# **MASTER AGREEMENT**

# **BETWEEN**

# AND WESTERLY LOCAL #503

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF POLICE OFFICERS

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025







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THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2022 by and between the TOWN OF WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND, hereinafter referred to as the "TOWN", and WESTERLY LOCAL #503, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF POLICE OFFICERS, hereinafter referred to as the "I.B.P.O.".

# ARTICLE I: DISCRIMINATION

Neither the TOWN nor the IBPO shall discriminate against any employee because of membership or non-membership in the IBPO, race, color, sex, religion, age, disability, country of ancestral origin, political affiliation, or national origin in violation of any applicable statute, which shall be deemed to afford the claimant his/her or its exclusive remedy, notwithstanding any of the provisions of this agreement.

# ARTICLE II - RECOGNITION

The Town hereby recognizes the IBPO as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for, and this Agreement shall apply to, all full-time, permanently appointed employees holding the rank of Detective Sergeant, Sergeant, Detective, Corporal or Patrolman, excluding the Chief of Police, Captain, Lieutenants, and all other employees. If during the life of this Agreement a new rank is established, it shall be considered part of the bargaining unit if such rank is equivalent or below that of Sergeant. Whenever used in this Agreement, the terms "member" and "employee" shall have the same meaning which is all active members of the bargaining unit.

# ARTICLE III: UNION SECURITY

## Section 1 – Membership

All employees in the bargaining unit of the effective dates of this Agreement may either (1) become members of the Union and pay membership dues, (2) pay to the IBPO an agency fee in an amount determined by the IBPO or (3) opt to not pay either a membership or agency fee. If the employee chooses option 3, he/she will neither be a member nor entitled to representation from the IBPO.



#### Section 2 - Dues

The Town shall deduct from the pay of each employee covered by this agreement all required IBPO dues and/or service charges, provided that at the time of such deduction there was in the possession of the Town a current, lawful, written authorization for such deduction, executed by the employee, in a form agreed upon by the parties, and provided further that a majority of the employees in the unit have given such authorization. The IBPO shall, by its Treasurer, certify in writing the amount of membership dues and service charges referred to above, to the Town Manager and all such dues and/or service charges deducted hereunder shall be remitted by the Town to the Treasurer of the IBPO on a monthly basis. The IBPO agrees to and hereby does indemnify the Town against any award, judgement, loss, or expense arising out of any claims made against the Town by an employee because of such deduction from his/her wages or because of any other provisions of this Article. The IBPO agrees that it shall give at least thirty (30) days' notice to the Town if the IBPO desires to change the amount of dues and/or service fees to be deducted from the bargaining unit employees paychecks.

# Section 3 – Failure to Pay Dues

The rights of any member who elects not to pay either union membership dues or agency fees shall be governed by the provision of R.I.G.L §28-9.2-18 as amended.

#### ARTICLE IV: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to limit the Town through its legitimately designated agents in the exercise of its powers and customary functions relative to the effective and efficient operation of the Police Department. The Town shall also have the right to suspend and/or discharge employees, subject to the provisions of R.I.G.L §42-28.6 which shall be deemed to afford suspended and/or discharged employees an exclusive remedy, notwithstanding and of the provisions of this Agreement. No provision of this Agreement shall be applied or construed to limit, impede, or abridge any of the Town's lawful authority or obligations.

Additionally, except to the extent there is contained in this Agreement expressed and specific provisions to the contrary, all authority, power, rights, jurisdiction and responsibilities for the efficient and effective management and direction of the officers and others employed by the Police Department are vested, retained, and reserved exclusively to the Town. Further, all rights that are ordinarily vested in and exercised by employers, except such as are specifically relinquished herein, are reserved, and remain vested in the Town. These rights include but are not limited to: (a) directing the work of police officers; (b) determining the mission of the Police Department and its personnel, methods, means and procedures necessary to most efficiently fulfill that mission; (c) disciplining officers consistent with the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights; and (d) determining the methods, means, processes and personnel by which public safety and law enforcement functions are to be conducted. Nothing



in this Agreement shall be deemed to limit the rights of the Town under its Home Rule Charter or State Statute, except as authorized by R.I.G.L. Title 28, Chapter 9.2 to includes midterm bargaining.

# ARTICLE V: STRIKE PROHIBITION

Neither the IBPO nor any employees covered by this Agreement shall engage in, induce or encourage any strike, slowdown, or sick-out (meaning collective absenteeism for alleged illness), picketing, work stoppage or withholding of services of any kind, for any reason, during the term of this Agreement, nor shall the IBPO or any employee or employees give assistance in any form to any concerted activity directed against the Town. The IBPO agrees that neither it nor any of its officers or agents will call, institute, nor shall they direct or condone assistance by any of the employees they represent with respect to any concerted activity against the Town. In the event of such unauthorized activity by employees, the IBPO shall immediately direct the employees involved to cease and desist and shall further publicly declare that such individuals are subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the Town.

# ARTICLE VI: STABILITY OF AGREEMENT

# Section 1

Neither party shall be under an obligation to negotiate with the other party for any modification or addition to this Agreement which is to be effective during the term thereof; if however, the parties agree to modify the Agreement, the modification must be in writing and signed by the parties in order to be enforceable.

#### Section 2

The Town shall be under no obligation to discuss with the IBPO any modification or addition to this Agreement which is to be effective during the term hereof.

### Section 3

If any provision of this agreement is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

# ARTICLE VII: SENORITY

A. The seniority of a member of the bargaining unit shall be determined by the length of time said member has been a member of the Department. In the event that more than one member was appointed the same day, then the seniority of said members shall be determined by their results on the departmental entrance examination.

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- B. The employees of the Police Department shall also have seniority rights in grade and said seniority shall prevail with regard to transfers to shifts, beats, posts. During an employee's probationary year, the Chief of Police, at his discretion, may transfer a probationary officer from shift to shift for training purposes.
- C. Within thirty (30) days after the execution of this Agreement, the Town shall furnish the Union and the Police Department a copy of the proposed seniority list and the Union and/or the Police Department will have thirty (30) days in which to make any corrections or changes in said list and signify their approval thereof. After the order of seniority has been approved by all parties thereto, a permanent and up-to-date list shall be posted and maintained on a bulletin board at Police Headquarters for the benefit of all officers.
- D. Seniority and employee status will be forfeited in the event of:
  - 1) Failure to report to work on or before the second working day after recall;
  - 2) Voluntary quit
  - 3) Discharge (after a Bill of Rights hearing, if requested)
  - 4) Absence from work for more than eighteen (18) months for any reason other than military service or on-the-job injury unless an extended period is otherwise approved by the Town
  - 5) Unauthorized failure to report to work at the conclusion of a leave of absence.

# ARTICLE VIII: WORK TIME AND LEAVE TIME

#### Section 1.A. - Workweek

- 1. The regular workweek for employees covered by this Agreement shall consist of four (4) consecutive days on and two (2) consecutive days off.
- 2. The regular workweek for Detectives, Day Shift Sergeants, and School Resource Officers shall consist of five (5) consecutive days on and two (2) consecutive days off. Detectives are assigned a shift; however, flextime will be authorized by the Detective Sergeant or Chief of Police.
- 3. There will be a permanent position of day shift Sergeant within the Westerly Police Department. This position will be offered to eligible Sergeants on a seniority basis. The Chief of Police will have sole discretion to determine the days off and what duties the day shift Sergeant will have.
- 4. For those positions that the collective bargaining agreement allows for flexed hours, those hours will not be flexed in blocks of less than four (4) consecutive hours of work. In the event a dispute arises as to the necessity of flexing hours, it shall be resolved through the grievance procedure.



- 5. There is hereby established the rank of Corporal.
  - a.) There shall be three (3) Corporals selected from the three (3) senior patrol officers who agree to serve as Corporals provided that no employee with less than five years seniority shall be eligible to serve as a Corporal. Any person declining to so serve shall not be eligible thereafter to so serve until a later vacancy shall exist. Such service shall be strictly voluntary. Corporals shall maintain their step level plus an additional salary increment of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) annually which shall be included as part of the salary base for all purposes. Thereafter one (1) Corporal shall be assigned per shift.
  - b.) One (1) Corporal shall be assigned to each of the three (3) shifts, namely 8:00am to 4:00pm, 4:00pm to Midnight and Midnight to 8:00am provided that no employee with less than five years seniority shall be eligible to serve as a Corporal. Such assignment shall be by seniority. A roster of seniority shall be maintained as to the Corporals and it shall be utilized whenever seniority is applicable such as assignments, etc.
  - c.) Corporals shall perform the regular duties of a patrol officer but shall also serve as a shift supervisor in those instances when a higher-ranking shift supervisor or shift commanders is not available on a particular shift.
  - d.) Nothing herein is intended to diminish or affect the manpower customarily available on any shift as it presently exists or impose any additional on any patrol officer.
- 6. The regular hourly rate shall continue to be calculated by the following formulas: using the annual base salary from Appendix A (this formula shall stay in effect as long as there is a 4-2 work schedule). For employees subject to a 4-2 workweek, the annual salary divided by 1946.46 = hourly rate. For employees subject to a 5-2 workweek, the annual salary divided by 2080.00 = hourly rate.
- 7. Officers who are assigned to any drug unit outside the Department, State, National or International agency having an independent law enforcement authority or basis of jurisdiction shall be subject for the duration of such assignment to the practices, policies, procedures, and directives which are generally applicable to officers assigned to that agency (e.g., hours of work, assignments, dress code). All other benefits shall continue to be governed by the terms of this agreement.



8. There is hereby established the rank of Sergeant. The Town and Union agree there shall be a minimum of six (6) Sergeants.

#### Section 1.B. - Shifts

- 1. For employees covered by this Agreement, a shift shall be comprised of eight (8) consecutive hours of work, provided an employee shall be required to report to work ten (10) minutes before the start of his/her scheduled shift for the preparation for duty, and may be required to work additional time beyond eight (8) hours to complete certain tasks pertaining to incidents that have taken place during his/her scheduled shift, and such additional time shall be considered part of such shift and not overtime unless more than thirty (30) minutes is required, in which event, the employee will be entitled to a minimum of one (1) hour overtime compensation, as hereinafter provided.
- 2. A shift for Detectives shall be comprised of eight (8) consecutive hours of work.
- 3. The work shifts for members of the Police Department shall cover a continuous twenty-four (24) hour period from 0800 hours to 1600 hours, 1600 hours to 2400 hours and 2400 hours to 0800 hours. At his discretion, the Chief of Police may create an overlapping shift. Hours for said shift are to be determined by the Chief of Police.

# Section 1.B.A. – Bidding of Work Shifts

The Chief of Police shall assign hours of work and work shifts in accordance with the provisions of this section.

- Each April and October, Officers must bid for assignment to Days (0800-1600), Evening (1600-2400) or Midnight (2400-0800) shifts. Each bid is for a six (6) month period.
   Bidding shall be conducted not less than one (1) month prior to the start of the next six (6) month assignment and officers must bid for a work shift in their normal work assignment and rank (i.e., Sergeants, Corporals, Detectives Patrol Officers, etc.) Officers who do not submit a bid will remain in their current assignment unless a more senior office bids for the same assignment.
- Subject to the staffing needs on each shift as determined by the Chief and the other limitations set forth herein, assignments to each shift shall be based on the seniority of the bidding officers.
- 3. At the discretion of the Chief of Police, an officer may change shifts if there is another officer willing and qualified to take his or her place.



4. At the discretion and approval of the Chief of Police, officers may change shifts if mutually agreed upon by both parties and said shifts change will not result in overtime, any additional time off, or any other costs to the Town.

# Section 1.C - Administrative Assignments

The Town in accordance with the procedures referenced in this paragraph, shall have the right to make administrative assignments on a temporary basis to non-permanent unit positions. For the purposes of this Section, temporary assignment shall mean an assignment of no less than one (1) year and no more than three (3) years. Administrative Assignments will not be open to daily bidding. For purposes of this Section, non-permanent positions refer to any position, regardless of rank, either currently existing or created in the future, other than the following positions: Patrol Officer, Corporal, Sergeant, Detective and Detective Sergeant. Corporals who accept an Administrative Assignment will lose the rank of Corporal.

Administrative Assignments will be made by the Chief of Police in accordance with the administrative assignment selection procedure, and a posting for each position as developed by the Chief of Police, or his designee. Any position developed by the Chief of Police will include, at a minimum, the process for obtaining selection to the position, qualifications for the position, any special criteria associated with the position, those officers eligible to participate in the selection process, hours to be worked, shift to be worked and how any overtime will be distributed.

#### **Notification and Filing Procedure**

- 1. When a vacancy arises in any administrative assignment, a memorandum will be posted announcing such vacancy and the final testing date.
- 2. Each person interested in applying for a vacant administrative assignment must submit a memorandum of interest to the office of the Chief of Police.

#### Selection

- 1. The selection process may consist of several different types of examinations depending upon the particular assignment. Each administrative assignment position in the Department will be listed on a separate Process and Qualification (P & Q) sheet. Across from each type of examination is listed the percentage of that process that figures into the total score. An examination that indicates "Pass/Fail" signifies that the examination must be passed to continue in the testing process.
- 2. The eligibility list for administrative assignment positions may remain in effect for one (1) year from the date the list is published. 3. In the event there is an insufficient number of qualified applicants for the posted vacancy, the P & Q requirements may be waived. Subsequently, all interested officers will be invited to apply for the vacancy.

Administrative assignments, other than canines, will not be counted towards the Chief's manpower assignments on patrol. Administrative assignments will not be subject to the officer's restriction on vacation, incentive times and compensatory time usage applicable to patrol shifts.

Officers shall not hold the same administrative assignment for more than two (2) consecutive assignments, unless no other bids are received.

Any officer who is promoted during the course of an administrative assignment must immediately relinquish the administrative assignment upon being promoted to his/her new rank.

The continuation of an officer in an administrative assignment, or the transfer or removal of an officer from an administrative assignment, will be based on the officer's performance in the administrative assignment, said performance to be determined by the Chief of Police, or his designee. The transfer or removal of an officer from an administrative assignment due to the determination by the Chief of Police, or his designee, that the officer is not meeting the established performance standards, will be subject to the officer's right to grieve such action under Article XI of the collective bargaining agreement. For the purposes of this section, the following shall be deemed administrative assignments.

- a) Community Police Officer The Town and the Union agree to recognize the position of Community Police Officer. This position is not to be considered a permanent position within the Department, and/or collective bargaining agreement. There will be a flexible shift allowed for the Community Police Officer, which will be separate from the other three shifts. The Community Police Officer will not be part of the Chief's patrol manpower requirement. However, there will be no manpower requirement on the shift worked by the Community Police Officer. The Chief of Police will dictate the parameters of the Community Police Officer's shift, including but not limited to, the hours and staffing of said shift and the number of community policing positions. The taking of vacation, compensatory or incentive time by the Community Police Officer will not affect the taking of vacation, compensatory or incentive time by officers on other shifts.
- b) Canine Officer The Town and Union agree to recognize the position of Canine Officer. The Town shall maintain at least two (2) Canine positions at all times, who shall work separate shifts based upon seniority. Canine assignments shall last for a minimum of five (5) years at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Canine Officers will receive an additional forty-five minutes of compensation each day of the week for the purpose of caring and feeding of the dog. The rate of pay for the additional forty-five minutes shall be the officer's regular hourly rate of pay.



- c) School Resource Officer The Town and Union agree and recognize the position of School Resource Officer (SRO) The Town shall maintain at least one (1) SRO at all times. The SROs will work a 5-2 schedule Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm. The SRO will not be part of the manpower requirements on other shifts; however, there will be no manpower requirements on the shift worked by SROs. SROs shall be provided a take home vehicle. Outside of the normal school calendar ("summer"), the Chief of Police will determine the SROs work schedule, staffing, and shift in accordance with the demands of operations. The taking of vacation time, compensatory time or incentive time by SRO's will not affect the taking of vacation time, compensatory time or incentive time by officers of any shift. At the end of their term, SROs may re-apply for additional terms as SRO.
- d) Investigator The Town and the Union agree to recognize the position of Investigator. The Investigator shall be assigned to the Detective Division. The Investigator shall be provided a take home vehicle.

# Section 1.D. - Schedules

The normal work schedule of all employees covered by this Agreement shall be posted at least three (3) weeks in advance.

#### Section 1.E. – Special Assignments

The Chief of Police may from time to time create the position of a special assignment. Said assignment shall not be considered a promotion and shall be non-permanent, temporary and voluntary. The Chief of Police shall post the opportunity for said special assignments no less than seven (7) days in advance. Said positing shall include but is not limited to: hours and days of work, details of assignment, required training, length of assignment, qualifications, performance measures and responsibilities.

Officers assigned to a special assignment will work a consecutive eight (8) hour shift. The hours of said shift will be pre-determined and included in the posted offering of said assignment. These shifts may be outside of the shifts as defined in the CBA Article VIII, Section 1.B.

Special assignments shall be limited to not more than twelve (12) weeks duration. Officers assigned to a special assignment shall not be part of the department's manpower requirements. The continuation of an officer in a special assignment will be based upon the officer's performance. Said performance shall be determined by the Chief of Police or his/her designee. Officers shall receive no additional compensation for special assignment with the exception of that compensation normally entitled under the CBA Article VIII, Section 2.

Special assignments will not be subject to the daily bidding process of posts and/beats. If a



Corporal is assigned to a special assignment, this shall not be considered a vacancy of the Corporals position or of the normally assigned work shift as required under the CBA Article VIII, Section 1.A. 5.b.

This section of the contract shall not apply to those assignments of officers as defined under CBA Article VIII, Section 1.A.7.

The selection of an officer to a special assignment shall be determined by the following procedure:

- a) A committee consisting of the Chief of Police or his/her designee, the Patrol Division Commander, IBPO President or his/her designee and IBPO representative will be formed.
- b) The committee shall determine which officer shall be assigned based upon qualifications, nature of assignment, past performance. The assignment will be based on the best interest of the Department and the officer.
- c) In the event that an assignment cannot be made by the committee, the Town Manager will assign the officer or withdraw the offer of assignment.

#### Section 2 - Overtime

All work performed by employees in excess of their scheduled shifts and/or workweek as defined above, shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) time his/her regular rate. At the employee's option, to the extent permitted by the Fair Labor Standards Act, he/she shall be entitled to compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay to which he/she is entitled in accordance with the foregoing, provided that the scheduling of such compensatory time shall be at the discretion of the Chief of Police, provided further, that all approved requests for compensatory time shall be granted unless cancelled within forty-eight (48) hours of the start of the requested shift/time off. In the event that such scheduling is not satisfactory to the employee, the overtime pay to which he/she is entitled to shall be paid. All overtime worked will be on a seniority basis determined by the length of time said member has been a member of the department.

Any employee who is required to report to work for other than his/her assigned shift, shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours work to be paid for at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times his/her regular rate of pay, which work shall be considered overtime under this Agreement. Officers who are held over from their prior shift to work shall be paid at a rate of one and one-half (1½) times his/her regular rate for work beyond his/her regular shift hours, but no minimum guarantee of hours shall apply to the hours worked beyond the officer's regular shift schedule. At the employee's option, to the extent permitted by the Fair Labor Standards Act, he/she shall be entitled to compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay to which he/she is entitled in accordance with the foregoing, provided that the scheduling of such compensatory time shall be at the discretion of the Chief of Police and in the event that such scheduling is not satisfactory to the employee, the overtime pay to which he/she is entitled shall be paid. Compensatory time granted under this Section shall be equal to one and one-half

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(1 ½) times the number of hours of overtime for which payment is required hereunder. All overtime compensation shall be paid on the payday for the pay period in which the overtime hours are worked.

#### Section 3 - Court Time

Any employee covered by this Agreement who is required outside their scheduled shift and/or workweek to appear as a witness incident to an arrest or who is subpoenaed to court arising out of their employment duties, shall be paid at a rate of one and one-half (1 ½) times their regular rate of pay for a minimum of four (4) hours. The Town will provide the officer with a vehicle to travel to their court appearance. In the event no vehicle is available, then the employee shall receive a travel reimbursement for use of a personally owned vehicle in accordance with allowances as set forth by the Internal Revenue Service.

Section 4 – Private Duty Details / Special Duty Detail Restrictions

Members of the bargaining unit shall have preference on a seniority basis, per Article VII of this agreement, to fill all police work assigned through the Westerly Police Department.

A sign-up list shall be available on which members of the bargaining unit shall indicate whether they wish to be offered such work during the week.

Off-duty patrol officers shall have the right-of-first refusal on contracted jobs requiring traffic control as designated by the shift commander and/or the Chief of Police and shall be labeled, "Private Details." All details are private details, which are contracted for, and the hourly rate shall be amended to sixty (\$60.00) dollars per hour.

The rate for private duty details in excess of eight (8) hours on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays shall be one and one half (1 ½) the above specified rates.

Officers working any detail, shall be paid for a minimum of four (4) hours.

The Town will be responsible for paying officers who work private duty details. Pay for private duty details will be in the next pay period following when the detail was worked. The Town may require written verification from officers for all time worked on private duty details.

The IBPO, on its behalf and on behalf of every member of the bargaining unit, agrees to and hereby does hold the Town harmless, and indemnifies the Town against any judgement, loss or expense arising out of any claim made by a member of the bargaining unit against the Town under the Fair Labor Standards Act by virtue of the application of this section.

# Section 5 - Holidays

The following fourteen (14) days shall be paid holidays:

- \* New Year's Eve Day
- \*\* U.S. Independence Day
- \* New Year's Day
- \*\* Veteran's (Armistice) Day
- \* Lincoln's Birthday
- \*\* Labor Day



\* Good Friday \*\* Thanksgiving

\* Easter \*\* Christmas Eve Day

\* (Holidays paid in June) \*\* (Holidays paid in November)

Holidays occurring between July 1 and December 31 shall be paid in the first pay period in November and remaining holidays in the first pay period of June.

Any employee being prepaid for a holiday and then separating from employment prior to said holiday shall have unearned holidays pay deducted from their final check. Any employee separating from employment will receive accrued holiday pay with their final check. Accrued holiday pay shall be defined as eight (8) hours pay for each holiday listed above that has occurred since the last holiday pay was distributed and for which the employee has not yet received compensation.

Pension contributions shall be deducted from holiday pay for all employees covered by this agreement and holiday pay shall be included when calculating said employee monthly pension benefits at the time of their retirement.

#### Section 6 – Vacations

All employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to a vacation leave with pay determined by the following:

- A. Upon completion of one (1) year of continuous service and up to five (5) years of continuous service inclusive, employees shall be entitled to ten (10) days of paid vacation during each year
- B. Upon completion of five (5) years of continuous service and up to ten (10) years of continuous service inclusive, employees shall be entitled to fifteen (15) days paid vacation during each year
- C. Upon completion of ten (10) years of continuous service and up to fifteen (15) years of continuous service inclusive, employees shall be entitled to twenty (20) days paid vacation during each year
- D. Upon completion of fifteen (15) years of continuous service employees shall be entitled to twenty-five (25) days paid vacation during each year.

Subject to the following provisions, vacations shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

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During the period of July 1 through June 30, two (2) members of the bargaining unit per shift shall be allow on vacation. The determination of which officer is entitled to be on vacation will be governed by seniority. The scheduling of vacation shall be upon ninety (90) days notice on the basis of seniority.

No more than two (2) officers per shift assigned to the Detective Division may use vacation time.

Employees shall be allowed to take their allotted vacation by a single day. Any requests for a single vacation day made more than 24 hours in advance shall be granted. Any requests for a single vacation day made with less than 24 hours' notice shall be granted only if said vacation day does not result in another member being ordered to fill said shift and shall be subject to the approval of the Chief of Police.

No more than one (1) Sergeant per shift shall be able to schedule vacation any one time.

- E. A member of the bargaining unit, while on vacation status, shall only be eligible to work posted overtime to fifty (50%) percent of their vacation schedule. Any overtime worked in excess of said fifty (50%) percent shall be performed with the approval of the Chief of the Department.
- F. Any member of the bargaining unit who is eligible for 25 days of vacation may elect to take five (5) days of their allotted vacation as pay upon thirty (30) days notice. Upon approval of the Town Manager, a greater amount of vacation days may be used in this manner.

For vacation purposes only:

- Vacation year is July 1 through June 30 of each year.
- Vacation balances will not be carried forward year to year. All employees will be considered to have zero vacation hours each June 30.
   Notwithstanding the foregoing, an officer shall be permitted to carryover up to one week (5 days) of vacation that must be used before using any additional paid time off (except sick) during the year. This vacation will have no cash value if the officer retires or terminates employment before using it.
- On July 1 of each year all employees will be credited with the appropriate vacation leave accrual. Additional accruals of five (5) days will be added upon the anniversary date of hire for employees marking their 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.
- Vacation pay received in lieu of time off will not be considered part of the employee's annual base salary and is not subject to pension contributions.



 Where an officer is prevented from taking his/her vacation time due to being out IOD or due to a request by the Department, the officers shall be entitled to receive pay for all his/her vacation accrued and unused as of June 30. Said payment shall not be subject to pension contributions.

#### Section 7 - Sick Leave

- A. Sick leave with pay shall be granted to all employees covered by this Agreement and shall accrue at the rate of one and one-quarter (1.25) days per month of employment, cumulative to two hundred (200) days. Sick leave with pay shall be allowed only for the following reasons:
  - Personal illness or physical incapacity of an employee not caused by performance of official duties to such an extent as to be rendered thereby unable to perform the duties of his/her position supported by a physician's certificate after three (3) consecutive days, upon request to the Chief of Police. An employee shall not be eligible to work overtime for a period of sixteen (16) hours after the use of sick leave.
  - 2. Enforced quarantine of an employee when declared by an official health authority for a period of such quarantine only.
  - Attendance upon members of the family within the household of the employee whose illness requires the care of such employee, provided not more than five (5) working days sick leave shall be granted to any employee for this purpose during any one (1) fiscal year.
  - 4. To meet medical or dental appointments that cannot, after diligent effort, be scheduled during other time off and which are of more than two (2) hours duration.
- B. Sick Leave Bank Contributions to the Sick Leave Bank shall come from individual voluntary contributions by police officers. In addition, all unused sick leave days in excess of two hundred (200) days for any employee shall be credited to said bank.

Said bank may be charged for sick leave required in case of major illness or accident beyond the accumulated sick leave to the involved applicant and such charge shall commence only after the applicant's individually accumulated sick leave has been exhausted. The bank shall be administered by a Sick Leave Bank Committee consisting of two (2) officers appointed by the International Brotherhood of Police Officers (IBPO) and one (1) member appointed by the Town Manager. This Committee shall determine individual eligibility for the use of said bank, the amount of leave to be granted and a decision of the Committee shall require a majority vote.

Said Sick Leave Committee, in administering said bank, may use such data and criteria as it may deem necessary to enable it to make its decisions on an application for additional sick leave benefits, including, but not limited to:

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- 1. Adequate medical evidence of major illness or accident submitted by the applicant;
- 2. Prior utilization of all eligible sick leave by the applicant;
- 3. Physical examination of the applicant at the Town's expense;
- 4. The number of available days in the bank, and other applications for grants therefrom.
- C. Retirement Benefit It is hereby granted, each member shall at the time of his/her retirement receive pay for their accumulated sick time in accordance with the following procedure: 0 days to 100 days, the employee shall receive pay for his/her actual accumulation up to a maximum of 50 days. 100 days to 200 days, the employee shall receive pay for 50% of their accumulated sick time up to a maximum of 100 days. Such pay will be at the officer's then current rate in effect at the time of said retirement. An employee will be able to accrue up to 200 days sick time.
- D. Sick Leave Incentive Benefit Each employee covered by this Agreement shall be eligible to earn a maximum of five (5) incentive days off with pay during each fiscal year in accordance with the following:
  - 1. One incentive day off with pay shall be granted to an employee who it actively and fully employed and who uses no sick leave under this Section for any reason during one of the following periods: July 1 through September 30, October 1 through December 31, January 1 through March 31, April1 through June 30. Active employment shall include paid vacations time, bereavement leave, an officer's injured on duty leave and an incentive leave under this section. In the event a member earns an incentive day in all four (4) quarters of a fiscal year, an additional fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day shall be granted to said member.
  - 2. All incentive days shall be granted upon four (4) hours' notice in advance by the employee to the Chief of Police. Only one (1) officer per shift may utilize an incentive day each day. If any employee does not use said incentive day within one (1) years of earning said incentive day, he/she shall receive an additional days' pay in lieu of the incentive day off. Incentive day entitlement shall be limited to one (1) patrol officer per shift.

#### Section 8 - Bereavement Leave

Bereavement leave with pay of up to five (5) consecutive days shall be granted to all employees covered by this Agreement in the case of death of a spouse or child. Bereavement leave with pay of up to three (3) consecutive days shall be granted to all employees covered by this Agreement in the case of the death of a mother, father, brother, sister, mother-in-law, or father in-law. Such leave shall be taken within seven (7) days following the death. Bereavement



leave of one (1) day with pay to attend the funeral shall be granted in the case of the death of a brother -in-law, sister-in-law, uncle, aunt, first cousin, grandparent or spouse's grandparent.

### Section 9 – Injury Leave

Employees covered by this agreement who are incapacitated by an injury or illness suffered as a direct result of their duties for the Town shall receive benefits pursuant to the provisions of Section 45-19-1 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island until they are returned to active duty or until they are retired on a pension. The payment of all medical and hospital costs related to an on-the-job injury or illness will continue to be paid by the Town or by insurance coverage after the employee is retired on a pension. Any and all police officers returning to light duty on a shift determined to be most advantageous to the Department by the Chief or his/her designee. Upon return to full duty, the officer shall return to his/her regular shift on the regular work schedule.

#### A. Medical Care for Injuries

Medical care for those injuries or who contract illness in the line of duty shall be as follows:

- Members who are injured or become ill in the line of duty shall have the right to select their emergency treatment facility or hospital and/or physician or specialist in the states of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, or Connecticut. If the employee is unable to make the choice, the choice shall be made, where practical, by the nearest relative.
- 2. All injuries and/or illnesses, regardless of nature, incurred in the line of duty, shall be reported to the Officer In Charge and records maintained as to the date, time, nature of injury or illness, how received, and any treatment received.
- 3. When an employee has suffered an initial or service-connected injury or illness, the employee shall be entitled to be examined by the physician of his/her choice as noted above. If the employee's physician determines that the employee is suffering from a work-related injury, the Town shall have the right to have the employee examined by a physician of its choosing. If the opinion of the employee's private physician conflicts with the Town's physician as to whether or not the employee is suffering from a work-related injury, then a third physician, mutually agreeable to the Town's physician and the employee's physician, shall examine said employee and the opinion of the physician so selected shall be conclusive on the parties.
- 4. When an employee has suffered a previous service-connected injury and an occasion arises when the injury reoccurs in any nature, the employee shall be entitled to the immediate examination by the physician who attended him/her for the original injury at the Town's expense. In the event the physician who treated the employee for the original injury is not available by reason of illness, death or from any other circumstances, the employee shall have the right to



engage a specialist of his/her own choice, duly licensed and qualified to practice medicine in the States of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, or Connecticut. If the attending physician determines that the employee is actually suffering from a recurrence of the injury, the employee shall be entitled to the benefits of the Article; provided, however, that the Town of Westerly shall have the right to have said employee examined by a physician selected by the Town as to whether or not said employee is actually suffering from a recurrence of the injury. If the opinion of the employee's private physician conflicts with the Town's physician as to whether or not the employee's condition is a recurrence of the previous injury in the line of duty, then a third physician, mutually agreeable to the Town's physician and the employee's physician, shall examine said employee and the opinion of the physician so selected shall be conclusive on the parties. In the event that the employee's private physician and the Town's physician cannot agree on a third physician to examine said employee, then the employee shall be required to be examined at the Occupational Health and Safety Service affiliated with a major Health care System. The results of the examination at the Occupational Health and Safety Service affiliated with a major Health Care System shall be conclusive on both parties.

5. It is agreed by and between the parties that a physician selected by the Town may examine an employee who reports an illness or injury.

#### **B. Light Duty**

An injured police officer who is determined to be unfit for his/her regular duties, whether or not due to a job-related injury, may be ordered to return to work to perform such duties as he/she is capable of performing and shall be required to work in a light duty status.

Capability to perform light duty shall be determined by the employee's physician and the Town's physician. If the opinion of the employee's private physician is in conflict with the Town's physician as to whether or not the employee is able to return to work in a light duty capacity, then a third physician, mutually agreeable to the Town's physician and the employee's physician, shall examine said employee and the opinion of the physician so selected shall be conclusive on the parties. In the event that the employee's private physician and the Town's physician cannot agree on a third physician to examine said employee, then the employee shall be required to be examined at an Occupational Health and Safety Service affiliated with a major Health Care System. The results of the examination by the Occupational Health Safety Service affiliated with a major Health Care System shall be conclusive on the parties. Upon receipt of written certification by the above process of the officer's ability to return to light duty, said police officer shall be returned to employment with any and all benefits and



entitlements afforded to members of the bargaining unit, including any promotional opportunities.

Light duty is hereby defined as duties of a less physical or onerous nature which the police officer is able to perform and which are typically performed by members of the bargaining unit and not by members of other bargaining units or other persons.

#### Examples of this may be:

- 1. Clerical or computer duties (data entry)
- 2. Dispatch Duties (in order to aid the function)
- Answering requests from the public or taking complaints at the Communications Center within the Police Department. There is to be the probability of no physical contact with any person or persons.
- Aiding administrative or Detective Division in processing and filing of material and BCI work. (This shall include photography and fingerprinting evidence if the injured party has training or is provided proper training in this work).
- 5. Any other work as authorized by the employee's physician and approved by the Town Manager.

An officer shall promptly, upon first receiving such information, inform the Chief of Police of his/her availability for "Light Duty" status by submitting a certification signed by the physician(s) authorizing the officer's return to work and stating the nature of the injury and the type of light duty the police officer is able to perform. The Chief of Police shall promptly notify the Town Manager, and providing that the within criteria are met, the police officer shall be permitted to return to light duty work that such light duty work as a police officer is able to perform. Any and all police officers returning to light duty shall return to light duty on a shift determined to be most advantageous to the Department by the Chief or his/her designee. Upon return to full duty, the officer shall return to his/her regular shift on the regular work schedule. Any and all police officers, with the approval of the physician authorizing the officer's return, shall be eligible for overtime provided, however, they shall not be eligible for any overtime assignment which includes the likelihood of a physical confrontation in the performance of duties. Any and all police officers returning to light duty shall be permitted to wear their uniform and equipment. The maximum amount of time a police officer can remain on light duty or be out of work for medical reasons is eighteen (18) months within any thirty-six (36) moth period. If a bargaining unit member exceeds the aforementioned parameters, he/she will be retired from the Westerly Police Department. The Town shall have the right to require employees to submit periodically or occasionally to physical, mental or other examinations to determine fitness for light duty.



It is expressly understood and agreed by the IBPO and the Town that in every instance of this section, where the police officer's physician renders an opinion, the Town reserves the right to send the police officer to a Town appointed physician. If the opinion of the police officer's physician is in conflict with the Town's physician, then a third physician, mutually agreeable to the employee's and Town's physicians shall examine said employee and the opinion of the third independent physician shall be conclusive on both parties. In the event that the employee's and Town's physician cannot agree on a third physical to examine said employee, the employee shall be required to be examined by a physician at an Occupational Health and Safety Service affiliated with a major Health Care System.

Whenever an injury or sickness for which benefits are paid either under this Article of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, or under the provisions of R.I.G.L. §45-19-1 et seq. are caused under circumstances creating a legal liability in some other person or entity other than the Town of Westerly to pay damages in respect thereof, the Town shall be subrogated to the rights of the member of the bargaining unit to recover damages from said third party to the extent of its payments made hereunder subject to the concept of comparative negligence and to the extent authorized by R.I.G.L. §45-19-1.1.

#### Section 10 – Extended Leave Without Pay

It is agreed that upon written application to the Town Manager, an employee may be granted extended leave, without pay, not to exceed one (1) year within any seven (7) year period, for reasons of childcare, serious illness of a member of the family, educational improvement, or other good reason. Approval of such leave shall be at the discretion of the Town Manager, subject to insurance coverage continuation (COBRA) laws. Employees are not eligible to accrue vacation, sick, incentive leave time or to be paid holiday pay or clothing allowance or any other benefits under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, accrual of years of service for pension purposes.

#### Section 11 - Union Business

In meetings between the Town and the IBPO scheduled for arbitration, negotiations, or to discuss a grievance, not more than three (3) representatives of the IBPO shall be relieved from all regular duties without loss of pay for such time as may be required to permit their attendance at such meetings.

#### Section 12 - Mutual Switches

Members of the bargaining unit shall be permitted to take leave with pay on a scheduled workday by making a mutual switch with another bargaining unit member. Request



for switches must be submitted in writing to the Administrator in charge of scheduling. Members shall be allowed two (2) mutual switches per pay period. The mutual switch must be completed within two weeks of the original switch between the two officers.

# ARTICLE IX: WAGES AND BENEFITS

# Section 1 – Wages

**A.** The basic wage rate to be paid under this Agreement shall be in accordance with "Appendix A" annexed hereto and made part hereof.

The member wage rates will increase by:

2.5% Effective and retroactive to July 1, 2022

2.5% Effective July 1, 2023

2.5% Effective July 1, 2024

**B.** Shift Differential – In addition to the above salary increases, any officer working between the hours of 4:00PM and 12:00 midnight shall receive an additional .25 cents per hour. Any officer working between the hours of 12:00am and 8:00am shall receive an additional .35 cents per hour.

## Section 2 - Pensions

A member of the IBPO selected by the IBPO Executive Board shall serve on the Pension Board.

A member of the bargaining unit may retire after twenty (20) years of service. The contribution to the Police Pension Plan by members of the bargaining unit shall be twelve (12%) percent of salary as described in Appendix A. Officers who are allowed to work past twenty-five (25) years of service shall continue to contribute the pension plan and shall receive the pension benefits as stated in Appendix B.

For members hired after July 1, 2010, a member of the bargaining unit may retire after twenty-five (25) years of service. The contribution to the Police Pension Plan by the members of the bargaining unit hired after July 1, 2010, shall be twelve (12%) percent of salary as described in Appendix A. Officers who are allowed to work past twenty-five (25) years of service shall continue to contribute to the pension plan and shall receive the pension benefits as stated in Appendix B.

For members hired after July 1, 2013, a members of the bargaining unit may retire after twenty-five (25) years of service and attained the age of fifty-two (52). The contribution to the Police Pension Plan by members of the bargaining unit hired after July 1, 2013, shall be twelve (12%)



percent of salary as described in Appendix A. Officers who are allowed to work past twenty-five (25) years of service and age fifty-two (52) shall continue to contribute to the pension plan and shall receive the pension benefits as stated in Appendix B.

The Town shall, pursuant to the United States internal Revenue Code 26 U.S.C Section 414(h)(2), pick up the contributions payable by the member of the bargaining unit, which contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions in determining tax treatment under the Code.

#### Section 3 - Health Insurance

Effective January 1, 2020, the Town will fund the full amount of the employee's deductible (\$1,500 and \$3,000) however, each employee shall reimburse the Town for fifty (50%) percent of the Town's contribution by payroll deduction paid in equal amounts over the subsequent twenty-six (26) pay periods, The full amount of the Town's contribution toward the deductible will be deposited in the HSA accounts on or before July 1st of each contract year. Upon retirement or separation from employment with the Town, an employee shall be responsible for reimbursing the Town for the employee's portion of the HSA contribution made by the Town and not yet repaid at the time of the employee's separation.

The Town shall make available health insurance coverage for active employees and their dependents who meet the conditions for coverage established by the insurer for the health insurance coverage plan(s) in effect as of the effective date of this Agreement (summaries of medical and dental plan coverage options in effect as of the date of this Agreement and detailed benefit booklets for each plan are available upon request from the Human Resources Office)

Under the same conditions, the Town will pay the premiums required for coverage under the Delta Dental Plan of Rhode Island, Level I through Level IV, Family with Dependent Rider, two-thousand (\$2,000.00) dollar annual maximum. The parties acknowledge that they are jointly reviewing possible changes to the Delta Dental benefits currently provided. If additional benefits may be provided at no additional cost to the Town, said benefits will be provided to the member by mutual agreement of the parties.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Town from obtaining health insurance from other sources, provided that the benefits are equal or superior to this currently provided.

Effective January 1, 2017, The Town shall provide the following insurance program for those employees and their eligible dependents that choose to enroll in such insurance program. The Town shall provide health insurance coverage for all bargaining unit members exclusively through a High Deductible/Health Savings Account plan ("HSA plan") as set forth in Appendix B.

In addition, the following terms apply:

Effective January 1, 2020, every employee, retired member and their spouse (or ex-spouse, common law spouse, etc. if on the Town's insurance plan) who are both enrolled in the

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Wellness Program shall pay a premium share amount equal to twelve (12%) percent of the annual working rate based on a bi-weekly schedule. (see Wellness Plan attached).

Member and/or their spouse members who are not enrolled in the Wellness Program shall pay a premium share in an amount equal to twenty-two and one half (22.5%) percent of the annual working rate based on a bi-weekly schedule.

<u>Waiver of Health Insurance Coverage</u> – Employees who choose not to participate in the health insurance plan(s) offered by the Town will not be able to elect coverage through health insurance plans(s) until the next enrollment period (July of each year and, in addition, shall be eligible to receive a Health Insurance Benefit cash option described herein).

Health Insurance Benefit Cash Option — For those employees who choose not to participate in the health insurance plan (health & dental), the Town will pay to the employee five thousand (\$5,000) dollars of the annual cost of the insurance plans, calculated using the fully mature working rate and/or premiums provided by the insured for the appropriate plans.

Continuation Coverage — A temporary extension of health insurance coverage (call "Continuation Coverage") is available to covered employees and covered family members at group rates when coverage under the plan would otherwise end due to certain qualifying events.

No employee shall be eligible for health care benefits or buy back if he/she is eligible for coverage under a Westerly Town or Schools plan except that they may opt for coverage under this agreement if, and only if, the employee and his/her spouse waive their rights to coverage under the spouse's plans. The employee shall, during the annual open enrollment period, notify the Town of the couple's option to be covered under either the plan described in this Agreement or his/her spouse's plan. The failure to notify the Town of an option shall constitute a waiver of coverage under this Agreement.

The Town shall offer a limited purpose flexible spending plan in accordance with the IRS rules and an employee may voluntarily contribute to the FSA subject to the annual IRS contribution limits. Contributions can be used towards dependent care and other qualifying expenses. Contributions cannot be used towards medical expenses.

#### Section 4 – Life Insurance

The Town shall provide group term life insurance coverage in the amount of fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars to all active members. Members may purchase additional life insurance, up to one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars, at the member's expense. All eligible members will receive a detailed benefit booklet describing the life insurance benefit.

# Section 5 – Death in Line of Duty

In the event that a member of the bargaining unit is killed in the line of duty, their heirs shall receive whatever benefits said member would have been entitled to as though they had



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reached their normal retirement. In addition, the Town agrees to defray all funeral costs and burial expenses for said members up to a maximum of twelve thousand (\$12,000) dollars.

# Section 6 – Clothing Allowance

Each employee covered by this agreement shall receive a uniform clothing allowance, in lieu of the Town providing uniform clothing and uniform cleaning, in the amount of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars per year for each employee on the closest pay period before September 1. The uniforms of the members of the bargaining unit shall clearly indicate their distinct and separate status as permanently appointed officers. In the event that any employee shall leave the employ of the Police Department prior to the expiration of the fiscal year, said employee shall repay the proportionate share of the clothing allowance advanced. Subject to the discretion of the Chief of Police, the Town shall replace and/or repair clothing and other personal property normally worn by employees in their regular duties when the same shall be destroyed or damage as a direct result of performing said employee's duties. The Chief shall inform the Police Officer of the decision within ten (10) days of the submission of a claim for damages.

# Section 7 - Termination Benefits

- A. All employees are entitled to receive the following benefits upon termination of employment:
  - Balance of Accrued Vacation Leave Time.
  - Balance of Accrued Sick Leave Time (maximum benefit, 100 days).
  - Balance of Accrued Compensatory Time.
  - Balance of Sick Leave Incentive Days earned.
  - Balance of Holiday Pay earned.
  - Severance Pay, if any, earned at retirement date.

No termination benefits are subject to pension contribution. See individual sections reference each type of benefit above for a complete explanation of benefits to be paid upon termination of employment.

Any holiday pay for holidays that have not occurred at the time of the employee's retirement for which the employee received advanced holiday pay will be deducted from the employee's termination benefits.

Any payments made to the employee for clothing allowance will be reimbursed to the Town on a pro-rated basis of the employee leave the employ of the Town. The Town will deduct this amount from the employee's termination benefits.

B. Any member of the bargaining unit hired prior to July 1, 1993 and who thereafter retired with at least twenty (20) years of service shall receive those health benefits which are in place at the time of his/her retirement. A member of the bargaining unit hired on or after July 1, 1993 shall be eligible to receive health benefits upon his/her retirement, only to the extent set forth in Section 7 (D) below.



Each retiree who is eligible for medical insurance coverage under Section 7 shall provide to the Town on or before July 1 or each year proof that he/she is not eligible for Medicare/Medicaid coverage, Plan 65 coverage or medical insurance coverage under any other plan whether offered by another employer, through a spouse's coverage or otherwise, in a form satisfactory to the Town as a condition of continued eligibility for coverage under the Town's plan. The Town will notify retirees annually of this obligation. Failure to provide proof, as indicated above and after the Town has notified the retiree of their obligation, will result in the loss of medical insurance coverage until the next enrollment period. Said member who becomes eligible for such coverage (i.e. Medicare/Medicaid, Plan 65 or coverage though a spouses coverage) as identified hereinabove shall not reject, deny or forgo such coverage if made available to him/her. Should the member be required to make any monthly contributions to said medical coverage in excess of any dollar contribution he/she would be required to make for Town coverage, he/she shall be entitled to reimbursement on a quarterly basis from the Town for such excess contribution. Should a retired member subsequent to retirement lose said alternate coverage, the Town will pick up the full cost of the coverage under this section.

The widow and/or dependents of a deceased retiree shall continue to receive those medical benefits that the retiree was receiving for such time as they are eligible to receive benefits by reason of their status as a widow/dependent.

The Town may at its election offer said retiree any improved coverage at no additional cost to the retiree.

C. Employees hired on or after to July 1, 1993 and retiring after at least 20 years of active service as a Westerly Police Officer will be eligible for the Town medical insurance that was provided at the time of the employee's retirement. The Town will provide a single plan from the Town's medical insurance for the retiring employee and the retired employee will pay seventeen and one-half percent (17.5%) of the costs of health care at the fully mature working rate or monthly premium costs. If the retired member wishes to purchase additional insurance, to include but not limited to, the same Town provided family medical insurance, at the time of the employee's retirement, the Town will reimburse the retired member up to six-thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year (paid at five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) per month until the employee reaches sixty-five (65) years of age. After the retired member reaches sixty-five (65) years of age, the Town will be under no obligation to provide the medical insurance coverage. Employees hired on or after July 1, 2019, will not receive the six-thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year reimbursement upon retirement.



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D. Employees hired on or after July 1, 1993 and retiring after at least 20 years of active service as a Westerly police Office will be eligible to receive Town-provided medical insurance for the retiring member only (single plan). The retired member will pay seventeen and one-half (17.5%) percent of the cost of the health care coverage at the fully mature working rate or monthly premium cost. If the retired member wishes to purchase additional insurance, the Town will reimburse the retired member up to \$6,000 per year (\$500 per month) until the employee reached age 65. After the retired member reaches the age of 65, the Town will be under no obligation to provide medical insurance coverage. Employees hired on or after July 1, 2019, will not receive the six thousand (\$6,000) dollars per year reimbursement upon retirement.

# Section 8 – Severance Pay Provision

The Town will provide Severance Pay for all officers who retire from the Westerly Police Department with (25) years of service or more. Any officer who qualified under this section shall receive severance pay, upon such termination, in an amount equal to one and one-half (11/2) days per year of service upon their retirement or termination from said department.

#### Section 9 – Weaponry

The Town shall furnish police personnel with modern and proper weaponry, which shall be selected at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Shotguns or patrol rifles will be made available for each officer per regularly scheduled shift.

# Section 10 - Family and Medical Leave

It's the policy of the Town to provide eligible employees with leaves of absence in accordance with the provisions of the federal Family and Medical Act of 1993 (FMLA) and the Rhode Island Parental and Family Medical Leave Act (RIPFMLA).

<u>Eligibility</u> – Employees who have worked for the Town for at least twelve (12) months and who have worked at least one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) hours in the preceding twelve (12) months are entitled to up to Twelve (12) weeks of unpaid leave in any twelve (12) month period under FMLA or thirteen (13) weeks of unpaid leave in any twenty-four (24) month period.

<u>Grounds for Leave</u> – If eligible, you are entitled to a leave under the FMLA for any of the following reasons:

- 1. Because of the birth of your child and in order to care for your newborn child. Leave taken under this subsection most conclude within twelve (12) months of the child's birth. Leave to care for a newborn child may begin prior to the birth of the child if an employee's pregnancy prevents her from working of if the condition of an employee's spouse rises to the level of a serious health condition prior to the child's birth.
- 2. Because of the placement with you of a child, age seventeen (17) or younger, for adoption or foster care, or of an individual, age eighteen (18) or older, who is incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability. Leave taken under this subsection



must conclude within twelve (12) months of the actual placement of the individual. Leave taken in connections with the placement of an individual for adoption or foster care may begin prior to actual placement of the individual with the parents if absence from work is required in order for the placement to proceed.

- 3. In order to care for your spouse, child, parent, if such person has a serious health condition. (State law, but not the FMLA, allows for leave in the event your mother-in-law or father-in-law has a serious health condition).
- 4. Because your own serious health condition prevents you from performing the essential functions of your position. Under the terms of this policy, a "serious health condition" means an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that requires either:
  - A. Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility; or
  - B. Continuing treatment by a healthcare provider.

<u>Duration</u> – The maximum duration of an unpaid leave of absence under this policy will be twelve (12) weeks during any twelve (12) month period or thirteen (13) weeks during any twenty-four (24) month period. The Town uses a "rolling" calendar year to calculate your leave entitlement. In, other words, the Town determines the amount of your leave entitlement at any given time looking at how much leave you have taken in the previous twelve (12) month. You are entitled to twelve (12) weeks minus the amount of leave taken in the previous twelve (12) months. If you have not taken any leave in the previous twelve (12) months, you are entitled to the full twelve (12) weeks of leave.

Reduced Work Schedule or Intermittent Leave — In the case of your own serious health condition or that of your spouse, child, or parent you may be permitted to take an unpaid leave on an intermittent basis rather than all temporarily to an available alternative position with equivalent pay and benefits for which you are qualified and where the temporary position better accommodates recurring periods of leave that your regular position. Intermittent or reduced leave schedules are subject to the Town's approval unless medically necessary. The maximum total accumulation of leave that may be taken intermittently or by working a reduced schedule is twelve (12) weeks during any leave year.

<u>Unpaid Leave</u> – Leave under this policy is normally unpaid. Employees will be required to use accrued vacation or sick days first and take the remainder of the twelve (12) weeks as unpaid leave.

<u>Work Related Injury / Illness and Disability</u> - If you are injured or become ill in the course of your employment with the Town, and your condition constitutes a serious health condition under the terms of this policy, your time lost from work will be counted against your leave entitlement under this policy.



Entitlement to Paid Benefits - The Town will continue to provide existing health insurance coverage for the duration of any leave taken under this policy. However, you will be expected to pay any portion of the coverage for medical and dental benefits that you normally pay. If you do not return at the end of a leave granted under this policy, then you must reimburse the Town for the cost to the Town of continuing your medical and dental coverage during the leave, unless your failure to return is due to the continuation of a serious health condition or other circumstances beyond your control.

#### Procedure, Notice & Information Required

- 1. If you desire a leave of absence under this policy, you must request leave from the Town Manager, in writing, at least thirty (30) days in advance of the start of the leave when the need for such leave is reasonably foreseeable (as in the case of a birth, placement or adoption of an individual, or a planned medical treatment for a serious health condition). Forms for requesting leave may be obtained from the Human Resource Coordinator. If the need for leave is not foreseeable, you must provide such notice as soon as practicable. Normally, in the event that the unforeseeable need for leave arises, you will be expected to give notice within two (2) working days of learning of the need for leave. Failure to provide timely notice may result in a delay in or denial of leave.
- 2. In addition to timely notice, the Town will require the following information when you apply for a leave of absence under this policy:
  - a) When your own illness is involved, a statement of the date on which the serious health condition commenced, the probable duration of the condition, and a statement that you cannot perform the essential functions of your position.
  - b) In the case of leave for the birth, adoption, or foster placement of an individual, information related to the birth or placement, including the anticipated due date or the age of the individual to be placed for adoption or foster care, and the probable duration of the leave.
  - c) In the case of leave to care for your spouse, child, parent, mother-in-law or father-in-law, a statement that you are needed to provide such care and an estimate of the amount of time you will be needed for that purpose.
  - d) Where intermittent leave or a reduced leave schedule is sought for planned medical treatment, the date on which such treatment is expected to be given and the duration of such treatment.
  - e) Where intermittent leave or a reduced leave schedule is sought because of your own serious health condition, a statement of the medical necessity or the intermittent leave or reduce leave schedule, and the expected duration of such leave.
  - f) Where intermittent leave or a reduced leave schedule is sought to care for your spouse, child, or parent, a statement that such leave is necessary to care for the



family member or will assist in his/her recovery, and the expected duration of such leave.

All information related to a serious health condition must be certified by your healthcare provider, or by the health care provider of your family members, whichever is appropriate. If the Town has reason to doubt the validity of the certification, the Town may require, at its expense, that you obtain the opinion of a second health care provider designated or approved by the Town. Where the original and second opinions differ, the

Town may require, at its expense, that you obtain the opinion of a third healthcare provider designated or approved jointly by you and the Town, whose opinion shall be final.

The Human Resource Director will provide forms to be signed by the employee and his/her healthcare provider in order to meet these certification requirements. You will have fifteen (15) days to return completed forms.

- 3. If you are granted a leave under this policy, you will be required to update information relating to a serious health condition on a reasonable basis.
- 4. Failure to provide the Town with requested information may result in delay or denial of leave.
- 5. Within two (2) business days of receipt of information sufficient to allow it to decide whether a requested leave qualifies under this policy, the Town will notify the employee that:
  - a) The leave is or is not granted.
  - b) The leave is or is not designated as leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act and the Rhode Island Parental and Family Medical Leave Act.
  - c) Vacation days or sick days will or will not be used for all or part of the leave. Notice may be given to you orally or in writing. If notice is given orally, then the Town will follow-up with written confirmation of the notice at the next payday, or the second payday if the next payday comes less than one week after the oral notice. If the written notices is given to you by mail, the notice will be effective when mailed.

Other Requirements – In the case of either your own planned medical treatment or that of your family member, you must make a reasonable effort to schedule the medical treatment so as not to unduly disrupt the Town's operations.

#### **Reinstatement Rights**

1. If your leave under this policy does not exceed thirteen (13) weeks, most employees will be restored to the same position held prior to commencement of the leave, or to an equivalent position, with the equivalent pay, seniority, status, benefits, and other terms



- and conditions of employment, unless no such position is available for reasons unrelated to your taking of leave under this policy.
- 2. Where necessary, you may request in writing an extension of the leave, if you do not return to work at the conclusion of an approved leave under this policy and have not requested in writing and been granted a leave extension, you will be considered to have voluntarily resigned from the Town. It is your responsibility to notify the Town Manager is an extension of the leave is necessary. All extensions must be approved by the Town Manager before they become effective.
- 3. Before you return to work from your leave for your own serious health condition, you must provide the Town with a "Fitness for Duty" report from your doctor.

# ARTICLE X: HEALTH AND SAFETY

#### Section 1 - Immunization

Subject to approval of the doctor designated by the Town Manager, the Town shall pay all expenses for inoculation or immunization shots for any employee covered by this Agreement, and members of his/her family residing in his/her household, when such becomes necessary as a result of said employee's exposure to a contagious disease when said employee has been exposed to said disease while engaged in the performance of his/her duties.

#### Section 2 – Standards of Fitness

If the Town will pay for or provide an adequately supplied exercise facility maintained in good working order or membership at the YMCA, the Town may adopt standards for fitness to be uniformly applied to all members of the bargaining unit, subject only to adjustments necessary so as to avoid unlawful disparate impact on members of protected groups. Employees will be required to demonstrate that they meet such standards of fitness at least annually. Any employee who is found not to meet a standard of fitness will be given an amount of time that is reasonable under all of the circumstances in which to meet the standard. In the event that the parties cannot agree upon a period of time that is reasonable, the employee shall promptly undergo an examination at Occupational Health and Safety Service with a major Health Care System and the decision of Occupational Health and Safety Service of the major Health Care System shall be final and binding on the parties as to what period of time is reasonable. If the employee has not met the standard within such a reasonable time, he/she may be laid off, without pay or benefits under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, accrual of service for pension purposes. The employee shall be eligible for recall for a period of one (1) year following layoff provided he/she meets the Town's standards of fitness.

# ARTICLE XI: GRIEVANCES

#### Section 1 – Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to provide and establish a procedure for process and resolution of grievances arising under this Agreement. The term "grievance" shall mean any difference arising between the Town and the IBPO or any employee with respect to the interpretation or application of this Agreement and/or any allegation of the IBPO that any of



the provisions of this Agreement have been violated or been applied in an arbitrary and capricious manner. The term "grievance" shall not include any claim of improper discharge or any suspension of more than two (2) days.

#### Section 2 - Procedure

All grievances shall be processed as follows:

#### Step 1

A grievance shall be submitted by an individual of the IBPO to the Chief of Police within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date on which the aggrieved employee, or the IBPO knew or should have known of the action or event giving rise to such grievance. The grievance shall be a summary of the facts upon which it is based and shall specify the provision or provisions of the Agreement allegedly to have been violated or claim to be in dispute. Thereafter, the Chief of Police shall schedule a meeting for discussion of the grievance, which may be attended by the grievant and a representative of the IBPO. Such meeting shall be held in five (5) working days after receipt of the grievance by the Chief of Police. Within five (5) working days following the completion of the meeting, the Chief of Police shall issue a written decision. In the event the Chief of Police does not issue his/her decision in the required time period, or if the grievant does not agree with the decisions of the Chief of Police, the grievance may be submitted to Step 2. The Step 2 grievance must be submitted within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the issuance of the Chief of Police's decision or the date upon which the decision was supposed to be issued by the Chief of Police.

#### Step 2

If the grievance is not resolved in Step 1, or if the Chief of Police does not render a decision within the time period set forth herein, the grievance may, within ten (10) calendar days subsequent to the date on which the Chief of Police or his/her designee issues a decision, be presented to the Town Manager, together with any pertinent correspondences and document. The Town Manager shall schedule a meeting for discussion of the grievance with the grievant and representative of the IBPO, which shall be conducted within ten (10) calendar days following receipt of the grievance by the Town Manager. The Town manager shall issue a decision in writing not more than ten (10) calendar days following the conclusion of the meeting. If the Town Manager does not issue a decision within this period of time, the grievance may be submitted to arbitration by the IBPO, under Step 3.

#### Step 3

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, or if the Town Manager's decision is not issued within the time period set forth in Step 2, the IBPO may refer the matter to arbitration under the voluntary labor tribunal rules of the American Arbitration Association, which shall administer the arbitration proceeding. No grievance may be submitted to arbitration later than fourteen (14) calendar days following the issuance of a decision by the Town Manager, or, if no decision was issued, thirty (30) calendar days following the date on which the decision was due. The

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decision and award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties. However, the arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, detract from, modify, or disregard any of the provision of this Agreement. The expense of such arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties, but each party shall be responsible for the costs incurred by them in the presentation of their cases in arbitration. The time limits set forth in this Article are mandatory and the failure of the grievance or his/her representative to comply therewith shall mean that the grievance no longer exists.

#### Section 3 – Procedure

No employee shall be formally reprimanded without just cause. Except as otherwise mutually agreed, an arbitrator selected according to the foregoing procedures shall bear and decide one grievance and one grievance only.

# ARTICLE XII: MISCELLANEOUS

# Section 1 – Record of Disciplinary Action

The personnel file of a member of the bargaining unit which is kept by the Police Department shall be purged of the records of any disciplinary action up to and including a suspension of five (5) workdays after a period of four (4) years from the date of disciplinary action, provided the employee has not engaged in any other actions warranting discipline during said period. In any event, such records shall be purged upon the member completing a four (4) years period without any further records, or upon retirement.

# Section 2 – Legal Assistance & Indemnification

Any member of the bargaining unit who is sued in any civil proceedings as a result of actions performed by said member of the bargaining unit in the performance of their duties shall be entitled to the benefits of § 34-12 of the Ordinances of the Town of Westerly.

#### Section 3 – Complaint Against Police Officers

While it is understood that formal complaints against police officers are an administration function, all officers covered by this agreement shall be made aware of the complaint within forty-eight (48) hours of its receipt. All police officers shall cooperate fully with such investigatory process by answering inquiries, giving statements, etc., provided, however, that the constitutionals rights of said officer shall not be abridged.

#### Section 4 – Promotions

All promotions within the Police Department shall be made in accordance with the procedures established by the Town Charter of the Town of Westerly and the Ordinances of said Town. Alleged violations of said procedures shall be subject to the Grievance Procedure. Temporary assignments (defined as other than permanent assignments) shall be made from the



appropriate promotional list. This provision shall not apply to assignments for one (1) tour of duty or less.

Whenever a promotional vacancy is filled within the Department thereby creating a vacancy in the Corporal position, the subsequently created Corporal vacancy will be put up to bid by seniority to any eligible members of the bargaining unit.

The Town of Westerly ordinance regarding promotion does not refer to the Detective Sergeant examination, therefore, the Town and Union agree that officers who have served two (2) years as a Detective in the Detective Division of the Westerly Police Department and have served five (5) years on the force shall be eligible to take the Detective Sergeant exam.

# Section 5 – Patrol Badges

Any member of the bargaining unit promoted to a Detective shall turn in their patrol badge, which shall be then utilized within the Patrol Division. Any member of the bargaining unit promoted to superior rank shall turn in their badge to the appropriate division.

# Section 6 - Bargaining Unit Work

Only members of the bargaining unit and higher-ranking personnel shall represent and/or conduct themselves as permanently appointed police officers. Non bargaining unit members may be authorized use of police equipment by the Chief or his/her designee after bargaining unit members have been assigned department equipment for use on their scheduled tour of duty.

#### Section 7 – Vacancies

Where a budgeted position has been posted and the internal process is complete, said position shall be filled within thirty (30) days thereafter. The starting date for new recruits will be subject to availability of space in the next Police Academy class. New hires are not subject to the thirty (30) day vacancy clause. The union shall be entitled to select one member of the Entrance Level Patrolman Oral Examination panel.

#### Section 8 – Retirees

With respect to members hired prior to July 1, 1993, and applying for and being granted a job-related disability pension, it is hereby agreed that:

A. The retired employee member shall continue to receive health care benefits as a retired police officer to the full extent as would other retired police officers pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Westerly and the Union, subject to a retired member's obligations to accept health care offered through new employment, a spouses' employment, Medicare, Medicaid or Plan 65 as more specifically set forth in Article IX, Section 7B.



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B. The retired employee member shall be entitled to cost of living adjustments of three (3%) non-compounded in his/her pension.

### Section 9 – Bicycle Patrol

The Town may establish a bicycle patrol, hours of operation to be designated by the Chief of Police or his/her designee. Bicycle Patrols will be filled on a four (4) hour minimum overtime basis or when adequate patrol staffing levels allow, patrol officers may be offered the assignment. Bicycle Patrols will be assigned only to certifies bicycle officers. The overtime shall be posted in advance in order that all certified bicycle patrol officers have the opportunity to sign up for the Bicycle patrol Unit. Bicycle Patrols will consist of two (2) members. The selection committee that selects officers for schools shall select officers to attend Police Mountain Bike School. Community Police Officers will not be required to patrol in teams. They may patrol as a team or as a single unit as part of their community policing function. The Bicycle Patrol Unit will be responsible for the purchase of their uniforms. Uniforms will be established by the Chief of Police.

### Section 10 - K-9 Officers

The following are established guidelines for all K-9 Officers of the bargaining unit:

- 1. The K-9 Officer will be allowed to take home his/her canine police cruiser.
- 2. Sixteen (16) hours of canine training per month with a Trainer/Master Trainer of the North American Police Work Dog Association. The Canine Officer will be taken off the schedule for the day of training or be given a day off.
- 3. An additional eight (8) hours of training per month will be completed during regular work hours.
- 4. One (1) week of training per years with a Master Trainer as well as N.A.P.W.D.A. certification (National Certification) each year will be provided for court records.
- 5. The Town of Westerly agrees to provide, at its expense, all food and veterinarian services for the canine.

### Section 11 - Detective Vehicles

Detectives will be allowed to take home his/her assigned department vehicle.

### Section 12 – Community Service Officers

The Town of Westerly, at its discretion, may create the position of Community Service Officer(s) to augment daily patrol of bargaining unit members. Community Service Officers will not be members of the bargaining unit. The CSO will be a part-time position staffed by individuals appointed by the Chief of Police during the summer season (May – September). The position of Community Service Officers may become a full-time position designed to provide assistance to patrol officers. CSOs may also be utilized for assisting pedestrians at crosswalks and parking enforcement at all non-profit



community events. The decision will be made based on the Town's assessment of the success of the program.

CSOs will be trained by and work under the supervision of a patrol watch commander. CSO duties will be to enforce parking ordinances in the downtown and Watch Hill business districts. In addition, CSOs will be trained to be watchful for public nuisances, i.e., loitering, in-line skating, skateboarding, trespassing and acts of vandalism and will be required to summons an officer when one of these acts is witnessed or a violation occurs. The Community Service Officer will be dressed in distinctive non-police attire.

### Section 13 – Field Training Officers

Compensation of Field Training Officers for the period they are assigned to train a newly hired patrol Officer will be at a rate of time and one-half for one (1) hour per shift when a Field Training Officer is assigned to train a newly hired Patrol Officer.

# Section 14 – Training Assignments & BCI School

- A. BCI School When choosing a candidate to attend the BCI School, the following procedure shall be used:
  - 1. The top three (3) scorers from the latest active detective test will be interviewed by the Chief of Police, the Detective Sergeant, and a member if the IBPO selected by Local 503. The above-mentioned committee, upon completions of the interviews will select the individual to attend the BCI School.
- B. Training Schools, Seminars, and In-House Training Instructors When choosing a candidate to attending any training school, seminar or in-house training instructors, the following procedure shall be used:
  - 1. A committee consisting of the Chief of Police or his/her designee, Administrative Training Officers, IBPO President, and IBPO Union Representative will be formed.
  - 2. The purpose of the committee shall be to determine who will receive training and/or attend learning institutions other than BCI School.
  - 3. Training session, school, and other educational opportunities will be posted, as they become available, by the Administrative Training Officer. Eligible officers will provide a letter of interest to the Administrative Training Officer. The committee will then meet to determine which officer(s) will attend said training or school. The choice will be based on the best interest of the Department and the officer. Factors to be considered, but not limited to, are seniority, time in rank, and the nature of the training. In the event that a choice cannot be made by the committee, the Town Manager will render the determining vote after interviewing the final two (2) candidates.



### Section 15 - Training Academy Costs

The parties understand that new police officers are required by the Town to execute an agreement form satisfactory to the Town requiring that they pay in full to the Town all costs incurred by the Town in association with their attendance at the Municipal Police Academy in the event they voluntarily leave employment with the Town within one (1) years of graduation from the Academy., that they repay three-quarters of all such sums if they voluntarily leave the employ of the Town more than one (1) year but less than two (2) years after graduation from the Academy, that they repay one-half of all such sums in the event they voluntarily leave employ of the Town more than two (2) years but less than three (3) years after graduation for the Academy, that they repay one-quarter of all such sums in the event they voluntarily leave the employment of the Town more than three (3) years but less than four (4) years after graduation from the Academy. Included within the amounts to be repaid, but in no way limiting the same, shall be salary paid to the officer while attending the Academy, the cost of books, tuition, uniform, other school materials and the costs incurred by the Town for collecting such sums from such voluntarily terminating employees. (In the event that the law of Rhode Island is established, by statute, or by final administrative ruling or final judicial holding, that is lawful for a community to recoup salary pursuant to a contract of this kind in Rhode Island, the parties agree that salary then not be included in the computation of costs hereunder). The parties agree that such individual agreements shall be binding upon the employee and the Town during and after the employee's probationary period.

### Section 16 – Psychological Fitness for Duty Procedure

The IBPO and the Town agree that circumstances may arise so that an officer's psychological fitness for duty may, in certain circumstances, threaten the public safety, the safety of the officer, or other members of the Department. In those circumstances the IBPO and the Town agree to the following protocol.

### 1. Relief from Duty

When in the opinion of an OIC and officer's conduct could reasonably threaten the safety of that officer, or other Department employees, the OIC or other senior officers shall generate a memorandum to the Chief of Police defining the OIC's concerns. The Chief of Police may relieve the officer of duty pending further evaluation. All pay and benefits will be continued if the officer relieved from duty. When appropriate the Department may negotiate reasonable accommodations to reassign the employee to light duty for public safety or the sufficient operation of the Department. Any accessible or Department issued weapon or other Department property may be seized.

### 2. Evaluation Order

If the Chief of Police determines after evaluation of all the facts that a Fitness For Duty Examination (FFDE) is warranted it is to be scheduled without unnecessary delay. The Chief of Police shall provide the employee with a written directive to report for the evaluation. The directive shall include the following:



- Brief description of the reason(s) for the FFDE.
- Date. Time and place where the FFDE is to be conducted.
- Name of the Physician or psychologist conducting the FFDE.

### 3. Criteria of Evaluator

- Be a licensed or certified psychologist or psychiatrist with experience in the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.
- Possess training and background in psychologist test interpretation and law enforcement psychological assessment techniques.
- Have a familiarity with literature in police psychology and the essential job functions of a peace officer.
- Be prepared by training and experience to qualify as an expert for any proceeding that may arise from the FFDE.

### 4. Fitness For Duty Examination and Report

Prior to the examination, the officer will be provided copies of any and all written memoranda provided by the Department to the examining professional. No other communication with the evaluating professional is authorized.

The Department is not entitled to any more psychological information of an officer than is necessary to determine the presence or absence of job-related personality traits, characteristics, disorders, propensities, or conditions that would reasonably interfere with the performance of essential job functions. Officers shall not be required to release any medical records to the Chief of Police or agent of the Town of Westerly. Officers shall be required to release only to the evaluating professional those medical records necessary to establish fitness for duty status. Release of medical records by an officer shall conform with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The evaluator should consider neither less nor more than that which is necessary to answer the referral question. The limited written results of the FFDE will be provided to the Chief of Police as a confidential personnel record. The report and information received by the Chief of Police shall be limited to:

- A conclusion regarding the determination of fitness for duty.
- A description of the functional limitations of the employee.
- Whether the condition that leads to the functional limitations is industrial or nonindustrial in nature.

### 5. Disposition

It is the intent of the Westerly Police Department to rehabilitate an officer and achieve a return to full duty status.

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Once received by the Chief of Police, the report of the examining professional shall be sealed and secured in the officer's medical file, separate from the officer's personnel file.

Upon receipt of the findings and/or recommendations of the physician or psychologist, the Chief of Police may:

- · Return the officer to full duty.
- Place the officer on temporary light or modified duty.
- Remove the officer from any duties pending treatment and re-evaluation.
- Conditionally allow full or modified duty on receipt of treatment.
- Institute or resume disciplinary proceeding as appropriate.

### Section 17 – Honor Guard

The Chief of Police may appoint as many as six (6) members of the Department to serve on the Honor Guard.

Said assignment shall be voluntary and not be considered a promotion.

The Chief of Police shall post the opportunity for said assignment no less than seven (7) days in advance. Said posting shall include (but is not limited to) hours and days of work, details of assignment, required training, length of assignment, qualifications, performance measures and responsibilities.

The Department shall equip the members of the Honor Guard with uniforms as determined by the Chief of Police. Said uniforms are property of the Department and shall be cleaned and maintained by the officer to whom it is assigned.

The Chief of Police shall determine the annual training requirements for the Honor Guard.

The continuation of an officer as a member of the Honor Guard shall be determined by Department Police 250.14.

Attendance to the Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day parades are considered mandatory and subject to order in. The Chief of Police shall determine the number of officers to be assigned to each event.

Officers performing duties outside of their regularly scheduled shift as part of the Honor Guard shall receive compensation or as follows:

- 1. Training and Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day parades shall be paid a at a rate of one and one-half time for a minimum of four (4) hours
- 2. All other events as assigned by the Chief of Police shall receive compensatory time at a rate of time and one-half pay for a minimum of four (4) hours



# ARTICLE XIII: LIASON COMMITTEE

There is hereby created a Joint Liaison Committee consisting of six (6) members, three (3) of whom shall be selected by the Town of Westerly and three (3) of whom shall be selected by the Westerly Local #503, International Brotherhood of Police Officers Executive Board and who shall be active members of the Westerly Police Department. Said Joint Liaison Committee shall meet monthly and at such additional times as determined by the committee. The purpose of the Joint Liaison Committee and its functions shall be to discuss and address matters affecting the morale, well-being, efficiency, and operation of the Westerly Police Department.

### ARTICLE XIV: DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025, and shall further remain in full force and effect until modified in writing. It shall automatically be renewed thereafter from year to year, unless either party shall notify the other in writing at least one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to June 30, 2025. In the event of such notice to modify being given, negotiations shall begin no later than ten (10) days pursuant to said notice.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunder set their hands and seals on the day and date first above written.

TOWN OF WESTERLY

WESTERLY LOCAL #503
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD
OF POLICE OFFICERS

By:

Town Manager

President - IBPO, Local #503

Date: 2/3/2023

Date: 2.3-2023

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# **APPENDICES**

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### APPENDIX A: WAGE CHART

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### APPENDIX B: PENSION PLAN SEPCIFICATIONS

### **ELIGIBILITY**

All permanent Police Officers.

### **NORMAL RETIREMENT**

A police officer may retire upon the completion of twenty (20) years of service.

For those members hired after July 1, 2010, they may retire upon completion of twenty-five (25) years of service

### **NORMAL RETIREMENT BENEFIT**

A pension equal to fifty (50%) percent of Annual Pay at retirement with twenty (20) years of service. Officers who continue to work past twenty (20) years of service may earn an additional two (2%) percent for each year of service up to a maximum pension benefit of sixty (60% percent of Annual Pay for retirement with twenty-five (25) years of service. Officers who continue to work past twenty-five (25) years of service shall earn an additional one (1%) percent for each year of service up to a maximum pension of sixty-five (65%) percent of Annual Pay for retirement with thirty (30) years of service.

For those members hired after July 1, 2010, a pension equal to fifty (50%) percent of Annual Pay at retirement with twenty-five (25) years of service. Officers who continue to work past twenty-five (25) years of service shall earn an additional three (3%) percent for each year of service up to a maximum pension benefit of sixty-five (65%) percent of Annual Pay for retirement with thirty (30) years of service. "Annual Pay at Retirement" shall mean a sum equal to the average monthly base salary received by the individual retiree for the twelve (12) months immediately preceding his/her retirement date, multiplied by twelve (12).

For those members hired after July 1, 2013, they may retire upon completion of twenty-five (25) years of service and attained the age of fifty-two (52).

### NORMAL FORM OF BENEFIT

The normal form of benefit is a joint and sixty-seven and a half (67.5%) percent Survivor Annuity.

### **DEATH BENEFIT (Before Vesting)**

Return of member's contribution.



### **DISABILITY BENEFIT**

• Non-Occupational Causes – A pension computed as follows:

YEARS OF SERVICE	PERCENT OF FINAL ANNUAL PAY
10 or less	10%
10 – 15	18%
15 – 20	27%

• Occupational Causes – A monthly income equal to fifty (50%) percent of compensation at the time of disability.

### **VESTING**

Less than ten (10) years of service – a refund of employee contributions with interest.

After ten (10) years of service but less than twenty (20) years, non-disability early retirement - a deferred monthly income equal to accrued benefit commencing at age fifty-five (55).

### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Twelve (12%) percent of annual pay as set forth in Appendix A for all officers of the Department during each year the officer works.

### **ESCALATOR CLAUSE**

Any police officer retiring shall be entitled to a three (3%) percent escalator not compounded.

All members hired after July 1, 2010 shall be entitled to a three (3%) escalator not compounded after five (5) years on pension or age 52, whichever comes first.

All members hired after July 1, 2013, shall be entitled to a two (2%) escalator not compounded commencing at the start of pension.



Summery of Benefits and Coverage: What this Plan Covers & What You Pay For Covered Services Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island: BlueSolutions HSA

Coverage Period: 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2023 Coverage for: See below Plan Type: HDHP

The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health <u>plan</u>. The SBC shows you how you and the <u>plan</u> would share the cost for covered health care services. NOTE: Information about the cost of this <u>plan</u> (called the <u>premium</u>) will be provided separately. This is only a summary. For more information about your coverage, or to get a copy of the complete terms of coverage, call 1-800-639-2227 or (401) 459-5000 or TDD 711 or visit us at <u>www.BCBSRI.com</u>. For general definitions of common terms, such as <u>allowed amount</u> <u>balance billing</u> <u>coinsurance</u>, <u>coopsyment</u>, <u>deductible</u>, <u>provider</u>, or other <u>underlined</u> terms see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov/sbc-clossary or call 1-800-639-2227">https://www.healthcare.gov/sbc-clossary or call 1-800-639-2227</a> or TDD 711 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	For in Network providers \$1500 for an individual plan / \$3000 for a family plan. For Out-of-Network providers \$3000 for an individual plan / \$6000 for a family plan.	Generally, you must pay all of the costs from providers up to the <u>deductible</u> amount before this <u>clan</u> begins to pay. If you have other family members on the policy, the overall family <u>deductible</u> must be met before the <u>plan</u> begins to pay.
Are there services covered before you meet your deductible?	Yes, Doesn't apply to preventive services.	This <u>plan</u> covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the <u>deductible</u> amount. But a <u>conswment</u> or <u>coinswrance</u> may apply. For example, this plan covers certain preventive services without <u>cost-sharing</u> and before you meet your <u>deductible</u> . See a list of covered preventive services at <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/">https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/</a> .
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	No	You don't have to meet deductible for specific services.
What is the <u>out-of-pocket</u> <u>limit</u> for this <u>plan</u> ?	For In Network providers \$3000 for an individual plan / \$6000 for a family plan. For Out-of-Network providers \$6000 for an individual plan / \$12000 for a family plan.	The <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this plan, they have to meet their own <u>out-of-pocket limits</u> until the overall family out-of-pocket limit has been met.
What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?	Premiums, balance-billed charges and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <u>out-of-pocket</u> imit.
Will you pay less if you use a network provider?	Yes. See www.BCBSRt.com or call 1-800-639- 2227 or (401) 459-5000 for a list of <u>network</u> <u>providers.</u>	This plan uses a provider network. You will pay less if you use a provider in the plan's network. You will pay the most if you use an out-of-network provider, and you might receive a bill from a provider for the difference between the provider's charge and what your plan pays (balance billing). Be aware, your network provider might use an out-of-network provider for some services (such as lab work). Check with your provider before you get services.
Do you need a referral to see a specialist?	No	You can see the specialis: you choose without a referral.



# • All copsyment and coinsurance costs shown in this chart are after your deductible has been met, if a deductible applies.

		What You Will Pay		
Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	In Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	No Charge	40% coinsurance	None
If you visit a health care <u>provider's</u> office	Specialist visit	No Charge	40% coinsurance	Chiropractic Services are limited to 12 visit(s) per year
or clinic	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No Charge; deductible does not apply	40% coinsurance	You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive. Ask your provider if the services needed are preventive. Then check what your plan will pay for. For additional details, please see your plan documents or visit www.BCBSRI.com/providers/policies
	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	No Charge	40% coinsurance	Preauthorization is recommended for certain
If you have a test	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	No Charge	40% coinsurance	Services



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Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	In Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information	
	Tier 1 generally low cost generic drugs	\$7 copay per prescription (retail) \$17.50 copay per prescription (mail-order)	Not Covered		
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about	Tier 2 generally high cost generic and preferred brand name drugs	\$25 copay per prescription (retail) \$62.50 copay per prescription (mail-order)	Not Covered	No charge for certain preventive drugs; Preauthorization is required for certain drugs; Intertitity drugs: In Network: 20% coinsurance Out of Network: 40% coinsurance.	
prescription drug coverage is available at www.BCBSRI.com.	Tier 3 non-preferred brand name drugs	\$40 copay per prescription (retail) \$100 copay per prescription (mail-order)	Not Covered		
	Tier 4 specially prescription drugs	\$65 copay per prescription (Specialty pharmacy)	50% coinsurance		
If you have outpatient	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	No Charge	40% coinsurance	Preauthorization is recommended; Some In- Network services related to RI Mastectomy Treatment Mandate are covered at No Charge	
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	Emergency room care	No Charge	No Charge	ликов Поментиновично предоставления и под предоставления под	
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency medical transportation	No Charge	No Charge	None	
	Urgent care	No Charge	No Charge		



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If you have a hospital	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	No Charge	40% coinsurance	Preauthorization is recommended: 45 day limit at an inpatient rehabilitation facility; Some In- Network services related to RI Mastectomy Treatment Mandate are covered at No Charge.	
stay *** *** *** *** *** *** *** *** *** *	Physician/surgeon fee	No Charge	40% coinsurance	Some In-Network services related to RI Mastectomy Treatment Mandate are covered at No Charge.	
If you need mental health, behavioral	Outpatient services	No Charge/office visit No Charge for outpatient services	40% coinsurance/office visit 40% coinsurance for outpatient services	Preauthorization is recommended for certain	
health, or substance abuse services	Inpatient services	No Charge	40% coinsurance	services	
	Office visits	No Charge	40% coinsurance		
If you are pregnant Childbirth/delivery professional services No Charge 40% co	40% coinsurance	Cost sharing does not apply for preventive services; Depending on the type of services a copayment, coinsurance or deductible may apply. Maternity care may include tests and services described elsewhere in the SBC (i.e.			
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	No Charge	40% coinsurance	ultrasound). Preauthorization is recommende	



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Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	In Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
	Home health care	No Charge	40% coinsurance	Preauthorization is recommended
	Rehabilitation services	No Charge	40% coinsurance	Services include Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy, limited to 30 visits each (combined for in and out of network). Some In-
If you need help recovering or have	Habilitation services	No Charge	40% coinsurance	Network services related to Ri Mastectomy Treatment Mandate are covered at No Charge.
other special health needs	Skilled nursing care	No Charge	40% coinsurance	Preauthorization is recommended; Custodial care is not covered
	Durable medical equipment	No Charge	40% coinsurance	Preauthorization is recommended for certain services. Some In-Network services related to RI Mastectomy Treatment Mandate are covered at No Charge.
	Hospice service	No Charge	40% coinsurance	None
	Children's eye exam	No Charge	40% coinsurance	Limited to one routine eye exam per year.
If your child needs dental or eye care	Children's glasses	Not Covered	Not Covered	None
	Children's dental check-up	Not Covered	Not Covered	None

**Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:** 

	vices Your Plan Generally Does NOT Cover (		our policy or <u>plan</u> document for more informa	tion as	nd a list of any other excluded services.)
•	Acupuncture	•	Dental check-up, child		Routine foot care unless to treat a systemic
	Cosmetic surgery	•	Glasses, child		condition
	Dental care (Adulti)	•	Long-term care	•	Weight loss programs



Oth	er Covered Services (Limitations may apply to	these	services. This isn't a complete list. Please ser	your	plan document.)
	Bariatric Surgery	•	Infertility treatment	•	Private-duty nursing
	Chiropractic care	٠	Most coverage provided outside the United	٠	Routine eye care (Adult)
•	Hearing aids		States, Contact Customer Service for more information.		

Your Rights to Continue Coverage: There are agencies that can help if you want to continue your coverage after it ends. The contact information for us and those agencies is: the plan at 1-800-639-2227 or (401) 459-5000 or TDD 711, state insurance department at (401) 462-9520 or by email at HealthInstinquiry@ohic.ri.gov, Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform. or the Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or www.cciio.cms.gov. Other coverage options may be available to you too, including buying individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information about the Marketplace, visit www.HealthCare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596.

Your Grievance and Appeals Rights: There are agencies that can help if you have a complaint against your <u>plan</u> for a denial of a <u>claim</u>. This complaint is called a <u>grievance</u> or <u>appeal</u>. For more information about your rights, look at the explanation of benefits you will receive for that medical <u>claim</u>. Your <u>plan</u> documents also provide complete information to submit a <u>claim</u>, <u>spoeal</u>, or a <u>grievance</u> for any reason to your <u>plan</u>. For more information about your rights, this notice, or assistance, contact: contact the plan at 1-809-639-2227 or (401) 459-5000 or TDD 711. You may also contact the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or <u>www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform</u>. Additionally, a consumer assistance program can help you file your appeal. Contact your state insurance department at (401) 462-9520 or by email at HealthInstinquiry@ohic.ri.gov.

Does this plan provide Minimum Essential Coverage? Yes.

Minimum Essential Coverage generally includes plans, health insurance available through the Marketplace or other individual market policies, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE, and certain other coverage. If you are eligible for certain types of Minimum Essential Coverage, you may not be eligible for the premium tax credit.

Does this plan meet Minimum Value Standards? Yes.

If your plan doesn't meet the Minimum Value Standards, you may be eligible for a premium tax credit to help you pay for a plan through the Marketplace.

Language Access Services:

Para obtener asistencia en Español, llame al 1-800-639-2227.

Kung kailangan ninyo ang tulong sa Tagalog tumawag sa 1-800-639-2227.

如果需要中文的帮助,请拔打这个号码 1-800-639-2227.

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To see examples of how this plan might cover costs for a sample medical situation, see the next section



#### About these Coverage Examples:



This is not a cost estimator. Treatments shown are just examples of how this <u>plan</u> might cover medical care. Your actual costs will be different depending on the actual care you receive, the prices your <u>providers</u> charge, and many other factors. Focus on the <u>cost sharing</u> amounts (<u>deductibles</u>, <u>copayments</u> and <u>coinsurance</u>) and excluded services under the <u>plan</u>. Use this information to compare the portion of costs you might pay under different health plans. Please note these coverage examples are based on self-only coverage.

### Peg is Having a Baby (9 months of in-network pre-natal care and a hospital delivery)

■ The plan's overall <u>deductible</u>	\$1500
■ Specialist copayment	\$0
■ Hospital (facility) coinsurance	No Charge
■ Other coinsurance	No Charge

This EXAMPLE event includes services like: Specialist office visits (prenatal care) Childbirth/Delivery Professional Services Childbirth/Delivery Facility Services Diagnostic tests (ultrasounds and blood work) Specialist visit (anesthesia)

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### Managing Joe's type 2 Diabetes (a year of routine in-network care of a wellcontrolled condition)

■ The plan's overall deductible	\$150
■ Specialist copayment	\$1
■ Hospital (facility) colnaurance	No Charge
■ Other coinsurance	No Charge

This EXAMPLE event includes services like: Primary care physician office visits (including disease education) Diagnostic tests (blood work) Prescription drugs Durable medical equipment (glucose meter)

Cost Sharing	
Deductibles	\$1,500
Copayments	\$200
Coinsurance	\$0
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	\$20
The total Joe would pay is	\$1,720

# Mia's Simple Fracture (in-network emergency room visit and follow up

■ The plan's overall deductible	\$1500
■ Specialist copayment	\$0
■ Hospital (facility) coinsurance	No Charge
■ Other coincurance	No Charge

This EXAMPLE event includes services like: Emergency room care (including medical supplies) Diagnostic test (x-ray) Durable medical equipment (crutches) Rehabilitation services (physical therapy)

n this example, Mia would pay: Cost Sharing		
Copayments	\$10	
Coinsurance	\$(	
What isn't covered		
Limits or exclusions	\$(	
The total Mia would pay is	\$1.510	

The plan would be responsible for the other costs of these EXAMPLE covered services.





## Benefits Summary

#### TOWN OF WESTERLY

Group Number: 5858-ALL
Delta Dental PPO Plus Premier<sup>TM</sup>

### Annual Maximum

\$2,000

#### Elective Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum

\$2,000

### Maximum Lifetime Cap

Unlimited

Carry Over Max: \$250 In Network Bonus: \$100 Carry Over Limit: \$1500

#### Deductible

Individual \$0 Family \$0

Dependent Coverage Dependent children are covered under these benefits up until the end of the year that they turn 26.

- Pre-treatment Estimate Recommended
- A Prior Authorization Required

See back page for additional information

#### Plan pays 100%; Member Coinsurance 0%

- · Oral exam once per calendar year performed by a general dentist
- · Cleaning twice per calendar year
- · Fluoride treatment for children under age 19 once per calendar year
- · Bitewing x-rays one set per calendar year
- Complete x-ray series or panoramic film once every 36 months. A panoramic film is a benefit for individuals ages 6 and older.
- · Single x-rays as required
- Sealants for children under age 14, once every 24 months on unrestored permanent molars
- Palliative treatment (minor procedures necessary to relieve acute pain) twice per calendar year.
- · Amalgam (silver) fillings and composite (white) fillings
- · Space maintainers once per lifetime for lost deciduous (baby) teeth
- Extractions and other routine oral surgery when not covered by a patient's medical plan
- General anesthesia or intravenous (I.V.) sedation for certain complex surgical procedures
- · Root canal therapy on permanent teeth one procedure per tooth per lifetime.
- Crowns over natural teeth, build ups, posts and cores replacement limited to once every 60 months
  - · Repairs to existing partial or complete dentures once per calendar year
  - Recementing crowns or bridges once every 60 months
  - Rebasing or relining of partial or complete dentures once every 60 months
  - Periodontal maintenance following active therapy two per year

#### Plan pays 50%; Member Coinsurance 50%

- P Bridges and crowns over implants replacement limited to once every 60 months
- P Partial and complete dentures replacement limited to once every 60 months
- □ Root planing and scaling once per quadrant every 24 months
- Osseous (bone) surgery once per quadrant every 36 months (bone grafts are not covered)
- ⇒ Gingivectomies once per site every 36 months
- ₽ Soft tissue grafts once per site every 60 months
- P Crown lengthening once per site every 60 months
- $_{\rm P}\,$  Surgical placement of endosteal implant and abutment once per tooth site per lifetime

#### Plan pays 50%; Member Coinsurance 50%

Elective braces and related services for dependent children under the age of 19.
 Subject to a lifetime maximum. No pre-approval required.

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This is a summary of benefits. The information shown here is not a guarantee of payment. Refer to the Certificate of Coverage for the full plan terms. The Certificate includes any limitations or exclusions not seen here. For a complete listing of frequencies and limitations go to <a href="https://www.deltadentalri.com/el">www.deltadentalri.com/el</a>. To be covered, services must be dentally necessary and appropriate as per our review guidelines.

Note: This plan does not include a missing tooth clause. In addition, if covered, crowns, bridges, partials and complete dentures are paid when the permanent structure is inserted (seated) by the dentist. Member coverage must be active on the date that the permanent structure is inserted and payment is based on benefits available on that day — for example, if the member's annual maximum has been paid prior to the insertion of the permanent structure, the service will not be paid.

\* Time limits on services (e.g. 6, 12, 24, 36, or 60 months) are figured to the exact day. Services are then covered the following day. For example, when a service is covered once every 12 months, if the service was done on July 1, it will not be covered again until the following year on July 2 or after.

#### **Out-of-Network Coverage**

You have the freedom to choose any dentist, but it is important to know that your out-of-pocket costs may be higher when you visit a dentist who does not participate in our network. Non-participating dentists have not agreed to accept the Delta Dental allowance as payment in full, so services from an out-of-network dentist may cost you more. You may also have to pay the dentist at the time of service and file a claim yourself. To be eligible, all claims must be filed within one year of the date of service. To find a participating dentist near you, use our Find A Dentist tool at <a href="https://www.deltadentairl.com">www.deltadentairl.com</a>.

#### How to Find a Dentist

Choose from Delta Dental's extensive network of dentists, you're sure to find one that's right for you. Visit <a href="https://www.deltadentalri.com">www.deltadentalri.com</a> to use our online Find A Dentist tool. You can see if your current dentist participates with us or look for a new dentist by searching by name, location or specialty. Enter your address or other criteria important to you (extended hours, languages spoken, etc.), and our tool will return a list of dentists that meet your needs – as well as maps and driving directions.

#### **Beyond Benefits**

When you visit us at <u>www.deltadentalri.com</u> you can access a wealth of important dental health information and manage your plan by

- · Checking your benefits and claims
- · Reviewing your deductibles and maximums
- Using our Find A dentist tool to find a dentist in your area

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