

*Collective
Bargaining
Agreement*

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Between
THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
and
THE INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS
LOCAL 157

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
AND
LOCAL 157 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

SECTION 1.1 This Agreement, entered into by the City of Oklahoma City and International Association of Fire Fighters Local 157 (Bargaining Agent), pursuant to Title 11 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 51-101, et seq., as amended, is made to:

- (a) Establish wages, hours, benefits, grievance procedures, and other conditions of employment of represented employees of the Oklahoma City Fire Department;
- (b) Provide for quality fire protection and control services through the Employer's boundaries on an uninterrupted basis for the benefit of the citizens of Oklahoma City;
- (c) Assist in the amicable adjustment of labor disputes.

SECTION 1.2 Manpower Utilization and Productivity: The Employer and the Bargaining Agent agree to cooperate together to promote productive utilization of manpower and equipment to best secure for the Citizens of Oklahoma City, the Mayor, and the City Council the maximum productivity for the tax dollar that they invest in fire services

ARTICLE 2

RECOGNITION

SECTION 2.1 The City of Oklahoma City recognizes Local 157 of the International Association of Firefighters, as exclusive Bargaining Agent. All permanent (regular full-time) employees as listed in the pay plan and/or Addendum A of this contract who have successfully completed the Recruit Academy or were hired prior to January 1, 1998 shall be covered by this contract. Employees hired after January 1, 1998 who have not successfully completed the Recruit Academy shall not be covered by this contract until such time as the Academy has been successfully completed. It is understood that Deputy Chiefs (pay range 950) shall be exempt from provisions of Article 19 of this Agreement.

SECTION 2.2 *Probationary Permanent Employees:* All permanent employees listed in the pay plan and/or Addendum A of this collective bargaining agreement who have not successfully completed the twelve (12) month Probationary Period, from the date of hire, which includes: a)

successful completion of the Fire Recruit Academy, and b) successful completion of three (3) complete recruit evaluations, each evaluation consisting of a minimum of eighteen (18) shifts in the Suppression Work Section, shall be considered probationary permanent employees.

A probationary permanent employee's time off (vacation, holiday, sick) shall not exceed three (3) shifts per quarterly rotation. Exceptions may be approved by the Deputy Chief. If there is an interruption of service during the Probationary Period that exceeds this limit of three (3) shifts per quarterly rotation, the time lapse during the interruption shall not be included as part of the Probationary Period. An interruption of service during the Probationary Period that exceeds three (3) shifts per quarterly rotation will result in the 12-month Probationary Period being extended until the probationary permanent employee completes the minimum requirements in the Suppression Work Section and the Fire Recruit Academy.

A probationary permanent employee who successfully completes all requirements of the Probationary Period, will receive a step increase from Fire Recruit, Step B, to Firefighter, Step A, effective the date of completion of all requirements, and the probationary permanent employee's anniversary date will be set at twelve (12) months from the date of hire.

SECTION 2.2.01 *Service Required for Certain Benefits:* Probationary permanent employees shall not have access to the following benefits until they have successfully completed their twelve (12) month Probationary Period, as defined in Section 2.2: Article 12, Section 12.3 (payment of sick leave upon termination); Article 17, Section 17.5 (vacation usage - until completing six (6) months of service); Article 23, Section 23.1 and 23.2 (transfer system).

SECTION 2.2.02 *Grievance Procedure for Probationary Permanent Employees:* The parties agree to expedite the grievance procedure contained in Article 8 of this agreement, for grievances involving discipline of probationary permanent employees as follows: (1) the time requirement for presentation of the grievance to the Chief's office shall be within ten (10) calendar days of the event or occurrence being grieved. The time limits for initial submission of the grievance, in Sections 8.1 and 8.3 shall not apply to grievances involving probationary permanent employees; (2) If the grievance is not settled by the Fire Chief, the parties agree to proceed directly to arbitration at Section 8.3, Step IV (1) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

SECTION 2.2.03 *Performance Evaluations for Probationary Permanent Employees:* Performance criteria shall be designed to evaluate a probationary permanent employee's skills, knowledge, ability and attitudes in relation to the job of fire fighter.

Upon graduation from the Recruit Academy, the probationary permanent employee shall be assigned to three different work sites during the remainder of the probationary period. Each such work site will evaluate the employee by using the fire department performance evaluation form. Each probationary permanent employee shall obtain three (3) completed recruit evaluations (each evaluation consisting of a minimum of eighteen (18) shifts), in the Suppression Work Section prior to becoming a permanent employee. The same evaluation form shall be used throughout the probationary period. Prior to the end of the Probationary Period, all the performance evaluations shall be reviewed and a decision for continued employment shall be made.

SECTION 2.2.04 *Standard of Review for Performance Review:* Failure to perform at an accepted standard of performance shall be grounds for termination of employment for probationary permanent employees, at any time in the probationary period.

SECTION 2.2.05 Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (EMT-B) Requirement
Reference is MOU 98-99 (1)

1. This requirement will be in effect while the employee is considered Probationary Permanent Employee and they will be expected to maintain this level of Certification.
2. Probationary permanent employees who attain a passing score on the EMT certification examination shall be evaluated on the rest of their performance evaluations to determine the status of future employment. Failure to perform at an accepted standard of performance shall be grounds for termination of employment for probationary permanent employees at any time in the probationary period.
3. In cases where a probationary permanent employee has taken the EMT certification examination and not attained a passing score within their Probationary Period, they may be terminated.
4. In cases where a probationary permanent employee has taken the EMT certification examination but has not received the results, their Probationary Period shall be extended until such time as their results are received. Upon receiving a passing score, the extended probation will expire and the employee shall become a permanent employee.
5. Probationary permanent employees that do not take the EMT certification examination prior to completion of their first year of employment will be terminated.
6. When necessary, probationary permanent employees will participate in an EMT program provided by the employer. If the probationary permanent employee fails the employer provided EMT program, they may participate in a non-department provided EMT program. All costs associated with the non-department provided EMT program will be solely the responsibility of the probationary permanent employee. Furthermore, if the probationary permanent employee participates in a non-department EMT program, they shall not be compensated in accordance with Article 19.1 and will be required to utilize approved personal leave for program functions if scheduled during the employee's normal work schedule. The proof of enrollment will be submitted to the probationary permanent employee's immediate supervisor, who will forward it through their District Officer.
7. Probationary permanent employees who are required to attend department-provided EMT classes on non-duty days shall be compensated in accordance with Article 19.1.

ARTICLE 3

AUTHORITY AND TERM

SECTION 3.1 The Employer and the Bargaining Agent have, by these presents, reduced to writing the collective bargaining agreement resulting from negotiations entered into by the Employer and the Bargaining Agent.

SECTION 3.2 This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, ~~2022~~2023 and shall remain in full force and effect until the 30th day of June, ~~2023~~2024.

SECTION 3.3 The term of the contract shall not exceed one (1) year.

ARTICLE 4

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SECTION 4.1 The Employer shall hire employees for the Oklahoma City Fire Department without regard to membership in the Union; and any permanent employee listed in the pay plan who is not a member of the Union shall receive and shall be entitled to all benefits, rights, privileges, and agreements contained herein.

SECTION 4.2 The Employer expressly reserves the right to plan, direct, and control all operations relating to the Fire Department and to hire, suspend, or discharge any member of the Oklahoma City Fire Department subject to the laws existing during the tenure of this contract.

SECTION 4.3 The Employer shall have the exclusive right to determine the source or sources from which new applicants for work in the Oklahoma City Fire Department shall be secured; and shall be the sole judge of qualifications of employees for retention with the Employer subject to existing ordinances, state law, and the Grievance Procedure hereinafter specifically set forth.

SECTION 4.4 Except as specifically abridged, delegated, granted or modified by this agreement, or any supplementary agreements that may hereafter be made, all the rights, powers, and authority the Employer had prior to the signing of this agreement are retained by the Employer and remain exclusively and without limitations within the rights of the Employer.

SECTION 4.5 Except as may be limited herein, the City retains the rights in accordance with the laws of the State of Oklahoma and the responsibilities and duties contained in the Charter of the City of Oklahoma City and the ordinances, policies, rules and regulations promulgated hereunder.

SECTION 4.6 Style, material, and fit of OKCFD Uniforms will be determined by the Employer. Uniform regulations will be adopted by the Employer, and variance from these regulations may be cause for disciplinary action. Class "A" uniforms will be mandatory for all personnel. Class "A" uniforms will be worn at all formal functions, banquets and any other

occasion designated by the Fire Chief. Class A Uniforms can be worn off duty at funerals that are fire service related.

ARTICLE 5

BARGAINING UNIT SECURITY

SECTION 5.1 This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assignees of the parties hereto during the term of this contract, and no provisions, terms or obligations herein contained shall be affected, modified, altered or changed in any respect whatsoever by the consolidation, merger, or annexation, transfer or assignment of either party hereto, or affected, modified, altered, or changed in any respect whatsoever by any change of any kind in the ownership or management of either party hereto, or by any change geographically of place of business of either party hereto.

SECTION 5.2 After notice to the Fire Chief, Bargaining Agent representatives may be granted time off with pay by the Fire Chief to conduct bona fide Bargaining Agent business.

SECTION 5.3 The Employer agrees not to discriminate against any employee for their activity on behalf of, or membership in, the Bargaining Unit.

SECTION 5.4 All rights and privileges, which are not included in this Agreement currently enjoyed by employees covered in the pay plan, shall remain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement.

This is in no way intended to inhibit the City's right to make changes in the management of its operations under Article 4, Section 4.4.

SECTION 5.5 The Employer agrees to deduct, bi-weekly, dues and assessments in an amount certified to be correct by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Bargaining Agent, from the pay of those Bargaining Unit members who individually request that such deductions be made.

The total amount of deductions shall remain in force until canceled by the Bargaining Unit member after giving notice to the Secretary-Treasurer. Any employee who chooses to withdraw from IAFF, Local 157 shall have a ten (10) calendar day time period beginning the first day of January in which to withdraw their membership in the Union, provided the employee presents written notification requesting withdrawal to the Union, and a signed authorization card to the Benefits Division of the Personnel Department within the ten (10) calendar day time period. Costs for the payroll deduction service shall be charged by the City in accordance with the following:

- (a) The IAFF will be provided with the payroll deduction of membership dues and assessments for the IAFF Local 157.
- (b) Any extra work or expense incurred by the City because of requests or delays in furnishing information, materials, or supplies by the IAFF, or due to the furnishing of indefinite, erroneous or conflicting data, shall be paid for or borne by the IAFF,

the charges to be based on the City's actual cost and will be due and owing to the City upon delivery of an itemized invoice to the IAFF.

- (c) For normal services contemplated by (a) above, the IAFF shall be charged \$250.00 annually, covering the period of this Agreement. The IAFF shall remit the above in 12 equal installments prior to and before the fifth (5th) day of each month.
- (d) The City shall not be liable either at law or equity for any damages incurred by the IAFF which occurs from the City's non-performance or delay of the duties and obligations of this Article 5, Section 5, covenant, where such non-performance or delay is due to fire, electrical or machine failure, strike, lock-out, governmental order or regulation, or any other failure similar or dissimilar beyond the City's reasonable control.

SECTION 5.6 The Employer agrees to deduct Insurance Premiums for Bargaining Agent-sponsored insurance from the pay of those Bargaining Unit members who individually request participation. Sales and service personnel for Union-sponsored insurance must obtain permission from the Fire Chief and schedule the visit with the Station Officer before servicing any accounts. Sales presentations are not allowed on the Employer's property at any time.

SECTION 5.7 The Employer recognizes that members of the Bargaining Unit are entitled to legal defense services as provided for in Titles 11 and 51 of Oklahoma State Statutes.

SECTION 5.8 The Official Departmental Personnel File for all persons covered under this Agreement shall be at Fire Department Headquarters.

All employees shall be able to view their personnel file at any time during normal office hours, in the presence of a Fire Department Administrative staff member.

- (a) Any time a written criticism or commendation is entered into an employee's file, the employee shall be provided a copy.
- (b) Any employee disagreeing with a written criticism placed in their file shall be allowed to have their views regarding such criticisms placed in their file within thirty (30) days.
- (c) The Fire Chief shall maintain the current policy regarding access to departmental personnel files.
- (d) Letters of reprimand will be automatically removed from any employees' file at their request after a period of two (2) years, unless during that two (2) year period the employee receives additional letter(s) of reprimand. Removal of the original and subsequent letter(s) of reprimand from the employee's file may be requested by the employee after a period of two (2) years from the date of each reprimand.

SECTION 5.9 The President of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 157

shall be assigned special duty out of the Fire Chief's office to conduct bona fide Local 157 business.

SECTION 5.10 Every year in the third quarter of the fiscal year a Payroll Event Calendar is prepared for the following fiscal year. This schedule reflects by dates the payment of FLSA overtime by cycle, the quarterly uniform payment and the payment of any other special benefit in the CBA identified by the parties. This schedule is prepared by the Fire Department and presented to the Union for their input and approval.

ARTICLE 6

PROHIBITION OF STRIKES

SECTION 6.1 The Bargaining Agent agrees to a prohibition of any kind of job action, i.e., strikes, work slow-downs, mass absenteeism, or being party to such activities. The Bargaining Agent shall not be in breach of agreement where the acts and actions enumerated above are not caused or authorized by the Union.

SECTION 6.2 Upon notification confirmed in writing by Employer to the Bargaining Agent that certain of its members are engaged in a job action, the Bargaining Agent shall immediately in writing, order such members to cease the job action and return to work at once and provide the Employer with a copy of such order. Additionally, a responsible officer of the Bargaining Agent shall publicly order all employees participating in a job action to cease such action and notify them of impending disciplinary action should they continue in such activity. Notification by the Bargaining Agent to its members shall not constitute an admission by it that any type of job action is in progress or has taken place or that any particular member is or has engaged in a job action. The notification shall be made solely on the representations of the Employer. In the event that a job action occurs, the Bargaining Agent agrees to take all reasonable, effective and affirmative steps to end the job action as promptly as possible.

ARTICLE 7

MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY

SECTION 7.1 Nothing in this agreement shall be interpreted as diminishing the obligation of both parties to undertake affirmative action to insure that applicants or employees are treated without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin or political affiliation. Specifically, pursuant to Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Guidelines, each party is obligated to take positive action in affording equal employment, opportunities in all aspects of employment, as required by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. Said mutual responsibility shall extend to and include Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 effective February 5, 1994 as per the Acts interpretation.

SECTION 7.2 In the event that any portion of this contract unintentionally conflicts with the Employer's capability to be in compliance with said Act(s), the EEOC guidelines will be

overriding to that portion of this contract.

SECTION 7.3 The Bargaining Agent and Employer specifically recognize the necessity of continuous improvement in efficiency and effectiveness throughout the Fire Department operation. Both parties will cooperate in accomplishing these results.

SECTION 7.4 Unfair labor practice shall be deemed to include but not be limited to the following acts and conduct:

- (a) Interfering with, restraining, intimidating or coercing employees or corporate authorities in the exercise of their rights.
- (b) Dominating or interfering with the formation, existence or administration of any employee organization of Bargaining Agent.
- (c) Discharging or otherwise disciplining or discriminating against an employee because he has signed or filed any affidavit, petition, or complaint.
- (d) Refusing to bargain collectively or discuss grievances in good faith with the proper authorities.
- (e) Instituting or attempting to institute a lockout.

ARTICLE 8

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

SECTION 8.1 The Bargaining Agent or any employee may initiate a grievance pursuant to Step I below within thirty (30) days of said occurrence as hereinafter defined, and shall be afforded the full protection of this Agreement.

SECTION 8.2 An employee or the Bargaining Agent may report an impending grievance to the Deputy Chief of the respective Division, the Chief of the Oklahoma City Fire Department or the Chief Human Resources Officer for The City in an effort to forestall its occurrence.

SECTION 8.3 Any controversy between the Employer and the Bargaining Agent, itself or on behalf of any employee concerning the interpretation, enforcement or application of any provision of this Agreement, or any of the terms or conditions of employment contained in the Agreement shall be addressed in the following manner:

STEP I The grievance shall be discussed by the employee or Bargaining Agent with the involved employee's Deputy Chief to determine whether the issue may be resolved. The IAFF District Vice-President for the employee may be present at said discussion if the employee desires.

The Vice-President may designate a person on duty at the employee's

station or an off-duty representative, if they so desire. The appropriate Deputy Chief shall respond to the Bargaining Agent within ten (10) calendar days.

STEP II

If the grievance is not settled by the provisions of Step I, it shall be submitted within ten (10) calendar days of the date of discussion with the Deputy Chief, in writing to the Bargaining Agent Grievance Committee. The Bargaining Agent Grievance Committee shall determine, in their sole discretion and judgment, whether or not a grievance exists within the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

If the Bargaining Agent Grievance Committee finds that a grievance does exist, the Committee shall submit a grievance, in writing, to the Chief of the Oklahoma City Fire Department, within ten (10) calendar days from the date of the notification to the Bargaining Agent Grievance Committee.

The Chief of the Oklahoma City Fire Department shall submit their answer to the employee involved and to the Bargaining Agent Grievance Committee within ten (10) calendar days.

STEP III

If the grievance has not been settled within that time, the Bargaining Agent shall send the grievance within seven (7) calendar days to the Chief Human Resources Officer, or designee for review, and possible resolution or if the parties mutually agree, the grievance shall be submitted for mediation to a mediator of the parties' choice, according to the rules of the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service, (FMCS). If the parties are unable to mutually agree upon a mediator, the FMCS shall appoint a mediator to review the grievance at this level. The parties shall each select one representative to present their respective parties' position to the mediator. Each side shall present a summary of its position to the mediator, which presentation shall be limited to an hour per side. The presentation shall include a summary of all relevant facts. If, at the conclusion of the hearing the parties have not settled the grievance, the mediator shall make written findings of fact and recommendations and submit them to the parties within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the hearing. Said findings and recommendations shall be advisory only and not be binding on the parties or admissible in any subsequent arbitration hearing. If the grievance is unresolved at this step the grievant may proceed to Step IV within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the mediator's findings or the Chief Human Resources Officer's decision.

STEP IV

If the grievance has not been settled by the provisions of Step III, it then shall be submitted to the City Manager within seven (7) calendar days for their review.

The City Manager shall submit their answer to the Chief of the Oklahoma

City Fire Department and the Bargaining Agent Grievance Committee within ten (10) calendar days.

If the City Manager and the Bargaining Agent Grievance Committee have not settled the grievance within that time, the Bargaining Agent shall have twenty (20) calendar days in which to submit the grievance to arbitration for adjustment as follows:

1. Within seven (7) calendar days the Bargaining Agent and the Employer shall request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to provide a list of five (5) arbitrators. Within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the list of arbitrators, the parties shall alternately strike the name of one (1) arbitrator from the list of five (5) arbitrators, until one (1) name remains, with the Employer making the first strike from said list.

It is the obligation of the bargaining agent to contact the selected arbitrator within thirty (30) calendar days to advise of their selection.

2. The arbitrator shall call a hearing to be held within ninety (90) calendar days after the date of appointment and shall give at least seven (7) calendar days' notice in writing to the Bargaining Agent and the Employer of the time and place of such hearing. The hearing shall be informal and the rules of evidence prevailing in judicial proceedings shall not be binding. Any and all documentary evidence and other data deemed relevant by the arbitrator may be received in evidence. The arbitrator shall have the power to administer oaths and to require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses, the production of books, records, and other evidence relative or pertinent to the issues presented to them for determination.

3. A hearing conducted by the arbitrator shall be concluded within ten (10) calendar days from the time of commencement.

Within sixty (60) calendar days after the conclusion of the hearing, the arbitrator shall issue a written opinion containing findings and recommendations with respect to the issues presented. A copy of said opinion shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to the Bargaining Agent and the Employer.

4. With respect to the interpretation, enforcement or application of the provisions of this Agreement which do not relate to the statutory and charter authority of the City Council and the City Manager, the decision, findings and recommendations of the arbitrator shall be

final and binding on the parties to this Agreement.

5. The cost of the arbitrator shall be shared equally between the Bargaining Agent and the Employer. If a transcript of the proceedings is requested then the parties so requesting shall pay for it.

SECTION 8.4 All time limits set forth in this Article may be extended by mutual agreement, except § 8.1, and if not so extended, they must be strictly observed. Provided that, it is understood that all time lines as defined in this article shall be extended to the next business day (Monday through Friday, excluding holidays as recognized in Article 16, §16.6), when the deadline falls on a weekend day (Saturday or Sunday) or a holiday, except for the time limits set forth in §8.1, and the time limit for requesting an arbitration panel in §8.3, Step IV (1).

SECTION 8.5 It is understood and agreed that when an employee or the Bargaining Agent on their behalf, files a grievance, the act of filing such grievance shall constitute their authorization to the Employer to reveal to the participants in the grievance procedure any and all information available to the Employer concerning said employee. Such filing shall further constitute a release of the Employer from any and all claimed liability by reason of such disclosure.

ARTICLE 9

PROMOTIONS

SECTION 9.1 The purpose of this provision is to establish an orderly and impartial plan to select qualified individuals for promotion and to enhance career development.

SECTION 9.2 Administrative policy methods and procedures set forth are intended to provide assistance to the recommendations and judgment exercised by the Fire Chief. They are not intended to restrict the Fire Chief's authority in the final selection and appointment process.

SECTION 9.3 Responsibility for administrative control of the promotion plan is vested in the Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO) and authority is delegated to the Fire Chief. In the exercise of administrative control, the CHRO in consonance with the Fire Chief may utilize their authority in monitoring and coordinating test construction and security surveillance for maintenance of the plan.

- (a) If the Fire Chief deems that an employee is not qualified for a promotion, they may exercise the right to submit a letter to the CHRO and employee stating such reason.
- (b) A Promotion Board is herewith created to coordinate the procedure, have general supervision of the elements used in the selection process, and make recommendations and certification to the Chief of the Fire Department. The Board shall consist of a representative from the City Manager's Office, the Human Resources Department, the Fire Chief's Office, and the Bargaining Agent.

- (c) The Fire Department shall select test instruments, prepare test questions, and/or compile test questions from selected list, and administer, score and interpret test results.
- (d) Support Services shall establish a roster of qualified eligibles for certification and recommendation to the Fire Chief. Fire Administration shall also be responsible for maintaining current study materials at all work sites.
- (e) The Promotion Board shall receive and rule on appeals relating to promotions and their ruling shall be final and binding, each on its own merit.
- (f) Minutes of each appeal shall be taken and distributed to each member of the Promotion Board.
- (g) Candidates participating in a promotional process which involves assessment centers, interviews, and/or oral review boards, shall be provided a detailed explanation of the scoring procedures to be used. Once the process is complete, candidates who request shall be notified of their position in the final order of all candidates based on total scores. All scores will be kept confidential except that a candidate may request to know his/her score only. Promotional process documentation will be retained for two (2) years from the date of the last promotion from that promotional process.

SECTION 9.4 Promotional vacancies must be filled within ninety (90) days if an existing sequence list is available. If there is no sequence list available, the department will attempt to meet the ninety (90)-day requirement. It is understood that there may be certain instances beyond the employer's reasonable control that may cause the ninety (90)-day period to be exceeded. However, it is the employer's intent to fill all promotional vacancies within the ninety (90)-day time frame.

SECTION 9.5 Only time on the Oklahoma City Fire Department shall be considered for requirements for eligibility to take the promotional examinations, which are as follows. All requirements listed for each position must be successfully completed. The pay range is listed next to each title.

SUPPRESSION

- (a) *Corporal (920)* - To be certified a Corporal an employee must have met the following requirements:
 - 1. Must have completed three (3) years on the Oklahoma City Fire Department in Suppression.
 - 2. Must have completed NFPA Fire Fighter II certification.
 - 3. Must have completed Apparatus Operator Academy.
 - 4. Must have a current and valid Oklahoma Driver's License.
- (b) *Sergeant (922)* - To be a candidate for Sergeant an employee must have met the

following requirements:

1. Must have been a Corporal for at least one (1) year in Suppression, from the date of last employment.
2. Must have a minimum of five (5) years as an employee of the Oklahoma City Fire Department from the date of last employment.
3. Must compete in a one hundred (100) question written examination given by the Human Resource Work Section. The questions are to be germane to the position and procedures of the Oklahoma City Fire Department and shall include questions on operating procedures, general knowledge, driving techniques, and fire fighting operations.
4. The top twenty-five (25) scoring candidates will be placed into a two-week academy. The academy shall include, but not be limited to, instruction in: driving techniques, equipment operation, and Fire Department policy and procedures.
5. The top twenty-five (25) scoring candidates, combining written test score, seniority points, and academy score, shall be placed on a sequence list for promotion.

(c) *Lieutenant (923)* - To be certified as a Lieutenant an employee must have met the following requirements:

1. Must have been a Sergeant for one (1) year in Operations.
2. Must have completed Lieutenant certification in a two (2)-week academy.
3. The academy shall include, but not be limited to, instruction in: basic computer skills, supervisory skills, and fire ground tactics.

(d) *Captain (928)* - To be a candidate for Captain an employee must have met the following requirements:

1. Must have been a Sergeant for one (1) year and Lieutenant for two (2) years in Operations with a minimum of one (1) of those years in Suppression.
2. Must compete in a one hundred (100) question written examination given by the Human Resource Work Section. The questions are to be germane to the position and procedures of the Oklahoma City Fire Department and shall include questions on firefighting strategy, effective company command, personnel management, and general knowledge.
3. The top fifteen (15) scoring candidates will be placed into a two-week academy. The academy shall include, but not be limited to, instruction in: advanced computer skills, basic fire instructor, fire command, and management skills.
4. The top fifteen (15) scoring candidates, combining written test score, seniority points, and academy score, shall be placed on a sequence list for promotion.

(e) *Major (929)* - To be certified as a Major an employee must have met the following

requirements:

1. Must have been a Captain for two (2) years in Operations.
 2. Must have completed Major certification in a two -week academy.
 3. The academy shall include, but not be limited to, instruction in: advanced fire officer and interpersonal relations.

(f) *District Chief (930)* - To be a candidate for District Chief an employee must have met the following requirements:

1. Must have been a Major for two (2) years in Operations with a minimum of one (1) of those years in Suppression.
2. Must have fifteen (15) consecutive years on the Oklahoma City Fire Department.
3. Must have completed thirty (30) hours towards a degree.
 4. Must compete in a one hundred (100) question written examination given by the Human Resource Work Section. The questions are to be germane to the position and procedures of the Oklahoma City Fire Department and shall include questions on firefighting strategy, effective chief officer command, personnel management, and general knowledge.
 5. The top twelve (12) scoring candidates combining written test score and seniority points will be referred to an assessment center designated by the Fire Department and approved by the Personnel Department.
 6. Seniority points shall be calculated in the following manner:

Candidates shall accumulate .25 points per quarter with a maximum of 6.25. A candidate's seniority begins at the time they become eligible to take the respective promotional examination.

7. The assessment center shall certify three (3) more candidates to the Chief than the number of positions vacant at that time. After the position(s) have been filled, the list is depleted.
 8. The selected individual(s) shall receive special officers training in a two-week academy prior to assignment.

(g) *Battalion Chief (931)* - To be certified as a Battalion Chief an employee must have met the following requirements:

1. Must have been a District Chief for one (1) year in Operations.
 2. Must have an Associate Degree, or sixty (60) or more hours in a degree program.

(h) *Shift Commanders (931 Step D plus 4%)* – Eligible employees for the Shift Commander position must have completed a minimum of one (1)-year's time in grade as a District Officer (930) in Suppression. The Shift Commander will report directly to the Deputy Chief of Operations.

- (i) Community Service Liaison shall be staffed with the following:

721 CSL - One (1) member of Suppression who has obtained the rank of Sergeant (922) and/or Lieutenant (923), and who have promoted to the rank of Sergeant through the promotional process defined in Section 9.5(b); and

751 CSL/QA - One (1) member of Suppression who is a paramedic and has obtained the rank of Captain (928) and/or Major (929) and who has promoted to the rank of Captain through the promotional process defined in Section 9.5(b), for emergency medical quality assurance (QA).

If no Suppression personnel choose to move into the CSL or CSL/QA position, the Deputy Chief of Operations will utilize the promotional sequence list and offer the position to eligible personnel in sequential order. If an employee from the promotional sequence list chooses this option, they will be required to fill the position for a minimum of eighteen (18) months. If no employee on the promotional sequence list chooses to fill the position(s) a promotional exam will be provided as outlined in this section.

TRAINING *In Reference to MOU 00-01 (1)*

The existing Training Work Section shall become a work section under the Operational Services Division. The eligibility requirements for all ranks shall be the same as the Suppression Section requirements. This will allow for lateral transfers into and out of that work section, from other Suppression worksites. All regular transfers into the Training Work Section are expected to last for a minimum of eighteen (18) months.

Whenever an employee requests transfer back to Suppression duties and such transfer was delayed due to staffing concerns of the department outside their control, eligibility in Suppression shall begin at the time of their request or at the end of the employee's eighteen-month commitment, whichever is the latter. *{in reference to MOU 2004-05 (17)}*

When a training vacancy occurs, the following procedure shall be followed in this sequential order to fill it:

1. Allow Suppression personnel to laterally transfer. The top six (6) by seniority in rank that apply shall proceed to oral interviews. The Fire Chief shall make the final selection.
2. Allow a person from the existing promotional list to be promoted into that position. The training vacancy will be filled with the highest position on the list of personnel who make application. (This shall be an exception to "General Procedures (f) which states "Promotions shall not be made other than to the position on the list which the appointee's name appears.")
3. Give a test for the position and fill it in accordance with the CBA. After the position(s)

have been filled, the list is depleted.

Personnel in the Training Work Section shall receive 'Bonus' seniority points for time served in the assignment up to a maximum of four (4) points. These 'Bonus' points shall be earned and applied in the same manner as seniority points however they shall be in addition to any earned seniority points listed in the CBA.

Twenty-four (24) hour Personnel transferring into the 40-hour/week position shall not suffer any loss in annual pay. A "shift differential pay" of 11.25% shall be paid to personnel assigned to a 40-hour/week position in lieu of the twelve (12) hours of 'regularly scheduled' FLSA overtime paid to 24-hour shift employees per twenty-seven (27)-day work period. "Shift Differential" pay shall be calculated by including all wages due the employee to include base pay from the rates in Addendum B, Longevity in Addendum C and any additional incentive pay the employee is entitled to pursuant to the terms of this Collective Bargaining Agreement. ~~This paragraph shall become effective July 1, 2006, and the parties agree it hereby modifies MOU 00-01 (1) as provided for herein.~~

The Fire Chief retains the right of 'Administrative Transfer' except for the filling of vacancies as listed above.

FIRE DISPATCH WORK SECTION

- I. Entry level ~~rank~~ in the Fire Dispatch Work Section will be Dispatcher. Entry level pay ~~scale~~ will be the pay step that the employee is currently in or top step Corporal should the employee be in a rank above Corporal. Bargaining unit members transferring to the Fire Dispatch Work Section as a result of obligations set forth in Article 7 (Mutual Responsibility) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, shall not have their pay reduced. The pay of the transferred employee shall be frozen at the time of the transfer (z'd) until such time as the pay assigned to the position exceeds the z'd rate of pay.
- II. The City may hire a select number of recruits, at the discretion of the Fire Chief, for the sole purpose of filling vacancies in the Fire Dispatch Work Section. Those recruits are designated upon hire as "Fire Dispatch Recruits". Vacancies existing in the Fire Dispatch Work Section shall be filled by newly promoted Firefighters who were designated as "Fire Dispatch Recruits" upon completion of their probationary period. If the number of Firefighters who were designated "Fire Dispatch Recruits" exceeds the number of vacancies in the Fire Dispatch Work Section, they may be assigned to Suppression. All Firefighters who were designated as "Fire Dispatch Recruits" assigned to Suppression shall be subject to mandatory assignment to the Dispatch Work Section within two (2) years of the date of completion of their probationary period or until the next class of Fire Dispatch recruits are eligible. Upon assignment to Fire Dispatch, Firefighters designated as Fire Dispatch recruits shall serve a period of one (1) year in the Fire Dispatch Work Section, unless the obligations set forth in Article 7 (Mutual Responsibility) require reassignment. The Fire Chief may elect to forego filling vacancies in the Fire Dispatch Work Section for

a period of ninety (90) days if: 1) there are no voluntary requests to transfer from permanent paid fire personnel; and 2) a class of Fire Dispatch Recruits will complete their probationary period within that time.

Nothing in this Article requires the Fire Chief to fill a class or permanently hire Fire Dispatch Recruits.

- III. ~~Employees hired after July 1, 1995,~~ Permanent employees will be subject to assignment into the Fire Dispatch Work Section provided there are no available Fire Dispatch Recruits as defined in section II above, and no other candidates from Suppression apply. Those employees subject to assignment must be of the Corporal rank or below and will be selected by a random procedure utilizing employee numbers in place of names. Should an employee be assigned to the Fire Dispatch Work Section, they will only be required to serve a single one (1) 2-year period. Any time at or after the one (1) year time period, the employee may request a return to Suppression. and will not be subject to assignment for a second 2-year period unless the employee requests to be reassigned to the Fire Dispatch Work Section. Entry level pay for employees entering Dispatch via the random selection process will be C-Step Corporal. The pool of candidates for future random selections shall be from the last recruit academy that has achieved their one-year permanent status, excluding paramedics and personnel enrolled in and attending an accredited Paramedic Program at the time of random selection. {in reference to MOU 2002-03 (2)} Employees being involuntarily transferred into the Fire Dispatch Work Section under the provisions of this section will suffer no loss in annual pay including incentive pay the employee was being paid at the time of their transfer to the Fire Dispatch Work Section. *{in reference to MOU 2008-09 (2)}*

IV. Selection Procedure (in order of preference)

- 1) Any permanent paid fire personnel requesting to transfer into the Dispatch Work Section; subject to the following order of preference:
 - (i) Persons with prior training in Oklahoma City Fire Department Dispatch;
 - (ii) Permanent paid fire personnel with the lowest rank and least time in grade;
 - (iii) Permanent paid fire personnel with the least amount of time on the Oklahoma City Fire Department;
 - (iv) Person receiving the lesser amount of incentive pays.
- 2) Any permanent paid fire personnel designated as a Fire Dispatch Recruit.
- 3) Random Draw Lottery (one representative from Local 157 and the affected members may be present during the drawing if they so desire).

- VH. A group of not more than fifteen twelve (1215) personnel from Suppression shall be identified to assist the Fire Dispatch Work Section in their responsibilities during short term vacancies. These personnel shall receive the same incentive pay as those personnel assigned to the Fire Dispatch Work Section as identified in Article 22.

~~(a)~~ Selection of Loaned Dispatch – *Reference MOU FY 96-97 (6)*;

A survey will be conducted by teletype via fire department email to see who would be interested in being a permanent loan person to Dispatch from Suppression. (Would receive \$25.00 per pay period as incentive pay as per Article 9 and Article 22, Section 22.10 of the CBA.)

- 1) Would be placed on a rotating list of ~~four~~five (45) personnel per shift to be loaned to dispatch whenever they are short-handed.
- 2) Would spend one (1) shift per quarter working in dispatch to maintain skill level.
- 3) If circumstances necessitate the transfer of an individual who is receiving dispatch incentive pay to another shift that already has a full complement of back-up dispatchers five (~~5~~four), that individual would lose the incentive pay. However, the affected person shall be selected for the first vacant slot on their newly assigned shift unless they choose not to accept it. The transferred individual's vacant slot would be filled by the normal selection process as outlined in the MOU.

~~(b)~~ ~~Selection Procedure (in order of preference)~~

- ~~1) Persons with prior training in Oklahoma City Fire Department Fire Dispatch.~~
- ~~2) Permanent paid fire personnel with the lowest rank and least time in grade.~~
- ~~3) Permanent paid fire personnel with the least amount of time on the Oklahoma City Fire Department.~~
- ~~4) Person receiving the lesser amount of incentive pays.~~
- ~~5) Lottery (one representative from Local 157 and the affected members may be present during the drawing if they so desire).~~

VI. Dispatch

(a) *Dispatcher* - To be a Dispatcher the following will apply:

1. Must have completed one (1) year on the Oklahoma City Fire Department.
2. Must remain in Fire Dispatch Work Section for a minimum of two (2) years at which time an employee may transfer according to Section 23.1 or 23.3 of Article 23 of the current CBA, shorter time periods may be approved by the Fire Chief on a case-by-case basis. Every effort will be made to return employees transferring from the Dispatch Work Section into Suppression to the same shift they were on prior to the Dispatch assignment.
3. The provisions of General Procedures paragraphs (q) and (r) apply.
4. Should more candidates request assignment into this work section than there are vacancies, the provisions of General Procedures (k) shall apply.

(b) *Senior Dispatcher (920)* - To be certified as a Senior Dispatcher an employee must have

met the following requirements:

1. Must have served three (3) years on the Oklahoma City Fire Department.
2. Must have OKCFD approved communications training or meet Suppression Corporal requirements.
3. To maintain (920) pay range upon return to Suppression, the employee must successfully complete the Apparatus Operators Academy either while in the Fire Dispatch Work Section or the next academy immediately following the return to Suppression. Also refer to “*General Procedures*” paragraph (n).

(c) *Lead Dispatcher (922)* - To be a candidate for Lead Dispatcher an employee must have met the following requirements:

1. Must have completed at least two (2) years as a Dispatcher in the Fire Dispatch Work Section.
2. Must have been a Corporal for at least one (1) year on the Oklahoma City Fire Department.
3. Must have five (5) years on the Oklahoma City Fire Department.
4. Must have OKCFD approved communications training.
5. Follow procedures under (k) of the General Procedures section of this Article.

(d) *Senior Lead Dispatcher (923)* - To be certified as a Senior Lead Dispatcher an employee must have met the following requirements:

1. Must have been a Lead Dispatcher for one (1) year in the Fire Dispatch Work Section.

(e) *Shift Supervisor (928)* - To be a candidate for Shift Supervisor an employee must have met the following requirements:

1. Must have been a Senior Lead Dispatcher for two (2) years in the Fire Dispatch Work Section.
2. Follow the procedures under (k) of the General Procedures of this Article.

(f) *Senior Shift Supervisor (929)* - To be certified as a Senior Shift Supervisor an employee must have met the following requirements:

1. Must have completed two (2) years as Shift Supervisor in the Fire Dispatch Work Section.

FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES DIVISION

Entry position in the Code Enforcement Work Section and Fire Investigation Work Section shall be (928) Captain. There are equivalent ranks and requirements listed below, however for the purposes of promotions and/or transfers these work sections shall be considered separate.

Whenever vacancies occur in the Investigation or Code Enforcement work sections, the Fire Chief has the option to fill vacancies by utilizing the procedures listed under General Procedures section (k). CLEET certified personnel may be required to perform duties of either section if needed.

(a) *Inspector/Investigator (928)* - To be a candidate as an Inspector/Investigator an employee must have met the following:

1. Pay range 920 Sergeant eligible and 922 Sergeant or above. ~~If a minimum of three (3) candidates in pay range 922 or above apply and compete for vacant Fire Prevention Service positions, the selection process will be limited to those personnel.~~
2. Follow the procedures under (k) of the General Procedures section of this Article.
3. Successful candidates will be placed in the step of pay range 928 or 929 that will not result in an decrease in increase from their current base hourly annual compensation, except 920 Sergeant eligible candidates shall be placed at Step B, Range 923. Following two (2) year's of service in Fire Prevention, the Sergeant eligible candidate shall be placed in range 928 A/1. Personnel will move to range 929 after they meet the requirements of the CBA.
- ~~If the candidate's calculated rate of pay exceeds that of 929 C/3 Step (Addendum B-1), then that person's hourly pay rate will be z'd (frozen) until such time as 929 C/3 Step (Addendum B-1) exceeds the z'd rate.~~
4. Must be able to successfully pass a criminal background check.
5. Must be able to successfully pass a psychological evaluation as deemed by the State of Oklahoma to become a certified Peace Officer.
6. Once promoted to the rank of Inspector/Investigator in the Fire Prevention Services Division all employees, except the employee assigned Special Events Coordinator duties, must pass CLEET Certification to become a Certified Peace Officer in order to stay in the Fire Prevention Services Division.
7. Once promoted to the position of Inspector/Investigator in the Fire Prevention Services Division, the employee must attend and pass the two (2)-week National Fire Academy's Code Enforcement or Fire Arson Investigation Course on campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland or equivalent training approved by the Fire Marshal.

(b) *Senior Inspector/Investigator (929)* – To be certified as Senior Inspector/Investigator an employee must:

1. Serve two (2) years as Inspector/Investigator in the Fire Prevention Services Division.
2. Inspectors and Investigators must complete *Fire Inspector I*.
3. Inspectors must also complete *Fire Inspector II and/or Plan Review* (or equivalent).

4. Investigators must also complete *IAAI Fire Investigation Technician*.
- (c) *NCO Coordinator (929)* – To be eligible for NCO Coordinator an employee must:
 1. Must be Senior 929 or above in Fire Prevention Services.
 2. Follow procedures under (k) of the General Procedures section of this Article.
- (d) *Assistant Fire Marshal (930)* - To be a candidate for Assistant Fire Marshal an employee must have met the following requirements:
 1. Must have completed two (2) years in pay range 928 or above in any non-suppression work section.
 2. Must have completed thirty (30) hours towards a degree.
 3. Follow procedures under (k) of the General Procedures section of this Article.
- (e) *Assistant Fire Marshal II (931)* - To be certified as an Assistant Fire Marshal II an employee must have met the following requirements:
 1. Must have been an Assistant Fire Marshal for one (1) year.
 2. Must have an Associate Degree, or sixty (60) hours or more in a degree program.

PUBLIC EDUCATION WORK SECTION

Entry position in the Public Education Work Section shall be Public Education Instructor (928) Captain.

- (a) *Public Education Instructor (928)* - To be eligible for Public Education Instructor an employee must have the following:
 1. Pay range 920 Sergeant eligible or above. ~~If a minimum of three (3) candidates in pay range 922 or above apply and compete for vacant Public Education Work Section positions, the selection process will be limited to those personnel.~~
 2. Follow the procedures under (k) of the General Procedures section of this Article.
 3. Successful candidates will be placed in the step of pay range 928 or 929 that will not result in an decrease in increase from their current base hourly annual compensation, except 920 Sergeant eligible candidates shall be placed at Step B, Range 923. Following two (2) year's of service in Public Education, the Sergeant eligible candidate shall be placed in range 928 A/1. Personnel will move to range 929 after they meet the requirements of the CBA.

~~If the candidate's calculated rate of pay exceeds that of 929 C/3 Step (Addendum B-1), then that person's hourly pay rate will be z'd (frozen) until such time as 929 C/3 Step (Addendum B-1) exceeds the z'd rate.~~

4. Once promoted to the position of Public Educator in the Public Education Section, the employee must attend and pass the two (2)-week National Fire Academy's Public Educator Course on campus Emmitsburg, Maryland or equivalent training approved by the Fire Marshal.

(b) *Senior Public Education Instructor (929)* – To be eligible for Senior Public Education Instructor an employee must have the following:

1. Serve two (2) years in the Public Education Work Section.
2. Must complete *National Fire Academy Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Specialist* certification.
3. Must complete *National Fire Academy Community Risk Reduction* certification.
4. Must complete *Fire Inspector I*.

(c) *Assistant Fire Marshal (930)* - To be a candidate for Assistant Fire Marshal an employee must have met the following requirements:

1. Must have completed two (2) years in pay range 928 or above in any non-suppression work section.
2. Must have completed thirty (30) hours towards a degree.
3. Follow procedures under (k) of the General Procedures section of this article.

(d) *Assistant Fire Marshal II (931)* - To be certified as an Assistant Fire Marshal II an employee must have met the following requirements:

1. Must have been an Assistant Fire Marshal for one (1) year.
2. Must have an Associate Degree, or sixty (60) hours or more in a degree program.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

- (a) The Fire Chief will establish the eligibility requirements and selection procedures for all Bargaining Unit positions, not listed in the career development positions above, such as Fire Safety Officer and similar Administrative Officers. Selection procedures will be posted so that all candidates are informed of procedures before the promotional process begins. It is understood that all the elements in establishing eligibility requirements and selection procedures will be administered in a consistent manner during the term of the Agreement. Further, that the parties recognize the Fire Chief must have margin for flexibility and if changes in the system are required on a case-by-case basis, the Chief will send a draft copy to the Bargaining Agent five (5) business days prior to posting the vacancy(ies).

Promotions to positions in pay ranges 950, excluding the Career Development Rank of Deputy Fire Chief (951), and above shall be by assessment center and/or interview as determined by the Fire Chief. ~~The m~~Minimum time in grade for the Deputy Chief of Operation positions will be one (1) year as District Chief in Suppression. Minimum time in grade for the Deputy Chief of Support Services will be one (1) year as a 930 or above. ~~The m~~Minimum time in grade for the Deputy Chief of Prevention Services will be two (2) years as a Captain (928) or above in a non-suppression work section.

Deputy Fire Chief (951)- To be certified as a Deputy Fire Chief a Deputy Chief must have met the following requirements:

1. Must have been a Deputy Chief for two (2) years.
2. Must have a Bachelor's Degree.
3. Must have completed at least one of the following educational programs:
 - a. Master's Degree;
 - b. Oklahoma Executive Fire Officer Leadership Program;
 - c. National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program;
 - d. Fire Service Executive Development Institute (FSEDI) Program;
 - e. Fire Officer IV Certification.

Personnel in range 950 as of July 1, 2022, shall be promoted to the Career Development Rank of Deputy Fire Chief (951).

- (b) All candidates for Sergeant and Captain will be placed on a sequence list in descending order according to total score. The sequence list shall remain in effect until depleted.
- (c) Notice of examinations and source of testing material shall be published at least thirty (30) days prior to any written examination.
- (d) Eligible employees for the examination must be present at the announced examination time and shall remain until they have completed the test.
- (e) The examination date shall be the cut-off date for determining in-grade service eligibility.
- (f) Promotions shall not be made other than to the position on the list which the appointee's name appears.
- (g) An employee on temporary work review shall be allowed to compete in any promotional examination. However, the employee on temporary work review shall not be promoted until the employee has successfully completed such work review.
- (h) All leave and assignments on the Fire Department, for any reason, shall not be

counted as broken service toward eligibility for promotion and/or reclassification (excluding termination and AWOL).

- (i) All testing candidates may review the correct answers to the written examination at the times listed below:

The protest period for the written examination shall be 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the day of the test, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon the following business day. Any protest must be in written form and state why the question is being protested and filed during the appropriate period with the Deputy Chief of Support Services or designee. When the protest period has closed, testing candidates will be given the opportunity to review any adjustments.

The adjustment review period shall be 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the day that the protest period closes, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon the next business day.

When the adjustment review period has closed, candidates shall be allowed to review their answers for accuracy of grading only, not to protest the test content. The grading review period shall be 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the day that adjustment review period closes, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon the next business day. ~~Testees~~Test Takers will only receive their scores in person at the place stated in the vacancy announcement. After the protest period, adjustment review period, and grade review period have elapsed for the written examination, the list of academy candidates will be published.

- (j) In cases where ties occur for the last position after taking a promotional examination, all individuals will proceed to the next step, i.e.: promotional academy, assessment center, interview, or on the sequence list for promotion (allowing for expansion of sequence list beyond the specified number of candidates).

For candidates tied for positions on the promotional sequence list, the following steps shall be used as a tie breaker for determining the position on the sequence list:

1. Seniority in classification
2. Seniority on the Fire Department
3. The highest score on the promotional examination
4. The highest score in promotional academy (if applicable)
5. Education incentive pay points, .5 per level as defined in Section 22.2 of Article 22
6. Specialty pay points, .5 per EMT-D, EMS Instructor, Paramedic, Haz-Mat, ~~Diver~~Water Rescue or Dispatcher
7. Highest overall average of Recruit Academy scores (if available).

The education incentive pay points and specialty pay points in tie breaker #5 and #6 are used to break ties only and will not be calculated into the promotional

sequence list scores.

- (k) The following procedures, as well as the requirements defined in section 9.3 paragraph (g), are to be used for the positions in (a) above, and also referred to for positions in the support divisions.

1. Candidates meeting the eligibility requirements must participate in a one-way video interview facilitated by the Fire Human Resources Department.
2. The top eight (8) scoring candidates will be referred to an assessment center designated by the Fire Department and approved by the Human Resources Department.
3. The assessment score alone will determine a list of five (5) candidates. If more than one (1) position is available, the list will expand, one (1) person for each additional position.

If less than five (5) candidates apply an oral review board may be used in place of the assessment center and all candidates will be placed on the list.

4. Interviews may be conducted with the successful assessment center or oral review board candidates to allow candidate input. Selection will be made from the list of successful candidates. Once a selection is made the list is depleted.

- (l) Seniority points shall be calculated in the following manner:

Candidates shall accumulate .5 points per quarter with a maximum of 12.5. A candidate's seniority begins at the time they become eligible to take the respective promotional examination. A candidate's seniority points shall be divided equally and applied as follows:

½ of the accumulated points to the written examination to determine the list of candidates who will attend the appropriate academy, and
½ of the accumulated points to the academy score to determine the sequence of the candidate on the appropriate promotion list.

Exception to this provision is District Chief in Suppression.

- (m) The academies discussed in this Article shall be given on consecutive days for two (2) weeks (~~5~~ 4 ~~days~~ - Monday through ~~Friday~~Thursday, 40-hour weeks). Accounting for time shall be as has been done in the past for attendance at the National Fire Academy. A two-week academy would be as follows for 24-hour shift employees:

- Released from duty at 1900 hours on the Sunday preceding the academy.
- Return to duty at 1900 hours on the ~~Saturday~~Friday following the

end of the academy.

- 24hr employees attending a two-week academy will be placed on Training Leave from the 1st Monday to the last ~~Friday~~Thursday of the two-week academy.

- (n) In the event that, the career development academies discussed in this Article, are not given prior to an individual's eligibility by time in grade, they shall be allowed to move into their respective career development step.

However, when the academy is offered, the candidate must attend or be subject to lose their career development designation and pay until the academy is attended.

As an employee completes the requirements for the career development positions, they should provide documentation to the Human Resources Work Section showing completion of the requirements. When the employee is within thirty (30) days of completing the time-in-grade requirement, a request should be made to the Human Resources Work Section to initiate the certification process.

- (o) All promotions shall change the pay anniversary date of the employee. Promotions shall be to the lowest step in the new range that provides an increase in salary, unless placement in a higher step is approved by the Chief.
- (p) The Corporal rank is an extension of the Fire Fighter rank, the Lieutenant rank is an extension of the Sergeant rank, the Major rank is an extension of the Captain rank and the Battalion Chief rank is an extension of the District Chief rank and the Deputy Fire Chief rank is an extension of the Deputy Chief rank.
- (q) Any employee, eligible by time-in-grade, as defined in (h) above, on the effective date of this agreement shall continue to be eligible by time-in-grade. Eligibility, in regards to seniority points, began at the time the employee originally became eligible for their next competitive promotion and shall be configured with the formula contained in (l) above.

Personnel will be allowed to compete for any promotions they meet the requirements for. Should they request to transfer out of their current division or work section, they will only be allowed to transfer to the division or work section they came from, and they will be placed in a rank equivalent to the one held when they left their previous division or work section, at the pay range of the assigned rank.

- (r) ~~Any individual in pay range (929) in the Support Services Division, who competes and is selected to the lower pay range (928) positions for which they were eligible in Suppression, shall not suffer any loss in base pay. However, a~~Any individual in the Support Services Division Non-Ops who competes and is selected to a lower pay range Operations (Ops) position that is more than one pay range below their current pay range, shall have their respective pay range adjusted downward to top

step of the career development pay range for the position for which they are being selected. ~~In these instances, these employees shall have their pay frozen (Z'd) until such time as normal step raises and career development in the lower rank would have caught them up to the frozen (Z'd) pay rate.~~

~~In all instances, it shall be understood that the pay is frozen (Z'd) at a level, but the rank and the title shall be appropriate for the position the person was selected for.~~

(s) Pay Ranges in the divisions not in Operations ("Non-Ops") shall be computed as follows:

- Individuals in the Non-Ops pay ranges of 923, 928, 929, 930, and 931 shall receive a "Support Differential" of 8%. The "Support Differential" will be an 8% increase on the individual's hourly pay rate.
- Individuals in the Fire Investigation Work Section working a 24 hour schedule shall receive a "Fire Investigation Support Differential" of 4%. The "Fire Investigation Support Differential" for Fire Investigations will be a 4% increase on the individual's hourly pay rate.
- Personnel in Non-Ops receiving Z'd hourly pay rate prior to City Council approval of the FY23-24 CBA shall not suffer a loss in pay. Subject personnel shall continue to receive such pay until the applicable pay range noted above, plus the applicable Non-Ops differential, exceeds the Z'd pay rate. At such time, subject personnel shall be placed in the appropriate pay range and step and thereafter receive the applicable Non-Ops differential.

- (s) Protests of any promotional process not specifically addressed above, can only be made by request for a Promotions Board within 30 calendar days of the promotion being announced by Fire Administration.

NON-ADMINISTRATIVE

It is understood and agreed that advancement between steps in each non-administrative classification shall be based on acceptable performance, improved job skills, and length of service within the classification.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The performance of administrative employees shall be evaluated at least annually and performance evaluation forms submitted to the Human Resources Department for inclusion in the personnel history folder. Employees may receive pay increases upon approval of the Department Head's recommendation and completed performance evaluation which substantiates levels of performance sufficient to merit the increase.

The City Manager shall have the authority to approve or disapprove recommendations for pay increases, and shall provide written notification of such decision to the department.

Exceptional Meritorious Service - Department Heads may recommend to the City Manager a maximum two-step pay increase within the appropriate range to recognize exceptional meritorious service of individual employees. Such recommendation must be accompanied by a completed performance evaluation substantiating levels of performance sufficient to justify the increase.

ARTICLE 10

PERSONNEL REDUCTION

SECTION 10.1 In the case of a personnel reduction, the employee with the least seniority shall be laid off first. Seniority in this instance shall be determined by continuous service from last date of employment.

SECTION 10.2 No new employee shall be hired until the employee or employees laid off and the Bargaining Agent have been notified by Registered Mail and the employee given a fourteen (14) day period to notify the Employer of their intentions.

ARTICLE 11

SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

SECTION 11.1 The Employer and the Bargaining Agent agree to cooperate to the fullest extent in the promotion of safety through full disclosure of any information, results of surveys and/or studies, new forms, procedures, materials, equipment, and any new concept in safety and health applicable to the Safety and Health Committee.

SECTION 11.2 Three (3) employees representing the Bargaining Agent and three (3) employees representing the Employer shall comprise the Safety and Health Committee.

SECTION 11.3 The Safety and Health Committee shall meet bi-monthly and at such other times as deemed necessary by the Fire Chief and/or the Bargaining Agent.

SECTION 11.4 Committee members shall also be granted time off with pay to conduct investigations of safety and health problems if deemed necessary by the Fire Chief and/or the Bargaining Agent.

SECTION 11.5 The Bargaining Agent agrees to cooperate with the City in mutually approved programs, distribution of literature, or other methods to discourage smoking by members of the Bargaining Unit.

ARTICLE 12

SICK LEAVE

SECTION 12.1 Employees shall accumulate five (5) hours per pay period with a maximum accrual of 2000 hours.

SECTION 12.2 Employees shall be compensated in cash at their base rate of pay for one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of any unused sick leave that has been accumulated by the employee when the employee regularly retires from the Fire Department or retires because of job related injury.

SECTION 12.3 Payment for the sick leave balance shall be made as follows: fifty (50) percent of the sick leave balance shall be paid to the employee at time of death or voluntary resignation provided that, the fifty (50) percent maximum payment will be reduced two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) percent for each year less than twenty (20) years of creditable service; one hundred (100) percent of the sick leave balance shall be paid to the employee's named beneficiary in the event an employee is killed in the line of duty, defined as follows: A death in the line of duty occurs when suffered in the performance or discharge of a duty required of the employee as a member of the Fire Department.

SECTION 12.4 If a member of the Fire Department personnel does not use more than two (2) twenty-four (24) hour shifts of sick leave during their leave year, they will receive an additional twenty-four (24) hour shift of vacation accrual on their leave anniversary date.

SECTION 12.5 An employee incurring a non-duty sickness or disability shall receive sick leave with full pay. The sick leave shall be charged for hours that are actually missed because of an illness or disability at a rate of sixteen (16) hours per shift for twenty-four (24) hour shift employees.

Employees in the Fire Dispatch Work Section shall be charged for hours that are actually missed because of an illness or disability at a rate of eight (8) hours per twelve (12) hour shift. *{in reference to MOU 2006-07 (6)}*

SECTION 12.6 An employee who incurs a non-work-related illness or injury requiring that employee to miss work, and who has exhausted his or her sick leave, vacation leave, and compensatory time may accrue additional sick leave donated by other employees. Donated sick leave must be on a hour for hour basis. The maximum amount of sick leave that can be donated to a single forty (40)-hour per week employee per fiscal year, by any one employee, shall be an amount equal to twenty-four (24) hours of leave of the injured or ill employee.

The maximum amount of sick leave that can be donated to a single twenty-four (24)-hour shift employee per fiscal year, by any one employee, shall be an amount equal to forty-eight (48) hours of leave of the injured or ill employee.

The donated leave shall be used in the order it is donated. Should the injured or ill employee return to work, or die, with donated sick leave, which was not used by the employee, the unused donated leave shall revert to the employee who donated the leave.

SECTION 12.7 Each employee in the unit shall have the right to convert to vacation leave up to thirty-two (32) hours of sick leave per year, except those assigned to 40-hour work weeks. Employees working 40-hour work weeks may convert up to forty (40) hours of sick leave per year. Converted sick leave must be used, with supervisor approval, in the same pay period in which it is

converted. Sick leave must be converted in a minimum of four (4) hour increments. Employees using sick leave conversion cannot exceed the maximum vacation leave accruals set forth in sections 17.1 through 17.4 of this agreement.

ARTICLE 13

INJURY LEAVE

SECTION 13.1 An employee injured on the job shall continue to receive their regular rate of pay during the time necessarily lost from work, not to exceed six (6) calendar months from the date of injury; provided, any disability payments received from worker's compensation coverage, for the same injury, shall be credited to the City.

SECTION 13.2 Members who suffer an on-the-job injury, off-the-job injury or illness, may, upon proper medical release, request light duty. The light duty assignment shall be at the discretion of the Fire Chief. The member shall be assigned to any available light duty position and may work an eight (8) hour shift. The member shall be paid the shift wage they would have received if the member had worked twenty four (24) hours. The maximum time a member may serve on light duty assignment shall be six (6) months. The six (6) month period time limit may be waived if medical prognosis indicates the member will return to full duty within sixty (60) days of the end of the six (6) month period.

ARTICLE 14

EMERGENCY LEAVE

SECTION 14.1 *Death in Family:* Up to four (4) calendar days will be granted with pay and shall not result in any deductions from any type leave accrued by the employee) when a death occurs in the immediate family. Immediate family shall be defined as: Spouse, parents, step-parents, children, brothers, sisters, step-brothers, step-sisters, grandparents, and grandchildren of the employee or the employee's spouse. If the death occurs while an employee is off duty, the four (4) calendar days will commence at 0700hrs the following day. If an employee is notified of a death in their immediate family when on duty and leaves their duty station, the death in family leave time shall commence at the next closest hour. If the time granted for this death (up to four (4) calendar days) ends during any portion of the employee's on duty work shift, they shall be allowed to remain off duty the remainder of that shift and the time, to the next four (4) hour increment, will be charged to their holiday leave time. Bereavement leave may be used on the day of funeral or memorial services for the deceased, if those services do not occur within the four (4) calendar days granted for the death.

If an employee is notified of a death in their immediate family while on duty and does not leave their duty station, the death in family leave time (up to four (4) calendar days) shall commence at 0700hrs the following morning.

SECTION 14.2 *Sickness in Family:* In the event of sickness or injury to a member of an employee's immediate family (a non-FMLA event) which is serious enough to warrant the

presence of the employee, as certified by their company officer or immediate supervisor, the employee shall be granted up to four (4) calendar days per occurrence (time off granted under this Section 14.2 shall be deducted from the employee's sick leave). Sickness in family leave can be scheduled in advance if approved by the company officer or the officer in charge. Sickness in family leave can be used when an employee or the spouse of an employee has a baby.

SECTION 14.3 In the event of sickness or injury to an employee or the employee's immediate family member which qualifies under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), and as certified by a physician, the employee shall be allowed to use personal sick leave, or substitute paid leave for the duration of the leave. In the case of a foreseeable medical leave or planned medical treatment, the employee must provide at least thirty (30) days advance notice (medical emergencies, unforeseen circumstances, and intermittent FMLA leave shall be excluded from this requirement). For purposes of a FMLA-qualifying event, the FMLA definition of an immediate family member shall be used, and the residency of the immediate family member shall not restrict the availability of the employee's personal sick leave.

The sickness in family leave times herein provided apply only when the sickness or injury does in fact require time off from regularly scheduled duty and does not contemplate nor grant an accrual of time when said events occur during regularly scheduled days off, vacations, or other permissible leave with pay periods. The duration of sickness in family leave as referred to in this Section 14.3, may exceed the (FMLA maximum) twelve (12) weeks, and may be deducted from accumulated sick leave or accumulated personal leave.

ARTICLE 15

MILITARY LEAVE

SECTION 15.1 The Employer agrees that any employee called into the Armed Forces of the United States during National Emergency, or drafted, shall be given all protection of applicable state and federal laws and a leave of absence shall be granted, with or without pay according to applicable State and Federal Statutes.

SECTION 15.2 Under state law, employees are entitled to receive up to thirty (30) working days of paid military leave per federal fiscal year (October 1 to September 30). For those twenty-four (24) hour shift employees who are eligible for regularly scheduled FLSA overtime, the thirty (30) days of paid military leave shall be considered as hours worked for overtime purposes.

Military leave shall be charged hour for hour that an employee is absent from work as reflected by proper military orders. For twenty-four (24) hour shift employees, the maximum limit for paid military leave shall be seven hundred twenty (720) hours (30 days x 24 hours per shift = 720 hours). For the forty (40) hour workweek employees, the maximum limit for paid military leave shall be two hundred forty (240) hours (30 days x 8 hour days = 240 hours).

SECTION 15.3 In addition to the thirty (30) days of military paid leave, an employee may choose to use his/her accrued vacation leave, holiday leave, compensatory time, due days, etc., or take a leave of absence without pay. Use of sick leave is not authorized for military leave of

absence.

ARTICLE 16

HOLIDAYS

SECTION 16.1 All twenty-four (24) hour shift employees shall be granted two hundred and forty (240) holiday hours July 1 of each year for the recognized holidays listed in Article 16.6.

Exception: Employees assigned to the Fire Dispatch Work Section shall be granted one hundred twenty (120) holiday leave hours July 1 of each year with usage of leave deducted on an hour-for-hour basis. {in reference to MOU 2006-2007 (6)}

SECTION 16.2 If any employees of the City of Oklahoma City are granted by Council action, Personnel Policies, and/or Collective Bargaining Agreements, Presidents' Day under the same conditions, Presidents' Day will be recognized in the 2020-2021 Agreement with IAFF.

SECTION 16.3 The maximum accrual of holiday time will be four hundred eighty (480) hours. Employees will be paid for all holiday accumulations up to a maximum of three hundred twenty four (324) hours upon termination of employment.

SECTION 16.4 Employees who do not work all of the scheduled working days within a fiscal year shall receive holiday leave on a pro-rata basis.

SECTION 16.5 Employees may take leave under this Article at any time subject to the following:

- (a) It must be approved and scheduled in advance with the Station Officer.
- (b) It must be taken on an hour-for-hour basis, but a minimum of not less than eight (8) hours.
- (c) It must not impede the normal operations of the Fire Department at the time of approval.

SECTION 16.6 All 40-hour per week personnel shall be granted eleven (11) holidays as follows:

Independence Day	Day before Christmas	Juneteenth
Labor Day	Christmas Day	
Veteran's Day	New Year's Day	
Thanksgiving Day	Martin Luther King Day	
Day following Thanksgiving	Memorial Day	

SECTION 16.7 Any additional holiday declared by the City shall be declared a paid holiday and shall be subject to Section 5 of this Article. It is understood that for twenty-four (24) hour

personnel this shall mean an additional twelve (12) hours.

SECTION 16.8 For employees in the Fire Dispatch Work Section who are on donated sick leave and a holiday as defined in Section 16.6 occurs while on donated sick leave, leave shall be deducted from their personal leave bank instead of the donated sick leave bank. {in reference to MOU 2006-2007 (6)}

ARTICLE 17

VACATIONS

SECTION 17.1 All employees with zero (0) to five (5) years of continuous service shall accrue vacation leave at the rate of three hours and forty-two minutes per pay period with a maximum accrual of two hundred fifty (250) hours.

SECTION 17.2 All employees with five (5) to ten (10) years of continuous service shall accrue vacation leave at the rate of four hours and eighteen minutes per pay period with a maximum accrual of two hundred fifty (250) hours.

SECTION 17.3 All employees with ten (10) to fifteen (15) years of continuous service shall accrue vacation leave at the rate of five hours and eighteen minutes per pay period with a maximum accrual of four hundred (400) hours.

SECTION 17.4 All employees with fifteen (15) or more years of continuous service shall accrue vacation leave at the rate of six hours and twelve minutes per pay period with a maximum accrual of four hundred (400) hours.

SECTION 17.5 Employees may use vacation time in any manner that they choose, so long as the normal operations of the Fire Department are not impeded, provided that the minimum time a member of the bargaining unit may use is $\frac{1}{4}$ one (1) twenty-four hour shift. Minimum use of vacation leave shall be 4-hour increments for 24-hour shift personnel;

4-hours vacation leave = 6 shift hours

8-hours vacation leave = 12 shift hours

12-hours vacation leave = 18 shift hours

16-hours vacation leave = 24 shift hours

Employees in the Fire Dispatch Work Section shall be charged for hours that are actually missed while on vacation leave at a rate of eight (8) hours per twelve (12) hour shift. {in reference to MOU 2006-07 (6)}

ARTICLE 18

HOURS, TIME EXCHANGE AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

SECTION 18.1 The twenty-four (24) hour shift employees shall continue to work the current, three (3) platoon, twenty-four (24) hour shift. The twenty-four (24) hour shift employees' work shall commence at 0700hrs and continue through 0700hrs the following day.

SECTION 18.2 Employees in Code Enforcement who are assigned to a 4-day work week shall work between the hours of 0700hrs to 1800hrs, a total of four (4) workdays. Workdays are subject to be assigned and controlled by the supervisor. However, the New Year's Eve and 4th of July holidays will be scheduled at least thirty (30) days in advance for personal planning purposes. The schedule will allow employees a one (1) hour lunch break.

Each employee on the four (4) day work week will receive a day off, Tuesdays excluded, during the standard five (5) day work week. That day off will be scheduled in accordance with the included day off schedule and each employee will be placed into a slot and will remain in that day off slot until they leave the work section. Future employees will be placed into the vacant day off slot. The schedule will be made out far enough in advance to allow employees to schedule their activities around their days off, and will be rotated so each employee gets an equal share of Mondays or Fridays off to provide a three (3) day weekend. Employees may trade their scheduled day off among themselves, with the supervisors' approval, as long as each completes their forty (40) hour work week. Employees who happen to be scheduled off on a City holiday will receive the City holiday in addition to ten (10) hours of Due Time (straight time). This time shall be banked up to a total amount not to exceed fifty-four (54) hours. Any time over that amount shall be paid to the employee. Banked time shall be used in accordance with leave time guidelines established in 16.5 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

~~Only employees in pay range 929 and below in Code Enforcement are eligible for the four (4) day work week.~~

The department will evaluate the need for a call week and may discontinue the call week if not needed. If the call week is discontinued, but a Code Enforcement Officer is needed outside normal work hours, they will be compensated as outlined in Article 19, Section 19.3, of this agreement. Every attempt will be made to utilize department personnel working scheduled hours before calling an off duty employee. The supervisor shall establish a system that identifies personnel each week who volunteer to be called if needed, and those shall be contacted first. If the call week is reinstated at any time, the provision of Article 19, Section 19.11 will be followed.

SECTION 18.3 The normal workweek for the Public Education section is considered Monday through Friday between the hours of 0700hrs until 1800hrs. The ten (10) hour shifts will be set with the supervisor's approval. The seven (7) day work period shall be considered Monday 7:00 a.m. through Monday 6:59 a.m. This work period shall consist of four (4) ten (10) hour workdays. All members in the Public Education Work Section, except for the section supervisor, will be assigned a day off during the workweek consisting of a rotating day off schedule, this rotation shall be on a Friday, Thursday, Wednesday, Tuesday, Monday rotation. All Public

Education employees who happen to be on a scheduled day off that falls on a City holiday will receive the City holiday in addition to nine (9) hours of Due Time (straight time). This time shall be banked up to a total amount not to exceed two-hundred forty (240) hours for employees assigned before February 14, 2018. Employees promoting into Public Education after February 14, 2018, shall not exceed fifty-four (54) hours. Any time over that amount shall be paid to the employee. Banked time shall be used in accordance with leave time guidelines established in Section 16.5 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Rotating day off seven (7) day work period schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.	Sun.
Week 1	10	10	10	10	0	0	0
Week 2	10	10	10	0	10	0	0
Week 3	10	10	0	10	10	0	0
Week 4	10	0	10	10	10	0	0
Week 5	0	10	10	10	10	0	0
Week 6	10	10	10	10	0	0	0
Week 7	10	10	10	0	10	0	0
Week 8	10	10	0	10	10	0	0
Week 9	10	0	10	10	10	0	0
Week 10	0	10	10	10	10	0	0
Week 11	10	10	10	10	0	0	0
Week 12	10	10	10	0	10	0	0
Week 13	10	10	0	10	10	0	0
Week 14	10	0	10	10	10	0	0
Week 15	0	10	10	10	10	0	0
Week 16	10	10	10	10	0	0	0

SECTION 18.4 *Exchange Time:* The employer agrees that employees shall have the right to exchange time when the change does not interfere with the operation of the Oklahoma City Fire Department Employees wishing to exchange time shall follow the guidelines set below:

1. The employee normally scheduled to work shall be credited as if he/she had worked his/her normal schedule for that shift.
2. Proper time records must be kept to reflect who is actually working (i.e., log book, computer entries, etc.); however, the supervisor is not required to keep a record of the hours worked by the substituting employee. This is a matter of concern only to the employees exchanging time.
3. The substituting employee must physically replace the employee he is working for (i.e., in order for an employee to leave work site on exchange time, substituting employee must replace him/her). The substitute employee must have the appropriate skill level to function within the worksite and maintain the appropriate

minimum staffing levels (EMT-P, Hazmat, Dive, etc) for the worksite. Various employees temporarily work out-of-classification to accommodate either the vacancy or the replacement. Therefore, the exchange time should be accommodated at the station level. The District Officer, if notified the shift before and if district staffing allows, will handle any accommodation beyond the station level.

4. Bargaining Unit employees are permitted to engage in exchange time. Each exchange time occurrence shall count toward the total hours allowable. A minimum of twenty-four (24) hours absent from the worksite will be required at the end of any three (3) consecutive work shifts.
 - (a) Employees assigned to twenty-four (24) hour shifts in Suppression who exchange time shall not be absent from normally scheduled work on exchange time for more than ninety-six (96) hours in any single twenty-seven (27) day work period. These limits may be exceeded if approved by the Deputy Chief. Each exchange time occurrence shall count toward the total hours allowable. Employees shall not work in excess of three (3) consecutive twenty-four (24) -hour shifts.
 - (b) Employees assigned to Dispatch who exchange time shall not be absent from normally scheduled work on exchange time for more than forty-eight (48) hours in any single work period. These limits may be exceeded if approved by the Deputy Chief. Employees shall not work in excess of three (3) consecutive twelve (12) hour shifts.
5. As with any other leave, exchange time shall be scheduled in advance and approved by the immediate supervisor in charge of the work site, district or division. The authority to approve or disapprove is one that cannot be taken lightly. Supervisors are held to a high standard of employee equity when it comes to employee benefits. They must use this discretionary authority with much care. Decisions cannot be arbitrary but must be made for a legitimate business need and be applied consistently to all employees. Below are some more common examples of when a request may be denied:
 - ✓ Required Annual Training: Employees that are scheduled for any of the required annual training as listed in the published training schedule, unless that training can be rescheduled, certification/promotional academies, or scheduled drill ground evolutions.

SECTION 18.5 *Special Assignment:* The Union acknowledges the necessity of assigning certain members to a special assignment ~~for a short duration of time~~. The Union acknowledges that it is the Chief's right to make such assignments as he deems necessary for the good of the department.

1. Special assignments are not to be confused with out-of-class pay. Special assignments shall be made to accomplish a goal of the department, not to replace a member in higher classification.
2. Twenty-four (24) hour personnel transferring into the eight (8) hour position shall not suffer any loss in annual pay. A “shift differential pay” of 11.25% shall be paid to personnel assigned to an eight (8) hour position in lieu of the twelve (12) hours of ‘regularly scheduled’ FLSA overtime paid to twenty-four (24) hour shift employees per twenty-seven (27) day work period. “Shift Differential” pay shall be calculated by including all wages due the employee to include base pay from the rates in Addendum B, Longevity in Addendum C and any additional incentive pay the employee is entitled to pursuant to the terms of this Collective Bargaining Agreement. This provision shall be effective July 1, 2006.
3. When a City paid holiday occurs according to Section 16.6, special assignment personnel shall be charged twelve (12) hours from their accumulated holiday hours (FRHOL). If the special assignment extends into a new fiscal year, holidays will be granted according to Section 16.6 until the assignment ends.
4. A member has the right to refuse a special assignment requiring a change in work hours and/or conditions if the employee is able to state (in writing) commitments that would not allow a five (5) day, eight (8) hour work schedule or four (4) day, ten (10) hour work schedule.

ARTICLE 19

OVERTIME

SECTION 19.1 All employees listed on the pay plan shall receive time and one-half (1½) for all hours worked over their regularly scheduled working hours.

SECTION 19.2 The first thirty (30) minutes after shift change hour shall be considered as “overtime”. The City will be charged for this time; however, when an employee continues to work into the second thirty minutes, he/she shall be paid for the entire hour and each subsequent hour done accordingly. This situation will arise when an employee is required to stay past shift change time.

SECTION 19.3 An off duty employee shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours overtime when called in for an emergency situation. This time will start when the employee arrives at his work site and will continue until released at the normal work site.

SECTION 19.4 All overtime will be paid within, or the following pay period in which it was accumulated.

SECTION 19.5 All overtime other than FLSA overtime must be electronically signed by the employee utilizing Fire Administrations' time tracking electronic platform.

SECTION 19.6 Overtime will be paid to any employee required to appear in a job related court case. This time will begin upon arrival and end upon departure from the court's premises. Overtime will also be paid to any employee required to appear before certain Boards or Committees as determined by the Fire Chief, when in excess of the scheduled work week.

SECTION 19.7 Overtime will not be paid to off duty employees taking promotional examinations, attending delegate meetings, Chief Officer's meetings, and while serving on various other committees and boards.

SECTION 19.8 All twenty-four (24) hour personnel shall have a twenty-seven (27) day work period under the 7(k) provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Employees assigned to another section of the FLSA or another work period in MOU's 2004-2005 (15) & (19) are excluded from this section.

SECTION 19.9 The City will agree to count approved holiday leave, approved vacation leave, customer service leave, due days, jury duty, granted time approved by the Fire Chief, 2-hour personal leave as provided in the Fire Department's SOPs and death in the employee's immediate family, as defined by the Family and Medical Leave Act as hours worked, for overtime purposes, for only those twenty-four (24) hour shift employees who are eligible for FLSA overtime. Granted time shall be allowed for the PFFO Convention, for up to a maximum of 15 members. Members are required to return to their assigned station at the close of the convention business each day unless personal leave has been requested and approved. Granted time shall also be allowed for attendance at the IAFF Convention for a maximum of 7 members, and the OSFA Convention for a maximum of 15 members. All other leave, including administrative leave, sick leave (SL), job injury leave (OJI), and emergency leave shall not count as hours worked for overtime purposes for 24-hour shift employees who are eligible for FLSA overtime; except that, OJI leave taken during the remainder of the tour in which a 24-hour shift employee is injured shall be counted as hours worked. Leave time for eight (8) hour shift employees shall not be counted as time worked for overtime purposes.

SECTION 19.10 *Dispatch Weekly Time Record* {in reference to MOU 2004-2005 (15)}
Bargaining Unit employees in the Fire Dispatch Work Section are assigned to a 24-hour shift. During each shift, employees are assigned to work 12 hours in blocks of 6.

The Bargaining Agent agrees to the limited use of the Dispatchers Weekly Time Record (Addendum G) by the City, but the Bargaining Agent does not waive 7(a) provisions of the FLSA that may apply to the Fire Dispatch Work Section employees in the Bargaining Unit.

Employees in the Fire Dispatch Work Section are paid the same as 24-hour shift employees engaged in firefighting activities. The City shall ensure employees receive at least as much overtime pay under Section 7(a) of the FLSA, as they would under Section 19.10 of the CBA. In the event an employee in the Fire Dispatch Work Section would earn more weekly overtime pay under the section 7(a) of FLSA than 24-shift firefighters earn in a 27-day work period under Section 7(k) of the FLSA, the employee in the Fire Dispatch Work Section shall be paid the greater

amount. This section does not change any rights for pay under the CBA that have been negotiated for employees in the Fire Dispatch Work Section.

All practices in force and effect on the effective date of this Agreement that accommodate or are not in conflict with the provisions of 7(k) will continue in full force and effect until changed by the parties.

It is understood that in consideration of the foregoing, the Employer, City of Oklahoma City, shall guarantee a minimum of two (2) hours at time and one-half overtime in every twenty-seven (27) day cycle, whether employees are on duty or off.

SECTION 19.11.1 A relief dispatcher will receive overtime pay if they work over the 43.2 hours during a 27-day 7(k) work period, effective May 6th, 2006. The City will make a conscientious effort when possible, to not utilize relief dispatchers beyond their 43.2 hours, during their 27 – day cycle. This shall include loaning relief dispatchers for emergency leave and extended OJI, FMLA, or sick leave only.

SECTION 19.11 For Code Enforcement officers, Article 19.3 shall be applied as follows:

The employee being called out shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours overtime or overtime for hours actually worked, whichever is greater. This time will start when the employee accepts the assignment and continue until the end of four (4) hours or when the employee has no other assignments, whichever is the greatest.

Once an employee accepts a call as listed above, they must remain available (by phone or radio) for additional assignments during the initial four (4) hour time frame.

SECTION 19.12 For Fire Investigation officers, Article 19.3 shall be applied as follows:

Court Appearances {in reference to MOU 2004-05 (12)}

Whenever Fire Investigators are required to appear in court outside of their regularly scheduled work hours, Investigators will be paid a minimum of four hours overtime for each job related court appearance.

Investigators placed on call by the court on their regular day off and approved by the Deputy Chief or their designee shall remain at their work site or an area designated by the court in order to qualify for overtime compensation. Investigators placed on call by the court that choose to use the on call time for their own purposes away from their work site or the area designated by the court will not receive compensation until they enter court to appear.

Overtime Determination for Completion of Reports {in reference to MOU 1997-98 (7)}

For Investigation officers, overtime determination for completion of reports shall be applied as follows:

1. Routine reports that are not completed during the investigator's regularly scheduled shift, are not appropriate for overtime, and will be completed during the investigator's next regularly scheduled shift.

2. The parties recognize that time is of the essence for certain types of reports, and investigators must complete such reports before leaving work. Reports that involve a death, multiple alarms, a suspect in custody, and situations involving probable imminent arrests are matters in which time is of the essence and are appropriate for overtime. Management reserves the right to deny overtime
3. The parties also recognize that situations may arise that require overtime so continuing investigations will not be hampered by a delay in completing reports. Overtime to complete a report is appropriate when investigators are scheduled to go on their extended days off and information vital to a case must be reduced to writing.

When an investigator has a report that falls in category (3), and is unable to complete the report during the investigator's scheduled shift, the investigator will make a request to remain on duty in order to complete the report. The request for overtime must be made to the supervisor not later than 7:00 a.m. for 24 hour shift employees. Should either of the unit supervisors be unavailable, the Senior Inspector/Investigator will make the determination.

ARTICLE 20

INSURANCE

SECTION 20.1 Employees covered by this Agreement shall withdraw from the City's health, life, and dental plans, regardless of membership with the IAFF, effective at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2002. The IAFF, through the described VEBA, will establish life, health and dental plans for bargaining unit members that will be effective at 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2003, so there is no lapse in insurance coverage between the City and union plan. The City agrees to contribute \$17,189,16,912 per budgeted position to the VEBA, effective July 1, ~~2022~~2023 and expiring June 30, ~~2023~~2024. Contributions shall only be made for eligible, fillable positions appearing in the City's adopted FY ~~22-23~~23-24 budget and shall not include Recruit overage positions.

The IAFF shall provide a monthly accounting of the actual number of enrolled members in the health, dental and life plans it sponsors. The City contributions shall only be used for employee benefits, administrative expenses associated with the plans and other lawful purposes as defined by IRS regulations. The City will have a voting position on the board of trustees for the firefighters insurance trust. The IAFF has established a voluntary employee benefit association (VEBA) pursuant to the IRS Code and regulations to receive the negotiated funds from the City to purchase insurance coverage for active firefighters. The IAFF will provide account information to the City as required to make the transfer of funds from the City to the VEBA. The IAFF agrees to provide the City's Personnel Department, Employee Benefits Division, with a monthly roster of employees (by name and social security number) enrolled in the IAFF's health, life, and dental insurance plans.

The parties agree The City will establish a separate Section 125 Plan for firefighters. The Section 125 Plan for firefighters will become operational upon receipt of a favorable tax opinion letter on the use of a Section 125 Plan to pay premiums for insurance plans that are selected by the firefighters insurance trust (VEBA). The City and the IAFF agree to jointly contract for a professional tax opinion letter regarding the establishment and utilization of a separate Section 125 Plan for firefighters. Pending a favorable tax opinion letter, the parties anticipate firefighters will

use the firefighters Section 125 Plan to purchase the same insurance products offered to all City employees through the City's Section 125 Plan in addition to insurance programs identified by the firefighters insurance trust (VEBA). The parties agree to use all due diligence to conduct enrollment into the firefighters Section 125 Plan upon receipt of a favorable tax opinion letter. The IAFF agrees to pay the administrative cost of providing a Section 125 Plan for firefighters. Additionally, the IAFF shall withdraw from the Joint Insurance Committee, effective when the IAFF insurance plan goes into effect on January 1, 2003.

SECTION 20.2 The City Clerk will receive from the IAFF, on an annual basis, a financial accounting statement for purposes of review and audit of those City and employee contributions which have been paid or disbursed by the IAFF for the purposes of providing benefits to members of the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 21

WAGES

SECTION 21.1 The parties hereto agree that a “*market approach*” shall be used to determine appropriate wage levels for members. In implementing this approach, the parties agree to compare wage rates with Fire Fighters in cities of comparable size both within and without the State of Oklahoma.

In conjunction with this market approach, the parties have chosen to use an agreed upon percentage of the average minimum and maximum base pay of Fire Fighters in an agreed upon universe of cities to determine the pay range for members in Oklahoma City. For fiscal year ~~2022-2023~~2023-2024, the pay rates on Addendum B and Addendum B-1, reflect an adjustment to 100% of the market survey as reconciled by the parties by rank, and will be effective July 1 of the contract year.

The universe of cities to be used to determine the market for each Fiscal Year shall be Austin, Fort Worth, Kansas City, Tucson, Nashville, Omaha, St. Louis, Tulsa, Wichita, and El Paso. Upon mutual consent, the universe of cities may be ~~expanded~~evaluated. Implementation is predicated on the City's ability to pay and appropriated revenues.

SECTION 21.2 A representative of the Union and Management will meet during the term of the contract to do the following:

- A. Evaluate the rank comparisons for the annual market survey prior to the City conducting the annual salary survey for the FY ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 wage adjustment consideration, and
- B. Evaluate a total compensation formula to be used to calculate survey results prior to conducting the annual salary survey for the ~~2023-2024~~2024-2025 wage adjustment consideration.

SECTION 21.3 Survey Application to Pay Matrix (Addendum B) {in reference to MOU 1996-97 (12)}

- A. The representative of the Union and Management assigned to conduct the wage survey will mutually agree to a deadline after which no new information will be included into the wage survey. If a date is not mutually agreed upon, then the deadline will be April 15 of the current calendar year.
- B. The documentation received or published by the peer cities listed below in order of preference will be used for the Salary Survey:
 - 1. Collective Bargaining Agreement;
 - 2. Published pay plan;
 - 3. Communication from peer City such as electronic correspondence or completed wage survey.
- C. Peer city 24-hour salary rates, as opposed to 40-hour rates, will be used where available.
- D. Peer city annual rates will be used where available. If not available, the peer city hourly rate will be converted to an annual rate by first rounding the hourly rate to two decimals, when necessary, then multiplying that rounded rate by 2080 for 40-hour week positions, or 2912 for 24-hour positions.
- E. The Firefighter, Step A, peer city equivalent will be used as the maximum pay rate for Fire Recruit if a peer city does not offer a range of pay for Fire Recruit equivalent positions.
- F. "A" Step firefighter receives the minimum reflected in the firefighter survey. All other steps in the survey receive the maximum amount for their respective positions with no overlapping of hourly rates between ranks. Each rank is surveyed individually and that amount is applied only to that pay range. The ranks surveyed are:
 - (a) Fire Recruit (pay range 916)
 - (b) Firefighter (pay range 919)
 - (c) Apparatus Driver/Sergeant (pay range 922)
 - (d) Fire Captain (pay range 928)
 - (e) District Fire Chief (pay range 930)
 - (f) Assistant Deputy Chief (pay range 950)
- E. The career development ranks are 4% above the position to which they are tied. They are:

<u>Rank Tied To</u>	<u>Career Development</u>	<u>CD. By Range</u>
Firefighter	Corporal	920
Apparatus Driver/Sergeant	Lieutenant	923
Fire Captain	Fire Major	929

District Fire Chief	Battalion Chief	931
Deputy Chief	Deputy Fire Chief	951

Pay range 932 receives the same percentage that the survey shows for Fire Captain (928).

All reconciled wage rates shall be calculated to the nearest thousands and adjusted to the nearest penny using standard rounding rules. For example: An hourly wage rate of \$30.441 shall be adjusted to \$30.44. Conversely, an hourly wage rate of \$30.445 shall be adjusted to \$30.45.

SECTION 21.4 All bargaining unit employees are required to receive their bi-weekly paycheck in an electronic format, either through direct deposit or paycard.

ARTICLE 22

INCENTIVE PAYMENTS, EARNED LEAVE BUY BACK, UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

SECTION 22.1 All members of the Bargaining Unit will be allocated \$1,600.00 per year paid at \$400.00 quarterly in the months of: July, October, January and April for uniforms required by the City.

The uniform allowance shall be issued on a regular paycheck. Every effort will be made to pay the clothing allowance on a paycheck opposite from the paycheck in which FLSA overtime is to be paid.

SECTION 22.2 **Education Incentive** All Members of the Bargaining Unit shall receive incentive pay for attaining hours and degrees. If hours are taken, they must be toward an approved degree program. Documentation shall be one transcript which declares the degree program currently being worked toward. Implementation will be based on appropriated revenues.

Incentive pay for education will be as follows:

30 hours	\$20.00/month (if hired prior to July 1, 2021).
60 hours or AA degree	\$75.00/month
BA or BS	\$150.00/month
MA or MS	\$175.00/month

SECTION 22.3 **Tuition Reimbursement:** As a further incentive to members to attain additional education, the department will reimburse the member for cost of tuition and mandatory fees for up to \$1,250 per semester. The courses taken must be at an accredited institution of higher learning or Vocational-Technical School District. Reimbursement for out of state accredited institutions or Vocational-Technical Schools will be limited to classes required for a degree, certification exam or certificate of competency related to the fire service.

The maximum reimbursement shall be calculated against tuition rates established by the State

Regents for Higher Education. Any tuition costs above the established rates shall be borne by the employee.

In order to be reimbursed, a member must show documentation of grade "C" or better. Classes not offering letter grades must indicate so and receive some sort of satisfactory completion notation. Tuition reimbursement documentation shall be submitted to the Chief's Office within sixty (60) days of completion. Documentation shall be: 1) a transcript or official letter from the institution (kept on file at Fire Administration) which declares the degree program currently being worked toward; 2) the grades for the requested class(es); 3) proof of payment by employee, and; 4) a statement of student account (itemized list of class enrollment and fees assessed for listed classes).

SECTION 22.4 The Fire Department will pay all licensure fees and re-certification costs required by the department for all personnel attaining or maintaining their EMT or Paramedic Certifications.

SECTION 22.5 **Incentive Pay – EMT-D** Incentive Pay All bargaining unit personnel assigned to Operations hired before July 1, 2005 who obtain and maintain EMT-D certification shall receive \$30.00 per pay period as incentive pay. The incentive pay will begin when proof of certification is furnished to and approved by the Fire Chief. An employee must have a current certification on file to be eligible for continuing EMT-D incentive pay. State guidelines will be used.

SECTION 22.6 **EMS Instructors** All bargaining unit personnel assigned to Operations who obtain and maintain Basic EMS Instructor certification or Paramedic EMS Instructor certification shall receive \$15.00 per pay period as incentive pay. The incentive pay will begin when proof of certification is furnished to and approved by the Fire Chief. An employee must be an active instructor for the Fire Department and have a current certification on file to be eligible for continuing either EMS Instructor incentive pay. State guidelines will be used.

EMS Instructors receiving incentive pay will be limited to one-hundred-ten (110) instructors. The incentive pay will begin when proof of certification is furnished to and approved by the Fire Chief. An employee must be an active instructor for the Fire Department and have a current certification on file to be eligible for continuing EMS Instructor incentive pay. State guidelines will be used.

SECTION 22.7 **Paramedic Incentive Pay** All bargaining unit personnel assigned to Operations who obtain and maintain EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P) certification shall receive ~~\$225.00~~\$250.00 per pay period as incentive pay. All bargaining unit personnel (excluding employees covered by MOU 2020-2021(1)) assigned to non-operations (Non-OPS) who obtain and maintain EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P) certification shall receive \$125.00 per pay period as incentive pay. Employees receiving Z'd pay in lieu of the Non-Ops differential (per Article 9 General Services Section (s)) shall not be eligible for the Paramedic Incentive Pay. The incentive pay will begin when proof of certification is furnished to and approved by the Fire Chief. For personnel who obtain certification after July 1, 2021, incentive pay will be applied retroactively for up to twelve (12) months for time spent in the EMT-P course. The Fire Chief has sole discretion to discontinue the application of the retroactive payment of the education incentive based upon the

needs of the department. An employee must have a current certification on file to be eligible for continuing EMT-P incentive pay. State guidelines will be used.

Employees receiving ~~this Paramedic level of incentive pay~~ shall not ~~also draw~~ be eligible for EMT-D incentive pay.

SECTION 22.8 **Hazardous Materials Incentive Pay** Bargaining personnel assigned to Operations who obtain and maintain Hazardous Materials certification and are active on the Oklahoma City Fire Department Hazardous Materials Team (meaning eligible to be specially called out to participate in Hazardous Materials incidents to assist the personnel at the Haz-Mat station) shall receive \$25.00 per pay period as incentive pay. The incentive pay will begin when proof of certification is furnished to and approved by the Fire Chief and personnel placed on a Hazardous Materials response team roster. Certification shall be an approved Hazardous Materials Technician Course. Employees who successfully complete an academy-style Hazardous Materials Technician course provided by the Fire Department shall be considered eligible for assignment to the Hazardous Materials Team. *{in reference to MOU 1996-97 (2)}*

Certified personnel assigned to the Hazardous Materials station shall receive \$50.00 per pay period upon their date of assignment.

The maximum number, and rank, of hazardous materials technicians receiving incentive pay is limited to that enumerated in OKCFD SOP.

SECTION 22.9 **Water Rescue Incentive** All bargaining unit personnel assigned to Operations who are selected and who obtain and maintain Public Safety Diver S.C.U.B.A. (PSDA or equivalent approved by the Fire Chief) and NFPA 1006 Swiftwater Technician who are active on the Oklahoma City Fire Department Water Rescue Team, shall receive \$25.00 per pay period as incentive pay. The incentive pay will begin upon selection to Active Status of the Water Rescue Team and proof of certification furnished to and approved by the Fire Chief.

Personnel assigned to the designated Water Rescue Stations and personnel assigned as Senior Advisors who have the necessary aforementioned certifications are eligible for Water Rescue Incentive pay. Personnel who are not assigned to designated Water Rescue Stations who maintain their certifications and attend all required Water Rescue Team training may be considered "Active-Reserve" but will not receive Water Rescue Incentive Pay.

SECTION 22.10 All bargaining unit personnel in pay ranges 929 and below, assigned to the Dispatch Work Section or personnel described in Article 9.5, Fire Dispatch Work Section, Section IV, shall receive \$25.00 per pay period upon their assignment or selection.

SECTION 22.11 All bargaining union personnel assigned as a Community Service Liaison shall receive \$25.00 per pay period upon their assignment or selection.

SECTION 22.12 **Earned Leave Buy-Back** Plan participants may sell back up to 100 hours of sick leave per fiscal year at their regular straight-time hourly rate during their first four (4) years of participation in Plan B, and up to 200 hours of sick leave at their regular straight-time hourly

rate during their fifth (5th) year. Plan B participants who retire prior to the fifth (5th) year shall only be allowed to sell back a maximum of 100 sick leave hours for the fiscal year in which they retire.

Section 22.13 The various forms of incentive pay outlined in Section 22.5, 22.6, ~~22.7~~, 22.8, 22.9 shall only be available to personnel assigned to the Operations Division on or after July 1, 2002, excepting the provisions herein for the Uniform Allowance (Section 22.1) and Earned Leave Buy-Back (Section 22.12). Those bargaining unit employees receiving incentive pay prior to July 1, 2002, shall be excluded from this limitation. Personnel who transfer into a non-operations division will forfeit the incentive payments in Section 22 except for uniform allowance, earned leave buy-back, tuition reimbursement and education incentive, and paramedic incentive pay.

ARTICLE 23

TRANSFER SYSTEM

SECTION 23.1 Employees may request a transfer into a district or to a shift at any time on a form provided by the Employer. Such requests must be approved by the Chief, but will be given priority consideration when filling vacancies within that district, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Transfers will be made based on the date of submission of the request. (In the case of a tie, departmental seniority will be the determining factor.)
- (b) Only one request can be active at any time.
- (c) If this transfer system is utilized, the employee cannot request another transfer for one (1) year unless an Administrative Transfer occurs moving them out of the requested district or from the requested shift.

SECTION 23.2 *Mutual Consent Transfer (Trade):* Any employee may trade positions with any other employee of equal rank by mutual consent with the approval of the Fire Chief. If this system is utilized, the employee cannot trade again for one (1) year unless an Administrative Transfer occurs.

SECTION 23.3 *Administrative Transfer:* If the above transfers are not used, the transfer will be considered to be an administrative transfer. If this is utilized, a letter shall be submitted to the employee giving the reasons for such transfer. If the administrative transfer is implemented, it shall not affect any employee's right to utilize mutual consent transfer.

Exceptions: District/Battalion Chiefs shall have the right to choose their own Rideout Officer and DAA. Rideout officers must meet the eligibility requirements for Suppression District Chief, except that ride out officers must have thirteen (13) consecutive years on the department rather than fifteen (15) years as required for Suppression District Chief.

ARTICLE 24

SAVINGS CLAUSE

SECTION 24.1 If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Agreement are severable.

SECTION 24.2 All Amendments to this Agreement shall be numbered, dated and signed by the Employer and the Bargaining Agent, and shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement unless the terms of said Amendments specifically delete or change a provision of this Agreement; and all Amendments shall become part of this Agreement as if specifically set forth herein.

SECTION 24.3 Any Appendices to this Agreement shall be numbered, dated, and signed by the Employer and the Bargaining Agent, and shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement unless the terms of said Appendices specifically delete or change a provision of this Agreement; and all Appendices shall become part of this Agreement as if specifically set forth herein.

ARTICLE 25

WELLNESS PROGRAM

SECTION 25.1 The City of Oklahoma City and Local 157 of the International Association of Fire Fighters, recognizes the mutual concern for overall wellness of Fire Department personnel; have created a Wellness/Fitness Program (WFP) for all members of the Fire Department covered by this agreement. The purpose of this Wellness/Fitness Program is to improve the general health and well-being of all Fire Department personnel, and reduce the potential for illness and injury.

SECTION 25.2 The Wellness/Fitness Committee shall make recommendations to the Fire Chief and the IAFF Local 157 President.

The Wellness/Fitness Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Fire Chief and three (3) members appointed by the IAFF Local 157 President. The Fire Chief and the IAFF Local 157 President will each appoint a co-chair.

SECTION 25.3 The Wellness/Fitness Program shall be performed in accordance with the adopted Wellness/Fitness Program (A/SAF-202) and will be under the direction of the Wellness Coordinator who will be responsible for assuring that records are maintained and confidential.

SECTION 25.4 All personnel covered by the IAFF Collective Bargaining Agreement shall participate in the annual Wellness Fitness Assessments.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands this 30th day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Amy K. Simpson
CITY CLERK



David Holt
MAYOR

LOCAL 157 OF THE INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS

By: DNA
PRESIDENT

REVIEWED for form and legality.

Bob Zapp
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR

ADDENDUM A

The following list of positions is a summary of those in Article 9 and are illustrative of positions in the various work sections and divisions. The pay range for each position is listed ahead of that position.

Administrative

(928-929) Fire Assistant Public Information Officer (Capt./Maj.)
 (930-931) Fire Public Information Officer
~~(928-929) ** Safety Officer (Capt./Maj.)~~
~~(928-929) Emergency Management Liaison~~
 (922-923) Human Resources (Sgt./Lt.)
 (922/923) Human Resources /Fire Chaplain (Sgt./Lt.)
 (928-929) Human Resources Officer (Capt./Maj.)
 (922-923) Recruitment Specialist (Sgt./Lt.)
 (928-929) Recruitment Officer (Capt./Maj.)
 (929-932) * Fire Facilities Manager
 (930-931) Support Services Chief
 (950) Deputy Chief
 (951) Deputy Fire Chief

Operations

(919) Fire Fighter
 (920) Fire Corporal
 (922) Fire Sergeant/Apparatus Driver
 (923) Fire Lieutenant
 (928) Fire Captain
 (929) Fire Major
 (930) District Fire Chief
 (931) Battalion Fire Chief
 (931 Step D plus 4%) Shift Commander
 (922-923) Community Service Liaison (CSL)
 (922-923) ** Wellness Coordinator (Sgt./Lt.)
 (922-923) ** Special Operations (Sgt./Lt.)
 (928-929) ** Special Operations Officer (Capt./Maj.)
(928-929) ** Emergency Management Liaison (Capt./Maj.)
 (922-923) ** Fire Training (Sgt./Lt.)
 (928-929) ** Fire Training Officer (Capt./Maj.)
 (922-923) ** Fire Training EMS (Sgt./Lt.)
 (928-929) ** Fire EMS Officer/CSL (Capt./Maj.)
 (930-931) ** Fire EMS Chief
(928-929) ** Health and Safety Officer (Capt./Maj.)
 (930-931) ** ~~Fire Safety Battalion~~ Chief of Health and Safety (Reports to the Fire Chief)

Fire Dispatch:

(919) Fire Dispatcher
 (920) Fire Senior Dispatcher
 (922) Fire Lead Dispatcher
 (923) Fire Senior Lead Dispatcher
 (928) Shift Supervisor
 (929) Senior Shift Supervisor

Fire Prevention Services

[See MOU 04-05 (19)]

(928) Inspector/Investigator
 (929) Senior Inspector/Investigator

(929) ***NCO Coordinator
 (930) Assistant Fire Marshal
 (931) Assistant Fire Marshall II

Public Education

[See MOU 04-05 (19)]

(928) Public Education/Community Risk Reduction Officer ~~Instructor~~
 (929) Senior Public Education/Community Risk Reduction Officer ~~Instructor~~
 (930) Assistant Fire Marshal
 (931) Assistant Fire Marshall II

The Fire Chief will appoint a Deputy Fire Chief to serve as Fire Marshall.

For positions in the Administrative Work Section that include more than one pay range, the Fire Chief will approve advancement into the next pay range based upon acceptable performance, improved job skills, and length of service within the classification.

Entry level for competitive promotions will be into the lowest pay range that provides a pay increase to the employee involved. ~~If the employee's current annual compensation exceeds the maximum pay range of the new position, the employee will be placed in a z'd rate of pay based on the employee's current annual compensation until such time as the pay range exceeds the z'd rate of pay.~~

* Uniform Positions to be reclassified to civilians through attrition per MOU 2002-2003 #5.

** The eligibility requirements for all ranks shall be the same as the Suppression Section requirements. This will allow for lateral transfers into and out of the respective work section from other suppression worksites. All regular transfers into the work section under this procedure are expected to last for a minimum of eighteen months.

*** Personnel selected for the position of NCO Coordinator shall receive a 4% assignment pay increase above the pay rate for 929 C/3 Step appearing in Addendum B-1.

~~When a vacancy occurs, the following procedure shall be followed in this sequential order to fill it:~~

- ~~○ Allow Suppression personnel to laterally transfer. The top six by seniority in rank that apply shall proceed to oral interviews. The Fire Chief shall make the final selection.~~
- ~~○ Allow a person from the existing promotional list to be promoted into that position. The training vacancy will be filled with the highest position on the list of personnel who make application. (This shall be an exception to "General Procedures (f) which states "Promotions shall not be made other than to the position on the list which the appointee's name appears.")~~
- ~~○ Give a test for the position and fill it in accordance with the CBA. After the position(s) have been filled, the list is depleted.~~

~~➤ Training Work Section Vacancies In Reference to MOU 04-05 (7)~~

- ~~○ In future tests administered to fill vacant positions using the system identified in Article 9, Training and a tie should occur, candidates shall follow the steps below of General Procedures (j) of the CBA:~~
 - ~~○ #3 The highest score on the promotional examination~~
 - ~~○ #5 Education incentive pay points, .5 per level as defined in Section 27.1 of Article 27;~~
 - ~~○ #6 Specialty pay points, .5 per EMT-D, EMS Instructor, Paramedic, Haz Mat, Diver or Dispatcher; and;~~
 - ~~○ #7 Highest overall average of Recruit Academy scores~~
- ~~○ After the position(s) have been filled, the list is depleted.~~

- ~~○ Personnel transferring into the position shall not suffer any loss in annual compensation including regularly scheduled FLSA. A “shift differential pay” of 11.25% of the persons base rate as defined in Addendum B shall be received in lieu of the lost ‘regularly scheduled’ FLSA. (Revised: See Article 9)~~
- The Fire Chief retains the right of ‘Administrative Transfer’ except for the filling of vacancies as listed above.

ADDENDUM B PAY MATRIX

TITLE	RNG	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Fire Recruit	916	21.50	25.19								
Firefighter	919	25.68	28.23	29.42	30.52	31.61	32.76	33.88	35.02	36.11	37.32
Corporal	920			30.60	31.74	32.87	34.07	35.24	36.42	37.55	38.81
Apparatus Driver/Sergeant	922	40.35	41.21	42.24							
Lieutenant	923		42.86	43.93							
Fire Captain	928	44.04	45.88	47.70							
Fire Major	929			49.61							
	932*	50.91	52.00	53.17							
District Fire Chief	930	52.05	53.85	55.53	57.31						
Battalion Chief	931		56.00	57.75	59.60						
Deputy Chief	950	70.09	72.64	75.87							
Deputy Fire Chief	951			78.90							

For fiscal year ~~2022-2023~~2023-2024, The Career Development pay steps are calculated by taking the pay step that an employee is in plus a 4% increase for certification, i.e., Firefighter to Corporal, Sergeant to Lieutenant, Captain to Major, District Chief to Battalion Chief, Deputy Chief to Deputy Fire Chief.

*Note: As per Article 9 and/or Addendum A

Annual salary is determined by multiplying hourly rate by 2088.

Effective: July 1, ~~2022~~2023

ADDENDUM B-1

JOB CODE	TITLE	RNG		A/1	B/2	C/3
4333	Public Education Instructor	928	Hourly	44.04	45.88	47.70
4329	Fire Code Inspector	928	Hourly	44.04	45.88	47.70
4336	Sr Public Education Instructor*	929	Hourly			49.61
4334	Sr Inspector	929	Hourly			49.61

*Through attrition these job codes will be eliminated.

Annual salary is determined by multiplying hourly rate by 2088.

24 HOUR SHIFT

JOB CODE	TITLE	RNG		A/1	B/2	C/3
4316	Fire Investigator	928	Hourly	44.04	45.88	47.70
4334	Sr Investigator	929	Hourly			49.61

Employees in the above identified positions will be paid 84 hours every bi-weekly pay period, which is the equivalent of the bi-weekly pay set-forth in the MOU and as set-forth above.

Annual salary is determined by multiplying hourly rate by 2088.

Effective: July 1, ~~2022~~2023

ADDENDUM C**LONGEVITY SCHEDULE**

1. Longevity shall not begin until the member has completed his/her third year of employment. A member rehired by the Oklahoma City Fire Department shall begin the renewed employment with zero (0) years of service unless said member has repaid funds into the State pension fund and then the member will be allowed to calculate years of service in accordance with those granted by the pension fund.
2. The Longevity pay schedule shall be tied to ninety percent (90%) of one percent (1%) of the A step firefighter, as follows, subject to appropriated funds:

Years of Service	Hourly Longevity Pay	Monthly Longevity Pay	Annual Longevity Pay
3	\$0.69	\$120.06	\$1,440.72
4	\$0.92	\$160.08	\$1,920.96
5	\$1.15	\$200.10	\$2,401.20
6	\$1.38	\$240.12	\$2,881.44
7	\$1.61	\$280.14	\$3,361.68
8	\$1.84	\$320.16	\$3,841.92
9	\$2.07	\$360.18	\$4,322.16
10	\$2.30	\$400.20	\$4,802.40
11	\$2.53	\$440.22	\$5,282.64
12	\$2.76	\$480.24	\$5,762.88
13	\$2.99	\$520.26	\$6,243.12
14	\$3.22	\$560.28	\$6,723.36
15	\$3.45	\$600.30	\$7,203.60
16	\$3.68	\$640.32	\$7,683.84
17	\$3.91	\$680.34	\$8,164.08
18	\$4.14	\$720.36	\$8,644.32
19	\$4.37	\$760.38	\$9,124.56
20	\$4.60	\$800.40	\$9,604.80

Effective: July 1, 2023

ADDENDUM D

The City and the Bargaining Unit agree to enter into joint Labor/Management Committee system for the purpose of studying and recommending:

- A. Quick striking of conflicting Personnel Policies
- B. Article 8 language to consider dividing new costs associated with grievance arbitration that are imposed by FMCS.
- C. Promotion system and FTO sub-committee to develop the following:
 - 1. Language defining the number of days candidates have to convene the promotion board following certain aspects of the promotion system other than the written examination;
 - 2. Language defining a method to make experience and mechanical skills count toward promotions;
 - 3. Policy on Security of Promotional Examinations;
 - 4. Language to update Article 9 to reflect agreements made through Addendum A and past MOUs.
- D. Establish a joint Labor-Management committee to evaluate the current method of adjusting wages. Specifically, the committee will study the method of adjusting wages as a percent of general fund sales tax growth and/or other compensation concepts.
- E. Promotion Recertification Testing
- F. Reorganization of the Administration and Support Divisions (Administration, Public Education, Code Enforcement, and Investigation sections of the Fire Department.)
- G. Implementation of the Payroll audit recommendations by establishing policies for compensatory time, light duty, exchange time, and leave time SOP chart.
- H. Establish a separate, eight member joint Labor-Management committee, consisting of the Fire Chief and three members designated by the Fire Chief, and the Union President and three members designated by the Union President, to study options of changing the current pay system to an hour for hour system, including but not limited to the conversion of the current pay plan, leave accrual and use, and method of hourly wage payment, including a method by which such a conversion would occur.
- I. Pay equity between personnel promoting from Suppression to 40-hour positions and supervisory personnel in 40-hour positions;
- J. Tattoo policy;

The parties agree these items will be conducted by representatives of the Union and representatives of Fire Department Management and/or the Personnel Department and or/ the Finance Department. The parties agree that items in the 1989-90 Personnel Policies not struck will be the policy of the Department until such time as a comprehensive S.O.P. is developed.

ADDENDUM E

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

1. POLICY

The City of Oklahoma City (City) and the International Association Fire Fighters Local 157 (IAFF), jointly recognize that as a condition of employment each employee must abide by the terms of the City of Oklahoma City's Drug Free Workplace Policy and Drug and Alcohol Policy approved by the City Council on March 27, 1990 as amended and incorporated into this collective bargaining agreement.

It is further the goal of this Policy to eliminate or absolve such substance abuse and to educate employees concerning the danger of substance abuse, provide assessment referral to appropriate counseling services and/or monitor employees with identified substance abuse problems. Any employee found using, possessing, selling, distributing, or under the influence of an illegal substance, medical marijuana and/or alcohol during working hours will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. The possession, use, testing positive, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted at the employer's worksites and/or while an employee is on duty.

2. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

The procedures outlined in this document for drug and alcohol testing shall apply to all employees covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Oklahoma City and IAFF, Local 157. Employees may choose to have a union representative present at any time during this process, but the representative may not interfere or impede in the process.

3. POSTING REQUIREMENTS

In addition to its inclusion in the collective bargaining agreement, each Fire Department facility shall post a copy of this policy in a prominent place accessible to employees. In addition, each employee and applicant, upon receiving a conditional offer of employment, shall be provided a copy of this policy.

4. EDUCATION

All employees shall be informed of the City of Oklahoma City's Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. Employees will be provided with information concerning the impact of the use of alcohol and drugs as it relates to job performance. In addition, employees shall be provided information on how the tests are conducted, what the test can determine, the name and class of drugs tested and the levels for which they are tested (provided for in table 8 and section 9 of this policy), and the consequences of testing positive for drugs or alcohol. All newly hired employees will be provided with this information upon receiving a conditional offer of employment. No employee shall be tested before this information is provided to him/her.

The Fire Department shall provide annual training to members of the department to ensure both the for cause and random testing provisions herein are applied fairly and reasonably throughout the department.

5. SELF-REFERRAL

Employees who voluntarily come forward (self-referral) and ask for assistance to deal with a drug or alcohol problem at any time prior to providing a sample shall not be disciplined by the department. Furthermore any employee who requests assistance to deal with a drug or alcohol problem may request assistance at the time of the random drug/alcohol test. If an employee requests treatment prior to their test the employee will not be required to take the drug or alcohol test, instead the employee will be required to interview with an EAP counselor. A treatment program will be discussed between the EAP counselor and the employee. The EAP counselor upon the conclusion of the interview may require a confirmatory test. The results of this test will not become part of the employees file, but may be included in the EAP counselor's files; furthermore the test results shall not be reported to the employer.

If it is determined that the employee is in need of a treatment/rehabilitation program then the employee will be required to pursue the treatment/rehabilitation program through the EAP process or through their health insurance. Employees who enter a treatment /rehabilitation program of their own initiative after the interview with the EAP counselor shall be subject to the two year post-rehabilitation testing. And they will continue to be subject to the random testing in the same manner as all other uniform employees.

No disciplinary action will be taken against an employee unless they fail to pursue rehabilitation, fails to complete a rehabilitation program successfully, or again tests positive for substance abuse within two (2) years of completing a rehabilitation program.

6. DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING

The City of Oklahoma City Fire Department will require testing in the following situations and the employee may choose to have union representation at any time during this process, the union representative may remain with the employee at all times while at the collection site, but shall not during be present in the room while the employee is providing a sample. The union representative shall not interfere with or impede the process.

6.1 *Pre-Placement Testing*

All external applicants for fire fighter positions shall undergo drug and/or alcohol testing prior to assignment. Such notice shall be placed in each job application announcement. Job applicants shall only be tested after a conditional offer of employment is made. Refusal to undergo a test, or a confirmed positive test, shall result in a withdrawal of a conditional offer of employment.

6.2 *Random Testing*

- A. Every uniform employee is subject to random drug testing in accordance with this policy.
- B. All employee names will be provided to the testing agency for placement into a computer program for random selection. A random list containing sixty (60) names of uniformed personnel employed by the Oklahoma City Fire Department shall be generated by the testing agency quarterly and shall be known as the random list.

The random list shall be provided in a sealed envelope marked as confidential to the Human Resources Department drug testing coordinator(s). The Human Resources Department drug testing coordinator(s) shall keep the random list in a secure location to which only this individual has access, and the random list shall remain completely confidential to only those individuals. The drug testing coordinators(s) shall review the random list daily to determine which employees on the random list are on-duty by confirmation with the Deputy Chief of Support Services whom shall notify the selected employees' supervisor informing the supervisor to ensure the employee reports as soon as possible to the identified testing facility.

The Deputy Chief of Support Services shall ensure that on-duty employees are scheduled for the random testing during the first shift available, and they will have flexibility in scheduling during that shift.

All employees on the random list must be tested during that quarterly period. The City shall test up to 60 (sixty) employees a quarter. The only exceptions shall be employees who are on long term leave, off duty or on injury leave. If an employee is not available for drug testing due to any of the previous reasons, then their name shall be stricken from the list. Furthermore, no additional names shall be added to the list to "make up the difference."

All uniform employees who have been properly trained and are not exempted by any specific contract language shall be included in the list of names available to be included in the random list. The drug-testing coordinator(s) shall indicate on the random list the date and time the Deputy Chief of Support Services and the employee's supervisor was notified. In cases where an employee is on leave time for the entire quarterly period, they will be stricken from the random list for that quarterly period and a notation will be added to the list explaining why the individual was removed.

A representative from Local 157 will review the random list every quarter, upon the completion of testing of each individual on the random list, to verify the selections ensuring that no employee is being unfairly singled out or protected.

Should the Deputy Chief of Support Services be out of the office during an entire quarterly random testing period, they shall have the ability to delegate their responsibility during that period only, and further this delegation must be to only

one individual in the Fire Department Human Resources work section whom shall bear full responsibility for the administration of the program. In all cases, the names on the random list shall not be disclosed to anyone other than the drug testing coordinator(s) and the Deputy Chief of Support Services prior to the individual being directed to testing.

- C. Employees selected for random testing shall report as soon as possible to the testing facility upon notification from their supervisor. Prior to the test, the employee will be required to sign a drug/alcohol testing consent form. The form will include the time the employee left the worksite to travel to the testing facility.
- D. The sample will be collected in accordance with Section 6 of this policy.
- E. The Occupational Health Manager, located in the City's designated medical facility, shall receive and retain all drug and alcohol testing related information, and provide the results to the Labor Relations Division of the Human Resources Department. The laboratory will advise no one, other than the Medical Review Officer, of any results. The Medical Review Officer can only release the results of a positive drug test to the Employer through the Occupational Health Manager once the Medical Review Officer has completed his/her review, and analysis of the laboratory's test, and an interview with the employee involved.
- F. To ensure confidentiality, all twenty-four hour shift employees with a positive result will be called to the Deputy Chief's office to discuss their results in a face-to-face interview on their day off (non-twenty-four hour shift employees may be called in on-duty) in an investigative meeting conducted in accordance with current departmental SOP's. The purpose of the meeting will be to allow the employee the opportunity to offer further explanation for the positive test results. The employee shall be allowed union representation upon their request at any time during this process.
- G. Willful disclosure of test results to persons not involved in the disciplinary procedure or who do not have a need to know, or failure to uphold the strictest confidentiality in dealing with the random list, or tampering with the random list, or intentionally deviating from this policy shall result in appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination.
- H. The parties agree the City shall use its current practice of requiring Random Drug Testing wherein a 50% equivalency of individuals are tested for the 5 panel drug screening as provided for under Section 8; a 25% equivalency of individuals are tested for alcohol, and a 25% equivalency of individuals are tested for both the 5 panel drug screening and alcohol.

6.3 *For Cause Testing*

- A. If objective evidence exists establishing a reasonable belief an employee's work

performance is impaired due to drug or alcohol use, the employer shall require the employee to undergo a medical test consistent with the conditions set forth in this policy. Reasonable suspicion testing shall be initiated after the circumstances are properly reviewed and agreed upon by at least two (2) officer level personnel (Captain, Major, Station Officer or acting Station Officer, District Chief or higher rank). However, only one officer/supervisor is necessary to require an employee to submit to drug/alcohol testing if the supervisor observes the employee ingest, smoke, or use a controlled dangerous substance, medical marijuana or alcohol. Officers/supervisors are prohibited from demanding or encouraging drug or alcohol testing without reasonable belief.

- B. Upon confirmation of reasonable suspicion under subsection A., the employee shall be prohibited from working or continuing to work.
- C. Written documentation of the officer's/supervisor's observations leading to a drug and/or alcohol test shall be created prior to the end of the shift in which the behavior was observed and forwarded to the Chief's office. Additionally, whenever possible, the officer/supervisor should communicate the basis for the reasonable belief to an Assistant Municipal Counselor through the Chief/designee, prior to requiring such a test. The employee shall have the right to notify their IAFF representative and have representation present at the testing facility.
- D. The employee shall be transported immediately to the designated testing facility by an officer/supervisor. Prior to testing, the employee will be required to sign a drug/alcohol testing consent form. The employee will not be permitted to return to work prior to receiving the results of the drug/alcohol test. The officer/supervisor shall make arrangements for safe transportation to the employee's residence or a place selected by a relative or friend of the employee.
- E. The Occupational Health Manager, located in the City's designated medical facility, shall receive and retain all drug and alcohol testing related information, and provide the results to the Labor Relations Division of the Human Resources Department.

Willful disclosure of test results to persons not involved in the disciplinary procedure or who do not have a need to know, may result in appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination.
- F. If the results of the drug/alcohol test prove to be negative, any time off work without pay shall be returned to the employee. If the drug/alcohol tests prove to be positive, any unpaid time off work will be assessed in the final disposition of discipline.

6.4 *Post-Rehabilitation Testing*

The City of Oklahoma City Fire Department may require an employee to undergo drug or alcohol testing without prior notice for a period of two (2) years after the employee's

return to work following a confirmed positive test, or following participation in a drug or alcohol dependency program under a City benefit plan or attended on a mandatory basis, as a condition of continued employment. Post rehabilitation testing shall be conducted in addition to any other testing the employee is subject to under this policy.

6.5 *Post-Accident Testing*

Post-accident drug or alcohol testing shall be conducted on employees only in situations where there has been property damage in an amount reasonably estimated at the time of the accident to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), and/or an actual work-related injury to an employee or a third party, and there exists cause to believe that the accident, injury or damage was a direct result of the employee's use of drugs or alcohol except as noted in subsections 6.3 (A) and (B).

- A. Employees subject to this policy who suffer a vehicle accident during operation of a City vehicle shall be tested for alcohol and controlled substances as soon as possible after an accident if the accident involved the loss of human life.
- B. If such testing cannot be administered within two (2) hours of an accident, the officer/supervisor shall prepare and maintain a written record of the reasons. After eight (8) hours, such efforts to administer testing shall cease and a copy of the written record shall be forwarded to the City's Occupational Health Manager through the Chief/designee.

7. SAMPLE COLLECTION

The collection and testing of the samples shall be performed only by a laboratory and by a physician or health care professional qualified and authorized to administer and determine the meaning of any test results. The laboratory performing the test shall be one that is certified by the State Department of Health (DOH) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The laboratory used shall be agreed to between the Union and the Employer. The laboratory used shall also be one whose procedures are periodically tested by the U.S. DOT, DOH and/or SAMHSA. The non-negative results of employee tests shall be made available to the Medical Review Officer, who is a physician. Collection of urine samples shall be conducted in a manner, which provides the highest degree of security for the sample and freedom from adulteration. Recognized strict chain of custody procedures must be followed for all samples as set by the U.S. DOT, DOH and SAMHSA. The non-negative results of employee test shall be made available to the Medical Review Officer, who is a physician.

The Union and the Employer agree that security of the biological urine sample is absolutely necessary; therefore, the Employer agrees that if the security of the sample is compromised in any way, any test results shall be invalidated and may not be used for any purpose.

Urine samples will be submitted as per U.S. DOT, DOH and/or SAMHSA standards. The employee shall have the right to notify his/her IAFF representative and have representation at the collection site.

A split urine sample for drug screening shall be reserved in all cases for an independent analysis in the event of a challenge to a positive test result of the main specimen. All samples must be stored in a scientifically acceptable preserved manner as established by DOH and SAMHSA. All positive confirmed samples and related paperwork must be retained by the laboratory for at least six (6) months or for the duration of any grievance, disciplinary action or legal proceedings, whichever is longer.

Tests shall be conducted in a manner to ensure that an employee's legal drug use and diet does not affect the test results, except for use of medical marijuana. A positive test result for medical marijuana use shall be reported to the MRO as a "positive" despite a valid medical marijuana license due to the "safety sensitive" nature of employment as a firefighter pursuant to Oklahoma law.

Employees that have assigned city vehicles shall be permitted to utilize the City vehicle for transportation to the collection site. Chief Officers and District Administrative Assistants shall also be permitted to utilize the Chief's car for transportation to the collection site if Fire Department operations are not impeded.

8. REFUSAL TO UNDERGO TESTING/TAMPERING WITH SAMPLE

Failure or refusal to sign the consent form and/or failure to submit to testing will be cause for a conclusion of an adverse inference relative to the employee being under the influence, as well as a charge of insubordination, and appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination will be administered. Refusal, as used in this policy, means that the employee will not provide a sample for testing, does not arrive for a scheduled drug or alcohol test without having been excused or will not leave their worksite after having been required to proceed to the testing facility.

Employees found supplying or attempting to supply an altered sample or a substitute sample not their own, by alternative means, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

9. DRUG TESTING

The laboratory shall test for only the substances and within the limits for the initial and confirmation test as provided within DOH, SAMHSA standards, and the substances listed in table 8 and section 9. The 5-panel test shall be screened by utilizing only a urine sample. The drug testing initial and confirmation cutoff levels shall be published within the text of Table 8 (below). Any changes to the DOH and SAMHSA cutoff levels, as amended by DOH, shall become part of this policy under Table 8. These changes will become effective on the following July 1 after the changes have been made and only after publishing the new cutoff levels for at least 30 days as part of this policy. The Union and the City must agree to the authenticity of the new cutoff levels in writing. The initial test shall use an immunoassay, which meets the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for commercial distribution. The

substances for which tests may be given includes the related metabolites:

- 1.) Marijuana or Cannabinoid Metabolites
- 2.) Cocaine Metabolites (including crack)
- 3.) Amphetamines (including speed)
- 4.) Opiate Metabolites (including morphine, codeine, Dilaudid, Percodan)
- 5.) Phencyclidine (PCP)

If initial testing results are negative, testing shall be discontinued. Only specimens identified as positive on the initial test shall be confirmed using the gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) techniques as provided within the DOH and SAMHSA standards. If confirmatory testing results are negative, all test results are considered negative.

Table 8

Forensic drug testing initial screening cutoff levels: As per MOU 07-08 (9)

	Initial test level (ng/ml)
(1) Marijuana metabolites	50
(2) Opiate metabolites	2000
(a) Codeine	
(b) Morphine	
(3) Cocaine metabolites	300
(4) Phencyclidine	25
(5) Amphetamines	1000
(a) Amphetamines	
(b) Methamphetamines	

Forensic drug testing confirmation cutoff levels: As per MOU 07-08 (9)

	Confirmatory test level (ng/ml)
(1) Marijuana metabolites ¹	15
(2) Opiate metabolites	2000
(a) Codeine	
(b) Morphine	
(3) Cocaine metabolites ²	150
(4) Phencyclidine	25
(5) Amphetamines	500
(a) Amphetamines	
(b) Methamphetamines	
¹ Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid	
² Benzoylecgonine	

10. ALCOHOL TESTING

A Breathalyzer or similar test equipment shall be used to screen for alcohol use. An individual, qualified through and utilizing equipment certified by a state certified testing facility shall

perform this screening. An initial positive alcohol level shall be .04 grams of alcohol per 210 L of breath, or the number of grams per 210 L of breath that constitutes a “positive” breath test according to levels established by the U.S. Department of Transportation. If initial testing results are negative, testing shall be discontinued. If initial testing results are positive, the test shall be confirmed with a Breathalyzer retest. If confirmatory results are negative, all test results are considered negative.

11. CHALLENGING TEST RESULTS

Employees wishing to challenge the results of the City’s test as provided for in, 6. *Sample Collection*, above, must do so at his/her own expense and in accordance with the standards set forth by DOH and SAMHSA. In the event that the challenge results in a negative result, the City will reimburse the employee for the incurred expense.

12. MEDICAL REVIEW OFFICER

The City of Oklahoma City shall engage the services of a State Board of Health qualified Medical Review Officer who must be a licensed physician with knowledge of substance abuse disorders. The Medical Review Officer shall be familiar with the characteristics of drug tests, the laboratories running the tests and the medical conditions and the work exposures of the employees. The role of the Medical Review Officer will be to review and interpret all non-negative test results. No test shall be confirmed positive until the Medical Review Officer examines alternate medical explanations for the results. This action shall include conducting an interview with the affected employee, review of the employee’s medical history and review of any other relevant biomedical factors. The Medical Review Officer must review all medical records made available by the tested employee when a confirmed positive test result could have resulted from legally prescribed medication. The Medical Review Officer is the only person that may advise the Employer, through the Occupational Health Manager, of an employee’s positive drug test result.

13. LABORATORY RESULTS

The laboratory will report all negative test results to the Occupational Health Manager. The laboratory will advise no one, other than the Medical Review Officer of any non-negative test results. Once the review and analysis of the laboratory’s test has been completed, the Medical Review Officer can only release the results of a positive drug test to the employer through the Occupational Health Manager. The results of a positive drug test can only be released to the Employer by the Medical review Officer once they have completed his review and analysis of the laboratory’s test. All negative test results will be reported from the lab or Medical Review Officer directly to the Occupational Health Manager. The Occupational Health Manager will file the negative test results in the appropriate files until they are destroyed per the city’s document retention policy. The Employer will be required to keep the results confidential and it shall not be released to the general public without a court order. If any individual from the testing facility releases the results of a non-negative or an MRO confirmed positive test to anyone other than the Medical Review Officer, then the test will be voided and the employee’s name will be removed from the selection list for a period of one year.

14. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING

The City of Oklahoma City Fire Department is responsible for costs associated with drug or alcohol testing. However:

- 1) If an employee requests a retest to challenge the findings of a confirmed positive test, the employee is responsible for the cost of the test, unless that test reverses the findings of the previous positive test, in which case the City of Oklahoma City Fire Department is responsible for the cost.
- 2) Any initial for cause, post accident, and/or random test of a current employee must be performed during or immediately contiguous to the employee's scheduled work period. If this process extends beyond the employee's scheduled work period it will be deemed compensable work time as applicable under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

15. EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

Any employee who tests positive under the terms of this policy shall be evaluated and counseled by an EAP counselor. An employee with a previously satisfactory work record, who, immediately subsequent to this counseling, enters into a rehabilitation program, shall be given one opportunity to continue employment after an initial occurrence of a positive drug or alcohol test.

Employees who successfully complete a rehabilitation program will be afforded continued employment contingent upon the employee agreeing, in writing, to undergo random periodic drug and/or alcohol post-rehabilitation testing for two (2) years and satisfactorily participating and completing the Employee Assistance Program. If in-patient rehabilitation treatment is required, the employee may be permitted to use leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), which includes accrued vacation leave and sick leave. Compensatory time may be used for an FMLA reason but cannot be applied toward FMLA leave. An employee may voluntarily enter rehabilitation without a requirement or prior to notification of testing. Employees who enter a program of their own initiative shall not be subject to the two-year post-rehabilitation testing; however they will continue to be subject to random testing in the same manner as all other uniformed employees. To the extent that there are treatment and rehabilitation costs over and above the employee's insurance coverage, the difference shall be the responsibility of the employee.

If an employee subject to post-rehabilitation random testing tests positive any time during the twenty-four (24) month period, they shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

If any employee has completed a treatment regimen set forth by a physician as a result of a documented on-the-job injury and the treatment regimen included the prescription of an addictive or habit forming drug, and if the drug is no longer prescribed and the employee tests positive for that drug, or if the Medical Review Officer determines in their professional opinion

that the drug being abused is a result of the OJI treatment regimen, then the employee will not be subjected to the disciplinary standards of this policy. The employee will be required to submit to a treatment and recovery program as prescribed by the EAP counselor. Upon completion of the prescribed treatment and recovery program, the employee will be subject to the two-year post rehabilitation testing. In these cases involving an on-the-job injury, an employee who has successfully completed the prescribed treatment and recovery program and two year post rehabilitation testing may petition to have their medical file purged of any reference to their drug problem immediately upon completing the two year post rehabilitation testing period.

16. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The City of Oklahoma City shall not take disciplinary action against an employee who tests positive for drugs or alcohol unless the tests results are confirmed by a second test performed on the same sample, using one of the methods prescribed in this policy.

A non-probationary employee with a previously satisfactory work record shall be given one opportunity to continue employment after an initial occurrence of a positive drug or alcohol test.

Continued employment shall be contingent upon the employee agreeing, in writing, to undergo random or periodic drug and/or alcohol post rehabilitation testing for two (2) years and satisfactorily participating and completing the Employee Assistance Program. If in-patient rehabilitation treatment is required, the employee may be permitted to use leave permitted under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), which includes accrued vacation leave, sick leave, and compensatory time. Compensatory time may be used for an FMLA reason but cannot be applied toward FMLA leave.

If an employee tests positive for drugs or alcohol, during the treatment/recovery program, two year post rehabilitation period or prior to the time the said employee has his/her medical file purged of the any reference to their drug or alcohol problem, then the said employee may be subject to suspension, demotion, or termination following a pre-determination hearing. In addition to the alleged offenses, the appropriate course of action shall be determined based on the employee's total work record, including but not limited to any prior drug or alcohol problems.

17. DUTY ASSIGNMENT AFTER TREATMENT

Once an employee successfully completes rehabilitation, and obtains medical certification of fitness for duty they shall be returned to their regular duty assignment. Once treatment and any follow-up care is completed, and two (2) years have passed since the employee successfully completed the program, the employee may petition to have their medical file purged of any reference to their drug or alcohol problem. Such information should at no time be a part of or included in the employee's personnel file.

18. RIGHT OF APPEAL

The employee has the right to challenge the results of the drug or alcohol tests and any discipline imposed in the same manner that any other Employer action under the terms of this agreement is grievable.

19. CONFIDENTIALITY

The City of Oklahoma City shall maintain confidentiality in the drug and alcohol testing program and shall treat all documentation, tests results and all information related to such tests, including interviews, memoranda, reports and statements as confidential. The identity of employees who have been notified of a pending test, or are waiting at the facility prior to testing, is not considered confidential information.

- 1) All records to drug/alcohol testing shall be kept separated from personnel records.
- 2) Such records may not be used in any criminal proceeding or civil or administrative action, except in actions taken by the City of Oklahoma City or otherwise involving the subject employee and the City, unless there is a valid court order authorizing the release of such records.
- 3) Records shall be the property of the City of Oklahoma City and will be made available to the affected applicant or employee for inspection and copying upon written request.

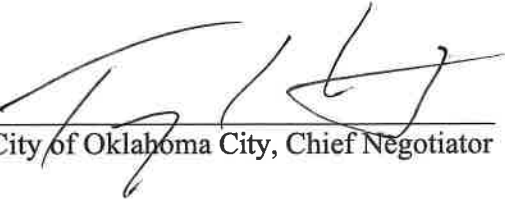
20. CONFLICT WITH OTHER LAWS

This policy shall not supersede, amend or waive any constitutional or other rights enjoyed by or conditions imposed upon the employee under federal, state or local statutes.

City of Oklahoma City Proposal

Negotiations for FY 2023-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement
Between the City of Oklahoma City and
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December 20, 2023

Attached whole CBA package proposal: all changes reflected in the October 13, 2023 package proposal minus the stipend in Article 21 and the adjustment to VL increment usage proposed in Article 17.


City of Oklahoma City, Chief Negotiator

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