

ARTICLE 12.

LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Section 1.

The Chief of the Department and the President of the Union shall meet monthly (if requested by either) for the purpose of conferring over issues relating to labor relations, health and safety, and other such matters. Neither shall be required to meet unless a minimum of seven (7) calendar days advance notification be made, in writing, stating the purpose of the meeting and the topics to be discussed.

Section 2.

In the interest of Labor/Management relations, the Chief of the Department and the President of the Union shall convene a Labor/Management Committee Meeting and/or a Correlating Committee meeting at either party's request. The Fire Chief shall grant administrative leave for up to three (3) committee members. The Union President shall designate personnel for administrative leave that will not create higher classification pay. This shall apply to no more than one (1) meeting per month. Nothing herein shall preclude the Fire Chief and Union President from having additional labor/management meetings. However, these additional meetings shall not be applicable to the administrative leave allowed herein. At no time shall more than one (1) committee member be qualified for this administrative leave from each of the following Divisions/Sections: Fire Suppression, EMS, Communications, Fire Prevention, Training, Services and Arson. Employees that are on duty and requested by the President to attend such meetings shall be allowed to continue to utilize Union lay-off time. Committee members who are not on duty shall attend on their own time.

Section 3.

The parties hereto shall be authorized to jointly appoint other necessary committees with specific goals and objectives of mutual benefit and concern, including, but not limited to, a vehicle accident committee, occupational safety and health committee, and such other committees as the parties shall choose to establish.

Section 4.

Any committees designated shall meet at times and places authorized by the Chief so as to cause the least possible interference with existing duties. Every reasonable effort will be made to schedule meetings at times agreeable to all members of the Committee. The work of said committees shall be conducted on City time without loss of pay by committee members; except that meetings which are scheduled at times when Union members who work shifts are not on duty, such employees shall attend on their own time.

Section 5.

In addition to the establishment of committees, the Chief and the President shall be at liberty to discuss pending grievances and/or issues of mutual interest and/or concern, even where the same involves an individual claim or claims of one or more employees of the Department.

Section 6.

This Article shall not impair the Chief's rights under Article 3. Management Rights.

Date: _____

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