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Campos, Bland

Date of Introduction June 20, 2006

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Collective Bargaining Agreement – International Association of

3 Fire Fighters, Local 1619, AFL-CIO

4 (Civilians)

5 For the purpose of amending the labor agreement by and between Prince George's County,  
6 Maryland and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1619, AFL-CIO (Civilians) to  
7 provide for wage increases and certain other terms and conditions of employment for personnel  
8 classifications certified by the Prince George's County Public Employee Relations Board.

9 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

10 SUBTITLE 16. PERSONNEL.

11 Section 16-233(f)(20),

12 The Prince George's County Code

13 (2003 Edition, 2005 Supplement).

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
15 Maryland, that Section 16-233(f)(20) of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is  
16 hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

17 SUBTITLE 16. PERSONNEL.

18 DIVISION 19. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

19 **Sec. 16-233. General.**

20 (f) The following collective bargaining agreements are hereby adopted and approved.

21 (20) Declaration of Approval – International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1619,  
22 AFL-CIO (Civilians).

1       The County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, having fully considered the  
2 labor agreement concluded between Prince George's County, Maryland and International  
3 Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1619, AFL-CIO on [March 26, 2004] May 12, 2006, hereby  
4 approves said Agreement for civilian employees in the Fire/EMS Department in accordance with  
5 the provisions of Section 13A-109 of the Prince George's County Code.

6       SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)  
7 calendar days after it becomes law and that the Agreement shall be retroactively effective to  
8 July 1, 2005.

Adopted this 18th day of July, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas E. Dernoga  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jack B. Johnson  
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

AGREEMENT MADE BY  
AND BETWEEN  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
AND  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS  
LOCAL 1619  
CIVILIAN BARGAINING UNIT  
JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007

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## **PURPOSE**

A. This Collective Bargaining Agreement (hereinafter the "Agreement") is entered into by Prince George's County, Maryland (hereinafter the "County") and Local 1619 International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO, (hereinafter the "Union" or the "IAFF"). It is the purpose of this Agreement to ensure that all work performed under it shall be performed efficiently, economically and without interruption.

B. In order to maintain a spirit of harmony, labor-management peace, and stability during the term of this Agreement, the parties agree to establish effective and binding methods for the settlement of all misunderstandings, disputes or grievances which may arise under the Agreement. Therefore, the IAFF agrees not to engage in any strike, and the County agrees not to engage in any lockout.

## **ARTICLE 1 -- RECOGNITION**

A. The County recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent of the civilian employees of the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department in the units for which it was certified by the Prince George's County Public Employee Relations Board. (See Attachment A.)

B. Effective July 1, 2001, subject to an amendment of certification by the Public Employee Relations Board, Fire Inspector I and Fire Inspector II are added to Unit I of this bargaining unit, Fire Inspector Supervisor, Property Standards Inspector IV and Community Developer IV are added to Unit III of this bargaining unit, hereinafter referred to as Civilian Employees of the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department. Effective July 1, 2005, subject to an amendment of certification by the Public Employee Relations Board, Heavy Equipment Mechanic I, II, and III are added to Unit I of this bargaining unit, Master Equipment Mechanic is added to Unit II; and Fire Inspector III is added to Unit III of this bargaining unit; hereinafter referred to as Civilian Employees of the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department.

C. The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to all unit members unless otherwise specified.

## **ARTICLE 2 -- EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

### **Section 2.1 Policy**

A. It is the policy of the County to provide equal opportunities in employment; to prohibit discrimination in employment against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, age, color, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, political affiliation, country of national origin, disability, marital status, or labor organization affiliation; and to promote and implement a positive and continuing program of equal employment opportunity.

B. It is the policy of the Union that it shall not discriminate against any employee or cause or attempt to cause the County to discriminate against any employee because of race, age, color, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, political affiliation, country of national origin, disability, marital status or labor organization affiliation.

C. The provisions of this Agreement shall be applied equally to all employees without discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, union or political affiliation, country of origin, age or disability.

### **ARTICLE 3 -- ORGANIZATIONAL SECURITY**

#### **Section 3.1 Union Membership**

All employees covered by this Agreement who are members of the Union or who elect to become members of the Union shall, pursuant to Section 3.2, remain members of the Union for the duration of this Agreement. All employees covered by this Agreement who elect not to become members of the Union shall be required, as a condition of continued employment, to pay a monthly service fee in an amount not greater than the monthly dues paid by members of the Union, which fees shall be remitted to the Union.

#### **Section 3.2 Check Off**

A. Upon the presentation by the Union of a list of the individual employees covered by this Agreement for each of whom the Union certifies to have on file a written authorization for dues deduction or service fee deduction duly executed by the employee, the Union shall be entitled to have such employees' membership dues or service fees deducted from their paychecks on a biweekly basis. Such authorization shall be irrevocable and automatically renewed from year to year thereafter unless revoked by the employee pursuant to Section 13A-108(c) of the Labor Code.

B. The amounts to be deducted shall be certified to the County by the Treasurer of the Union, and the aggregate deductions of all employees shall be remitted monthly to the Union along with an itemized statement.

C. The Union agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the County for any liability arising from the application of this Article.

D. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this contract, the Employer will not seek to encourage or discourage Union membership.

#### **Section 3.3 Conferences and Seminars**

A. 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.

B. 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.

#### **Section 3.4 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.

#### **Section 3.5 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.

#### **Section 3.6 Communication Distribution**

Provided always that the distribution needs of the Fire/EMS Department be paramount, the Union will be permitted to use the Fire/EMS Department's courier service for distribution of official Union communications. The President of Local 1619 shall be designated as a distributee of information distributed to the fire service.

#### **Section 3.7 Union Pins and Jackets**

The employees shall be allowed to wear a pin and/or watch fob showing their Fire/EMS Department Union affiliation on the official Fire/EMS Department uniform. Employees may wear an IAFF jacket with their uniform to and from work.

#### **Section 3.8 Non-participation in Volunteer Activities**

No career employee shall be required to participate in fundraising activities of a volunteer corporation (for example: bingos, crab feasts, or any business that relates to private volunteer corporations).

#### **Section 3.9 P.A.C. Deduction**

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

#### **Section 3.10 Job Security**

All employees covered by this Agreement, regardless of their tenure with the County will not be terminated from employment with Prince George's County for lack of work as the result of outside contractors or temporary employees carrying out the duties normally performed by those employees.



## **ARTICLE 4 -- MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

Except as specifically modified or restricted in this Agreement, the County reserves the right to determine the standards of service offered the public; to maintain the efficiency of the County's operations; to determine the methods, means and personnel by which the County's operations are to be conducted; to direct the work of its employees; to hire, promote, demote, transfer, assign and retain employees in positions; to suspend or discharge employees for just cause; to relieve employees from duty because of lack of work; and to take any action necessary to carry out the mission of the County.

## **ARTICLE 5 -- WAGES**

### **Section 5.1 Wages**

#### **A. Fiscal Year 2006**

1. Effective the first full pay period beginning on or after July 1, 2005, employees covered by this Agreement will receive a two and one-half percent (2.5%) increase in their base hourly rates of pay.

3. Employees covered by this Agreement who are otherwise eligible to receive a merit increase during the period from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, will receive it.

#### **B. Fiscal Year 2007**

1. Effective the first full pay period beginning on or after July 1, 2006, employees covered by this Agreement will receive a two and one-half percent (2.5%) increase in their base hourly rates of pay.

2. Employees covered by this Agreement who are otherwise eligible to receive a merit increase during the period from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, will receive it.

#### **C. Wage Scale for Bargaining Unit Members**

1. Amend the Pay Scale effective July 1, 1998, to provide a longevity step which is three percent (3%) above the maximum step. An employee will be eligible to advance to this longevity step on his/her anniversary date occurring on or after the date the employee has completed nineteen (19) years of service.

2. 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:

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

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

c. 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.

d. 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.

e. 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.

3. 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 FY1996 and FY1997) 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 FY1996 and FY1997) 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 FY1996 and FY1997).

4. 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%).

5. Longevity Steps are adjusted as follows:

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

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

c. 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.

d. 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.

e. 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.

f. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. An employee, whose years of service (after subtracting two (2) years for lack of credit toward a merit increase during FY1996 and FY1997) 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 FY1996 and FY1997).

D. Shift Differential

1. 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 (\$.70) per hour for all hours actually worked between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

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

- a. all leave categories as provided in Division 17 of the Personnel Law;
- b. holiday premium pay; and,
- c. retirement and insurance deductions and benefits.

E. Acting Pay

1. 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.

2. 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.

F. Filling Vacancies

1. A "vacancy" is a permanent opening created by the termination, transfer, promotion or retirement of an incumbent bargaining unit employee which the County intends to fill or which is created when the County determines its operational needs require additional bargaining unit employees. Whenever a vacancy occurs, and the County elects, in its discretion, to fill the vacancy through the competitive process, the County will advertise the specific position to bargaining unit employees by posting a notice at all work locations at places where notices to employees are customarily posted. The Union at the same time will be notified of the vacancy. Any employee covered by this Agreement may apply for any vacancy, as defined in this Section 5.1.E. In the event that a vacancy is to be filled from an existing register, if an employee is not already on the necessary eligibility register, he or she will be afforded the opportunity to take any test required to qualify for the eligibility register.

2. When a bargaining unit member applies for a vacancy through the normal competitive process and is determined to be qualified for the position, the name of the qualified bargaining unit employee will be placed on the list of eligibles sent to the Fire/EMS Department for its consideration. The Fire/EMS Department will ensure that any bargaining unit member on any list of eligibles will be granted an interview for the position vacancy.

**Section 5.2 Supplemental Retirement Benefit**

A. Benefit Accrual and Amounts

1. Effective July 1, 1992, employees covered by this Agreement 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 1, 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 Agreement 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 1, 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 July 1, 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 (3) 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 Agreement 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 Agreement 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 Section E.2, 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 Section E.2, 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 Agreement who retires during the period from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007, "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 5.2.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.

### **Section 5.3 Dues Check Off for Retirees**

The Supplemental Pension Plan will permit the check off of dues.

### **Section 5.4 Joint Study Committee**

A Joint Study Committee with equal representation of the Union (Civilian bargaining unit) and the County shall be established and meet quarterly beginning July 1, 1999, to study whether there may be feasible pension alternatives for members of the civilian bargaining unit. By July 1, 2000, the committee shall report its findings, with recommendations, to the Fire Chief for forwarding to the Chief Administrative Officer.

### **Section 5.5 Group Health Insurance Coverage**

A. The County shall contribute seventy-five percent (75%) to the cost of the County's point of service health insurance plan for any employee who elects to participate in the plan. Participating employees shall contribute the remaining twenty-five percent (25%).

B. For those employees who elect to enroll in a prepaid group health plan or Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), the Employer's contribution shall be equal to eighty percent (80%) of the cost of HMO coverage and the participating employees contribution shall equal the remaining twenty percent (20%).

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. Employees who participate in the County's health insurance program and retire on or after July 1, 1991, or July 1, 1994, will pay twenty percent (20%) or twenty-five percent (25%) respectively; those who participate in a prepaid group health plan or a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and retire on or after July 1, 1991, will pay twenty percent (20%).

E. Effective January 1, 2004, employees and retirees (who retired on or after July 1, 1998) covered by this Agreement who elect to participate in the County's prescription program shall contribute nine dollars (\$9.00) biweekly for family coverage and four dollars (\$4.00) biweekly for individual coverage, and the County shall contribute the remaining premium. Effective January 1, 2007, employees and retirees (who retired on or after July 1, 1998) covered by this Agreement who elect to participate in the County's prescription program shall contribute ten percent (10%), and the County shall contribute the remaining premium. Employees who choose not to enroll (during Open Enrollment) in the Prescription Drug Plan may choose to receive a credit instead.

F. The Employer shall contribute ninety percent (90%) to the County's vision care program for any employee or retiree (who retires on or after July 1, 1998) who elects to participate. The participating employee/retiree shall contribute the remaining ten percent (10%).

G. 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.

H. 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.

I. Employees may contribute up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) in a dependent flexible spending account and up to three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) in a medical flexible spending account.

J. Life Insurance. 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 dollars (\$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.

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

## **Section 5.6 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/EMS 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.

### **Section 5.7 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 and will be paid his/her regular rate of pay beginning with his/her regular starting time.

B. The provisions of Section 5.6 shall apply to an employee called in to work more than two (2) hours immediately before his/her regularly scheduled starting time.

### **Section 5.8 Holidays**

A. The following shall be designated as holidays within the scope of this Agreement:

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

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

### **Section 5.9 Holiday Pay**

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.

### **Section 5.10 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 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.

#### **Section 5.11 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.

#### **Section 5.12 Clothing Allowance**

Effective Fiscal Year 2004, fire inspectors and fire investigators covered by this Agreement 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) overalls and bulletproof vests. 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.

#### **Section 5.13 Premium Pay**

Effective Fiscal Year 2006, heavy equipment mechanics and master equipment mechanics shall receive a premium of ten cents (\$0.10) 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.

### **ARTICLE 6 -- LEAVE PROVISIONS**

#### **Section 6.1 Sick Leave**

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

#### **Section 6.2 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.

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.

### **Section 6.3 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.

#### **Section 6.4 Personal Leave**

Twenty-eight (28) hours of paid personal leave per leave year, including the four (4) hours in Section 5.8 (Holidays), 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.

#### **Section 6.5 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. 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.

#### **Section 6.6 Additional Leave Provisions**

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/EMS 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.

#### **Section 6.7 Sick Leave Bank**

A. The Union shall have the right to maintain a "Sick Leave Bank" for the employees covered by this Agreement. 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 develop more efficient ways to administer the Sick Leave Bank. A final report shall be submitted by March 31, 2004.

#### **Section 6.8 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.

### **ARTICLE 7 -- SAFETY & HEALTH**

#### **Section 7.1 Cooperation**

The County and the Union agree to cooperate to the fullest extent in the promotion of safety and health.

#### **Section 7.2 Safety Officer**

There shall be a safety officer from within the Fire/EMS Department to investigate accidents, find cause for accidents, make recommendations for the prevention of accidents, and to keep records and statistics of accidents. The safety officer or his/her designee, shall be empowered to enforce his/her recommendations once they are approved by the County Fire Chief.

#### **Section 7.3 Safety**

A. Where an unsafe condition is alleged to exist, the affected employee shall first notify his/her immediate supervisor who shall take any necessary corrective action. Where an unsafe condition is alleged to exist by the Union on behalf of affected employees, the matter may be referred directly to the Departmental Safety Officer pursuant to subparagraph B., below.

B. If the parties fail to resolve any difference or disagreement over the existence of such an unsafe condition, or the appropriate corrective measures to be taken, the issue may be referred by the Union in writing to the Departmental Safety Officer. Within ten (10) working days after receipt of the Union's written notification, the Safety Officer will notify the Union in writing of the measures that the Department proposes to take to correct the alleged unsafe conditions.

C. If the Union disagrees with the Safety Officer's determination of the existence of an unsafe condition or his/her proposed remedial action, the Union may appeal the matter to the Fire Chief within ten (10) working days of receipt of the Safety Officer's decision.

D. Within twenty-five (25) working days after receiving the Union's appeal, the Fire Chief shall notify the Union in writing of the action the Department proposes to take to correct the alleged unsafe conditions.

E. In the event that the Union disagrees with the Fire Chief's proposed corrective action, the Union may submit the matter to arbitration under Article 9, Section 9.3, Step Five of this Agreement by giving written notice of intent to arbitrate to the Fire Chief within ten (10) working days of its receipt of the Fire Chief's response under subparagraph D, above. The arbitrator's authority to consider and decide such matters is specifically limited as follows:

1. The arbitrator may only order such relief as is reasonably permitted by the Department's legal and financial ability.

2. The arbitrator shall also allow the Department reasonable time to take any corrective action ordered.

F. No employee may make a safety claim as a pretext for refusing to carry out a work assignment or for engaging in concerted activity in violation of Article 12 of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 8 -- HOURS OF WORK**

A. The normal work shift for full-time employees covered by this Agreement 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.

### **Section 8.1 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 Agreement 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:

1-14 minutes	No compensation
15-29 minutes	Compensatory leave at rate of one and one-half (1.5) times of time worked
30-44 minutes	One-half (.5) hour wages at one and one-half (1.5) times plus compensatory time for actual time worked over thirty (30) minutes

45-60 minutes      One (1) hour of wages at one and one-half (1.5) times

## **Section 8.2 Alternative Work Schedules**

Employees will be given an opportunity to participate in the Alternative Work Schedule (AWS) Program as described in the July 2, 1993 Memorandum from the Fire Chief.

# **ARTICLE 9 -- GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURES**

## **Section 9.1 Definition**

Subject to any limitations of existing law, a grievance is defined as a dispute concerning the application or interpretation of the terms of this Agreement, Personnel Law items, or a claimed violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the rules or regulations of the County affecting the terms and conditions of employment.

## **Section 9.2 Applicability of Grievance Procedure**

The provisions of this grievance procedure shall be the only grievance procedure applicable to employees covered by this Agreement provided that where an employee has been discharged and the Union determines not to pursue his/her discharge case to Step 5 (arbitration), the employee shall have the right to file a timely appeal (within five days of receipt of final notice ) of his/her discharge with the Personnel Board pursuant to the procedures outlined in the County Personnel Law.

## **Section 9.3 Grievance Procedure**

Grievances shall be presented and adjusted in the following manner:

1. Step One: Within seven (7) days after the event giving rise to the grievance or within seven (7) days following the time when the employee should reasonably have known of its occurrence, the employee aggrieved, and if the employee desires, the employee's union steward, may discuss the grievance with the employee's immediate supervisor. The supervisor shall attempt to adjust the matter and shall respond orally to the employee within three (3) days.

2. Step Two: If the grievance has not been settled at Step One, a written grievance may be filed, signed by the aggrieved employee and the employee's accredited union steward, and presented to the supervisor within five (5) days after the receipt of the answer at Step One or within five (5) days of when the answer was due. The supervisor receiving the grievance shall meet with the employee and the employee's accredited union steward and render a decision in writing not later than seven (7) days after the receipt of the grievance.

3. Step Three: If the grievance has not been settled at Step Two, a written appeal signed by the employee and the employee's accredited union steward may be filed with the County Fire Chief within five (5) days after the receipt of the answer at Step Two or within five (5) days of when the answer was due. The County Fire Chief or his/her designee shall meet with the

employee and the employee's accredited union steward and render a written decision within fifteen (15) days after the receipt of the grievance.

4. Step Four: If the grievance has not been settled at Step Three, a written appeal signed by the employee and the employee's accredited union steward may be filed with the Chief Labor Negotiator within five (5) days after receipt of the answer at Step Three or within five (5) days of when the answer was due. The Chief Labor Negotiator or his/her designee shall meet with the employee and a committee including the employee's accredited union steward, Union Local President and/or Union Local Officers and render a written decision within fifteen (15) days after the receipt of the grievance.

5. Step Five: If the grievance is not settled at Step Four, the Union may request arbitration, giving written notice to the County Fire Chief within ten (10) days after receipt of the answer at Step Four or within ten (10) days of when the answer was due. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted by an arbitrator to be selected by the County and the Union from a list supplied by the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall use an alternate strike procedure to select an acceptable name. Normally such list shall be jointly requested within seven (7) days from the date the County is officially notified by the Union of its intent to arbitrate. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties provided that no provision of this Agreement which is stated to be a matter of policy shall be subject to arbitration. Expenses for the arbitrator's service and the proceedings shall be borne equally by the County and the Union.

#### **Section 9.4 General Provisions**

A. The Union President and other appropriate Union officials shall be given copies of all answers to grievances hereunder.

B. All grievances as defined in Article 9, Section 9.1, shall be subject to Step Five (arbitration).

C. If a grievance arises from the action of an authority higher than the immediate career supervisor, such grievances may be initiated at the appropriate step of this grievance procedure.

D. All parties shall have the right at their own expense to legal and/or stenographic assistance at all hearings.

E. The fact that a grievance is raised by an employee shall not be recorded in the employee's personnel file or in any file or record utilized in the promotion process nor shall such fact be used in recommendations for job placement; nor shall an employee be placed in jeopardy or be subject to reprisal or discrimination for having followed this grievance procedure.

#### **Section 9.5 Time Limits**

Time limits for the processing of grievances are intended to expedite grievance handling and may be extended upon mutual agreement, but if not so extended, they must be strictly observed. If the matter in dispute is not resolved within the time period provided for in any step, the next



step may then be invoked, provided that if an employee fails to pursue any step within the time limits provided, he shall have no further right to continue the grievance.

#### **Section 9.6 Days Defined**

The term "days" as used in this grievance procedure shall mean working days.

#### **Section 9.7 Processing Grievances During Working Hours**

Stewards and Union representatives referred to in this grievance procedure shall be granted reasonable administrative leave to process grievances pursuant to this Article during working hours.

### **ARTICLE 10 -- PERSONNEL FILES**

#### **Section 10.1 Review**

By appointment with an appropriate person in the County Fire/EMS Department, the employee upon presenting his/her identification, shall be permitted to examine his/her personnel file, except as to background information secured prior to employment and those documents received under the promise of confidentiality. The employee shall indicate in writing, to be placed in his/her file, that he/she has examined the same.

#### **Section 10.2 Expunction**

The County agrees to remove derogatory information three (3) years old or older from the employee's personnel file if requested to do so by the employee.

### **ARTICLE 11 -- ROSTER**

A roster of all members of the units represented by the Union shall be compiled by the County showing each member's name and his/her length of service with the Fire/EMS Department.

### **ARTICLE 12 -- NO STRIKE OR LOCKOUT**

#### **Section 12.1**

The Union and its members, individually and collectively, agree that during the term of this Agreement, there shall be no illegal strikes, and the County agrees that there shall be no lockouts.

### **Section 12.2**

In the event of an illegal strike, the Union shall promptly and publicly disavow such unauthorized conduct, order the employees to return to work and bring about a prompt resumption of normal operations.

### **Section 12.3**

The County shall have the right to discipline, by way of discharge or otherwise, any employee who participates in such illegal conduct.

## **ARTICLE 13 – TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

### **Section 13.1 EMT Certification**

Employees who wish to renew their Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification shall be allowed to take any required training while on duty.

### **Section 13.2 On Duty Training**

All employees covered by this Agreement 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.

### **Section 13.3 First Responders Course**

Effective July 1, 2005, employees will receive two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) with the requirement that they must complete a forty-four (44) hour class during work hours for "First Responders" course. Effective July 1, 2006, employees will receive two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per year, so long as the certification for the above course remains valid.

## **ARTICLE 14 -- SAVINGS AND SEPARABILITY**

It is not the intention of either the County or the IAFF to violate any laws by the subject matter of this Agreement. The parties hereto agree that in the event any provisions of the Agreement are finally held or determined to be illegal or void as being in contravention of any applicable law, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The County and the IAFF agree that, if and when any or all provisions of this Agreement are finally held or determined to be illegal or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, the parties will enter into negotiations promptly concerning the substance affected by the decision for the purpose of achieving conformity with the terms of any applicable law and the intent of the parties hereto.

## **ARTICLE 15 -- DURATION**

This Agreement shall become effective on July 1, 2005, unless otherwise stated in specific sections, and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2007. This Agreement shall be automatically renewed from year to year after June 30, 2007, unless either party shall notify the other in writing no later than October 1, 2006, (or October 1st of any subsequent year thereafter in the case of an automatic renewal) that it desires to terminate, modify or amend this Agreement.

Signed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, in Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, Maryland.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS  
LOCAL 1619:

FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,  
MARYLAND:

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James E. Brinkley  
President

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County Executive

FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT:

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Lawrence H. Sedgwick, Jr.  
Fire Chief

**ATTACHMENT A – CLASSES OF WORK**

<u>UNIT I:</u>	Account Clerk I, II, III, IV Accounting Technician Administrative Aide I, II Clerk Typist I, II Data Coordinator Data Entry Operator I, II Fire Inspector I, II Fire Investigation Officer General Clerk I, II, III, IV Heavy Equipment Mechanic I, II, III Personnel Aide I, II, III Public Service Aide I, II Supply/Property Clerk I, II, III, IV Supply Technician
<u>UNIT II:</u>	Administrative Aide III Administrative Aide IV Garage Supervisor Master Equipment Mechanic
<u>UNIT III:</u>	Accountant I, II, III, IV Administrative Assistant I, II, III, IV Audio Visual Specialist I, II, III, IV Citizen Services Specialist I, II, III Community Developer I, II, III, IV Contract Project Coordinator I, II, III, IV Executive Administrative Aide Fire Inspector III Investigator Personnel Analyst, I, II, III, IV Property Standards Inspector IV Supply Manager I, II, III, IV Systems Analyst I, II, III, IV

## **ATTACHMENT B – 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.

B. Effective July 1, 1994:

1. The minimum and maximum pay rates for employees covered by this Agreement are established on the attached schedules of pay rates for employees in the job classifications listed in Article 1.

2. 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.

3. a. 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.

b. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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

7. Employees covered by this Agreement 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.

8. 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:

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

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

c. 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.

d. 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.

e. 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.

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

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

2. 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 FY1996 and FY1997) will advance to the first (or next) longevity step, as appropriate, effective on July 4, 1999.

3. An employee, whose years of service (after subtracting two (2) years for lack of credit toward a merit increase during FY1996 and FY1997) 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 FY1996 and FY1997).

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

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

2. Longevity Steps are adjusted as follows:

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

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

c. 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.

d. 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.

e. 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.

f. 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.

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

1. 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.

2. An employee, whose years of service (after subtracting two (2) years for lack of credit toward a merit increase during FY1996 and FY1997) 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 FY1996 and FY1997).

F. 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.



**ATTACHMENT C – SALARY SCHEDULE**

**SALARY SCHEDULE H  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005  
FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES  
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
<b>H02</b>		
HOURLY	7.6534	15.4239
WEEKLY	612.27	1233.91
ANNUAL	15,919	32,082
<b>H03</b>		
HOURLY	8.0195	16.1749
WEEKLY	641.56	1293.99
ANNUAL	16,681	33,644
<b>H04</b>		
HOURLY	8.4041	16.9633
WEEKLY	672.33	1357.07
ANNUAL	17,481	35,284
<b>H05</b>		
HOURLY	8.8077	17.7913
WEEKLY	704.62	1423.31
ANNUAL	18,320	37,006
<b>H06</b>		
HOURLY	9.2314	18.6606
WEEKLY	738.51	1492.85
ANNUAL	19,201	38,814
<b>H07</b>		
HOURLY	9.676	19.5729
WEEKLY	774.08	1565.83
ANNUAL	20,126	40,712
<b>H08</b>		
HOURLY	10.1434	20.5314
WEEKLY	811.47	1642.51
ANNUAL	21,098	42,705
<b>H09</b>		
HOURLY	10.6341	21.5379
WEEKLY	850.73	1723.03
ANNUAL	22,119	44,799

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
<b>H10</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	11.1494	22.5946
<b>WEEKLY</b>	891.95	1807.57
<b>ANNUAL</b>	23,191	46,997
<b>H11</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	11.6902	23.7046
<b>WEEKLY</b>	935.22	1896.36
<b>ANNUAL</b>	24,316	49,305
<b>H12</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	12.2583	24.8691
<b>WEEKLY</b>	980.66	1989.53
<b>ANNUAL</b>	25,497	51,728
<b>H13</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	12.8544	26.0925
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1028.35	2087.40
<b>ANNUAL</b>	26,737	54,272
<b>H14</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	13.4807	27.3767
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1078.46	2190.14
<b>ANNUAL</b>	28,040	56,944
<b>H15</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	14.1382	28.7253
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1131.06	2298.03
<b>ANNUAL</b>	29,407	59,749
<b>H16</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	14.8288	30.1415
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1186.30	2411.32
<b>ANNUAL</b>	30,844	62,694
<b>H17</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	15.5535	31.6282
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1244.28	2530.26
<b>ANNUAL</b>	32,351	65,787
<b>H18</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	16.315	33.1895
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1305.20	2655.16
<b>ANNUAL</b>	33,935	69,034

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
<b>H19</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	17.114	34.8290
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1369.12	2786.32
<b>ANNUAL</b>	35,597	72,444
<b>H20</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	17.9533	36.5501
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1436.26	2924.01
<b>ANNUAL</b>	37,343	76,024
<b>H21</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	18.834	38.3570
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1506.72	3068.56
<b>ANNUAL</b>	39,175	79,783
<b>H22</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	19.7593	40.2550
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1580.74	3220.40
<b>ANNUAL</b>	41,099	83,730
<b>H23</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	20.7309	42.2472
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1658.47	3379.78
<b>ANNUAL</b>	43,120	87,874
<b>H24</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	21.7507	44.3395
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1740.06	3547.16
<b>ANNUAL</b>	45,241	92,226
<b>H25</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	22.8221	46.5362
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1825.77	3722.90
<b>ANNUAL</b>	47,470	96,795
<b>H26</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	23.9463	48.8429
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1915.70	3907.43
<b>ANNUAL</b>	49,808	101,593
<b>H27</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	25.1274	51.2648
<b>WEEKLY</b>	2010.19	4101.18
<b>ANNUAL</b>	52,265	106,631

The minimum rates are the January 9, 2005, rates for all grades. The maximum rates are the January 9, 2005, L6 rates for all grades increased by two and one-half percent (2.5%). 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 10, 2005  
FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
<b>H02</b>		
HOURLY	7.8447	15.8095
WEEKLY	627.58	1264.76
ANNUAL	16,317	32,884
<b>H03</b>		
HOURLY	8.2200	16.5793
WEEKLY	657.60	1326.34
ANNUAL	17,098	34,485
<b>H04</b>		
HOURLY	8.6142	17.3874
WEEKLY	689.14	1390.99
ANNUAL	17,918	36,166
<b>H05</b>		
HOURLY	9.0279	18.2361
WEEKLY	722.23	1458.89
ANNUAL	18,778	37,931
<b>H06</b>		
HOURLY	9.4622	19.1271
WEEKLY	756.97	1530.17
ANNUAL	19,681	39,784
<b>H07</b>		
HOURLY	9.9179	20.0622
WEEKLY	793.43	1604.98
ANNUAL	20,629	41,729
<b>H08</b>		
HOURLY	10.3970	21.0447
WEEKLY	831.76	1683.57
ANNUAL	21,626	43,773
<b>H09</b>		
HOURLY	10.9000	22.0763
WEEKLY	872.00	1766.11
ANNUAL	22,672	45,919

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
<b>H10</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	11.4281	23.1595
<b>WEEKLY</b>	914.25	1852.76
<b>ANNUAL</b>	23,771	48,172
<b>H11</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	11.9825	24.2972
<b>WEEKLY</b>	958.60	1943.78
<b>ANNUAL</b>	24,924	50,538
<b>H12</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	12.5648	25.4908
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1005.18	2039.27
<b>ANNUAL</b>	26,135	53,021
<b>H13</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	13.1758	26.7448
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1054.06	2139.59
<b>ANNUAL</b>	27,406	55,629
<b>H14</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	13.8177	28.0611
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1105.42	2244.89
<b>ANNUAL</b>	28,741	58,367
<b>H15</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	14.4917	29.4434
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1159.33	2355.47
<b>ANNUAL</b>	30,143	61,242
<b>H16</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	15.1995	30.8950
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1215.96	2471.60
<b>ANNUAL</b>	31,615	64,262
<b>H17</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	15.9423	32.4189
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1275.39	2593.51
<b>ANNUAL</b>	33,160	67,431
<b>H18</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	16.7229	34.0192
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1337.83	2721.54
<b>ANNUAL</b>	34,784	70,760

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
<b>H19</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	17.5419	35.6997
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1403.35	2855.98
<b>ANNUAL</b>	36,487	74,255
<b>H20</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	18.4021	37.4639
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1472.17	2997.11
<b>ANNUAL</b>	38,276	77,925
<b>H21</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	19.3049	39.3159
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1544.39	3145.27
<b>ANNUAL</b>	40,154	81,777
<b>H22</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	20.2533	41.2614
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1620.26	3300.91
<b>ANNUAL</b>	42,127	85,824
<b>H23</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	21.2492	43.3034
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1699.93	3464.27
<b>ANNUAL</b>	44,198	90,071
<b>H24</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	22.2945	45.4480
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1783.56	3635.84
<b>ANNUAL</b>	46,372	94,532
<b>H25</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	23.3927	47.6996
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1871.41	3815.97
<b>ANNUAL</b>	48,657	99,215
<b>H26</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	24.5450	50.0640
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1963.60	4005.12
<b>ANNUAL</b>	51,054	104,133
<b>H27</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	25.7556	52.5464
<b>WEEKLY</b>	2060.45	4203.71
<b>ANNUAL</b>	53,572	109,297

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**SALARY SCHEDULE H  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006  
FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
<b>H02</b>		
HOURLY	7.8447	16.2047
WEEKLY	627.58	1296.38
ANNUAL	16,317	33,706
<b>H03</b>		
HOURLY	8.2200	16.9938
WEEKLY	657.60	1359.50
ANNUAL	17,098	35,347
<b>H04</b>		
HOURLY	8.6142	17.8221
WEEKLY	689.14	1425.77
ANNUAL	17,918	37,070
<b>H05</b>		
HOURLY	9.0279	18.6920
WEEKLY	722.23	1495.36
ANNUAL	18,778	38,879
<b>H06</b>		
HOURLY	9.4622	19.6053
WEEKLY	756.97	1568.42
ANNUAL	19,681	40,779
<b>H07</b>		
HOURLY	9.9179	20.5638
WEEKLY	793.43	1645.10
ANNUAL	20,629	42,773
<b>H08</b>		
HOURLY	10.3970	21.5708
WEEKLY	831.76	1725.67
ANNUAL	21,626	44,867
<b>H09</b>		
HOURLY	10.9000	22.6282
WEEKLY	872.00	1810.26
ANNUAL	22,672	47,067

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
<b>H10</b>		
HOURLY	11.4281	23.7385
WEEKLY	914.25	1899.08
ANNUAL	23,771	49,376
<b>H11</b>		
HOURLY	11.9825	24.9046
WEEKLY	958.60	1992.37
ANNUAL	24,924	51,802
<b>H12</b>		
HOURLY	12.5648	26.1281
WEEKLY	1005.18	2090.25
ANNUAL	26,135	54,346
<b>H13</b>		
HOURLY	13.1758	27.4134
WEEKLY	1054.06	2193.07
ANNUAL	27,406	57,020
<b>H14</b>		
HOURLY	13.8177	28.7626
WEEKLY	1105.42	2301.01
ANNUAL	28,741	59,826
<b>H15</b>		
HOURLY	14.4917	30.1795
WEEKLY	1159.33	2414.36
ANNUAL	30,143	62,773
<b>H16</b>		
HOURLY	15.1995	31.6674
WEEKLY	1215.96	2533.39
ANNUAL	31,615	65,868
<b>H17</b>		
HOURLY	15.9423	33.2294
WEEKLY	1275.39	2658.35
ANNUAL	33,160	69,117
<b>H18</b>		
HOURLY	16.7229	34.8697
WEEKLY	1337.83	2789.57
ANNUAL	34,784	72,529



<b>GRADE</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
<b>H19</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	17.5419	36.5922
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1403.35	2927.38
<b>ANNUAL</b>	36,487	76,112
<b>H20</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	18.4021	38.4005
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1472.17	3072.04
<b>ANNUAL</b>	38,276	79,873
<b>H21</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	19.3049	40.2988
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1544.39	3223.90
<b>ANNUAL</b>	40,154	83,821
<b>H22</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	20.2533	42.2929
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1620.26	3383.43
<b>ANNUAL</b>	42,127	87,969
<b>H23</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	21.2492	44.3860
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1699.93	3550.88
<b>ANNUAL</b>	44,198	92,323
<b>H24</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	22.2945	46.5842
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1783.56	3726.74
<b>ANNUAL</b>	46,372	96,895
<b>H25</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	23.3927	48.8921
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1871.41	3911.37
<b>ANNUAL</b>	48,657	101,696
<b>H26</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	24.5450	51.3156
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1963.60	4105.25
<b>ANNUAL</b>	51,054	106,736
<b>H27</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	25.7556	53.8601
<b>WEEKLY</b>	2060.45	4308.80
<b>ANNUAL</b>	53,572	112,029

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

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

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

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
<b>H19</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	17.9804	37.5070
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1438.44	3000.56
<b>ANNUAL</b>	37,399	78,015
<b>H20</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	18.8622	39.3605
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1508.97	3148.84
<b>ANNUAL</b>	39,233	81,870
<b>H21</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	19.7875	41.3063
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1583.00	3304.50
<b>ANNUAL</b>	41,158	85,917
<b>H22</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	20.7596	43.3502
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1660.77	3468.02
<b>ANNUAL</b>	43,180	90,168
<b>H23</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	21.7804	45.4957
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1742.43	3639.65
<b>ANNUAL</b>	45,303	94,631
<b>H24</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	22.8519	47.7488
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1828.15	3819.90
<b>ANNUAL</b>	47,532	99,318
<b>H25</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	23.9775	50.1144
<b>WEEKLY</b>	1918.20	4009.15
<b>ANNUAL</b>	49,873	104,238
<b>H26</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	25.1586	52.5985
<b>WEEKLY</b>	2012.69	4207.88
<b>ANNUAL</b>	52,330	109,405
<b>H27</b>		
<b>HOURLY</b>	26.3995	55.2066
<b>WEEKLY</b>	2111.96	4416.53
<b>ANNUAL</b>	54,911	114,830

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