

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT

Belknap County Sheriff's Department
And
Teamsters Local 633

For the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025

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ARTICLE 1 – RECOGNITION

1.1 Belknap County recognizes the Teamsters as the exclusive bargaining representative within the context of RSA 273-A, as amended, for all members of the bargaining unit full-time regular employees in the positions of: Sergeant, Deputy Sheriff, Dispatch Supervisor, Dispatcher and Civil Clerk. Additionally, it is agreed that the following positions and employees are specifically excluded from recognition or coverage under this Agreement: Sheriff, Operations Division Commander, Administrative Assistant, all Department Heads, all persons in a temporary status, employed seasonally, irregularly or on call, and all other employees of Belknap County.

It is agreed by the parties that initial employment will be for a probationary period of twelve (12) months from the date of hire. During this time, Management will evaluate the Employee and have the right to terminate without advance notice. In such instances, the provisions of Article 13 will not apply.

1.2 The County shall not enter into any agreement regarding conditions of employment with any other organization or individual purporting to represent, within the context of RSA 273-A, as amended, any group of employees in the bargaining unit, and shall not furnish any facilities or engage in any type of conduct which would imply recognition of any other organization or individual other than the Teamsters as a representative of the employees within the meaning of RSA 273-A, as amended, in the unit. It is specifically agreed by the parties hereto that any rights, duties or authority existing by virtue of the New Hampshire Revised States Annotated or other law shall in no way be abridged or limited by any of the provisions of this Agreement, and to the extent that any provision of this Agreement is inconsistent with any such law, the provision(s) of law shall prevail.

1.3 As used in this agreement, Union means Teamsters Local 633.

1.4 As used in this agreement the word "County," shall mean Belknap County and, if required by law, County shall also mean the Sheriff of Belknap County wherever and whenever applicable.

ARTICLE 2 – NON-DISCRIMINATION

2.1 The County and the Union will agree not to discriminate against any employee covered by this agreement in conditions of employment because of membership in or legitimate activity on behalf of the members of this bargaining unit nor will the County encourage or discourage membership in the Union or any other employee organization.

2.2 The Union acknowledges its responsibilities as the exclusive bargaining agent within the meaning of RSA 273-A, as amended, and shall represent all employees in the bargaining unit without discrimination, interference or coercion. 2.3. The provisions of this agreement shall be applied to all employees in the bargaining unit without discrimination as to age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy, race, color, creed, national origin, citizenship, political affiliation, religion, or disability or any other legally protected category. All such claims under this section shall be initiated through the grievance procedure herein before taking action with state or federal agencies. This requirement shall not, however, restrict the filing of claims of complaints so as to prevent the expiration of time limits or appeal rights set forth by statute or regulation.

ARTICLE 3 – EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

3.1 The County recognizes that full time employees within the bargaining unit are entitled to the exercise of their rights granted pursuant to RSA 273-A, as amended, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

3.2 The Union shall provide copies of this agreement to all full time employees within the bargaining unit employed as of the effective date of this agreement. The County shall provide access through the County's Intranet to copies of this agreement to all full time employees hired after the effective date of this agreement.

ARTICLE 4 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

4.1 The management and the conduct of the business of the County and the direction of the working force are the rights of the County. The County shall have the right, subject to the terms herein contained, to hire and lay off employees; to classify, assign, transfer and promote; to discipline or discharge them for just cause; and in general to maintain discipline, order and efficiency in the County. The County reserves the right to publish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations from time to time as it may deem necessary and proper for the conduct of the business of the County and to direct the work force during the work day as the Sheriff may in the Sheriff's sole discretion deem reasonable and necessary provided the same are not inconsistent with the terms of this agreement.

4.2 It is agreed that these enumerations of management rights shall not be deemed to exclude other proper management rights not specifically enumerated herein. The County shall retain all rights and authority exercised prior to the execution of this Agreement, except as modified in this Agreement. The County not exercising any function hereby reserved to it, or its exercising of such function in a particular way, shall not be deemed to be waiving its right to exercise such function or preclude the County from exercising the same in some other way not in conflict with the express provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5 – UNION RIGHTS

5.1 Teamsters Local 633, Belknap County Sheriff's Department, or committees of the Union shall be allowed the use of adequate space for meetings when such facilities are available and when such meetings would not conflict with the business of the County subject to the following:

5.1.1 A request for the use of the meeting rooms at the Belknap County Complex shall be made, following the appropriate County process, no less than 24 hours in advance of the proposed meeting. The County agrees to keep the Union informed of any changes in the process associated with requesting the use of conference room space.

5.2 Staff representatives of the Union shall be allowed to visit the work areas of dispatchers during working hours and confer on conditions of employment to the extent that such visitations do not disrupt any work activity. Visitations with deputies shall be conducted during lunch and/or coffee breaks.

5.3 The Union shall have reasonable access to existing bulletin boards for posting notices relating to Union organizational and administrative activities. The Union shall not post notices of a derogatory, libelous, or profane nature and shall be limited to actual Union activity. The Union shall not post Union notices at any other locations other than the bulletin boards approved for Union use.

5.4 The County shall within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this agreement make available to the Union an alphabetical listing of the names and addresses of the full time employees in the bargaining unit. Once every six months, upon request of the Union, the County shall update said list and make the update list available to the Union, but not more than once every six (6) months.

ARTICLE 6 – DUES CHECK OFF AND FAIR SHARE

6.1 The County shall deduct the amount of Union dues certified by the Union Secretary/Treasurer from the pay of each member of the Union who has heretofore submitted or who shall hereafter submit to the County an individual written authorization for such deduction.

6.2 In the event the Union change the Union dues, the Union shall notify the County of such change and such change shall be certified by the Union Secretary/Treasurer or authorized officer of the Union. The County will implement such certified change in the Union dues deduction within five pay periods of the receipt of notice of such change.

6.3 The obligation of the County to deduct Union dues shall cease to exist in the event that the number of full time employees requesting said deduction decreases to less than twenty five (25) percent (%) of the number of employees within the bargaining unit. In addition with respect to any individual employee's Union dues deduction, the County's obligation shall cease in the event that the employee's earnings after other legal and required deductions are made is insufficient to cover the amount of the appropriated Union dues or in the event an employee goes on a non-pay status for an entire pay period.

6.4 Dues Check Off & Fair Share: Each bargaining unit employee who upon the effective date of execution of this agreement is a member of the Union shall be permitted to terminate his/her membership at any time during the first fifteen (15) days immediately following the adoption effective date of this agreement. Unless terminated as above, all employees who are members on the effective date of this Agreement and all employees who join the Union are members and shall retain their membership for the duration of this agreement. New employees during the term of this agreement shall not be required to join the Union but may join if they so elect. In the event the Union is called upon to process a grievance or otherwise personally represent any employee who is not a member of the Union, said employee will shall be assessed the actual cost of the Union's representation.

6.5 The Union agrees to indemnify and to hold the County harmless from any claim against it arising from any dispute involving such dues deduction.

ARTICLE 7 – OVERTIME AND BASIC WORK WEEK

7.1 Overtime is authorized hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a workweek.

7.1.1 All overtime work performed shall be compensated at the rate of one and one half (1 ½) the employee's regular rate of pay.

7.1.2 When compensatory time off is accrued in lieu of monetary compensation for overtime work, it shall be accrued at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) hours for each hour of overtime. An employee may accumulate not more than forty 40 hours of compensatory time for FLSA overtime hours at any one time. The Sheriff may, at his/her sole discretion, increase the maximum accumulation to not more than 60 hours. Any such compensatory time shall be taken at a mutually agreeable time.

7.2 No employee shall be relieved of duty during the regular shift hours in the employee's basic work week in order to compensate or offset overtime hours worked unless:

7.2.1 The employee agrees to being relieved of duty or,

7.2.2 It is in the interest of the employee, the County or the general public to relieve the employee of duty because of health, safety, or availability of funding.

7.3 The County shall give as much notice as is practical when overtime will be worked.

7.3.1 To the extent possible, overtime shall be distributed equally among qualified employees customarily performing the kind of work required, but preference shall be given to those employees currently assigned to the work section in which the overtime is to be worked. Full-time deputies shall have the right of first refusal on details.

7.3.2 All overtime assignments shall be on a voluntary basis provided, however, if the number of volunteers is not sufficient to carry out the transaction of business, the County may exercise its discretion to order employees into work or make other work and shift assignments as needed. No employee can be so ordered to work a private detail.

7.4 Any member called back to work after being secured from duty shall be guaranteed a minimum of not less than four (4) hours of pay or compensatory time at the rate of time and one-half the employee's regular hourly rate. Employees called in two (2) hours prior to the start of their shift shall only receive callback pay for two (2) hours at the time and one half rate. Members who are in transit who have worked their scheduled shift and are then called back to work, shall be forwarded the same opportunity as if the member had been secured.

7.5 In addition to time actually worked, all time paid for vacation, sick and funeral leave but not actually worked shall also be considered to be time worked for the purposes of computing overtime.

7.6 The basic workweek for unit employees will be forty (40) hours per week.

7.7 The current work scheduling practice for dispatchers and deputies shall remain in effect during the term of this agreement. At any time a vacancy exists in the schedule, the County shall allow employees to change their shift assignments, subject to the needs of the County, based on seniority, employee qualifications and demonstrated ability.

7.8 No reduction shall be made from the basic work day for rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes in every four (4) hours working time or major fraction thereof; during such rest period the employee shall remain on duty and be available in the event of an emergency. Such rest periods shall be taken insofar as practical in the middle of such working time subject however to the scheduling needs as established by the County.

7.9 Only the employee may punch the employee's time card (or other time entry system). Continuous failure to punch in or out may subject an employee to disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 8 – HOLIDAYS

8.1 The following are the official holidays for the term of this agreement:

New Year's Day	Memorial Day
President's Day	Columbus Day
Veteran's Day	Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving Day	Labor Day
Christmas	Independence Day

8.1.1 In addition to the authorized days in 8.1, each employee shall accrue one floating holiday per calendar year in lieu of MLK/Civil Rights Day. The MLK/Civil Rights Day floating holiday shall accrue on January 1 of each year for use on MLK/Civil Rights Day or for use at any other time during the calendar year. Only those employed on January 1st of the current year are eligible. Requests for and the granting of, this floating holiday shall conform to the pertinent requirements and standards set forth in Section 9.1 (Annual Leave). Floating Holidays not used during the calendar year shall lapse.

8.2 Holiday pay shall be paid to all employees according to the following sub-sections. Notwithstanding the following subsections, employees who are on sick leave on the last regularly scheduled work day preceding the holiday, who are sick on the holiday or the first regularly scheduled work day following the holiday for which there was less than five (5) work days advanced notice shall not be eligible for holiday pay.

8.2.1. Holiday pay will be paid at the employee's regular rate (base) for 8 hours.

8.2.2 An employee who is not scheduled to work on a holiday shall be paid an additional day's pay (8 hours) at the employee's regular rate.

8.2.3 When an employee other than a dispatcher is regularly scheduled to work on a holiday the employee shall receive payment for the holiday at the regular rate and in addition shall be paid at the rate of straight time for hours actually worked on the holiday. Dispatchers who are regularly scheduled to work on a holiday shall be paid holiday pay and in addition shall be paid at one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate for all hours actually worked on the holiday.

8.3 When the holiday falls while an employee is on approved paid leave, the holiday will not be charged against the employee's leave.

8.4 For all full time employees who work a Monday through Friday schedule, holidays that fall on Saturday will be observed on Friday and holidays that fall on Sunday will be observed on Monday.

8.5 For employees who work other than a Monday through Friday schedule the calendar holiday will be observed as the holiday.

8.6 When a shift bridges two calendar days, one of which is a holiday, the actual hours worked on the actual calendar holiday will be recognized for the holiday outlined in 8.2.3.

8.7 Any employee called to work after leaving the premises, on an emergency, which occurs on an authorized holiday, shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half the employee's regular hourly rate for a minimum of not less than four (4) hours of pay.

ARTICLE 9 – LEAVE ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Vacation Leave:

9.1.1 Unit employees regularly employed on a forty (40) hour per week workweek or a work schedule, which regularly averages forty (40) hours per week, shall be entitled to vacation leave with full pay on the basis of the following schedule:

Years of Service	Weekly	Yearly	Max	# Weeks
0-5	2.31	120	240	3
5-10	2.69	140	240	3.5
10-15	3.06	160	320	4
15-20	3.46	180	320	4.5
20+	3.85	200	320	5

9.1.2 Every full-time employee with sufficient accrued time shall be afforded the opportunity to receive two (2) consecutive weeks of vacation leave. Bargaining unit employees may take leave in quarter-hour increments.

9.1.3 Vacation Leave shall be assigned on a first come basis. All requests for vacation leave shall be made in writing on approved departmental leave request forms. All requests for vacation leave must be submitted no earlier than (180) one hundred eighty days prior to the requested leave date, with the exception of unusual circumstances.

9.1.4 Employees who have been employed continuously for a period of six (6) months or longer shall be paid for any unused accumulated vacation leave upon termination of employment. However, employees who do not provide a minimum of a 2 week notice upon resignation or those terminated for disciplinary reasons will not be paid any unused accumulated vacation leave. In the event of the death of an employee said sum shall be paid to the employee's estate.

9.1.5 Vacation leave accrual begins at the end of the first full week of employment.

9.2 Sick Leave:

9.2.1 Every full-time unit employee shall be entitled to sick leave with pay on the basis of the formula given below and computed with each weekly payroll:

Weekly	Hours Per Year	Maximum
2.31	120	1440

9.2.2 Sick leave will be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay. Bargaining unit employees may take sick leave in quarter-hour increments.

9.2.3 Sick leave may be utilized for absences due to illness, injury, exposure to contagious disease, doctor's visits, dental visits or quarantine. An employee who is unable to report to work is required to call in each day before the beginning of the shift unless the employee is on approved sick leave.

9.2.3.1 An employee may utilize up to five (5) days of sick leave per fiscal year for the purpose of providing care to an ill or injured family member who is "incapable of self-care" within the meaning of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), or to accompany such person(s) to healthcare provider visits.

9.2.4 Sick leave accrual begins at the end of the first full week of employment and may be used as earned.

9.2.5 The County may require an employee who takes more than three (3) consecutive days of sick leave to provide the County with a certificate from a licensed healthcare provider certifying said illness, and certifying that said employee is well enough to return to work. The employee shall not be paid for said days if the employee fails to comply with said request. If the County documents an abuse of sick leave, in addition to other permissible disciplinary action, the County may require the employee to obtain a medical certificate from a licensed healthcare provider stating why you were incapacitated from work in the future whenever sick leave is used. Whenever sick leave is taken adjacent to a holiday, vacation, other time off or normal days off, the County may require the employee to furnish an appropriate medical certificate from a licensed healthcare provider stating why you were incapacitated from work. The employee shall not be paid for said days if the employee fails to comply with said request.

9.2.6 Whenever a former employee has been separated from the County by a reduction in force or, for reasons without prejudice but for the convenience of the County and is reinstated within one (1) year, the previously accumulated and unused balance of the employee's sick leave allowance not paid shall be returned to the employee's credit.

9.2.8 Employees who retire pursuant to RSA 100-A shall be paid at their regular rate of pay in accordance with the following schedule. Otherwise, accumulated sick leave is not payable upon separation of employment.

Years of Service	% of Sick Accrual Balance
0-9	30%
10-14	40%
15-24	50%
25-34	60%
35+	70%

In order to be eligible for more than 30%, advance notice of pending retirement must be provided to Human Resources prior to November 1 of the prior year (to allow for budgeting). Under extra-ordinary circumstances isolated situations will be reviewed by the Board of Commissioners.

9.3 Information concerning an employee's accumulated and used leave (vacation and sick leave) shall be included on each pay stub (provided the County retains the computer software capability to do so). Deductions for used leave shall appear on each pay stub, accrued time shall be added weekly. Employees are responsible for reporting discrepancies to the Finance department within 30 days of the end of the month.

9.4 Bereavement Leave:

Bereavement leave of 3 days with pay between the date of death and the date of the funeral inclusive, shall be granted an employee in the event of death of his/her:

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| Spouse | Niece | Sister |
| Father | Nephew | Brother |
| Mother | Cousin | Child |
| Father-in-law | Son in law | Mother-in-law |
| Grandchild | Daughter in law | Sister-in-law |
| Grandmother | Guardian | Brother-in-law |
| Grandfather | Step-Children | Aunt |
| Uncle | Step-Parents | |

Or A relative domiciled in the employee's household.

9.5 Family and Medical Leaves of Absence - The parties agree that the conditions and administration of FMLA will be in accordance with County Policy.

9.6 Leave of Absence Without Pay:

9.6.1 A regular employee upon proper application in writing to and upon approval by the County may be granted a continuous leave of absence without pay for a period not to exceed two (2) months. Leave of absence without pay however will not be granted until the entire employee's accumulated vacation leave has been exhausted. Extensions of leave for additional periods may be granted at the sole discretion of the County but

other than in exceptional cases, the total period shall not exceed one (1) year. No vacation leave, sick leave or other benefits will be accumulated during any leave of absences without pay. If the employee desires to keep health insurance or any other insurance benefits in force during the leave without pay, the employee must prepay said benefits.

9.7 Leave of Absence With Pay: The County may, with the budgetary approval of the County Commissioners, authorize salary payments in whole or part to employees whose leaves have been approved in order to permit them to attend school, visit other governmental agencies, or in any other approved manner to devote themselves to improvements of the knowledge or skills required in the performance of their work. Requests under this section must be made to the Sheriff or designee in writing. Vacation leave and sick leave will continue to be accumulated during a leave of absence with pay. The budgetary decisions of the County Commissioners are final and not subject to the grievance procedure.

9.8 Jury Duty

An employee shall be given time off without loss of pay or annual leave when performing jury duty. Employees recognize their obligation to return to work when released from Jury Duty for the day. Any compensation paid to the employee by said court shall be surrendered to the County.

9.9 Witness Fee

It shall be considered time worked when an employee is subpoenaed to appear before a court, public body, or commission on behalf of the County or when appearing as a witness for the County. Employees performing said services on behalf of the County should be paid for hours worked with a minimum of two (2) hours at straight time. Any compensation paid to the employee by said court, public body, or commission shall be surrendered to the County.

ARTICLE 10 - SAFETY AND HEALTH

10.1 It is agreed by the parties that safe working conditions and the performance of assigned tasks by employees in a safe manner are in the best interests of the parties.

10.2 Either party to this agreement may request a meeting with the other party to discuss and review conditions, which the requesting party feels, are detrimental to health or safety. Upon such a request the other party will cooperate in scheduling a meeting to review the complaint and to discuss possible corrective steps should in fact a problem exist. In the event the parties agree that a health or safety problem exists, they may submit recommendations to the Joint Loss Management Committee (JLMC) or to the County Commissioners if the issue remains unresolved following action of the JLMC.

10.3. The County agrees to maintain first-aid supplies, which shall be located in, secure but readily accessible areas. All on the job injuries regardless of seriousness shall be reported to the supervisor. The County further agrees to post the names and telephone numbers of ambulance services.

ARTICLE 11 - BENEFITS

11.1 All full-time employees shall be provided with Health and Hospitalization insurance with a premium contribution of 10%. Premium contributions start upon ratification of this contract. The designated insurance plan to be provided in accordance with this provision shall be the HealthTrust ABSOS20/40/1KDED plan or a plan with a similar benefit level. The parties agree that an agreement of similarity shall not be unreasonably

withheld. In addition, the parties agree that in a situation where consent to change is withheld and a legal action is brought as a result, that irreparable harm will occur unless the matter is made subject to summary disposition. Unit employees shall be provided the option under this CBA to purchase any health care plan offered by Allegiant Care in lieu of the plan offered by the County. If this option is selected by an employee, the County shall be responsible to pay the actual premium amount up to but not exceeding the amount of premium cost for the HealthTrust ABSOS20/40/1KDED plan which is paid for by the County.

If at any point during the term of this CBA, the cost of the Allegiant Care plan rises beyond the cost of the HealthTrust ABSOS20/40/1KDED plan, the employee covered by the Allegiant Care plan will be responsible for paying the difference in amount.

Employees may also choose the HealthTrust ABSOS25/50/3KDED plan. If this plan is chosen, the County will reimburse employees 75% of the cost savings over 48 weeks per year.

If, at any point, Allegiant Care plans, or any health care plan offered under this agreement, fails to continue to meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act, the County will, if required, offer an additional compliant health care plan to all employees eligible for such coverage as required by law.

Should any insurance plan(s) required under this CBA subject the Employer to an excise tax under Federal or State law, the parties agree to immediately re-open this CBA for the limited purpose of negotiating an alternative plan(s) that will not be subject to the excise tax.

- A. Employee contributions, if any, for premium costs of both medical and dental insurance shall be on a Section 125 pre-tax basis.
- B. The County shall make available to employees 125 Plan Health Care and Dependent Care Flexible Spending accounts.

11.2 All unit employees who choose not to participate in the County health insurance benefits afforded under this agreement pursuant to Section 11.1 shall receive a payment in the amount of \$2000 for the single plan, \$4500 for the two-person plan or \$6000 for the family plan. The employee shall be required to submit proof that they are otherwise covered under another health insurance plan and the date. Such payments shall be prorated on a weekly schedule as specified during the open enrollment period each year (either 48 or 52 weeks).

11.2.1 If an employee chooses to waive participation in the County health insurance plan and subsequently loses health insurance coverage through the alternative plan, the employee will become eligible for the County health insurance on the first of the month following the loss of coverage. Employees must enroll in the county health insurance plan prior to the first of the month.

11.2.2 Payment of reimbursement by the County to an employee to maintain coverage for any reason in any amount in a calendar year shall negate for that calendar year the cash incentive for waiver of participation under 11.2 above.

11.2.3 In recognition of the need for affirmative efforts to control health insurance premium cost increases, the County shall provide educational information, materials, and/or programs designed to educate employees as to the purpose and proper use of health insurance plans, health care facilities and providers, and their alternatives. The Union agrees to actively encourage review of information and participation in any programs offered hereunder.

11.3 The Parties recognize the responsibility of the County to indemnify its employees from claims against them arising from the performance of their duties. The Parties further agree that the County shall act pursuant to RSA 31:105, 106 and 107 to fulfill such responsibility.

11.4 Employees may request reimbursement from the County for loss of or damage to any personal property as a result of their official duties. The budgetary request shall be made to the Commissioners. Upon review of the request the Commissioners may grant or deny reimbursement based upon their determination as to the justification for reimbursement. The decision and award of the Commissioners shall be final and shall not be review able or subject to the grievance procedure of this agreement.

11.5 Any employee who utilizes the employee's private vehicle for business purposes at the request of the employee's supervisor, shall be reimbursed at the IRS rate established as of the first of the year for all miles actually driven. If the IRS reimbursement rate is increased or decreased during the Calendar year the revised rate will only be paid upon approval of the Belknap County Commissioners.

11.6 In the event unit employees are required to contribute to the employee's health insurance per Section 11.1 prior to said contribution the County shall have established a Section 125 plan whereas the Employee contributions shall be paid with pre-tax dollars and administered with said plan. Said plan shall be administered at no cost to bargaining unit employees. The employee, or designee, shall present an initial and continued educational program for current and new bargaining unit employees, during business hours, to inform all bargaining unit employees of this Section 125 plan, its existence and available options.

11.7 The County shall provide payroll deductions to a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan selected by the County. Employees will be allowed to use vacation time at a rate of up to eight hours per month to contribute to the plan. The County shall make no contributions to the plan.

ARTICLE 12 – MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 An employee has the right to inspect the employee's personnel file upon verbal request. Access to personnel files shall be restricted to the employee, the Sheriff, appropriate supervisory employees within the office of the Sheriff, the Operations Division Commander, the Human Resources Director, the County Administrator, authorized representatives of the Employer as approved by the Sheriff, and, upon written release, the employee's union representative, others so designated by the employee or as otherwise required by law.

12.2 Performance evaluations when made will be part of each employee's personnel file.

12.3 Continuing education and training within the employees job classification mandated by state or federal law shall be provided. Additional training deemed reasonable and necessary by the county shall also be provided. In the event that an employee voluntarily resigns the employee's position within one (1) year of receiving training at County expense, such employee shall reimburse the County within one (1) year from the date of resignation for all such costs, which are in excess of \$650.00 per training program, in accordance with the reimbursement agreement signed by the employee prior to receiving training. The following costs shall be considered as reimbursable:

- Tuition
- Registration fees
- Books and materials, if retained by the employee
- Travel, lodging and meals expenses
- Wages paid by the County to any other employee to the extent that such other employee is employed for the express purpose of replacing and fulfilling the duties of the employee who is participating in training.

The following costs shall be excluded from reimbursement requirements:

- Statutorily mandated entry level training for the position
- Employer mandated entry-level training for the position
- Wages and benefits of the employee participating in training
- Benefits of any replacement employee as described above
- Any costs for which the County receives reimbursement from another source.

Repayment shall be made in twelve (12) equal monthly installments commencing thirty (30) days after the effective date of termination.

12.4 Necessary expenses incurred by full-time employees in attending and directly related to training or educational programs mandated by the County shall be reimbursed in accordance with County policy.

12.5 For purposes of this contract, an employee who regularly works at least forty (40) hours per week, with due regard to holidays, illness or other legitimate absences, for a period of twelve (12) months or more, shall be deemed a full time employee of the County.

12.6 Each unit employee, except civilian employees, shall receive a clothing/equipment allowance of \$600.00 per year. Clothing/equipment allowance for Deputies working in civilian clothing shall be paid upon written receipt for said clothing from vendor. The Sheriff in accord with current practice will provide uniforms for dispatchers and uniform personnel. All other non-sworn members shall receive a clothing allowance of \$150 per year. Dry cleaning will be an allowable use of clothing allowance.

12.7 The County will continue to provide and maintain an eating area and kitchen facilities including a microwave (in the Communications Center and kitchen), coffee maker and a vendor furnished soft beverage machine provided said machine is available at no cost to the County. Such areas are to be available to the staff for their use when on duty.

12.8 Unit employees who are assigned, or who volunteer, to work outside details, shall be compensated at the following rates of pay with a four (4) hour minimum per individual assignment:

All details: Upon ratification - \$52.00 per hour and effective 1/1/2024 will increase to \$55 per hour. Employees will be paid the four-hour minimum for details cancelled with less than one (1) hour notice.

Unit members shall have the ability to modify their weekly scheduled hours to work available details with written approval of the Sheriff or Designee.

The parties agree the County has the right to set reasonable billing rates for details at its discretion. Such billing rates shall be revised based on the costs incurred by the County. The County is willing to advise the Union before changing billing rates for details to discuss impacts. However, the County retains the right to change billing rates based on our costs.

12.9 Shift differential will be paid to dispatchers of the Sheriff's Department who work between the hours of 4 p.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Friday as follows:

- 2nd Shift (4-12) \$1.75/hr
- 3rd Shift (12-8) \$1.85/hr

Shift differential will be paid to dispatchers of the Sheriff's Department who work Weekends (Saturday & Sunday) as follows:

- 1st Shift (8-4) \$1.85/hr
- 2nd Shift (4-12) \$2.00/hr
- 3rd Shift (12-8) \$2.10/hr

12.10 All employees of the Belknap County Sheriff's Department may enjoy the opportunity of purchasing a meal from the Belknap County Nursing Home cafeteria. The cost will be \$2.50 per meal. It is understood that dispatchers may be unable to take advantage of this opportunity every shift due to shift coverage. It will be the responsibility of each employee who obtains a meal that is brought to the Sheriff's Department to return all non-disposable items to the Nursing Home cafeteria.

12.11 Amendments to Department Rules & Regulations. The Sheriff agrees to discuss any changes with the Union. However, the parties agree that any changes that do not conflict with County policy, shall be at the sole discretion of the Sheriff.

12.12 Position Reclassifications: Requests for reclassification shall be governed by the Belknap County Personnel Policy Manual as revised.

ARTICLE 13 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

13.1 The purpose of this article is to provide a mutually acceptable procedure for adjusting grievances arising with respect to the interpretation or application of any provision of this agreement. A grievance is defined as a dispute, claim or complaint raised by an employee covered by this Agreement involving the meaning, interpretation or application of the express provisions of this Agreement.

13.2 It is intended that the procedure provided herein shall facilitate the resolution of any such grievance at the lowest possible level and the employer and the Union agree to work together towards this end. Nothing in this article shall be interpreted as preventing or discouraging any employee and/or the employee's steward from discussing any disputed matter in an informed and informal manner with the employee's immediate supervisor. Such discussions will not however interfere with the right to seek resolution of the dispute through the grievance procedure provided herein.

13.3 A steward when requested by an employee may assist him/her the employee in processing a grievance. In so assisting the employee, the steward shall be given an opportunity to discuss the matter with the employee and with those employees who may have information bearing on the matter prior to presenting the grievance. A staff representative or authorized agent of the Union may substitute in the place of or participate in addition to any steward in this procedure.

13.4 Procedure:

13.4.1 Step #1: To initiate a grievance, a grievant must submit a statement of the grievance to the Sheriff for formal consideration. All grievances shall narrowly and specifically identify the alleged action, non-action or condition, for which the grievance is being filed, and shall cite the particular contract provision which is alleged to have been violated, the date of the alleged violation, and the specific relief sought. Said grievance must be in writing and must be submitted postmarked or stamped as received by the department within ten (10) working days after the grievant knew or should have known the act or condition upon which the complaint is based. The Sheriff will schedule a hearing within five (5) working days of receipt of the postmarked or stamped (received by the department) written grievance and a decision in writing shall be postmarked or hand-delivered to the grievant within ten (10) working days of the hearing.

13.4.2 Step #2: If the grievant is dissatisfied with the decision rendered by the Sheriff a written request for a hearing may be submitted to the County Commissioners through the County Administrator. Said request must be submitted in writing postmarked or stamped as received in the office of the County Administrator within five (5) working days of the decision of the Sheriff. Upon receipt of said request the

Commissioners shall schedule a hearing. The hearing shall be held within fifteen (15) working days of the receipt of the request and a written decision of the Commissioners will be postmarked or delivered in hand within ten (10) working days of the hearing.

13.4.3 Step #3: If subsequent to the Commissioners' decision the grievant feels that further review is necessary, written notice of intent to arbitrate shall be postmarked or delivered in hand upon the County within fifteen (15) calendar days of the Commissioners decision. The matter shall be submitted to arbitration before Tri-State Arbitration Association. The parties agree that the jurisdiction and authority of the arbitrator and his/her opinions as expressed will be confined exclusively to the interpretation of this agreement. The arbitrator will have no authority to add to, subtract from, alter, amend or modify any provision of this agreement or impose on either party any limitation or obligation not specifically provided for under the terms of this agreement.

In the event the written decision of an arbitrator resulting from any arbitration of grievances hereunder would result in or require the expenditure by the County of un-appropriated funds or funds not appropriated for the purposes for which the arbitrator's decision would require their expenditure, the decision shall be advisory in nature and shall in no way be binding upon any of the parties hereto or appealable. In all other cases the written decision of an arbitrator resulting from any arbitration of the grievances hereunder shall be binding on the parties.

13.5 Time limits set forth herein are jurisdictional and if a grievance is not processed in a timely manner it shall be deemed null and void and not subject to further review of any sort. All time limits herein may be extended by mutual agreement of the County and the employee and/or the Union. If the County fails to act in accordance with the steps set forth herein the Union shall have the right to proceed to the next step of the grievance procedure.

13.6 Nothing in this article shall be construed as an abrogation of the right of an employee to present a grievance without the assistance of a steward. At the request of the employee, the steward shall be excluded from the hearing at step 1. The steward shall be given the opportunity to attend any subsequent hearing in step 2 or step 3.

13.7 As used herein "working days" shall mean weekdays (Monday - Friday) and shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays and holidays listed in 8.1 of this Contract.

ARTICLE 14 - UNION REPRESENTATIVE

14.1 The County agrees to recognize the Steward duly authorized by the Union.

14.1.1 There shall be one steward and one alternate at the Sheriff's Department

14.2 The Union shall furnish the name of the steward to the County and keep the County advised of any changes.

14.3 The County shall authorize a reasonable amount of time during the regular working hours without loss of time or pay to permit the steward to carry out the steward's responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of this agreement. The Union agrees that it shall guard against the use of excessive time in handling such responsibilities. The steward before leaving the steward's assigned work area to transact appropriate Union business shall first obtain the consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) of the steward's immediate supervisor. Upon entering a work area other than the steward's own, the steward shall first advise the appropriate supervisor of the steward's presence and specify the name(s) of the employee(s) to be contacted.

14.4 The County agrees to authorize one day off in any one calendar year without loss of time or pay for each steward to enable the steward to attend Union training programs. The Union shall notify the County no less than twenty (20) days in advance of such proposed training programs.

ARTICLE 15 - LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONSULTATION

15.1 It is agreed and understood that the employment relationship is an appropriate matter for consultation between the parties.

15.2 The parties recognize their mutual obligation to conscientiously seek satisfactory solutions to problems arising out of the employment relationship. The parties agree that a Labor/Management Committee shall be established as of the effective date of this agreement. The Labor Management Committee shall consist of the Sheriff or designee, Operations Division Commander, County Administrator, and the Association's most recent bargaining committee. The Human Resources Director may also attend when available. The Labor/Management Committee shall meet upon request of either party, at a mutually agreeable time. An agenda and topics for discussion shall generally be exchanged seven days prior to said meeting.

15.3 Further consultation may be requested by either party in writing stating the reasons for the requested meeting and the proposed agenda or topic of consultation.

15.4 A mutually agreeable meeting date shall be established provided that such date shall be within twenty (20) working days of receipt of the written notice. This time limit may be extended by agreement of the parties.

15.5 At such meeting, each party shall be entitled to have present not more than four (4) representatives unless additional representatives are permitted by prior agreement.

ARTICLE 16 - SEPARABILITY

16.1 In the event that any provision of this agreement at any time after execution shall be declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or abrogated by law, such decision shall not invalidate the entire agreement, it being the expressed intention of the parties hereto that all other provisions not declared invalid shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 17 - NOTICES

17.1 Whenever a written legal notice is required to be given by the County to the Union, such notice shall be given to Teamsters Local 633, 53 Goffstown Road, Suite A Manchester NH 03102.

17.2 Whenever written legal notice is required to be given by the Union to the County, such notice shall be given to the County Administrator, 34 County Dr, Laconia NH 03246.

ARTICLE 18 - WAIVER

18.1 Waiver by either party of the other's nonperformance or violation of any term or condition of this agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other nonperformance or violation of any other term or condition of this agreement, or of the same nonperformance or violation in the future.

ARTICLE 19 - PROMOTION, TRANSFER, LAYOFF, SENIORITY

19.1 The parties agree that each full time employee in the bargaining unit should be provided with an equal opportunity for advancement. Whenever in the discretion of the Employer, it is in the best interests of the County and is reasonable, a bargaining unit vacancy will be filled by the promotion of an employee from within

the Department. In considering the promotion of an employee within the Department, the Employer shall consider among other things, the employee's qualifications, seniority, capacity for the position and demonstrated ability as compared to other applicants.

19.3 Any employee who meets the minimum qualifications of a position to be filled may submit an application for that position. Position vacancies will be posted in conspicuous places for a period of at least one (1) week. The posted positions shall generally contain, among other information, the following:

Title of Job	Shift
Department	Date of Posting
Scheduled Weekly Hours	Date of Closing
Salary Range	Position Description

19.4 Layoffs:

19.4.1 When the employer lays off an employee in the unit by reason of abolition of a position, because of change in organization, lack of work, or insufficient funds, such layoff shall not be considered to reflect discredit on the service of the employee.

19.4.2 The employer shall give written notice to the employee affected by any proposed layoff for the reasons set forth in 19.4.1 above at least fourteen (14) calendar days before the effective date of the layoff.

19.4.3 In the event of a layoff, the employer will normally layoff according to seniority, beginning with the employee with the least seniority in each job classification to be affected. However, in the event a layoff occurs and it is not accomplished according to seniority, the justification, or lack thereof, for not following the "normal" layoff procedures according to seniority will be subject to the grievance arbitration provisions of this contract.

19.4.4 After a layoff, in the event the positions are reopened within one- and one-half years, the employer agrees to recall in writing all available laid off employees first according to classification and seniority.

19.5. Seniority shall be defined as an employee's length of continuous service with the employer since the employee's last hiring date, and shall be calculated on the basis of years, months and days of service. Should there be a voluntary interruption or break in service, seniority shall commence as of the most recent entrance into County service. Should the break in service be due to a reduction in force, prior seniority will be retained only upon reentrance into County service in the same or a promoted position. The period of a leave of absence without pay for greater than 3 months shall not be included in the determination of seniority and such leave of absence shall not be considered a voluntary interruption or break in service for purposes of this section.

ARTICLE 20 - DISCIPLINARY ACTION

20.1. The parties jointly recognize the deterrent value and necessity of the ability to impose disciplinary action for just cause. Accordingly, the administration will endeavor to:

- (a) Act to impose discipline within a reasonable time of the offense;
- (b) Apply discipline with a view toward uniformity and consistency;
- (c) Impose a procedure of progressive discipline including the following actions:
 1. Oral reprimand;
 2. Written reprimands;
 3. Suspension without pay;
 4. Demotion;

5. Dismissal. (Dismissal will be controlled by and undertaken pursuant to RSA 28:10-a, as amended. It is specifically agreed by the parties that any dismissal pursuant to this section shall not be reviewable pursuant to the grievance procedure of this contract but will be reviewable only pursuant to the provisions of the review set forth therein).

The parties agree that there will be appropriate cases that will warrant the administration by-passing some of the above progressive disciplinary steps.

20.2 Any documentation of oral warnings shall include a narrow and brief statement of the reasons for the oral warning. An oral warning shall not be considered to be a written warning. Oral warnings shall not be grievable higher than the department head. All written warnings shall be placed in the employee's personnel file at the time they are given. All warnings shall narrowly and specifically identify the alleged action or non-action for which the warning is being given. When applicable, they should cite the particular contract provision or published rule or regulation which is alleged to have been violated.

20.3 In addition to the rights set forth in 20.1 above; the administration may suspend an employee without pay for disciplinary reasons for a period not to exceed ten (10) working days. Notice for such suspension setting forth the specific reasons for the action shall be in writing or shall be given orally and confirmed in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of the suspension.

20.4 In addition to the power set forth in 20.1 above, the employer may relieve employees from duty to permit the administration to investigate and make inquiries into charges and allegations concerning the employee. This administrative leave with pay may be imposed in addition to any suspension authorized pursuant to above.

20.5 Normally, employees shall not be reprimanded or otherwise disciplined in the presence of other employees or other persons and discipline shall be treated in a confidential manner. It is understood that occasions may arise in which it will be necessary for an employee to be warned or cautioned about an imminent condition or situation, which would otherwise occur or fail to occur in the absence of an immediate statement. In such a situation, the employee may be corrected or given direction regardless of the presence of other employees or other persons. Such correction or direction shall be limited to the condition or situation at hand and any follow-up discipline or reprimand shall be conducted as noted above. When disciplined or reprimanded, an employee's direct supervisor or other person(s) directly involved in the disciplinary action may be present.

ARTICLE 21 - COMPENSATION

21.1 Wage increases

Cost of Living Adjustments will be made with the first pay-period of April of each year. The wage scale will be adjusted by the Northeast Region Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as measured by the 12-month percentage change for August of the preceding year. The adjustment will be no less than 1.5% and no more than 5%.

Employee performance evaluations shall be conducted each year on the anniversary date in the current position. Upon attaining an overall rating of acceptable or better each member who is not at the top of their pay grade shall receive a Step increase in their rate of pay.

The following pay scale shall be adopted upon ratification of this contract.

Position	Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10	Step 11	Step 12
Civil Clerk	5	20.03	20.75	21.50	22.27	23.07	23.90	24.77	25.66	26.58	27.54	28.53	29.56
Dispatcher	5	20.03	20.75	21.50	22.27	23.07	23.90	24.77	25.66	26.58	27.54	28.53	29.56
Dispatch Sup	7	23.15	23.98	24.85	25.74	26.67	27.63	28.62	29.65	30.72	31.83	32.97	34.16
Deputy	8	24.89	25.79	26.71	27.68	28.67	29.70	30.77	31.88	33.03	34.22	35.45	36.73
Sergeant	10	28.76	29.80	30.87	31.98	33.13	34.32	35.56	36.84	38.17	39.54	40.96	42.44

The parties agree that no wage increases of any kind are due after December 31, 2025 until a successor agreement is reached. Clothing allowances shall continue to be paid. Longevity awards will be continued at the same level they exist on the last day of the contract.

21.2 Payroll checks shall contain an itemization of payroll deductions for the pay period and an accounting of FICA and FWT deductions to date for the calendar year.

21.3 The compensation plan for unit employees shall be consistent with the following:

A. No employee shall receive a salary greater than the maximum or less than the minimum for that employee's class.

B. Beginning salary - the minimum rate of pay for a class shall normally be paid upon appointment to the class. However, original appointment at a salary above the minimum rate may be paid whenever such action is in the best interests of the County as determined by the employer.

C. Re-employment - if a former employee is re-employed within a period of one year in a class in which s/he was previously employed, the employer shall make an appointment at the same or higher rate of pay that the employee had been receiving at the termination of his/her prior service.

D. Demotion - an employee who is demoted to a lower class, for which s/he is qualified, shall be employed at the step in his/her lower salary range appropriate for his/her length of service.

E. Promotion - when an employee is promoted s/he shall normally be paid at the minimum rate of the new class. If said minimum is less than or the same as the former rate, s/he shall be paid at the next full step above his/her former rate.

F. Temporary promotion - an employee who receives a formal temporary promotion shall be paid at a rate commensurate with his/her temporary promotion after serving in the higher position for one full workday. For the purpose of this section, a "formal temporary promotion" shall exist when an employee is directed by his/her employer to assume the duties and responsibilities of a higher position, provided such duties and responsibilities are not also included within the employee's normal position, subject to the availability of funding.

21.4 Employees who have completed at least five years of continuous service to The County shall be paid an annual longevity bonus in accordance with the following:

5 – 9 years	\$300
10 – 14 years	\$400
15 – 19 years	\$500
20 – 24 years	\$750
25 years+	\$1000

The amount will be paid with the first pay period of December of each year. Such payment shall be in a separate check. Continuous service shall mean uninterrupted employment within any bargaining unit covering Belknap County employees, consistent with Article 19, Section 5 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 22 - DURATION AND RENEGOTIATION

22.1 This Agreement as executed by the Parties shall remain in full force and effect ending at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2025 or when replaced by a successor agreement, whichever shall occur later.

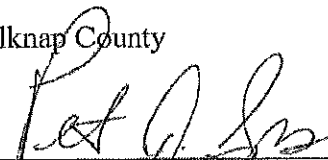
22.2 Renegotiation of this Agreement will be affected by written notification by one party to the other not earlier than August 1, 2025, except as set forth in 21.1 C. Negotiations shall commence within two (2) weeks of receipt of such notice.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN BELKNAP COUNTY AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 633 OF NH CONCERNING NHRS SPIKING

The parties agree, notwithstanding any other provisions contained within this agreement, the separation benefits paid under this agreement shall not exceed the maximum portion of the separation benefit that would result in the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) assessing Belknap County for "spiking".

The parties agree that no separation payments will be due for which Belknap County is to be assessed a "spiking" charge. The parties agree to allow employees' to redeem leave that would otherwise be due to them under the provisions of the contract terms but for the spiking charge in a manner that does not invoke or trigger the spiking charge (e.g. payment after 121 days following retirement). The parties agree to obtain the written authorization of the New Hampshire Retirement System that the payments will be exempt from AFC and the spiking charge. Further, written confirmation from the New Hampshire Department of Labor documenting lawfulness of the timeliness of the payments will be obtained prior to any payments being due in excess of the spiking charge.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto caused their names to be hereunto affixed and to a duplicate hereof by the duly authorized officers, as of the 13 day of Feb., 2023. Both such copies shall be considered originals.

Belknap County


Peter Spanos, Commissioner




Stephen Hodges, Commissioner

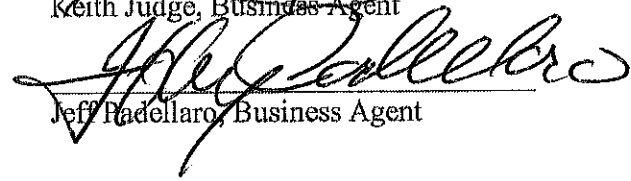
Glen Waring, Commissioner



Debra Shackett, County Administrator

Teamsters Local #633


Keith Judge, Business Agent



Jeff Padellaro, Business Agent

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE LOCAL UNION OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE FOLLOWING:

- A Change in Name
- A Change in his/her home address
- Desire to change beneficiaries through the following offices:

Local Union Office
Health Insurance Office
Pension Fund
Credit Union Office

- Termination of Employment

WITHDRAWAL CARD

A member may request a Withdrawal Card immediately upon termination of employment. A member may request a Withdrawal Card if he/she is temporarily out of work due to workers' compensation, off-the-job injury or sickness, or a lengthy leave of absence.

Failure to request a Withdrawal Card for any of the reasons above, could put you in delinquent status and possibly pay re-initiation fees.

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