

Patrolmen's Benevolent Association 2006 - 2010 Agreement

AGREEMENT made this 3 day of 2010 by and between the City of New York (hereinafter called "the City" or "the Employer"), acting by the Commissioner of Labor Relations, and the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of the City of New York, Inc. (hereinafter called "the Union" or the "PBA"), for the four year period from August 1, 2006 to July 31, 2010. The parties agree that this Agreement modifies the 2002-2004 collective bargaining agreement based upon the May 19, 2008 arbitration award ("Arbitration Award") and August 21, 2008 Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"). Nothing in this agreement is intended to amend or modify the content of the Arbitration Award or the MOU.

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Police Officers employed by the City have duly designated the Union as their exclusive bargaining representative for the purpose of collective bargaining with the City with respect to wages, hours, and conditions of employment; and

WHEREAS, the Union and the City desire to cooperate in establishing conditions which will tend to secure standards and conditions of employment consistent with the dignity of Police Officers, and to provide methods for fair and peaceful adjustment of disputes that may arise between the Union and the City; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, as a result of collective bargaining, the parties have reached an agreement which they desire to reduce to writing;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I - UNION RECOGNITION AND UNIT DESIGNATION

Section 1.

The City recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative for the unit consisting of the employees of the New York City Police Department in the title of Police Officer, except those detailed as First, Second or Third Grade Detectives.

Section 2.

Except as otherwise provided herein, for purposes of this Agreement, the terms "employee" and "employees" or "Police Officer" shall be interchangeable and shall relate solely to employees in the unit described in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 4.

In the administration of the provisions of this Article the arbitrator's award in OCB Docket No. A-114-70 shall be applicable except that the provisions of this Article shall apply to employees assigned to the Tactical Patrol Unit.

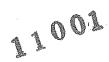
Section 5

- a. All claims for payment of compensatory time off which is earned as provided in Article XX of the contract on April 1, 1977 or thereafter must be submitted to the appropriate payroll personnel by the applicant within 180 days from the date payment is earned for payment in cash. All applications submitted after 180 days up to 365 days from the date payment is earned will be granted the appropriate compensatory time off only for claims under Article XX.
- b. If a request for payment is timely submitted and rejected by the Police Department, the grievant shall have 90 days from the date of receipt of a written rejection notice to file a grievance pursuant to Article XXI.
- c. The above clarification shall apply only to Article XX claims earned on April 1, 1977 or thereafter.
- d. This clarification applies to a grievance brought under this collective bargaining contract only. It has no applicability to any other legal remedy which an individual may have.

ARTICLE XXI - GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

Section 1. Definitions.

- a. For the purpose of this Agreement, the term "grievance" shall mean:
 - 1. a claimed violation, misinterpretation or inequitable application of the provisions of this Agreement;
 - 2. a claimed violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the written rules, regulations or procedures of the Police Department affecting terms and conditions of employment, provided that, except as otherwise provided in this Section la, the term "grievance" shall not include disciplinary matters;
 - 3. a claimed improper holding of an open-competitive rather than a promotion examination;
 - 4. a claimed assignment of the grievant to duties substantially different from those stated in the grievant's job title specification.
- b. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "Commanding Officer" shall mean the immediate Commanding Officer of the aggrieved employee.



- c. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "Reviewing Officer" shall mean the superior officer in charge of the next higher command or level above a Commanding Officer.
- d. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "Board" shall mean the Personnel Grievance Board to be composed of three (3) members, as follows: a Deputy Commissioner or other designee of the Police Commissioner, who shall be Chairman of the Board, the Chief of the Department or the Chief of the Department's designee, and the President of the Union or the President's designee.
- e. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "grievant" shall mean an employee or group of employees asserting a grievance or the Union or both, as the context requires.

Section 2.

The availability of the grievance or arbitration procedure shall not justify a failure to follow orders.

Section 3.

- a. Every grievant shall have the right to present a grievance in accord with the procedure provided herein free from coercion, interference, restraint or reprisal.
- b. The informal resolution of differences or grievances is urged and encouraged at all levels of supervision.
- c. Commanding Officers and Reviewing Officers shall promptly consider grievances presented to them and, within the scope of their authority take such necessary action as is required herein.
- d. Commanding Officers, Reviewing Officers and members of the Personnel Grievance Board shall consider objectively the merits of grievances with due consideration to the harmonious interrelationship that is sought to be achieved among all members of the force and for the good of the Police Department.
- e. Any employee may present the employee's own grievance through the first four steps of the grievance procedure either individually (with the aid of the employee's own counsel if the employee so chooses), or through the Union, provided, however, that the Union shall have the right to have a representative present at each step of the grievance procedure.

Section 4.

Under the grievance procedure herein a grievance must be initiated within 90 days following the date on which the grievance arose or the date on which the grievant should reasonably have learned of the grievance or the execution date of this Agreement, whichever date is the latest. Grievances shall be processed according to the following procedure:



STEP I.

A grievant shall present the grievance to the Commanding Officer either orally or in writing. The Commanding Officer shall carefully consider the matter, make a decision thereon and advise the grievant of the decision within five (5) days of the grievance's submission.

STEP II.

If the grievance is not satisfactorily adjusted at Step I, the grievant may seek the following review within ten days after receipt of the Step I decision. The grievant shall reduce the grievance to writing on Form P.D. 158-151 (in triplicate), setting forth a concise statement of the grievance and the results of the proceedings at Step I. The grievant shall forward two copies to the appropriate Reviewing Officer and retain one copy for personal use. The Reviewing Officer shall forward one copy to the Commanding Officer, requesting the Commanding Officer's comments. The Reviewing Officer shall carefully consider said grievance, make a determination, and notify the grievant and the Commanding Officer of the Reviewing Officer's decision within ten (10) days following receipt of the grievance.

STEP III.

If the grievance is still not satisfactorily adjusted, the grievant may, not later than ten days after notification of the Reviewing Officer's decision, seek further review as follows:

The grievance shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Personnel Grievance Board on the grievance form supplied by the Office of Labor Relations of the Police Department. The Board shall forward one copy to the Reviewing Officer, requesting the Reviewing Officer's comments thereon. The Personnel Grievance Board shall meet at least once a month on a date designated by the Chairman. At each meeting, the Board shall consider all grievances which, at least five days prior to such meeting, have been properly referred to the Board. The grievant may choose to have the grievant's representatives present at the meeting, at which time oral and written statements may be presented.

The Board shall carefully consider said grievance, make a determination and notify the grievant, the Commanding Officer and the Reviewing Officer, in writing, of its decision within seven days after the meeting at which the grievance is considered.

It is understood and agreed by and between the parties that there are certain grievable disputes which are of a Department level or of such scope as to make adjustments at Step I or Step II of the grievance procedure impracticable, and, therefore, such grievances may be instituted at Step III of the grievance procedure by filing the required written statement of the grievance directly with the Chairman of the Personnel Grievance Board; the Chairman or Chairman's designee shall convene a meeting of the Board within five (5) working days following receipt of the grievance, and the Board shall render its decision within five (5) working days following that meeting.

STEP IV.

Where the grievance is not satisfactorily adjusted at Step III, the grievant may refer the grievance, not later than thirty (30) calendar days after notification of the Board's decision, to the Police Commissioner for determination; and the Police Commissioner shall make a determination within

ten (10) working days following receipt of the grievance. This determination shall be made after appropriate consultation with any or all parties to the grievance, including the Chairman of the Board and/or the Board members; and copies shall be sent to the grievant and the Union.

Grievances which affect substantial numbers of employees may be compressed by elimination of the fourth Step of the grievance procedure.

Section 5.

At every step of these procedures, the grievant and the officer considering the grievance shall work for a satisfactory adjustment. At any step, the Commanding Officer, the Reviewing Officer, and the Board shall have the right to summon the grievant and any and all persons considered necessary to the equitable adjustment of the grievance. Proceedings shall be informal. The Chairman of the Personnel Grievance Board shall take such steps to implement the provisions concerning grievances as are necessary for the proper and effective operation of the procedures provided for herein. The Chairman shall resolve questions as to jurisdictional responsibility of Commanding Officers and Reviewing Officers and shall work out the operational details of the program. For these purposes, the Chairman shall issue orders and instructions through the Chief of Department not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article.

Section 6.

The grievance procedure established hereinbefore is designed to operate within the framework of, and is not intended to abolish or supersede, existing rules and procedures providing for additional methods of redress. These include, but are not limited to, the existing rights of a grievant to request an interview with the Police Commissioner.

Section 7.

Any or all of the foregoing grievance steps may be waived by the written consent of both parties.

Section 8.

Within twenty (20) days following receipt of the Police. Commissioner's Step IV decision, the Union shall have the right to bring grievances unresolved at Step IV to impartial arbitration pursuant to the New York City Collective Bargaining Law and the Consolidated Rules of the New York City Office of Collective Bargaining. In addition, upon ten (10) days' written notice to the Union, the City shall have the right to bring directly to arbitration any dispute between the parties concerning any matter defined as a "grievance" herein. The City shall commence such arbitration by submitting a written request therefor to the Office of Collective Bargaining, with a copy to the Union; and the matter shall proceed pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of the Office of Collective Bargaining.

A permanent rotating Panel of a minimum of five (5) Arbitrators shall be established, drawn from the official panel of the Office of Collective Bargaining, as agreed to by both parties. The members of the Panel shall be assigned on a rotating basis to arbitrate all grievances under this Section.



The assigned Arbitrator shall hold a hearing at a time and place convenient to the parties and a transcript shall be taken unless the taking of a transcript is waived by both parties. The arbitrator shall attempt to issue an award within ten (10) days after the completion of the hearing.

The City and the Union shall each pay 50% of the fees and expenses of the Arbitrator and of all other expenses incidental to such arbitration. The costs of one copy for each party and one copy for the Arbitrator of the transcripts shall be borne equally by the parties.

Section 9.

In case of grievances falling within Sections 1(a)(1), 1(a)(2), or 1(a)(3) of this Article, the arbitrator's decision, and order or award (if any), shall be limited to the application and interpretation of the collective bargaining Agreement, rule, regulation, procedure, order or job title specification involved, and the Arbitrator shall not add to, subtract from, or modify any such Agreement, rule, regulation, procedure, order or job title specification. An Arbitrator's award shall be final and binding and enforceable in any appropriate tribunal in accord with Article Seventy-Five of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, except that awards as to grievances concerning assignment of the grievant to duties substantially different from those stated in the grievant's job title specification or the use of an open-competitive rather than promotional examination, shall be final and binding and enforceable only to the extent permitted by law. An Arbitrator may provide for and direct such relief as the Arbitrator determines to be necessary and proper, subject to the limitation set forth above and any applicable limitations of law.

Section 10.

The time limits contained in this Article may be modified by mutual agreement. In the event that the Department fails to comply with the time limits prescribed herein, the grievance may be advanced to the next step.

ARTICLE XXII - LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH BENEFIT

In the event an employee dies because of a line-of-duty injury received during the actual and proper performance of police service relating to the alleged or actual commission of an unlawful act, or directly resulting from a characteristic hazard of police duty, through no fault of the employee's own, a payment of \$25,000 shall be made from funds other than those of the Retirement System in addition to any other payment which may be made as a result of such death. Such payment shall be made to the beneficiary designated under the Retirement System or, if no beneficiary is so designated, to the estate of the deceased.

ARTICLE XXIII - DEATH BENEFIT - UNUSED LEAVE AND COMPENSATORY TIME

If an employee dies while employed by the City, the employee's beneficiary designated under the Retirement System or, if no beneficiary is so designated, the deceased's estate shall receive payment in cash for the following as a death benefit: