



## *City Council Memorandum*

**To: Mayor Fasbender & City Councilmembers**  
**From: Dan Wietecha, City Administrator**  
**Date: February 22, 2022**  
**Item: 2022-2023 International Association of Firefighters Union, Local #5113 Firefighter's Unit and Fire Marshal Stipulation**

**Council Action Requested:**

Approve the 2022-2023 contract for the Fire Captains Unit and Stipulation moving Fire Marshal into the Unit.

**Background Information:**

It is recommended that the Council act approving the 2022-2023 collective bargaining agreement for the Local #5113, Firefighters Unit. The contract term is for January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023.

Proposed changes include:

- 3.0% cost of living adjustment effective January 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023
- Language clarifying hours of work.
- Language addressing overtime.
- Add Field Training Officer rate.
- Adjust working out of classification timeframe.
- Adding MOU on Mental Health and Wellness program.
- Stipulation on moving Fire Marshal from the Firefighter's Unit.

All other provisions of the contract will remain unchanged.

**Financial Impact:**

Wage adjustments are included in the 2022 budget. Other increases are minimal.

**Advisory Commission Discussion:**

N/A

**Council Committee Discussion:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

N/A



## **LABOR AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

CITY OF HASTINGS

AND

IAFF Local 5113

***FIREFIGHTER'S UNIT***

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023

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**LABOR AGREEMENT  
Between  
CITY OF HASTINGS  
And  
FIREFIGHTERS UNIT**

**ARTICLE I. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is entered into as of January 1, 2022 between the City of Hastings, hereinafter called the Employer, and the International Association of Firefighter' Union, Local #5113, hereinafter called the Union.

It is the intent and purpose of this Agreement to:

- 1.1 Establish procedures for the resolution of disputes concerning this Agreement's interpretation and/or application; and
- 1.2 Place in written form the parties' agreement upon terms and conditions of employment for the duration of this Agreement.

The Employer and the Union through this Agreement shall continue their dedication to the highest quality fire service and protection to the residents of Hastings. Both parties recognize this Agreement as a pledge of this dedication.

**ARTICLE II. RECOGNITION**

2.1 The Employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive representative, under the Minnesota Statutes, Section 179A.31, Subd. 3, for all fire personnel in the following job classifications:

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS  
FIRE INSPECTOR

2.2 In the event the Employer and the Union are unable to agree as to the inclusion or exclusion of a new or modified job class, the issue shall be submitted to the Bureau of Mediation Services for determination.

**ARTICLE III. DEFINITIONS**

- 3.1 **Union:** International Association of Firefighter Local # 5113
- 3.2 **Employee:** An employee of the City of Hastings.
- 3.3 **Union Member:** An employee belonging to International Association of Firefighter Local # 5113.
- 3.4 **Department:** The City of Hastings Fire & EMS Department.

- 3.5 **Employer:** The City of Hastings.
- 3.6 **Fire Chief:** The Fire and Emergency Medical Services Director for the City of Hastings.
- 3.7 **Union Officer:** A member appointed by the International Association of Firefighter Local # 5113.
- 3.8 **Strike:** Concerted action in failing to report for duty, the willful absence from one's position, the stoppage of work, slowdown, or abstinence in whole or in part from the full, faithful and proper performance of the duties of employment for the purposes of inducing, influencing or coercing a change in the conditions or compensations or the rights, privileges or obligations of employment.
- 3.9 **Day:** A day is defined as twelve (12) hours for firefighters, and eight (8) hours for fire inspector, unless otherwise specified.
- 3.10 **Probationary Period:** All new, regular employees will serve a twelve (12) month probationary period.

#### **ARTICLE IV. EMPLOYER SECURITY**

- 4.1 The Union agrees that during the life of this Agreement, it will not cause, encourage, participate in or support any strike, slowdown or other interruption of or interference with the normal functions of the Employer.
- 4.2 Any employee who engages in a strike may have their appointment or employment terminated by the Employer effective the date the violation first occurs. Such termination shall be effective upon written notice served upon the employee. An employee who is absent from any portion of his/her work assignment without permission, or who abstains wholly or in part from the full performance of their duties without permission from the Employer on the date or dates when a strike occurs is prima facie presumed to have engaged in a strike on such date or dates. An employee who knowingly strikes and whose employment has been terminated for such action may, subsequent to such violation, be appointed or reappointed or employed or re-employed, but the employee shall be on probation for two (2) years with respect to such civil service status, tenure or employment, or contract of employment, as they may have theretofore been entitled. No employee shall be entitled to any daily pay, wages or per diem for the days on which they engage in a strike.

#### **ARTICLE V. EMPLOYER AUTHORITY**

- 5.1 The Employer retains the full and unrestricted right to operate and manage all manpower, facilities, and equipment; to establish functions and programs; to set and amend budgets; to determine the utilization of technology; to establish and modify the organizational structure; to select, direct, and determine the number of personnel; to establish work schedules, and to perform any inherent managerial function not specifically limited by this Agreement.
- 5.2 Any term and condition of employment not specifically established or modified by this Agreement shall remain solely within the discretion of the Employer to modify, establish, or eliminate.

## ARTICLE VI. UNION SECURITY

6.1 The Employer shall deduct from the wages of employees who authorize such a deduction in writing an amount necessary to cover monthly dues, or a "fair share" deduction, as provided in Minnesota State Statute 179.65, Subd. 2, if the employee elects not to become a member of the Union. Such monies shall be remitted as directed by the Union.

6.2 The Union may designate employees from the bargaining unit to act as a steward and an alternate and shall inform the Employer in writing of such choice and changes in the position of steward and/or alternate.

6.3 The Employer shall make space available on the employee bulletin board for posting Union notice(s) and announcement(s).

6.4 The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless against any and all claims, suits, order, or judgments brought or issued against the Employer as a result of any action taken or not taken by the Employer under the provisions of this Article.

## Article VII. Employee Rights—Grievance Procedure

7.1 Definition of a Grievance. A grievance is defined as a dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation or application of the specific terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7.2 Union Representatives. The Employer will recognize representatives designated by the Union as the grievance representatives of the bargaining unit having the duties and responsibilities established by this Article. The Union shall notify the Employer in writing of the names of such Union representatives and of their successors when so designated, as provided by Section 6.2 of this Agreement.

7.3 Processing of a Grievance. It is recognized and accepted by the Union and the Employer that the processing of grievances as hereinafter provided is limited by the job duties and responsibilities of the employees and shall therefore be accomplished during normal working hours only when consistent with such Employee duties and responsibilities. The aggrieved employee and a Union representative shall be allowed a reasonable amount of time without loss in pay when a grievance is investigated and presented to the Employer during normal working hours provided that the employee and the Union representative have notified and received the approval of the designated supervisor who has determined that such absence is reasonable and would not be detrimental to the work of the Employer.

7.4 Procedure. Grievances, as defined in Section 7.1, shall be resolved in conformance with the following procedure:

Step 1. An employee claiming a violation concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall, within twenty-one (21) calendar days after such alleged violation has occurred, present such grievance to the employee's supervisor as designated by the Employer. The Employer-designated representative will discuss and give an answer to such Step 1 grievance within ten (10) calendar days after receipt. A grievance not resolved in Step 1 and appealed to Step 2 shall be placed in writing setting forth the nature of the grievance, the facts on which it is based, the provision or provisions of the Agreement allegedly

violated, the remedy requested, and shall be appealed to Step 2 within ten (10) calendar days after the Employer-designated representative's final answer in Step 1. Any grievance not appealed in writing to Step 2 by the Union within ten (10) calendar days shall be considered waived.

Step 2. If appealed, the written grievance shall be presented by the Union and discussed with the Employer-designated Step 2 representative. The Employer-designated representative shall give the Union the Employer's Step 2 answer in writing within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of such Step 2 grievance. A grievance not resolved in Step 2 may be appealed to Step 3 within ten (10) calendar days following the Employer-designated representative's final Step 2 answer. Any grievance not appealed in writing to Step 3 by the Union within ten (10) calendar days shall be considered waived.

Step 3. If appealed, the written grievance shall be presented by the Union and discussed with the Employer-designated Step 3 representative. The Employer-designated representative shall give the Union the Employer's answer in writing within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of such Step 2 grievance. A grievance not resolved in Step 3 may be appealed to Step 4 within ten (10) calendar days following the Employer-designated representative's final answer in Step 3. Any grievance not appealed in writing to Step 4 by the Union within ten (10) calendar days shall be considered waived.

Step 4. If the grievance is still unresolved in Step 3, the UNION and EMPLOYER may agree, within ten (10) calendar days after the reply of the Step 3 Representative was due, to petition the Bureau of Mediation Services for assistance in settling through mediation. If either party determines during the mediation process that further mediation would serve no purpose, the UNION within ten (10) calendar days by written notice to the EMPLOYER, may request arbitration of the dispute.

Step 5. A grievance unresolved in Step 4 and appealed to Step 5 by the Union shall be submitted to arbitration subject to the provisions of the Public Employment Labor Relations Act of 1971, as amended. The selection of an arbitrator shall be made in accordance with the "Rules Governing the Arbitration of Grievances" as established by the Bureau of Mediation Services.

#### 7.5 **Arbitrator's Authority:**

A. The arbitrator shall have no right to amend, modify, nullify, ignore, add to, or subtract from the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall consider and decide only the specific issue(s) submitted in writing by the Employer and the Union, and shall have no authority to decide on any other issue not so submitted.

B. The arbitrator shall be without power to make decisions contrary to, or inconsistent with, or modifying or varying in any way the application of laws, rules or regulations having the force and effect of law. The arbitrator's decision shall be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days following the close of the hearing or the submission of briefs by the parties, whichever be later, unless the parties agree to an extension. The decision shall be binding on both the Employer and the Union and shall be based solely on the arbitrator's interpretation or application of the express terms of this Agreement and to the facts of the grievance presented.

C. The fees and expenses for the arbitrator's services and proceedings shall be borne equally by the Employer and the Union provided that each party shall be responsible for compensating its own

representatives and witnesses. If either party desires a verbatim record of the proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made, providing it pays for the record. If both parties desire a verbatim record of the proceedings, the cost shall be shared equally.

7.6 **Waiver.** If a grievance is not presented within the time limits set forth above, it shall be considered "waived." If a grievance is not appealed to the next step within the specified time limit or any agreed extension thereof, it shall be considered settled on the basis of the Employer's last answer. If the Employer does not answer a grievance or an appeal thereof within the specified time limits, the Union may elect to treat the grievance as denied at that step and immediately appeal the grievance to the next step. The time limit in each step may be extended by mutual written agreement of the Employer and the Union in each step.

## **ARTICLE VIII. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

The Agreement is subject to the laws of the United States, the State of Minnesota and the City of Hastings. In the event any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be contrary to law by a court of competent jurisdiction from whose final judgment or decree no appeal has been taken within the time provided, such provisions shall be voided. All other provisions of this agreement shall continue in full force and effect. The voided provision may be renegotiated at the written request of either party.

## **ARTICLE IX. SENIORITY**

9.1 Seniority shall be determined by the employee's length of continuous full-time employment with the Fire and EMS Department and posted in an appropriate location. Seniority rosters may be maintained by the Fire and EMS Director on the basis of time in grade and time within specific classifications.

9.2 During the probationary period, a newly hired or rehired employee may be discharged at the sole discretion of the Employer. During the probationary period, a promoted or reassigned employee may be replaced in his/her previous position at the sole discretion of the Employer.

9.3 A reduction of work force will be accomplished on the basis of seniority. Employee shall be recalled from layoff on the basis of seniority. An employee on layoff shall have an opportunity to return to work within two (2) years of the time of his/her layoff before any new employee is hired.

9.4 Vacations will be selected on the basis of seniority from November 15<sup>th</sup> to November 25<sup>th</sup> of the current year. This will be done annually and covers the period from January 1st of the following calendar year to December 31st of the following calendar year. Vacation selection will be approved by the employer no later than December 5<sup>th</sup> of the current year. After December 5<sup>th</sup> or post approval, all vacation requests will be first come first serve until the next vacation selection process.

## **ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE**

10.1 The Employer will discipline employees for just cause only. Discipline will be in one of the following forms:

- a) oral reprimand;



- b) written reprimand;
- c) suspension;
- d) demotion; or
- e) discharge.

10.2 Suspensions, demotions and discharges will be in written form.

10.3 Written reprimands, notices of suspension, and notices of discharge which are to become part of an employee's personnel file shall be read and acknowledged by signature of the employee. The employee and the Union will receive a copy of such reprimands and/or notices.

10.4 Employees may examine their own individual personnel files at reasonable times under the direct supervision of the Employer.

10.5 Employees will not be questioned concerning an investigation of disciplinary action unless the employee has been given an opportunity to have Union representatives present at such questioning.

10.6 Grievances relating to this Article shall be initiated by the Union in Step 3 of the grievance procedure under Article VII.

#### **ARTICLE XI. CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION**

Employees shall have the rights granted to all citizens by the United States and Minnesota State Constitutions.

#### **ARTICLE XII. HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT**

The regular workweek for firefighters shall consist of an average of fifty-three (53) hours in one (1) week. The regular workweek for a fire inspector shall consist of forty (40) hours in a one-week period.

When an employee is called out on a job assignment, only the time actually spent on making the call may be counted as hours worked.

Shift exchanges will be allowed, with prior supervisor approval, within a 6-month period provided the shift switch does not result in any form of premium and/or overtime pay, including article XIV Holiday Pay.

The Employer may from time to time, in its sole discretion, temporarily adjust a Firefighter's work schedule to forty (40) hours in one (1) week for purposes of alternate job assignment such as light duty or training. In event of such temporary schedule, the Firefighter's wage shall be adjusted such that the temporary hourly rate of the forty (40) hour work week is 1.325 times the hourly rate of the fifty-three (53) hour work week. Such temporary schedule adjustment does not include furlough or other reduction in force.

#### **ARTICLE XIII. LEGAL PROTECTION**

All employees shall be given legal protection as provided for under Minnesota and Federal Statutes.

#### **ARTICLE XIV. OVERTIME**

All employees required to work at times other than their scheduled hours of employment will be paid at one and one-half (1.5) times their regular hourly rate. A minimum of one and one-half (1½) hours at overtime rate will be paid for ambulance and fire calls. Overtime will be distributed as equally as practicable.

Hours scheduled to work on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, the day following Thanksgiving, and Christmas will be paid at 1.5 time the regular hourly rate. Premium pay is earned for those hours worked on the actual holiday listed above. If an individual is called back for shift overtime on New Year's Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day that employee will receive an additional 0.5 time on top of their premium pay.

#### **ARTICLE XV. HOLIDAYS**

Firefighters shall be paid for one hundred forty-four (144) hours holiday pay, paid by separate check no later than the first Friday after the first payday in December each year, regardless of the number of holidays actually worked. Holiday pay will be based on their individual hourly rate. Employees hired or separated from employment after January 1 of any calendar year shall earn holiday credit based on a pro-rated schedule of 1/12th of the total number of holidays granted in the paragraph above for each month or major fraction thereof worked.

The following days are official holidays for any Fire Inspector employees:

<b><u>Holidays</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Birthday	Third Monday in January
Presidents' Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Friday following Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Friday in November
Christmas Day	December 25
Two (2) Floating Holidays	

Floating holidays cannot be carried over into another calendar year and must be taken before December 31 of each year. Floating holidays must be taken in the full eight-hour increments. Employees will not receive compensation in lieu of taking floating holidays. Employees hired prior to July 1 in a year will receive two floating holidays for that year; employees hired July 1 in a year will receive one floating holiday for that year.

#### **ARTICLE XVI. EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL TIME**

Mandatory instructional/educational time shall be paid at the individuals' overtime rate while not on duty.

Employee(s) attending non-mandatory, instructional/educational or job-related training shall not be paid overtime. In certain situations, the employee(s), may be required to use vacation for other hours as needed, to be determined by the supervisor.

**ARTICLE XVII. VACATION**

17.1 Firefighters, are eligible to accrue vacation according to the following schedule:

YEAR OF SERVICE	DAYS OF VACATION
0- 1 year	8 days (96 hours)
After 1 thru 5 years	10 days (120 hours)
After 5 years	11 days (132 hours)
After 6 years	12 days (144 hours)
After 7 years	13 days (156 hours)
After 8 years	14 days (168 hours)
After 9 years	15 days (180 hours)
After 10 years	16 days (192 hours)
After 11 years	17 days (204 hours)
After 12 years	18 days (216 hours)
After 13 years	19 days (228 hours)
After 14 thru 19 years	20 days (240 hours)
After 19 years	25 days (300 hours)

Years of Service	Vacation Maximums (Approved by City Council 09-05-95)
0-5 Years	180 Hours Maximum
6-10	270 Hours Maximum
11+ years	450 Hours Maximum

All regular full-time fire inspector (s) are eligible to accrue vacation according to the following schedule:

Years of Service	Annual Accrual	
	Hours	Days
0-1	80	10
Beginning of 2nd year	96	12
Beginning of 6th year	104	13
Beginning of 7th year	112	14
Beginning of 8th year	120	15
Beginning of 9th year	128	16
Beginning of 10th year	136	17
Beginning of 11th year	144	18

Beginning of 12th year	152	19
Beginning of 13th year	160	20
Beginning of 14th year	168	21
Beginning of 15th year	176	22
Beginning of 16th year	200	25

Years of Service	Maximum Accumulation
0 – 5	120 hours
6 – 10	180 hours
11+	300 hours

17.2 All vacation pay shall be accrued, and in the event an employee's employment is terminated for any reason, the employee shall receive, upon their termination the vacation pay which they have coming at that time on a pro-rate basis. No more than four (4) consecutive weeks (212 hours for firefighters and 160 hours for fire inspector) vacation can be taken at one time.

17.3 In computing vacation pay, length of service shall be based upon the anniversary date of the day an employee commences employment as a full-time employee.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII. SICK LEAVE AND OTHER LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

18.1 Sick Leave: Sick leave will be granted pursuant to Federal Regulations, State Statute and FMLA. All employees of the City shall be entitled to accumulate one (1) day of sick leave for each month of employment. The Employer has the right to verify the reported sickness of an employee for a period over two normal duty shifts by requiring a doctor's certificate at the employee's expense for absences for which sick leave was utilized. The Employer may require a doctor's certificate of any sick leave claim by a fire inspector that exceeds three working days.

##### Prolonged Illness Bank

Firefighter/paramedic, sick leave balances in excess of one hundred thirty (130) days (1560 hours) shall receive eight (8) hours of sick leave (to be placed in a prolonged illness sick leave bank) and four (4) hours of vacation for each month of employment.

Fire Inspector: Once 960 hours of sick leave has been accumulated, the leave accrual will be as follows:

- ½ of the accrual will be placed in a Prolonged Illness Bank. An employee may only use the prolonged illness bank after all other accumulated sick leave has been used.
- ½ of the accrual will be earned as additional vacation. All vacation is subject to the maximum accrual cap.

18.2 **Personal Leave:** All firefighters of the City shall be entitled to six (6) days (72 hours) personal leave per occurrence, which shall not accumulate. Fire Inspector is entitled to up to 40 hours per occurrence, which will not accumulate. Personal leave for purpose of this paragraph includes and is limited to: Death in the immediate family, death of spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, grandchild, grandparent, and spouse's parent, brother, sister, child, grandchild, grandparent. Immediate family also includes "step" family members of the employee or employee's spouse.

18.3 **Jury Duty:** Employees called and selected for Jury Duty shall receive their regular compensation and other benefits for their employment, less the amount received by them as a Juror.

18.4 **Union Leave:** The City agrees to grant the necessary time off without pay to any employee designated to attend a labor convention or to serve in any capacity on other official Union business.

18.5 **Court Time:** An employee who is required to appear in Court and/or for Deposition during their scheduled off-duty time shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay at one and one-half (1½) time the employee's base pay rate. An extension or early report to a regularly scheduled shift for Court or Deposition appearance does not qualify the employee for the two (2) hour minimum.

## **ARTICLE XIX. SEVERANCE PAY**

If an employee retires at age 65, or as otherwise provided by law, or is forced to retire due to physical condition not allowing them to continue gainful employment, or voluntarily employment with the City after due notice, with the consent of the City, but not if discharged or resigns by the request of the City, all and in each case after ten (10) years of service, he/she will receive fifty percent (50%) of unused sick leave and prolonged illness sick leave, based on his/her current hourly rate, as severance pay of the first 160 days of accumulated sick leave.

Maximum payment:

- Firefighter: up to a maximum of the first 160 days (1920 hours) of accumulated sick leave.
- Fire Inspector and: up to a maximum of 640 hours (50% of 1280 hours)

## **ARTICLE XX. INSURANCE**

### **Health**

The City will agree to pay the cost of single health insurance coverage, if such coverage is elected by the employee. Regular, full-time employees may not waive single coverage.

The City will agree to contribute a percentage of premium as established by the City Council, towards coverage other than single as offered by the City and elected by the Employee. The City contribution will remain at the same percentage for 2021.

### **Life**

All regular employees will also receive a \$50,000 Life Insurance Policy effective upon date of agreement of this contract with the full cost of the premiums to be paid for by the City.

### **Long-Term Disability**

All regular, full-time employees will receive a long-term disability insurance policy. The City will pay for long-term disability premiums.

#### **ARTICLE XXI. INJURED ON DUTY**

21.1 Employees injured while on duty will receive full pay for a maximum of ninety (90) working days while unable to work due to such injury. The first three (3) working days lost due to an injury on duty will be charged to an employee's sick leave account as part of worker's compensation "waiting period". If a work-related injury continues past ten days, the first three days which have been charged to the employee's sick leave account will be reimbursed to the employee. An employee with no sick leave accumulation will not receive payment for the first three (3) working days lost.

21.2 Any compensation payable to the employee under Worker's Compensation insurance will be reported to the Employer. The Employer shall make supplementary payments to the employee (not to be charged to the employee's accumulated sick leave) to make up the difference between Worker's Compensation and his/her normal rate of pay.

21.3 Any employee who claims an absence from work due to an injury sustained on the job shall provide, if requested by the Employer, a statement from the employee's attending physician as to the nature of the injury.

21.4 Any employee who claims an absence from work due to an injury sustained on the job is subject to an examination to be made on behalf of and paid for by the Employer by a person competent to perform the same and as is designated by the Employer

#### **ARTICLE XXII. UNIFORMS**

The Employer agrees to supply dress uniforms, work uniforms and turn out gear as required.

#### **ARTICLE XXIII. WAGES**

23.1 Wages for the term of the contract will be adjusted as follows:

	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2023
Firefighter	3% COLA	3% COLA
	Hourly	Hourly
Start	\$21.51	\$22.16
6 months	\$23.26	\$23.96
12 months	\$24.81	\$25.55
24 months	\$26.57	\$27.37
36 months	\$28.31	\$29.16
Fire Inspector	3% COLA	3% COLA
	Hourly	Hourly
Start	\$33.03	\$34.02
6 months	\$34.26	\$35.29

12 months	\$35.66	\$36.73
24 months	\$39.62	\$40.81
36 months	\$40.94	\$42.17

### 23.2 Longevity

Longevity shall be payable as follows:

- 1% after five (5) years
- 2% after ten (10) years
- 3% after fifteen (15) years

### 23.3 Paramedic

Those Firefighters who have received and maintained their Paramedic Certification shall be compensated per month. Paramedic pay wages will be adjusted as follows:

January 1, 2022	January 1, 2023,
\$463.50	\$477.41

This amount will be added to the base pay.

### 23.4 Field Training Officer

A Field Training Officer will receive payment of an additional \$2.00 per hour when Firefighter is actually assigned to work as a Field Training Officer.

## **ARTICLE XXIV. WAIVER**

24.1 Any and all prior agreements, resolutions, practices, policies, rules and regulations regarding terms and conditions of employment, to the extent inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, are hereby superseded.

24.2 The parties mutually acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any term or condition of employment not removed by law from bargaining. All agreements and understanding arrived at by the parties are set forth in writing in this Agreement for the stipulated duration of this Agreement. The Employer and the Union each voluntarily and unqualified waives the right to meet and negotiate regarding any and all terms and conditions of employment referred to or covered in this Agreement or with respect to any term or condition of employment not specifically referred to or covered by this Agreement, even though such terms or conditions may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time this contract was negotiated or executed.

## **ARTICLE XXV. POST RETIREMENT HEALTH CARE SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

If the Union chooses to establish a Post-Retirement Health Care Savings Account, the City agrees to management the administration of that account.

Retirement Health Savings Plan (RHS) – The Union and the City agree to implement a RHS plan as agreed

upon by the membership. It is understood there will be no charge to the current level of severance payout calculations.

**ARTICLE XXVI. WORKING OUT OF CLASSIFICATION**

Employees assigned to temporarily work in a position of a higher classification as a result of an extended absence by a co-worker may qualify for additional compensation. Additional compensation may be warranted if the temporary assignment is for a minimum of a 24-hour work period or more and upon review of the employee's current wage and the additional duties assigned as part of the temporary classification.

**ARTICLE XXVII. UNION VACATION BANK**

During April of each calendar year each Local 5113 member will donate three (3) hours of vacation time into a vacation bank to be used by the union board and or their delegates for union business. Any employee who became a member of IAFF Local 5113 later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year is not required to donate. Management approvals of time off will be required.

**ARTICLE XXVIII. DURATION**

This Agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 2022 and shall remain in full force and effect until the thirty-first day of December, 2023.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

**CITY OF HASTINGS**

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
FIREFIGHTERS  
LOCAL NO. 5113**

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Mary Fasbender, Mayor

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Craig Latch, President

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Dan Wietecha, City Administrator

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Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

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Kiel Kwiatkowski, Secretary/Treasurer



**Memorandum of Agreement: Overtime**

This Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) is entered into by and between the City of Hastings (“City”) and the Minnesota Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Employees’ Union, Local #320 (“Union”).

**WHEREAS**, the City has adopted a 21-day work period where Firefighters may work up to a maximum of 159 hours before the City is required to pay overtime compensation pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act;

**WHEREAS**, on January 8, 2021, the City sent a letter to the Union placing the Union on notice that the City intended to discontinue and no longer recognize the past practice of compensating Firefighters nine (9) hours of overtime at time and one half of the hourly rate, regardless of whether the Firefighters worked more than 159 hours in a work period;

**WHEREAS**, the City and the Union are parties to a January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) governing the general terms and conditions of employment for Firefighters employed by the City;

BE IT RESOLVED, that during the term of the current 2022-2023 CBA, the parties agree that Firefighters will be compensated as overtime the hours in excess of the 159 hour work period, whether the hours in the shift are compensated for work, PTO, vacation, or sick time.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City has not waived its right to end the past practice upon the expiration of the 2022-2023 CBA, and the Union will need to negotiate for subsequent continuation of the practice.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the dates recorded below their respective signatures.

**CITY OF HASTINGS**

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
FIREFIGHTERS  
UNION, LOCAL NO. 5113**

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Dan Wietecha, City Administrator

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Kiel Kwiatkowski, Secretary/Treasurer

**Memorandum of Understanding: Mental Health and Wellness Program**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the City of Hastings (“City”) and the International Association of Fire Fighters Local #5113 (“Union”), on behalf of the Fire Fighters bargaining unit, for the purpose of establishing guidance for an employee mental health and wellness program. The City and Union shall collectively be referred to as “the Parties.”

WHEREAS, the Hastings Fire Department (“Fire Department”) recognizes that, during the course of performing their job duties, Fire Department employees may become involved in or exposed to incidents that have the potential to cause various forms of short-or long-term emotional and psychological trauma; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is committed to supporting the mental health and wellness of its employees by providing them with resources that will help ensure stability and longevity in the personal and professional lives of each employee; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department desires to provide employees with cost-free mental health services from a qualified mental health professional that specializes in working with public safety employees; and

WHEREAS, the City and Union are parties to a 2022-2023 collective bargaining agreement (“CBA”) which does not contain any negotiated language over the establishment or participation of Fire Department employees in a mental health program; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that the establishment and implementation of a mandatory mental health program is the subject of bargaining; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

**Purpose:**

This policy establishes the Hastings Fire Department Mental Health Program. The purpose of this program is to ensure the mental health and well-being of employees. This policy defines the program that shall be provided by the Department to all employees, along with the roles and responsibilities of the employee and the Fire Department.

**Policy:**

The Hastings Fire Department hereby establishes a Mental Health Program. Along with the annually required physical exam, employees will participate in an annual mental health consultation to identify any potential conditions or problems that affect the employee’s health and wellness. All staff who engage in firefighting and emergency medical services will attend one mandatory session with a mental health provider each year. Failure to comply with this requirement can be cause for disciplinary action.

**Procedure:**

1. Participation in this program is mandatory for all full-time and paid on-call personnel who engage in firefighting, rescue and emergency medical services activities.

2. Employees will complete at least one (1) appointment with the Fire Department's approved mental health provider every year.
3. The Fire Department will allow employees the necessary time away from their scheduled work duties to attend the mandatory mental health appointment without loss of pay or deduction of leave.
4. In the event the mental health appointment must be scheduled when an employee is off duty, the employee will be compensated at the employee's overtime rate of pay for the appointment and travel time from the employee's home to and from the mandatory appointment.

**Designated Provider:**

The Fire Department will appoint one designated provider annually. An employee who is already under the care of another provider will have the ability to notify the designated provider that they are already receiving mental health counseling through another provider. The designated provider will then verify that the employee has met the requirement of attendance with Department administration, without disclosing any further information.

The designated provider, in special circumstances, may refer individuals to other providers who may offer specialized services.

**Mental Health Program Committee:**

A committee shall be established to implement and manage the Mental Health Program. The committee will consist of one representative from IAFF Local #5113, one representative of Teamsters Local #320, one paid-on-call representative, and one Chief. The committee will be responsible for the following:

- Providing input and assistance in the development and implementation of programs related to mental health.
- Making recommendations on the type and content of mental health awareness and related programs, services, or training.
- Distributing applicable mental health related information to employees.
- Evaluating the overall effectiveness of programs related to mental health.
- Evaluating and recommending approved mental health providers to Fire Department Administration.
- Participation in the committee shall not be considered negotiation by the bargaining unit.

**Critical Incident Stress Debriefings**

Employees are strongly encouraged to participate in Critical Incident Stress Debriefings when they occur. Employees are also strongly encouraged to request that a CISD session be arranged following critical incidents. Participation in a CISD does not meet the annual attendance requirement of the mental health program.

**Confidentiality**

The communication between the any mental health care provider and the employee is privileged and therefore the Department considers all mental health appointments, communication during the appointment, and any recommendations as confidential in accordance with all applicable State and Federal privacy laws. The mental health care provider

shall be prohibited from sharing any employee information other than confirming with the Department that an employee was or was not compliant with the program's directive of attending one appointment by the end of each year.

**Follow Up Visits**

If an employee or the care provider feels that services beyond the one (1) required appointment would be needed or beneficial for the employee, the care provider may create a referral at the employee's discretion. Additional resources are available to the employee through the City's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) as well as the employee's health insurance.

1. These additional appointments are not mandatory.
2. Up to five (5) additional appointments will be provided through the Fire Department.
3. As with any other medical appointment, employees will not be compensated for time spent at additional appointments. Employees are eligible to use sick leave to attend additional, non-mandatory appointments while on duty.
4. If the employee wishes to schedule follow up appointments with the care provider, the employee may schedule those appointments directly with the provider.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed by its duly authorized representatives.

CITY OF HASTINGS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL NO. #5113

Approved by the Hastings City Council:

Approved by the Union:

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Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BUREAU OF MEDIATION SERVICES

In the matter of a Petition for  
Clarification of an Appropriate Unit:

**UNIT CLARIFICATION STIPULATION**

City of Hastings and International Association  
of Fire Fighters, Local 5113 (Firefighter’s Unit)

**STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES**

WHEREAS, the parties seek to amend and replace the appropriate unit description effective January 1, 2022 by removing the fire marshal from the unit;

WHEREAS, the stipulated amended description would supersede and replace the previous unit description. The appropriate unit description would state:

**All fire fighters/paramedics and fire inspectors employed by the City of Hastings, Minnesota, who are public employees within the meaning of Minn. Stat. § 179A.03, subd. 14 excluding all supervisory and confidential employees.**

ACCORDINGLY, the above is hereby stipulated and agreed to by and between the parties, in the above-referenced matter, and the parties agree that this Stipulation may not be amended except in writing and upon the mutual consent of the City and the IAFF.

**FOR THE EMPLOYER:**

**FOR THE UNION:**

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