

# Richland County Sheriff's Department

## Addendum to the Richland County Employee Handbook of Personnel Policies and Work Rules

The Policies contained herein may be amended, changed, deleted, withdrawn  
or suspended at any time in the County's discretion.

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This addendum has been prepared as a supplement to the Richland County Handbook of Personnel Policies as it relates to unrepresented employees of the Richland County Sheriff's Department. In the case of a direct conflict between the Handbook and this addendum, this addendum shall control.

**Introduction** - Refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

**Extent of Handbook**

1. The Finance and Personnel Committee shall have jurisdiction over all personnel matters relating to unrepresented County employees of the Richland County Sheriff's Department except those which are delegated to the Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee of the County Board, County Ordinance or listed in this Addendum.

**Management Rights** – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

**Equal Opportunity Policy** – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

**Terms and Condition of Employment**

1. Office Hours – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies for normal sheriff's department administration office hours. In addition, sheriff's patrol and jail/dispatch is a 24/7 operation.
2. Outside Employment – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies. In addition, Outside employment of sheriff's department personnel shall be with the approval of the Sheriff and existing sheriff's department work rules and policies and procedures.
3. Pay Period – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
4. Time Paid – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
5. Accidents and Injuries – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
6. Health Examinations – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
7. Breaks – The language in the Handbook of Personnel Policies does not apply to sheriff's department personnel.
8. Leave of Absence – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies, in addition Upon written application, an employee may be granted a personal leave without pay for up to thirty (30) days at the Sheriff's discretion based on the nature of the request. Extensions may be granted at the option of the ~~Personnel/Finance Committee~~ County Administrator following the Handbook of Personnel Policies.
9. Flexible Work Schedule – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
10. Length of Hire – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
11. Performance Evaluations
  - a. Annual performance appraisals are completed on each employee. The Sheriff shall supervise and approve all appraisals. Each supervisor is responsible for conducting evaluations of his or her immediate staff. The performance appraisal is a tool to clarify work standards, review level of performance, evaluate job knowledge, attendance, punctuality, quality, quantity, adaptability, judgment and interpersonal relationships. The purpose is to acknowledge strengths and detect weaknesses to improve upon or

correct. The goal is enhance and improve the employee's overall performance as a result of the annual review.

12. Personnel File – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

13. Time Cards (Timekeeping) – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies for timekeeping concepts. The sheriff's department does not use time cards.

#### **Compensation and Fringe Benefits**

1. Health Insurance – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

2. Dental Insurance – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

3. Retirement Plan – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

4. Life Insurance – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

5. Section 125 Flex – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

6. Holidays – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies for listing of sheriff's department holidays. In addition,

a. The computation of the hourly rate of pay for holiday pay shall be as follows: Any employee required to work on a holiday, the employee will receive seventeen (17) hours of straight time pay in addition to his/her regular salary, for a total of twenty-five and one-half (25½) hours straight time pay for the day. If a holiday falls on an employee's scheduled day off, the employee will receive eight and one-half (8½) hours of straight time pay in addition to the employee's regular salary for a total of seventeen (17) hours straight time pay for the day. To receive holiday pay, the employee must work the hours scheduled for the week during which the holiday falls, unless on paid sick leave or other leave with pay or excused for proper reasons beyond the employee's control. Holidays will be observed on the actual day of the holiday, except that those employees regularly scheduled to work Monday through Friday shall observe holidays pursuant to state policy.

7. Bereavement Leave – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

8. Compensatory Time – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies, In addition

a. The 24 hour threshold listed in the Handbook of Personnel Policies shall be 25.5 hours for sheriff's department employees working a 6 on 3 off schedule. The 40 hours per week language does not apply to sheriff's department employees working a 6-3 schedule. Comp time is earned outside the normal 8.5 hour shift and outside the normal 6 day on and 3 day off schedule.

b. Sick leave comp earned prior to January 1, 2012 will be honored. No sick leave comp accrual after January 1, 2012.

9. Overtime – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies. In addition,

a. **Jailer/Dispatchers:** Overtime may be assigned to employees who are on the current or the following shift. Overtime shall be split between the employee on the current shift and the following shift unless the overtime is an extension of the shift due to workload. If employees are unable to work overtime it will be offered to other employees according to length of service, with employees having the longest length of service being offered first.

b. Overtime is any hours beyond the regular 6-3, 8.5 hour schedule. Overtime is paid at the rate of one and one half the employee's straight time hour rate. The sheriff must authorize all overtime, except in his/her absence, overtime may be authorized by a command staff supervisor.

c. **Office Manager and Clerk/Typist:** Overtime starts after 40 hours of work.

10. Sick Leave – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies. In addition,

a. In order for an employee to be eligible for sick leave, the employee shall report his/her sick leave prior to the start of his/her shift, unless circumstances prevent him/her from doing so.

b. When an employee is scheduled to work on a holiday and the employee is absent due to illness under this article, the employee shall receive, in addition to eight and one-half (8½) hours of holiday pay, one day's sick leave at the employee's regular straight time hourly rate. The total pay to an employee under this section shall be eight and one-half (8½) hours of straight time pay in addition to his/her regular salary for a total of seventeen (17) hours straight time pay for the day. A day of sick leave will be deducted from the employee's accumulated sick leave.

12. Vacation – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies. In addition,

a. Each regular full-time employee shall receive one (1) week's vacation with pay after one (1) year of employment; two (2) weeks' vacation with pay each year after two (2) years of employment; three (3) weeks' vacation with pay each year after six (6) years of employment; four (4) weeks' vacation with pay each year after twelve (12) years of employment; five (5) weeks' vacation with pay each year after twenty-three (23) years of employment. An employee's vacation eligibility shall be based on the employee's anniversary date of employment. The number of employees on vacation within a given classification at any given period shall be determined by the sheriff. On November 1 of each calendar year there shall be posted a vacation schedule for the following calendar year. All employees shall sign the posting by November 30, selecting their vacation on the basis of those who are hired first have first pick. If employees do not sign the vacation posting schedule by November 30 of any year, remaining vacations shall be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. Changes in the vacation schedule may be made with fourteen (14) calendar days advance notice to the sheriff and with mutual agreement of the sheriff, provided no other employee's vacation schedule is affected. Vacation pay shall be based upon a normal work week, and shall be taken in unit periods of not less than one (1) week, except upon approval of the sheriff. All efforts will be made to schedule vacations for the employees covered by this addendum so that such employees receive a normal work week off for each week of vacation. Employees who work less than 80% of scheduled hours during the year preceding vacation, shall receive prorated vacations based upon time worked. Vacation must be used within 18 months following the employee's anniversary date. Vacation time not taken in accordance with this paragraph is forfeited. It is understood that a week's vacation shall be six (6) work days pay for each week of vacation.

b. Employees who terminate their employment or who are laid off due to lack of work will be paid for vacation previously earned and not received for the current year up to and including the date of termination on a prorated basis.

c. When a holiday falls during an employee's vacation week, the employee will receive eight and one-half (8½) hours of straight time pay in addition to his/her regular for a total of seventeen (17) straight time hours. A day of vacation in this case will not be deducted

from the employee's accumulated vacation. The additional eight and one-half (8½) hours of pay shall be computed using the following:

13. Family and Medical Leave – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
14. Symons Complex Employee Privileges – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
15. Military Leave – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

#### **Rules of Conduct**

1. Department Heads' Responsibility – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
2. Grounds for Termination or Suspension – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
3. Sexual Harassment Policy – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
4. Violence in the Workplace – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

\*In addition sheriff department employees need to refer to Richland County Sheriff's Department Work Rules and policies and procedures regarding Sexual Harassment and Racial Profiling.

#### **Hiring and Employment Considerations**

##### **1. Hiring:**

- a. The Sheriff's Department will follow the hiring procedures detailed in County Ordinance 89-7. Two eligibility lists will be kept to fill full time vacancies, one for the jailer/dispatch position and one for the road patrol/task force deputy positions.

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##### **2. Temporary Vacancies-** refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

##### **3. Probation Period:**

- a. All newly hired employees shall serve a twelve (12) month probationary period. During said probationary period employees shall be subject to dismissal without cause or prior notice or recourse to the county's complaint procedures. If still employed after such probationary period, their hiring shall date from the first day of hire. An employee who successfully completes his/her probationary period shall receive sick leave, holiday and vacation benefits from his/her first day of hire, and will receive insurance benefits as soon as permitted by the insurance carrier. A probationary employee receives holidays and sick time during the probationary period.

Employees who are promoted within their classification must also be required to serve a three (3) month probationary period in the position to which they are promoted. If the employee does not complete the probationary period satisfactorily, he/she shall return to his/her former position with all rights unimpaired. However, they shall not be subject to discharge without the right of the county's complaint process.

- b. refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
- c. refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
- d. refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

4. Reclassification – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
5. Dismissal or Suspension- refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

6. Non-Disciplinary Termination/Layoff – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
7. Concern Procedures – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

### **Reimbursements**

1. Lodging – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
2. Meals – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
3. Mileage – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
4. Other Expenses – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
5. Registration Fees – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
6. Expense Vouchers – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

### **Miscellaneous Personnel Provisions**

1. Change of Address or Status

a. It is the responsibility of the employee to inform the sheriff's department office manager of any change of address, marital status, number of dependants, telephone number, etc. The office manager will report any changes to the County ~~Clerk~~

Administrator's designee per Handbook of Personnel Policies.

2. Official County Bulletin Board – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies
3. Employee Bulletin Board

a. Sheriff's Department Employees shall be allowed an employee's bulletin board in the jail/dispatch area to post non-political information of importance to employees that conforms to sheriff's department policies and procedures.

4. Equipment – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies. In addition, refer to sheriff's department policies and procedures regarding equipment.

5. Telephone Policies – refer to sheriff's department policies and procedures regarding telephone, cell phone and fax communication protocol.

6. Notification of Absence

a. Sheriff Department employees shall call the dispatch center, the sheriff or a command staff supervisor to advise when they intend to be absent on sick leave. Command Staff supervisors shall notify the Sheriff when they are on sick leave. All other absences shall be reported to the Sheriff or command staff supervisor.

7. Weather Conditions – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

a. The Richland County Jail/Dispatch Center is never "closed." Contact the Sheriff or command staff supervisor for weather condition emergencies. The sheriff's department administrative office shall follow the language in the Handbook of Personnel Policies regarding "Weather Conditions."

8. Jury Duty – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

9. Ambulance or Fire Department Volunteers

- a. "On duty" sheriff's department employees shall not be dismissed from duty to serve on any ambulance or fire duty call.

10. Break Room

- a. Sheriff Department employees exempt from this provision.

11. Credit Union/Deferred Compensation – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

12. Use of Computers, Software & Internet – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies and sheriff's department policies and procedures.

13. Picture Identification Badge

- a. Sheriff's department employees exempt. Sheriff's department employees shall follow department policies and procedures regarding, ID's, badges and the wearing of uniforms.

14. Training Opportunities – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies

15. Gifts or Gratuities – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies and sheriff's department policies and procedures.

16. County Workspaces and Personal Property – refer to Handbook of Personnel Policies and sheriff's department policies and procedures.

17. Ammunition:

- a. The Sheriff, Chief Deputy and Lieutenants are required to meet state certification and shall receive one hundred (100) rounds of practice ammunition each month. One box (50 rounds) of service ammunition shall be given to each deputy on January 1 of each year. The replaced service ammunition shall be used to provide for one (1) month's allocation of practice ammunition.

18. Regular/Normal Schedules:

a. Dispatcher/Jailers:

Day Shift: Start between 6am and 9am.

Second Shift: Start between 2pm and 4:30pm

Third Shift: Start between 10:30pm and midnight.

Swing persons: Work the shift of the person off. Minimum of 8 hours between shifts for swing persons.

Administrative Office Staff- Start between 7a-9a and end between 3p-5pm.

Chief Deputy/Lieutenants: As determined by the Sheriff.

b. Shift assignment shall be subject to change upon one (1) week's notice, except in the case of an emergency. Shift assignments may be changed on less than one (1) week's notice if mutually agreed to by the sheriff and affected employees.

19. Notice of Discipline:

a. Notice of all discipline shall be in writing and a copy shall be provided the employee at the time the action is taken. Written notice of oral discipline shall be given to the employee as soon as possible after the action is taken.

20. Promotion Procedure:

a. The Sheriff will post the promotional vacancy for 10 days with minimum qualifications listed on the promotion posting. All candidates who sign the posting who meet the minimum qualifications will be given a written exam. This written exam will be scored on a 0-40 point scale. Applicants will then be given an oral interview by an interview panel consisting of command staff supervisors and line staff supervisors within the classification. This oral interview will be scored on a 0-40 point scale. The Sheriff will then assign 0-20 points to each candidate based on the Sheriff's perception of the candidates past work record. The candidate scoring the most points will then be awarded the promotion position.

21. Computation of Hourly Rates of Pay

a. Hourly rates shall be calculated as follows:

1. For employees working a 5-2 schedule (8 hour day):

Annual rate ÷ 2080 = Hourly rate

2. For employees working a 6-3 schedule (8.5 hour day):

Annual rate ÷ 2068 = Hourly rate

3. The annual rate shall be the monthly rate times twelve.

22. Shift Differentials:

a. Employees working the second shift shall receive \$50.00 per month added to their base pay. Employees working the third shift shall receive \$60.00 per month added to their base pay. The swing person shall receive \$60.00 per month added to their base pay.

23. Call-In Pay:

a. Any employee called in to work at a time other than his/her regular schedule of hours, except where such hours are consecutively prior to or subsequent to the employee's regular schedule of hours, shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay at time and one-half of his regular rate of pay. Scheduled court appearances, unless canceled at least six



(6) hours before the scheduled time, shall be paid for at a minimum of two (2) hours at time and one-half.

24. Longevity Pay:

- a. Upon completion of three (3) years of service with the Employer, the employee shall be granted a longevity bonus of four hundred dollars (\$400.00);
- b. Upon completion of five (5) years of service with the Employer, the employee shall be granted a longevity bonus of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00);
- c. Upon completion of seven (7) years of service with the Employer, the employee shall be granted a longevity bonus of five hundred dollars (\$500.00);
- d. Upon completion of ten (10) years of service with the Employer, the employee shall be granted a longevity bonus of five hundred fifty dollars (\$550.00);
- e. Upon completion of fifteen (15) years of service with the Employer, the employee shall be granted a longevity bonus of six hundred dollars (\$600.00).
- f. Longevity bonuses shall be annual and will be paid in the first payroll period of December of each year. Eligibility for the longevity bonus shall be based on the employee's anniversary date of hire. If an employee is terminated during the year and would be eligible for a bonus, the employee will receive a prorated eligibility bonus upon termination.

25. Uniform Allowance:

- a. The Sheriff shall maintain a voucher system for the purpose of uniform and equipment purchase and maintenance for each member of the department. The County shall allocate \$500 per employee per year (\$650 for Sheriff, Chief Deputy, Lieutenants) Funds in the account can only be used for the purchase of approved items. Funds not used in one calendar year may be carried forward into the next calendar year, but the amount in any employee's account may not exceed \$1,500 per employee (\$1,800 for Sheriff, Chief Deputy and Lieutenant) this system shall be a reimbursement system except in cases where the Employer has established an account with a supplier.

26. Effective Date of Wage Rate Changes:

- a. When an employee's rate of pay is changed and such a change falls in the first half of the pay period, the employee's new rate will commence the start of the pay period; if the rate change falls in the second half of the pay period, the employee's new rate will commence the start of the following pay period.

27. Step Increases:

- a. New employees, upon completion of their initial probationary period, shall advance one step in their classification pay range.
- b. When an employee is promoted to a position in a higher classification, his/her pay shall be increased to the minimum rate for the higher class. If his/her present rate is equal

to or exceeds this minimum, his/her pay shall be increased to the next higher step in the new class regardless of the time since the last increase. Any change in a position classification must be approved by the Employer

*Refer to the Richland County Handbook of Personnel Policies for all items not specifically addressed in this addendum. Health and Human Services employees shall refer to internal All Agency policies and procedures related to the above items when applicable. These policies do not supersede or replace the policies in the Richland County Handbook of Personnel Policies.*