURLY	9.0503	18.7243
WEEKLY	713.43	1476.03
ANNUAL	18,549	38,377
H05		
HOURLY	9.4849	19.6383
WEEKLY	747.69	1548.07
ANNUAL	19,440	40,250
H06		
HOURLY	9.9412	20.5978
WEEKLY	783.66	1623.71
ANNUAL	20,375	42,216
H07		
HOURLY	10.4200	21.6048
WEEKLY	821.40	1703.09
ANNUAL	21,356	44,280
H08		
HOURLY	10.9233	22.6628
WEEKLY	861.08	1786.49
ANNUAL	22,388	46,449
H09		
HOURLY	11.4518	23.7738
WEEKLY	902.74	1874.07
ANNUAL	23,471	48,726

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
H10		
HOURLY	12.0066	24.9403
WEEKLY	946.48	1966.02
ANNUAL	24,608	51,117
H11		
HOURLY	12.5891	26.1654
WEEKLY	992.39	2062.60
ANNUAL	25,802	53,628
H12		
HOURLY	13.2009	27.4508
WEEKLY	1040.62	2163.93
ANNUAL	27,056	56,262
H13		
HOURLY	13.8428	28.8012
WEEKLY	1091.22	2270.38
ANNUAL	28,372	59,030
H14		
HOURLY	14.5172	30.2187
WEEKLY	1144.38	2382.12
ANNUAL	29,754	61,935
H15		
HOURLY	15.2253	31.7073
WEEKLY	1200.20	2499.47
ANNUAL	31,205	64,986
H16		
HOURLY	15.9690	33.2706
WEEKLY	1258.82	2622.69
ANNUAL	32,729	68,190
H17		
HOURLY	16.7494	34.9116
WEEKLY	1320.34	2752.06
ANNUAL	34,329	71,554
H18		
HOURLY	17.5695	36.6350
WEEKLY	1384.99	2887.91
ANNUAL	36,010	75,086

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
H19		
HOURLY	18.4300	38.4447
WEEKLY	1452.82	3030.57
ANNUAL	37,773	78,795
H20		
HOURLY	19.3337	40.3445
WEEKLY	1524.06	3180.33
ANNUAL	39,626	82,689
H21		
HOURLY	20.2822	42.3389
WEEKLY	1598.83	3337.55
ANNUAL	41,570	86,776
H22		
HOURLY	21.2786	44.4340
WEEKLY	1677.38	3502.70
ANNUAL	43,612	91,070
H23		
HOURLY	22.3249	46.6330
WEEKLY	1759.86	3676.05
ANNUAL	45,756	95,577
H24		
HOURLY	23.4232	48.9425
WEEKLY	1846.43	3858.10
ANNUAL	48,007	100,311
H25		
HOURLY	24.5770	51.3673
WEEKLY	1937.38	4049.24
ANNUAL	50,372	105,280
H26		
HOURLY	25.7876	53.9135
WEEKLY	2032.82	4249.96
ANNUAL	52,853	110,499

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
H27		
HOURLY	27.0595	56.5868
WEEKLY	2133.08	4460.69
ANNUAL	55,460	115,978

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**SALARY SCHEDULE H
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008
FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

H02		
HOURLY	8.2418	17.6209
WEEKLY	659.35	1409.68
ANNUAL	17,143	36,652
H03		
HOURLY	8.6361	18.4790
WEEKLY	690.89	1478.32
ANNUAL	17,963	38,436
H04		
HOURLY	9.0503	19.3797
WEEKLY	724.02	1550.38
ANNUAL	18,825	40,310
H05		
HOURLY	9.4849	20.3256
WEEKLY	758.79	1626.05
ANNUAL	19,729	42,277
H06		
HOURLY	9.9412	21.3187
WEEKLY	795.30	1705.50
ANNUAL	20,678	44,343
H07		
HOURLY	10.4200	22.3610
WEEKLY	833.60	1788.88
ANNUAL	21,674	46,511
H08		
HOURLY	10.9233	23.4560
WEEKLY	873.87	1876.48
ANNUAL	22,721	48,789
H09		
HOURLY	11.4518	24.6058
WEEKLY	916.15	1968.47
ANNUAL	23,820	51,180
H10		
HOURLY	12.0066	25.8132
WEEKLY	960.53	2065.05
ANNUAL	24,974	53,691

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
H11		
HOURLY	12.5891	27.0812
WEEKLY	1007.13	2166.49
ANNUAL	26,185	56,329
H12		
HOURLY	13.2009	28.4116
WEEKLY	1056.07	2272.93
ANNUAL	27,458	59,096
H13		
HOURLY	13.8428	29.8092
WEEKLY	1107.43	2384.74
ANNUAL	28,793	62,003
H14		
HOURLY	14.5172	31.2764
WEEKLY	1161.38	2502.11
ANNUAL	30,196	65,055
H15		
HOURLY	15.2253	32.8171
WEEKLY	1218.03	2625.37
ANNUAL	31,669	68,260
H16		
HOURLY	15.9690	34.4350
WEEKLY	1277.52	2754.80
ANNUAL	33,215	71,625
H17		
HOURLY	16.7494	36.1335
WEEKLY	1339.95	2890.68
ANNUAL	34,839	75,158
H18		
HOURLY	17.5695	37.9172
WEEKLY	1405.56	3033.38
ANNUAL	36,545	78,868
H19		
HOURLY	18.4300	39.7902
WEEKLY	1474.40	3183.22
ANNUAL	38,334	82,764
H20		
HOURLY	19.3337	41.7566
WEEKLY	1546.70	3340.53
ANNUAL	40,214	86,854

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
H21		
HOURLY	20.2822	43.8208
WEEKLY	1622.58	3505.66
ANNUAL	42,187	91,147
H22		
HOURLY	21.2786	45.9892
WEEKLY	1702.29	3679.13
ANNUAL	44,260	95,657
H23		
HOURLY	22.3249	48.2652
WEEKLY	1786.00	3861.22
ANNUAL	46,436	100,392
H24		
HOURLY	23.4232	50.6555
WEEKLY	1873.85	4052.44
ANNUAL	48,720	105,363
H25		
HOURLY	24.5770	53.1651
WEEKLY	1966.16	4253.21
ANNUAL	51,120	110,583
H26		
HOURLY	25.7876	55.8004
WEEKLY	2063.01	4464.03
ANNUAL	53,638	116,065
H27		
HOURLY	27.0595	58.5673
WEEKLY	2164.76	4685.38
ANNUAL	56,284	121,820

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**SALARY SCHEDULE H
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 17, 2008
FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
H02		
HOURLY	8.4479	18.0615
WEEKLY	675.83	1444.92
ANNUAL	17,572	37,568
H03		
HOURLY	8.8520	18.9410
WEEKLY	708.16	1515.28
ANNUAL	18,412	39,397
H04		
HOURLY	9.2766	19.8642
WEEKLY	742.12	1589.14
ANNUAL	19,295	41,318
H05		
HOURLY	9.7221	20.8338
WEEKLY	777.76	1666.70
ANNUAL	20,222	43,334
H06		
HOURLY	10.1898	21.8517
WEEKLY	815.18	1748.14
ANNUAL	21,195	45,452
H07		
HOURLY	10.6805	22.9200
WEEKLY	854.44	1833.60
ANNUAL	22,215	47,674
H08		
HOURLY	11.1964	24.0424
WEEKLY	895.71	1923.39
ANNUAL	23,289	50,008
H09		
HOURLY	11.7381	25.2210
WEEKLY	939.05	2017.68
ANNUAL	24,415	52,460
H10		
HOURLY	12.3068	26.4585
WEEKLY	984.55	2116.68
ANNUAL	25,598	55,034

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
H11		
HOURLY	12.9038	27.7582
WEEKLY	1032.31	2220.66
ANNUAL	26,840	57,737
H12		
HOURLY	13.5309	29.1219
WEEKLY	1082.47	2329.75
ANNUAL	28,144	60,574
H13		
HOURLY	14.1889	30.5545
WEEKLY	1135.11	2444.36
ANNUAL	29,513	63,553
H14		
HOURLY	14.8802	32.0583
WEEKLY	1190.41	2564.66
ANNUAL	30,951	66,681
H15		
HOURLY	15.6060	33.6375
WEEKLY	1248.48	2691.00
ANNUAL	32,460	69,966
H16		
HOURLY	16.3682	35.2959
WEEKLY	1309.46	2823.67
ANNUAL	34,046	73,415
H17		
HOURLY	17.1681	37.0369
WEEKLY	1373.45	2962.95
ANNUAL	35,710	77,037
H18		
HOURLY	18.0087	38.8651
WEEKLY	1440.70	3109.21
ANNUAL	37,458	80,839
H19		
HOURLY	18.8907	40.7850
WEEKLY	1511.26	3262.80
ANNUAL	39,293	84,833
H20		
HOURLY	19.8170	42.8005
WEEKLY	1585.36	3424.04
ANNUAL	41,219	89,025

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
H21		
HOURLY	20.7893	44.9163
WEEKLY	1663.14	3593.30
ANNUAL	43,242	93,426
H22		
HOURLY	21.8106	47.1389
WEEKLY	1744.85	3771.11
ANNUAL	45,366	98,049
H23		
HOURLY	22.8831	49.4718
WEEKLY	1830.65	3957.75
ANNUAL	47,597	102,901
H24		
HOURLY	24.0087	51.9219
WEEKLY	1920.70	4153.75
ANNUAL	49,938	107,998
H25		
HOURLY	25.1914	54.4942
WEEKLY	2015.31	4359.54
ANNUAL	52,398	113,348
H26		
HOURLY	26.4323	57.1954
WEEKLY	2114.58	4575.63
ANNUAL	54,979	118,967
H27		
HOURLY	27.7360	60.0315
WEEKLY	2218.88	4802.52
ANNUAL	57,691	124,865

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Min-Max System:

A. The min-max system in effect for all members of the bargaining unit will be replaced by the following modified "min-max" system.

1. Effective July 1, 1994:

a. The minimum and maximum pay rates for employees covered by this salary schedule are established on the attached schedules of pay rates for employees in the job classifications listed in Article I of the Agreement.

b. Merit steps will have the value of three and one-half percent (3.5%). An employee will be eligible to advance to the next merit step for his/her grade on his/her anniversary date at the rate of one (1) step per year provided that he/she receives a satisfactory performance evaluation for the preceding year.

c. (1) If, upon the granting of a three and one-half percent (3.5%) merit increase, an employee's salary is one percent (1%) or less from the applicable maximum rate, the employee will have his/her salary rate adjusted to the applicable maximum rate.

(2) If upon the granting of a three and one-half percent (3.5%) merit increase, an employee's salary rate is greater than one percent (1%) but less than three and one-half percent (3.5%) from the applicable maximum rate, the employee upon satisfactory completion of one (1) additional year of service, will have his/her salary rate adjusted to the applicable maximum rate.

d. Upon promotion an employee's salary rate shall be the greater of a ten percent (10%) increase over his/her current rate or a ten percent (10%) increase above the stated minimum for the grade to which he/she is promoted.

e. Steps for the purpose of demotions, discipline, and reallocations, shall be at a rate of five percent (5%) and shall be governed by the Personnel Law.

f. The maximum pay rate at each grade will be increased by an additional five percent (5%) on July 1, 1994.

g. Employees covered by this salary schedule and hired before July 1, 1993 will keep the anniversary dates that they held on July 1, 1993 for as long as they are continuously employed. Employees hired on or after July 1, 1993 will have as their anniversary dates the dates of their initial appointment and those anniversary dates will not be changed while those employees are continuously employed.

h. Amend the Pay Scale effective July 4, 1999 to supercede the modification effective July 1, 1998, described in the previous paragraph, and provide the following longevity steps:

L1 - Three percent (3%) above the maximum rate, to which an employee will be eligible to advance after completing seventeen (17) years of service.

L2 - Three percent (3%) above the L1 rate, to which an employee will be eligible to advance after completing nineteen (19) years of service.

L3 - Three percent (3%) above the L2 rate, to which an employee will be eligible to advance after completing twenty-two (22) years of service.

L4 - Three percent (3%) above the L3 rate, to which an employee will be eligible to advance after completing twenty-five (25) years of service.

L5 - Two and one-half percent (2.5%) above the L4 rate, to which an employee will be eligible to advance after completing twenty-eight (28) years of service.

2. The longevity steps, described above, will be phased in as follows:

a. Beginning in FY2000, advancement to a longevity step will be effective on an employee's anniversary date.

b. An employee at the maximum rate (or the current longevity rate), whose anniversary date falls between July 1 and July 3, 1999, and who has completed the required years of service for a longevity step (after subtracting two (2) years for lack of credit toward a merit increase during FY96 and FY97) will advance to the first (or next) longevity step, as appropriate, effective on July 4, 1999.

c. An employee, whose years of service (after subtracting two (2) years for lack of credit toward a merit increase during FY96 and FY97) would otherwise warrant his/her advancement by more than a single longevity step during FY2000, will only advance at the rate of one longevity step per fiscal year until the employee reaches the longevity step appropriate for his/her years of service (adjusted for two (2) years' lack of credit toward a merit increase during FY96 and FY97).

3. Effective July 1, 2001, amend the Pay Scale to provide for the following modifications:

a. The maximum rate in effect on June 30, 2001 is increased one and seven-tenths percent (1.7%).

b. Longevity Steps are adjusted as follows:

L1 - Three percent (3%) above the maximum rate, to which an employee will be eligible to advance after completing seventeen (17) years of service.

L2 - Three percent (3%) above the L1 rate, to which an employee will be eligible to advance after completing nineteen (19) years of service.

L3 - Three percent (3%) above the L2 rate, to which an employee will be eligible to advance after completing twenty-one (21) years of service.

L4 - Three percent (3%) above the L3 rate, to which an employee will be eligible to advance after completing twenty-three (23) years of service.

L5 - Three percent (3%) above the L4 rate, to which an employee will be eligible to advance after completing twenty-five (25) years of service.

L6 - Two and one half percent (2.5%) above the L5 rate, to which an employee will be eligible to advance after completing twenty-seven (27) years of service.

4. Effective July 1, 2003, amend the Pay Scale to provide for the following modification:

L6 – Three percent (3%) above the L5 rate, to which an employee will be eligible to advance after completing twenty-seven (27) years of service.

5. Effective July 1, 2005, L6 will become the new maximum pay rate and will be increased by two and one-half percent (2.5%). There will no longer be steps L1 through L6, only minimum and maximum pay rates. Employees who are at max on July 1, 2005, will receive this increase on their anniversary date. Effective July 1, 2006, the maximum pay rate will be increased again by two and one-half percent (2.5%). Employees, who are at max on July 1 2006, will receive this increase on their anniversary date.

6. An employee, whose years of service (after subtracting two (2) years for lack of credit toward a merit increase during FY96 and FY97) would otherwise warrant his/her advancement by more than a single longevity step during FY2006 or FY2007, will only advance at the rate of one longevity step per fiscal year until the employee reaches the longevity step appropriate for his/her years of service (adjusted for two (2) years' lack of credit toward a merit increase during FY96 and FY97).

7. Effective July 1, 2008, the maximum pay rate will be increased by three and one-half percent (3.5%).

2. MERIT INCREASES

A. Employees covered by this Salary Schedule who would otherwise be entitled to receive a merit anniversary increase during the period from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, will receive one.

B. Employees covered by this Salary Schedule who would otherwise be entitled to receive a merit anniversary increase during the period from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, will receive one.

3. COST OF LIVING

A. Effective the first full pay period beginning on or after July 1, 2007, employees covered by this Salary Schedule will receive a two and one-half percent (2.5%) increase in their base hourly rates of pay.

B. Effective the first full pay period beginning on or after August 17, 2008, employees covered by this Salary Schedule will receive a two and one-half percent (2.5%) increase in their base hourly rates of pay. (The Fiscal Year 2009 COLA is delayed by three (3) pay periods in order to offset the cost of the increase in the maximum pay rate on July 1, 2008.)

4. WORKWEEK

The workweek is the seven (7) consecutive day period commencing at 12.01 a.m. Sunday, and ending the following Saturday at midnight.

5. HOURS OF WORK

A. The normal work shift for full-time employees covered by this Salary Schedule will be between 0800 and 1700 hours, Monday through Friday, unless on shift work or alternative work schedule.

B. Breaks

Breaks will be scheduled at times designated by the supervisor on duty.

6. OVERTIME PAY

A. Provided the employee is in a pay status for the total of his/her regularly scheduled hours during a workweek, an employee covered by this Salary Schedule who is authorized to and who works in excess of his/her scheduled hours (40) shall have the option of receiving pay at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) hours for each overtime hour worked or, with management approval, the option of receiving compensatory time at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) hours for each overtime hour worked. Employees will be given the opportunity to use compensatory time earned for overtime pursuant to departmental procedures.

B. Calculation of Overtime

Each hour of overtime shall be compensated as follows:

0-7 minutes	-No compensation
8-22 minutes	-One-quarter hour wages at 1.5 times
23-37 minutes	-One-half hour wages at 1.5 times
38-52 minutes	-Three-quarter hour wages at 1.5 times
53-67 minutes	-One (1) hour of wages at 1.5 times

7. ALTERNATIVE WORK SCHEDULES

Employees will be given an opportunity to participate in the Alternative Work Schedule (AWS) Program as described in the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department H-Scale Employee's Alternate Work Schedule (AWS) Program dated March 2, 2000.

8. SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

A. Any full-time employee whose regularly assigned tour of duty requires that at least fifty percent (50%) of the standard workday be between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. will be eligible for shift differential pay of seventy cents (0.70) per hour for all hours actually worked between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

B. Shift differential is considered as premium pay and shall not be included in the rate of base pay used to compute:

1. all leave categories as provided in Division 17 of the Personnel Law;
2. holiday premium pay; and,
3. retirement and insurance deductions and benefits.

9. CALL-BACK PAY

An employee who is called back from off-duty, and does in fact perform duties on behalf of the Prince George's County Fire Department during his/her normal off-duty hours by authority of the County Fire Chief, shall be paid the minimum of four (4) hours at one and one-half (1.5) times his/her regular rate of pay. This provision shall not apply to administrative hearings or disciplinary procedures that affect the employee. However, Management will attempt to schedule such hearings and/or procedures during the normal duty hours of the employee; or, at a time mutually agreeable to both parties.

10. EARLY REPORTING TIME

A. An employee who is called in to work by career officers authorized by the County Fire Chief for two (2) hours or less immediately before his/her normally scheduled starting time shall be paid for such hours at one and one-half (1.5) times his/her regular rate of pay beginning with his/her regular starting time.

B. The provision of Section 9, Call-Back Pay, shall apply to an employee called in to work less than two (2) hours immediately before his/her regularly schedule starting time.

11. ACTING PAY

A. When an employee is assigned by the Employer to perform in an acting capacity substantially all the duties and responsibilities of any other position with a higher grade and does in fact assume the duties of that position for a period of greater than seven (7) consecutive days, he/she shall be paid at a rate of pay which is equivalent to a one-step increase or the minimum necessary to place the employee at the entry level rate of the higher grade, and shall continue to be paid at that rate of pay until relieved by the person for whom he/she is acting, or by a person of equal rank to that position, who is permanently assigned to that station or bureau.

B. Beginning with the forty-sixth (46th) consecutive day in such an acting capacity, an employee shall be paid at a rate of pay which is ten percent (10%) above his/her regular rate of pay or the minimum necessary to place the employee at the entry level rate of the higher grade, whichever is greater, while he or she continues to work in the acting capacity.

12. HOLIDAYS AND HOLIDAY PAY

A. The following shall be designated as holidays within the scope of this Salary Schedule.

New Year's Day	Veteran's Day
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Thanksgiving Day
Washington's Birthday	Christmas Day
Memorial Day	Presidential Inauguration Day (every 4 years)
Independence Day	County Employee's Appreciation Day
Labor Day	Fire Fighter Recognition Day (Friday before the observance of Memorial Day)
Columbus Day	

B. Further, beginning in the 1998 wage reporting year, employees covered by this Salary Schedule will be granted an additional four (4) hours of personal leave each wage reporting year in lieu of the former General Election Day Holiday.

C. If an employee works on a designated holiday, he/she shall be paid at the rate of two (2) times his/her regular rate of pay for all hours worked on the holiday and the employee shall not receive an additional day off.

13. STANDBY DUTY

A. There shall be two (2) tours of standby duty.

Monday 0700 - Friday 1500

Friday 1500 - Monday 0700

B. A bargaining unit employee required by the Fire Chief or his/her designee to be on standby during the Monday through Friday tour of duty shall be compensated at the rate of two (2) hours of compensatory time per day; the rate of compensation for the Friday through Monday tour shall be four (4) hours of compensatory time per day. The rate of compensation for standing by on a designated holiday shall be a total of eight (8) hours of compensatory time. An employee who is called back to active duty while on standby will receive no standby pay for the day on which the active duty was performed.

C. This section shall not apply to unusual circumstances which result in the Department's Emergency Operation Plan being placed into effect, provided that when a "yellow alert" is in effect for seventy-two (72) hours those affected employees shall receive one (1) day's pay. In addition, affected employees shall be compensated at a rate of one (1) day's pay for each subsequent seventy-two (72) hours on alert.

14. PAY WHILE ON I.O.J. LEAVE

Any employee who is on I.O.J. or disability leave shall receive all pay during said period as disability income.

15. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Effective Fiscal Year 2004, fire inspectors and fire investigators covered by this Salary Schedule shall receive a clothing allowance of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per year. This clothing allowance is not considered part of the employee's base pay, and will be paid in one (1) installment in July of each fiscal year. The County will provide fire inspectors with uniforms, safety equipment (including safety shoes and goggles) and overalls. Fire inspectors will have the option of wearing the above issued uniform or the appropriate civilian attire. The County will also provide heavy equipment mechanics and master equipment mechanics uniforms, safety shoes and mechanic tools. The Fire/EMS Department will also maintain the mechanic tools.

16. PREMIUM PAY

Effective Fiscal Year 2006, heavy equipment mechanics and master equipment mechanics shall receive a premium of ten cents (\$.10) per hour for each Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification in either the test series for Automobile (A1 through A8), Medium/Heavy Truck (T1 through T8), or the advanced level series L1 and L2. The premium shall be added to the base hourly wage at the time. Failure to maintain a certificate will result in forfeiture of the premium pay.

17. SICK LEAVE

Sick leave policies shall be administered in accordance with the Prince George's County Personnel Law requirements.

18. ANNUAL LEAVE

Annual leave policies shall be administered in accordance with the Prince George's County Personnel Law requirements.

1. A maximum of three hundred sixty (360) hours of accumulated annual leave earned beginning with the first pay period in the 1997 leave year (i.e., January 5, 1997) may be carried over from one leave year to the next by an employee (i.e., new annual leave).

2. An employee shall be allowed to carry over annual leave earned as of the last full pay period in leave year 1996 (i.e., old annual leave) even if such accumulated amount is in excess of the maximum allowed in Subsection 1., above, or in excess of the one hundred thirty (130) days maximum allowed in the first paragraph of former Section 6.2 of the Agreement.

3. Effective beginning with the 1997 leave year, new annual leave in excess of the three

hundred sixty (360) hours limit will convert to new sick leave.

19. SICK AND ANNUAL LEAVE DISPOSITION UPON SEPARATION

A. Effective beginning with the 1997 leave year (i.e. January 5, 1997), the annual and sick leave balances accumulated by an employee shall, upon the employee's separation from employment, with proper notice of separation, be liquidated in the following manner:

1. The employee may elect to retain all or any portion of the employee's sick and annual leave balances credited to the employee's leave record for the period of time equal to the employee's eligibility for reappointment as determined in accordance with Section 16-148(a)(8).

2. The employee may elect to apply all or any portion of the employee's sick and annual leave balances to employment elsewhere, provided another employer has agreed to accept accumulated sick or annual leave balances for credit on behalf of the employee.

3. The employee may elect to receive cash payment for all or any portion of the employee's annual leave balance in an amount equal to the total number of unused annual leave hours multiplied by the employee's final base hourly rate of pay, subject to the following:

a. Upon separation from employment, employees who participate in the Maryland State Retirement Systems (MSRS) may elect to receive a cash payment for the remainder of their annual leave hours that were accumulated as of the end of the 1996 leave year or up to three hundred sixty (360) hours of accumulated annual leave, whichever is greater. Any remaining amount would be converted to sick leave and could be applied to purchase MSRS pension credit at the applicable rate.

4. Upon separation from employment for non-disciplinary reasons (including but not limited to retirement, disability and death), eligible employees will receive cash payment for unused sick leave accumulated as of the end of the 1996 leave year at two and one-half percent (2.5%) for each year of service (through the date of separation) at the employee's base hourly rate of pay as of January 1, 1997. However, if a fire fighter with less than twenty (20) years of actual service terminates employment as a result of death or disability, he/she shall receive a fifty percent (50%) cash-out of unused accumulated sick leave as of the end of the 1996 leave year.

5. For individuals who participate in the MSRS plan, sick leave earned beginning with the first pay period in the 1997 leave year is not subject to cash payment but may be used to purchase MSRS pension credit at the applicable rate.

6. Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the contrary, an employee who is involuntarily separated from employment with the County for disciplinary reasons is not entitled to any payment for unused sick leave.

20. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave without pay may be granted for up to one (1) year when just cause for such leave is shown by the employee. Such leave shall be requested in writing and shall be subject to approval by the County Fire Chief or his/her designee and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. The County Fire Chief has the right to set reasonable limits on such leave.

21. PERSONAL LEAVE

Twenty-eight (28) hours of paid personal leave per leave year, including the four (4) hours in lieu of the General Election Holiday shall be granted to each employee eligible for annual leave. A personal leave day shall be requested and approved in advance of use. There shall be no accumulation of personal leave days and unused personal leave shall be forfeited at the end of the leave year or upon termination of employment. A personal leave day equals eight (8) hours. Personal leave may be taken in increments of four (4) hours.

22. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Members of the Unit shall be entitled to use accumulated sick leave for the purpose of bereavement when a death occurs in a member's family. A maximum amount of sick leave used shall not normally exceed three (3) working days. The term "family" shall mean and include the member's spouse, child, sister, brother, parent, mother and father-in-law, grandparent and aunt or uncle. Leave needed beyond three (3) days because of travel distance, religious requirements or other extenuating circumstances may be extended on a case-by-case basis, but in no instance shall such bereavement leave be approved beyond seven (7) working days. Effective with the 1994 leave year, the first three (3) days of bereavement leave taken upon the death of a parent, spouse or child will be administrative leave rather than sick leave.

23. DISCRETIONARY LEAVE

A. Employees covered by this Salary Schedule are eligible for and may take one (1) day of discretionary leave per leave year. Discretionary leave may be taken in increments and must be taken with reasonable advance notice and approved prior to use. A day of discretionary leave, like a day of holiday leave, shall consist of the number of hours in the employee's regularly scheduled work shift.

B. Employees covered by this Salary Schedule who have been employed as employees of Prince George's County for ten (10) or more years shall be eligible for one (1) day of discretionary leave per leave year in addition to the one (1) day of discretionary leave described in the above paragraph A, subject to the same limitations described in that paragraph.

C. Employees covered by this Salary Schedule who have been employed as employees of Prince George's County for fifteen (15) or more years shall be eligible for two (2) days of discretionary leave per leave year in addition to the one (1) day of discretionary leave described in the above paragraph A, subject to the same limitations described in that paragraph.

D. Employees who are receiving a pension for previous County service are prohibited from counting their pensioned years of service for paragraphs A., B., and C. above.

24. ADDITIONAL LEAVE PROVISION

In the event the County Executive grants administrative leave to non-essential County employees because of extreme inclement weather or other hazardous working conditions, which may prevent employees from reporting to work or which may require early release from work, those employees required by the Fire Department to perform duties will be entitled to receive one (1) hour of compensatory time for each hour worked during the emergency, in addition to any pay to which they are entitled for that period.

25. UNION LEAVE

A. Conferences and Seminars - Members of the bargaining unit shall be granted time to attend conventions and conferences without loss of pay or leave with prior approval of the County Fire Chief (not to be unreasonably withheld), and further provided that such meetings shall not exceed six (6) per fiscal year and that not more than two (2) members of the bargaining unit request such approval.

The County Fire Chief will be notified thirty (30) days in advance of such meetings. Notice of less than thirty (30) days will be accepted where there are unusual circumstances which prevent giving thirty (30) days notice. In no event shall notice be less than seven (7) days.

B. Leave for Negotiations - Employees (not to exceed three (3) in number) who, upon the request of the Union are excused from their regular assignment for the purpose of participating in negotiation sessions with representatives of the County, shall suffer no loss of pay or leave.

C. Union President - The President of the Union shall be granted administrative leave with pay as may be required for the purpose of discharging his official duties as Union President.

26. SICK LEAVE BANK

A. The Union shall have the right to maintain a "Sick Leave Bank" for the employees covered by this Salary Schedule. Such sick leave shall be accumulated through voluntary donations of sick leave by bargaining unit members. This leave may then be transferred to the account of another bargaining unit member with a zero annual and sick leave balance. Use of such transferred leave shall be limited to sickness or disability which incapacitates the employee.

B. The administration of this leave bank shall be the responsibility of the Union. The parties agree to develop an agreed to form to be used for transferring sick leave under this provision. The County agrees to maintain the records of the sick leave bank and shall only transfer sick leave from this bank to the account of an employee upon receiving written authorization from the Union.

C. The parties agree to participate in a Joint Study Committee in Fiscal Year 2004, to establish a policy for handling the Sick Leave Bank. A final report shall be submitted by March 31, 2004.

27. ADMINISTRATION OF LEAVE

The provisions governing the administration of the above types of leave as well as other types of leave (holiday, administrative, military, military leave without pay, disability, leave without pay, absence without leave, compensatory) are specified in Division 17 of the Personnel Law and Administrative Procedure 284.

28. GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE

A. In CY08, the County shall contribute seventy-four percent (74%) to the cost of the County's point-of-service health insurance plan for any employee/retiree (who retired on or after July 1, 1991) who elects to participate in the program. Participating employees shall contribute the remaining twenty-six percent (26%).

In CY09, the County shall contribute seventy-three percent (73%) to the cost of the County's point-of-service health insurance plan for any employee/retiree (who retired on or after July 1, 1991) who elects to participate in the program. Participating employees shall contribute the remaining twenty-seven percent (27%).

B. In CY08, the County shall contribute seventy-nine percent (79%) to the cost of a prepaid group health plan or Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) for any employee/retiree (who retired on or after July 1, 1991) who elects to participate in the program. Participating employees shall contribute the remaining twenty-one (21%).

In CY09, the County shall contribute seventy-eight percent (78%) to the cost of a prepaid group health plan or Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) for any employee/retiree (who retired on or after July 1, 1991) who elects to participate in the program. Participating employees shall contribute the remaining twenty-two (22%).

C. Employees who provide proof of other medical coverage may choose to receive a credit instead of enrolling in a medical plan with the County.

D. In CY08, the Employer shall contribute eighty nine percent (89%) to the County's deductible prescription drug and vision care programs for any employee or retiree (who retires on or after July 1, 1998) who elects to participate in either program. The participating employee shall contribute the remaining eleven percent (11%). Employees who choose not to enroll in the Prescription Drug Plan may choose to receive a credit instead.

In CY09, the County shall contribute eighty-eight percent (88%) to the County's deductible prescription drug and vision care programs for any employee or retiree (who retires on or after July 1, 1998) who elects to participate in either program. The participating employee shall contribute the remaining twelve percent (12%). Employees who choose not to enroll in the Prescription Drug Plan may choose to receive a credit instead.

E. The changes in premium contribution percentages (in paragraphs A, B and D) will not become effective unless and until collective bargaining agreements and/or necessary resolutions are approved by the County Council in effect providing that such changes are effective for all County employees. Changes will not be retroactive.

F. Two dental plans are available to employees, the cost of which is paid by the employee if the employee elects to enroll in the plan.

G. Employees may choose to enroll in a Long-Term Disability program offering fifty percent (50%) or sixty percent (60%) of annual salary up to normal social security retirement age. Employees will pay the full cost of whichever option is chosen.

H. Employees may contribute up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) in a dependent flexible spending account and up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) in a medical flexible spending account.

29. LIFE INSURANCE

A. The County shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the monthly premium for County life insurance for each employee in the amount of two (2) times the employee's annual salary up to a maximum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00). Employees may choose to increase their life insurance from one (1) to four (4) times their annual salary up to a total of seven hundred fifty thousand dollar (\$750,000.00) including the base amount provided by the County. Employees will pay for the increased coverage at rates based on their age and amount of coverage. Employees may choose to reduce their life insurance at one (1) times their annual salary and receive a credit.

B. The County shall pay a death benefit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) upon the death of any employee covered by this Salary Schedule whose death results from an accidental personal injury arising out of and in the course of his/her employment.

30. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Employees who are separated from County service may be entitled to unemployment compensation provided that they meet eligibility requirements established by Federal and/or State regulations.

31. RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

A. Employees paid in accordance with this Salary Schedule and who are eligible for enrollment in the Maryland State Retirement System shall pay retirement contributions at the rate of five percent (5%) or seven percent (7%) of base salary, depending on plan option selected.

B. Current participants in the Maryland State Retirement System may transfer to the Employee's Pension System, which is non-contributory up to the Social Security Wage Base.

C. All classified employees hired on or after January 1, 1980, must enroll in the Employee's Pension System.

D. The County's contribution rate shall be that amount as established from time to time by the State. Employee contributions (where applicable) shall be made through payroll deductions. If changes/improvements in retirement benefits are made, then contributions may be adjusted accordingly.

32. SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT BENEFIT

A. Benefit Accrual and Amounts

1. Effective July 1, 1992, employees covered by this Salary Schedule shall commence participation in a supplemental retirement benefit program. The supplemental retirement program will be jointly funded through County and employee contributions as described in paragraph d (Funding) below. The rate of accrual and amount of the benefit payable under this program are determined as follows:

a. Benefit accrual is at the rate of 0.6% times the number of years of actual and continuous service the employee has as a full-time Prince George's County employee, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) years of actual and continuous service, multiplied by the employee's average annual compensation, as determined pursuant to paragraph E, below.

b. Pursuant to paragraph a., above, the maximum benefit payable to any eligible employee is fifteen percent (15%) of the employee's average annual compensation, as determined pursuant to paragraph e, below.

B. Vesting

1. Minimum Continuous Service Requirements

No employee covered by this Salary Schedule shall be entitled to any benefit described in this Section until the employee has completed a minimum of five (5) years of actual and continuous service as an employee for Prince George's County.

2. Vested Benefit

An employee completing the minimum continuous service requirements of paragraph B.1., above, shall be entitled to receive a monthly benefit as determined pursuant to paragraph A.1.a., above; provided, however, that no employee terminated for disciplinary reasons will be entitled to any benefit under this Section.

C. Benefit Payment

The benefit accrued by an employee under either paragraphs A or B, above, shall not be payable until retirement at the earlier of age fifty-five (55) and fifteen (15) years of service or age sixty-two (62) and five (5) years of service; or after thirty (30) years of service regardless of age.

D. Funding

Except for the cost of the benefit increase effective June 30, 2001, as provided in paragraph G, below--which cost shall be the responsibility of the County--the cost of funding this supplemental retirement plan for all participating employees, as determined by the Plan's actuary, will be shared on an equal basis by the employees and the County through regular contributions each pay period.

E. Definitions

1. Actual Service means service while employed as an employee of Prince George's County.

2. Average Annual Compensation means an amount computed by dividing by three the compensation actually received by an employee during whatever period of thirty-six (36) consecutive months of continuous service will provide the largest total compensation for any such period.

3. Compensation means the basic compensation actually received by an employee for service rendered as an employee for Prince George's County, excluding any overtime or other premium pay, bonuses or other additional compensation.

4. Continuous Service means the most recent unbroken period of employment as an employee of Prince George's County.

F. Representative on Supplemental Pension Board

Effective when this Salary Schedule is enacted into law, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1619 shall nominate one (1) representative to the Board of Trustees of the Fire Fighters Supplemental Pension Plan to the County Executive.

G. Pension Plan Modifications effective in FY98 and FY99

Credit for CETA Service. The Supplemental Retirement Plan for employees covered by this salary schedule will be amended to permit those plan participants who were hired before July 1, 1980, as CETA employees to receive credit for that service toward normal retirement provided this can be achieved at no additional cost to the County or to the Supplemental Retirement Plan.

H. Pension Plan Modifications effective in FY00

Benefit Increase. Effective June 30, 1999, the benefit accrual rate in paragraph A above, shall be increased from 0.6% to 0.8% per year for up to twenty-five (25) years of service for an increase in the maximum benefit from fifteen percent (15%) to twenty percent (20%).

I. Pension Plan Modifications effective in FY02

Benefit Increase. Effective July 1, 2001, the benefit accrual rate in G. above, shall be increased from 0.8% to 1.0% per year for up to thirty (30) years of service for an increase in the maximum benefit from twenty percent (20%) to thirty percent (30%).

J. Hold Harmless Benefit Calculation For any employee covered by this Salary Schedule who retires during the period from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2009, "Average Annual compensation" as that term is defined in the Supplemental Retirement Plan, will be calculated as if the employee had received all merit step increases in Fiscal Year 1996 and 1997 on his /her anniversary date that the employee would otherwise have been eligible to receive but for the deferral of such step increase in that year.

K. IRS Pickup Plan

1. The County shall pick up, within the meaning of Section 414(h) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, the employee contributions required by Section D (Funding) hereof. Such amounts:

a. are designated as employee contributions to be picked up by the County within the meaning of Section 414(h) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code and shall be treated as employer contributions in determining the tax treatment of such amounts under that section;

b. shall reduce the taxable compensation of the employee in an amount that equals the employee contributions picked up by the County;

c. shall be paid by the County from the same source of funds that is used to pay compensation to the employee;

d. shall, for all other purposes, be treated in the same manner and to the same extent as employee contributions made before establishment of the pickup plan.

2. Employees shall not be entitled to receive such amounts directly in lieu of having such amounts picked up by the County. This pickup plan becomes effective for pay periods beginning on or after its approval by the County Executive and the County Council. The County shall apply to the Internal Revenue Service for a private letter ruling with respect to the pickup plan, but neither the application nor the receipt of such a ruling are prerequisites to the implementation of the pickup plan.

33. SOCIAL SECURITY

A. Effective January 1, 2008, the County and each employee paid in accordance with this Salary Schedule shall make contributions to the Social Security fund of 7.65% of the first one hundred and two thousand dollars (\$102,000.00) and 1.45% of the remainder paid in wages per employee per calendar year. Employee contributions shall be made through payroll deductions.

B. Subsequent changes in the Social Security tax rate and/or the taxable wage base as enacted through Federal legislation shall be applied in computing Social Security contributions by the County and each employee.

34. MILITARY LEAVE

Any employee called up to active military service in response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the resultant war on terrorism or other military action shall be eligible for the benefits set forth herein: Payment of a salary supplement equal to the difference between the employee's base rate of pay and the employee's base military rate of pay, without the exhaustion of the employee's annual, personal and compensatory leave balances. Eligibility for health care benefits to continue once the employee enters a leave without pay status with both the employer and employee contributions of the premium being paid by the County. These benefits shall expire on February 26, 2009.

35. PRINCE GEORGE'S PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS P.A.C. PAYROLL DEDUCTION

The County agrees to deduct on a biweekly basis from the payroll checks of employees covered by this Salary Schedule who so request in writing voluntary contributions to the Prince George's Professional Fire Fighters P.A.C. payroll deduction fund. The Union agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County from any loss or damages arising from the operations of this provision.

36. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The County will provide at its own cost all benefits due to an employee pursuant to the Maryland Worker's Compensation Law, Title 9 of the Maryland Labor and Employment Code Annotated.

37. INCENTIVE AWARDS

To the extent that funds have been appropriated for such purpose, employees may be granted incentive awards, subject to the provisions of Section 16-209 of the Personnel Law.

38. TRAINING CERTIFICATION PAY

A. Employees who wish to renew their Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification shall be allowed to take any required training while on duty. All employees covered by this Salary Schedule shall have the option of attending up to forty (40) hours of training related to their field or FIRE/EMS related subjects each year while on duty. This training shall be subject to the Fire Chief's approval but not unreasonably withheld.

B. Effective July 1, 2007, employees will receive three hundred dollars (\$300.00) with the requirement that they must complete a forty-four (44) hour class during work hours for "First Responders" course. Effective July 1, 2008, employees will receive three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) per year, so long as the certification for the above course remains valid.

C. The Department will provide at least one (1) initial First Responder Course and at least one (1) refresher for the First Responder Course each fiscal year so long as there are five (5) employees registered and in attendance for each course.

D. For the purpose of this section, any employee who has an emergency medical certification recognized by the State of Maryland that is higher than First Responder may also receive this pay.

39. WELLNESS AND FITNESS

A. The Department will provide the initial training for at least one (1) "Peer Fitness Trainer."

B. Peer Fitness Trainers shall be compensated at a rate of one and one-half percent (1 ½%) above their regular base rate of pay. This is inclusive of compensation for maintaining certification and shall be considered part of the employee's base rate of pay (for the purposes of overtime). The Peer Fitness Trainer must complete the required continuing education on their own time and at their own expense.

C. The Department will allow the employees covered by this Salary Schedule a minimum of one and one-half (1 ½) hours two (2) days a week for physical fitness.

40. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the County that benefits afforded to employees in the Salary Plan are governed by the specific salary schedule to which an employee is currently assigned. If an employee is transferred, promoted, demoted, or in any way moves from one salary schedule to another, any benefits unique to or expressly a function of the former salary schedule are not carried over.