# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUMWATER



# AND

# THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 2409

# 2023-2024

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#### ARTICLE 1 - PREAMBLE

This agreement is made and entered into by and between the International Association of Firefighters, Local 2409 (hereafter referred to as the Union) and the City of Tumwater, WA (hereafter referred to as the Employer or City). The City agrees that all written conditions of employment in its individual operation relating to wages, hours of work, overtime as defined for this unit, general working conditions, benefits and job security provisions shall be maintained at not less than the standards in effect at the time of the signing of this Agreement as defined for this unit unless changed by mutual agreement.

It is hereby agreed by the parties signatory hereto that it has been and will continue to be in their best interests to promote and encourage areas of understanding and cooperation in Labor-Management Relations; to promote efficiency and responsibility in the performance of the work and accomplishment of the public purposes of the City of Tumwater; to promote procedures and methods to promptly and fairly adjust differences, misunderstandings and disputes; to promptly promote reasonable and fair working conditions and to encourage an environment of goodwill and harmony between the Employer and the Employees for the benefit of all.

#### ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION

The City recognizes that according to law Local 2409, International Association of Firefighters, has the right to bargain for all permanent, full-time Employees of the Fire department, with the exception of the Chief, Assistant Chief, and clerical staff.

#### **ARTICLE 3 - UNION MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.01: It is agreed that the Union shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Employer and its officials, representatives and agents against any and all reasonable costs that shall arise out of, or by reason of action taken or not taken by the Employer in complying with the provisions of this article. If an improper deduction is made the Union shall refund any such amount directly to the Employee.
- 3.02: The Employer will distribute one copy of this agreement to each newly hired Employee of the unit.

- 3.03: The Union agrees to supply the Employer with lists of officers of the Union and its representatives and to keep such lists current. The Employer will recognize the officers and representatives ten (10) days after receipt in writing by the Mayor of the City of Tumwater.
- 3.04: The City agrees to allow time off with pay for the above mentioned union officers or their designee, up to a total of 288 hours per year, to attend local, state or national conferences or seminars provided that:
  - (a) Notice is given at least forty-eight hours in advance;
  - (b) The absence of the Officer(s) will not negatively affect department operations as determined by the Chief; and
  - (c) The cost of relief employees shall be the responsibility of the Union.
- 3.05: The Union agrees to accept any Employees as members without discrimination as to race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or physical, sensory or mental disability, or any other protected class status.
- 3.06: The Union, its business representatives, or its members shall not collect dues or conduct Union business except as provided herein.
- 3.07: Any charges by the City which indicate that a Union representative is spending an unreasonable amount of time in handling grievances or disputes or performing other duties for the Union shall be referred to the Mayor, or his/her designee, for discussion with the official Union representative. The City shall have the right to require the Union to refrain from excessive activities, or if after discussion with the Union representative, the representative continues to spend an unreasonable amount of time handling grievance disputes, the City may withdraw labor relation privileges from the representative to carry out those functions on Department time. It will be the responsibility of the Mayor, or his/her designee, to make this determination.
- 3.08: There will be no shop stewards appointed by the Union for this unit.
- 3.09: The Employer will provide for payroll deductions of Union dues, assessments and fair share amounts upon voluntary written authorization by the Employee. Payroll deduction authorization cards must be received by the City by the fifteenth (15th) day of the month to

be recognized as effective for that month. The City will transmit to the duly designated officer of the Union the total amount so deducted, together with the list of names of the Employees from whose pay deductions shall be made by the Union and the Union shall settle all questions and disputes between it and its members with reference to the deductions, or refunds, or the like, without recourse to the City.

#### ARTICLE 4 - NON DISCRIMINATION

- 4.01: No Employee shall be discriminated against for upholding Union principles, nor shall any Employee who serves as an officer, or on a committee of the Union, lose his/her job, or be discriminated against for such reasons.
- 4.02: No Employees shall receive a reduction in wages, or be deprived of more favorable working conditions due to the signing of this agreement.

#### ARTICLE 5 - SENIORITY

- 5.01: The principal of seniority (length of service) within each classification and each Employee's total service within the City Fire Department will be applied when an Employee is laid-off for lack of funds, or lack of work, and for rehire when work becomes available. Lay-offs will be by classification as determined by the City. However, if an Employee is being laid-off by classification and he/she has held another position at a lower level of the organization within the Fire Department and has more seniority than an Employee within that class, he/she will have the right to bump the least senior Employee. For the purpose of this contract, the City will determine the classification to be used in the Fire Department. Provided, however, that in the event of a lay-off caused by the elimination of the paramedic program within the City Fire Department, seniority will be determined by continuous full-time employment with the City Fire Department without regard to job classification.
- 5.02: Seniority shall be broken by a lay-off of two (2) years, by voluntary resignation or by discharge for just cause.
- 5.03: In the event of a lay-off or reduction in force, where a tie exists seniority shall be determined by the Civil Service Commission list.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - PROBATION**

6.01: Upon entry into the Fire Department the Employee may be required to serve a maximum one (1) year probationary period, unless extended as

per Civil Service Rules. Upon successful completion of the probationary period the Employee shall be considered a fully appointed Employee.

6.02: The probationary period for re-hires, promotions or voluntary transfers to positions covered by this Agreement with different job descriptions (including transfers from Firefighter / Paramedic to Firefighter) shall be six (6) calendar months.

### ARTICLE 7 - SALARIES

7.01: The monthly salaries for the classifications covered by this agreement are contained in pay schedules in Appendix-A to this agreement.

Effective January 1, 2023, the monthly pay schedule shall be increased by 6.0% to adjust for both labor market increases (2.0%) and cost of living (4.0%).

Effective January 1, 2024, the monthly pay schedule shall be increased by 5-6.5%. 1.5% represents a static market adjustment that shall not change. The COLA adjustment shall be a minimum of 3.5% to a maximum of 5% based on Seattle/Tacoma/Bellevue June 2023 CPI-U.

The pay ranges in the salary matrices for each job class shall reflect the differences relative to the top step of the Firefighter job class as reflected in Appendix "A" to this agreement.

7.02: Step raises shall be at yearly intervals beginning at the date of hire except that those hired into the recruit step shall advance to Step One after six months of service. Each pay step will be a percentage of top step firefighter as identified in Appendix A. The Recruit step shall be applied during the first six (6) months of employment as a Firefighter or a Firefighter / Paramedic.

Employees promoted will receive a step increase after six months.

- 7.03: Firefighters and Fire Lieutenants that retain their Paramedic Certification may, at the sole discretion of management, work and be paid at the equivalent Paramedic pay rate. Management retains the authority to approve any voluntary transfers and may require such employees to fill paramedic shift vacancies as needed.
- 7.04: Beginning in June of 2023, employees in the Firefighter classification may complete a management designed and approved Master Driver Certification. Any eligible employees, up to four (4) who complete the

certification will be eligible for a specialty pay equal to 3.5% of their regular rate of pay beginning in 2024. The Master Driver Certification must be maintained to retain the specialty pay. Training required to maintain the certification is at the sole discretion of management.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - HOURS OF DUTY**

- 8.01: A provisional 4-Platoon schedule shall be continued through 2024, and may continue in subsequent contracts following successful achievement of goals as defined:
  - 8.01.01: Positive impact to operational effectiveness and efficiency
  - 8.01.02: Reduced overtime due to annual leave scheduling
  - 8.01.03: Equalization of staffing across shifts

8.01.04: Overall impact of overtime

Based on an annual evaluation of evidence by the City and Union, parties agree to adjust terms and scheduling practices to meet the defined goals above.

The 4-Platoon system consists of four shifts: A, B, C, and D, and Float.

8.02: Twenty-Four Hour Shift Employee: Under the provisional 4-platoon system, static work days for Shift Employees shall be one (1) static work day consisting of twenty-four (24) hours, followed by forty-eight (48) hours off duty, followed by one (1) static work day consisting of twenty-four (24) hours, followed by ninety-six (96) hours off duty.

Within each twenty-four (24) day work cycle, Shift Employees shall schedule not more than one (1) dynamic work day (a duty shift worked in addition to the assigned static work schedule listed above) to balance hours worked. This dynamic shift shall be approved by management.

Shift Employees will work 91 static work days per year and 15 dynamic work days to total 106 shifts per year, totaling 2,544 annual contract hours.

Float Employee(s): Under the provisional 4-Platoon system, designated Float Employees(s) will schedule no more than seven (7) duty shifts consisting of twenty-four (24) hours each in every 24-day work cycle for a total of 106 shifts per year, totaling 2,544 annual contract hours. Shifts will be scheduled in accordance with a mutually agreed upon process by the Labor Management Committee. Float Employees are subject to the shift limits outlined in sections 8.04-8.07.

- 8.03: Daytime Employees: Day personnel shall work a schedule mutually agreed upon by the Chief and the Union not to exceed 40 hours per week. The standard workday and normal hours of day personnel shall be consistent with City policy. Alternative work schedules may be used if mutually beneficial to the City and the employee and consistent with City policy.
- 8.04: Employees will not work beyond 48-hours or two (2) consecutive duty shifts. After any 48-hour work period on a duty shift, employees must have a minimum of a 12-hour rest period before returning to another duty shift. This limitation does not prohibit completion of shift assignments.
- 8.05: Employees may be required to work beyond their regular scheduled hours of work up to a maximum of forty-eight (48) consecutive hours with twelve (12) hours minimum rest period before their next scheduled shift.
- 8.06: In preparation of, responding to, or recovering from a catastrophic emergency or special event that requires additional staffing, the limitation of section 8.04 will be waived.
- 8.07: Employees may work in a support role which involves training, administration, special events, or public education prior to or immediately following a 48-hour shift. This time will be included as a rest period.

#### ARTICLE 9 - OVERTIME

- 9.01: In the event that a need for overtime should occur in the department, it shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the Employee's hourly rate. If an Employee is called in for overtime, a minimum of two (2) hours at the appropriate rate at time and one-half shall be earned by the Employee.
- 9.02: Employees required to work beyond their normal shifts (before or after) due to alarm response will be compensated at time and one-half (1-1/2) the actual time worked.
- 9.03: Management will determine:
  - 9.03.01: The number of Employees needed to work overtime.
  - 9.03.02: The Employees within the class having the ability.
- 9.04: Normally the overtime scheduling of personnel will be on a rotating basis.

- 9.05: Should any provisions of Article 10 be in conflict with provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act shall prevail.
- 9.06: If the Chief or a senior officer at a scene determines that additional fulltime firefighters are needed for a 2nd alarm, the regular firefighters called back will receive time and one-half (1-1/2) for the hours worked.
- 9.07: Daytime Employees may be added to the normal rotating overtime schedule. Employees must meet the training requirements for the position needed. Overtime shifts are subject to the approval of management. Overtime shall not interfere with their normally assigned work schedule. Daytime Employees will be compensated at the 24-hour Shift Employee rate according to weighted methods outlined by federal and state law.
- 9.08: Employees may request compensatory time in lieu of overtime for mandatory training, employer directed activities, or required meetings. Management reserves the right to define which activities are eligible for compensatory time. Such time shall be added to the employee's annual leave bank.

## ARTICLE 10 - DUTY OUT OF RANK

- 10.01: Duty out of rank pay will be provided for Lieutenant rank employees working in a Battalion Chief position as assigned by management for a period exceeding 4 hours.
- 10.02: The additional pay per shift will be calculated annually as:

Duty out of Rank Pay = Pay Differential from the Fire Lieutenant Step 5 of 10% (115% to 125%) or the Paramedic Lieutenant Step 5 of 4% (121% to 125%).

10.03: Until the new structure of Battalion Chief is in place as described in sections 10.1 and 10.2, an Employee specifically assigned to duty for a complete shift in a higher ranking position of Lieutenant for more than 4 hours, shall receive additional pay for the work. The additional pay per shift will be calculated annually as:

Duty out of Rank Pay = Pay Differential from the Firefighter Step 5 of 13% (100% to 113%) or the Firefighter/Paramedic Step 5 of 0.5% (112.5% to 113%).

- 10.04: Lieutenants may not receive duty out of rank pay for working as a Captain in the current organizational structure.
- 10.05: Once the Battalion Chief structure is in place, as determined by management, sections 10.03 and 10.04 will no longer be valid and shall be terminated from the agreement.

### ARTICLE 11 - SHIFT EXCHANGES

Employees may exchange or trade shifts with the approval of the direct supervisor(s) when the change does not interfere with the operations of the City Fire Department. If the employee cannot fulfill the exchange or trade, the employee who was originally scheduled to work on the day shall report to work or be charged a vacation day. If the employee does not have enough vacation hours, they will be charged with sick leave. If the employee has no vacation and sick leave, the employee will be placed on leave without pay.

## ARTICLE 12 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 12.01: Funeral leave In the event of a death in the family (father, mother, wife, husband, son, daughter, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandparents, spouse's grandparents, member of the employee's household who is on record with the City of Tumwater as a domestic partner or any other relative living in the household), an Employee shall be entitled to two (2) full working days off from accumulated sick leave to attend the funeral.
- 12.02: Military leave Employees enlisting or entering the military or naval service of the United States pursuant to the provisions of the Military Selection Service Act of 1967, as amended, shall be granted all rights and privileges provided by the Act. Employees fulfilling their obligations with respect to the National Guard or reserve status of the armed forces shall be granted a leave of absence for such purpose as provided by law.
- 12.03: Jury Duty An Employee summoned for jury duty shall be granted administrative leave for such service and shall be paid by the City, his/her regular wage, less such remuneration he/she shall receive as compensation for such duty.
- 12.04: Civil Witness Leave of absence with pay, travel time included, shall be granted for attendance in court cases in connection with the Employee's officially assigned duties. Leave of absence with pay shall also be granted for an appearance connected with an Employee's official duties before any legislative committee or judicial or quasi-judicial body as a witness in

response to a subpoena or at the direction of proper authority. The above leave of absence shall be counted as hours worked and subject to the overtime provisions of this agreement. Remuneration received for such duty shall be remitted to the City.

- 12.05:Family and Medical Leave - Pursuant to state and federal law and to City personnel policy, Employees may utilize up to twelve weeks of paid and/or unpaid sick and/or vacation leave for personal illnesses, or to care for a parent, child, recognized domestic partner or spouse with a serious medical condition. During a family and medical leave period, regardless of whether paid or unpaid leave is utilized, the Employer's share of medical and dental insurance premiums will continue. Employees must follow procedures established in the City personnel policy manual for requesting and utilizing family and medical leave.
- 12.06: Paid Family and Medical Leave Eligible employees are covered by Washington's Family and Medical Leave Program, RCW 50A. Eligibility for leave and benefits, which begins January 1, 2020, is established by Washington law and is therefore independent of this Agreement. Employer and employee premiums will be paid in accordance with Washington law.

### ARTICLE 13 - SICK LEAVE

- 13.01: All regular-status members are permitted to remain away from their employment because of illness or physical inability without loss of compensation up to the number of sick leave hours that the member has accrued. While a member is receiving the Workers' Compensation time loss supplement as required by state law, it is understood that sick leave hours shall accrue.
- 13.02: Sick leave shall accumulate at the rate of one (1) working day sick leave for each full month of employment. One-half (1/2) of an Employees regular monthly work schedule must be worked for an Employee to vest sick leave allowance for that month. Days not worked because the Employee is on paid sick leave and/or paid vacation shall be considered as days worked for the purpose of the preceding sentence. At minimum, employees will receive a minimum of one (1) hour of sick leave accrual for every 40 hours of paid work.
- 13.03: When sick leave extends beyond three (3) complete work shifts, the City may require the Employee to present a certificate from a registered practicing physician or other bona-fide practitioner establishing the employee is using sick leave as defined by city policy and the employee is approved to return to work without restriction.

Employees using more than three (3) shifts of sick leave shall notify management of the estimated return to work date, unless the sick leave is used for a birth, adoption, or foster placement as described in this Article.

- 13.04: Maximum carryover of sick leave on January 1 of each year from the previous year is sixty (60) working days (1,440 hours).
- 13.05: Employees transferring from shift work to a 40 hour per week position or from a 40 hour per week position to shift work shall have their sick leave accruals adjusted on the basis of an equivalent work day. Sick leave in excess of 960 hours will be cashed out at a rate of 25% as a one-time transfer and deposited into the employee's MERP account.
- 13.06: Sick Leave Sharing: Employees may be allowed to share sick leave to the extent and in the same manner that non-represented Employees are permitted to do so by City policy and ordinance.
- 13.07: Immediately following the birth, adoption or foster placement of a child, employees may use up to four shifts of sick leave to tend to their family provided that the employee has given management notice thirty days in advance of the due date or, as soon as practicable, in advance of an adoption or foster placement. Additional sick leave may be used by employees when a qualifying family member experiences an extended period of physical limitations following childbirth.

#### ARTICLE 14 - HOLIDAYS

14.01: All Employees who have been on the payroll of the City thirty (30) days shall receive pay for holidays named below regardless of which day of the week the holiday falls. All shift Employees shall receive overtime pay for a maximum of six (6) holidays at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for eight (8) hours whether the holiday is worked or not. Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas are excluded from this holiday pay. Employees working Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas will be paid triple time. 14.02: Shift and Float Employee recognized holidays:

HOLIDAYS	DATES
Presidents Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4 <sup>th</sup>
Labor Day	First Monday in September
9/11 Day	September 11th
Veterans' Day	November 11 <sup>th</sup>

In recognition of New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, the day after Thanksgiving, and the "Floating" holiday recognized on December 24, contract hours have been reduced by 48 hours on January 1, 2020 for Shift and Float Employees.

14.03: For Daytime Employees, the holiday will be observed according the City Ordinance. If the Daytime Employee is required to work on the holiday in their normal daytime duties, then the Employee shall receive overtime at the rate of time-and-one-half (1-1/2) for the hours worked. Daytime Employees working overtime hours on shift (in a primary response role) may bank holiday hours for that day. Holidays that fall on an unscheduled work day can also be banked. Banked holiday hours may be used according to City policy.

Any additional state holiday declared by the Governor during the life of this agreement shall also be recognized.

14.04: 40 Hour Employee recognized holidays:

HOLIDAYS	DATES
New Year's Day	January 1st
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Third Monday in January
Presidents Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth	June 19 <sup>th</sup>
Independence Day	July 4 <sup>th</sup>
Labor Day	First Monday in September
9/11 Day	September 11 <sup>th</sup>
Veterans' Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving.	Fourth Thursday in November and the day after
Christmas Day	December 25th
Floating Holiday	Per City Policy

14.05: Parties agree to continue to evaluate and discuss mechanisms to further convert holiday pay to complement the 4-Platoon system.

# ARTICLE 15 - VACATIONS

15.01: Daytime Employees shall accrue vacation leave at a rate of 82% of that of shift employees following the same years of service schedule. The rate is calculated by dividing dayshift hours worked by shift hours worked. (Dayshift 2080/Regular Shift 2544)=82%.

VACATION ACCRUAL SHIFT		<u>SHIFT</u>	<u>SHIFT</u>	DAY**	<u>DAY**</u>	
Years of Service	Leave Accrual by Shifts* per Year	Hours Accrued Annually Monthly Hourly Accrual Rate		Hours Accrued Annually	Monthly Hourly Accrual Rate	
0 to 5 years	7.5	180	15	148	12	
6 to 10 years	8.5	204	17	167	14	
11 to 15 years	9.5	228	19	187	16	
16 to 20 years	10.5	252	21	207	17	
20 or more years	11.5	276	23	226	19	
*One Shift= 24 hou 15 shifts.	**Day rate is .82% of Shift Rate					

15.02: Shift and Day Employees shall accrue vacation leave according to the following schedule:

- 15.03: Any Employee who changes from a shift position to a daytime position or vice versa, shall retain their vacation hour balance and will begin to accrue at the appropriate rate for the new position from the date of the appointment.
- 15.04: Continuous past service shall be included in determining the Employee's length of service for vacation purposes. Maximum vacation accrual of 360 hours of annual leave time will be allowed. No such leave shall be granted except at the time which will least interfere with the work of the Department unless application for such leave has been made in advance and approved by the Fire Chief.
- 15.05: Any regular permanent Employee who is in a vacation status and becomes incapacitated through illness, accident, or hospitalization shall have the right to revert to sick leave status. In such cases, an Employee shall furnish a statement from a duly licensed physician.
- 15.06: Any regular permanent Employee retiring from the Department shall be allowed a maximum accrual of 240 hours of vacation leave credit.

### ARTICLE 16 - VACATION LEAVE SCHEDULING

- 16.01: The Employer agrees that an Employee's request to take annual leave credited to the Employee shall normally be honored provided that it does not interfere with workload requirements and schedule.
- 16.02: Other factors being equal, Employees with the greater seniority with the same job classification shall be given preference of vacation requests with the respective selections involved.
- 16.03: Employees who desire to take their vacation on a specific day and time will be able to make requests during the last quarter of the year. Management will define rules and implement a process for scheduling vacations for the coming year. Management will post the approved vacation requests by December 15 each year.

If a vacation day becomes available after the approved calendar is posted, employees who were denied requests on that date will have priority to take the vacation day.

- 16.04: Annually each Employee will be provided the opportunity to take a vacation. The vacation time allowed must be consistent with other provisions of this contract.
- 16.05: Should it be necessary for the City to cancel a previously scheduled vacation due to emergency work load requirements, the Employee's vacation so canceled will be given priority for re-scheduling. It is understood and agreed between the parties that all annual leave shall be granted at the convenience of the Employer.

# ARTICLE 17 - UNION BULLETIN BOARDS

The Employer agrees to furnish a reasonable amount of space on bulletin boards in convenient places at each station for the purpose of posting Union business. The Union shall limit its posting of notices and bulletins to such boards.

#### ARTICLE 18 - PREROGATIVES OF MANAGEMENT

18.01: It is understood and agreed by the parties that the City possesses the sole right to operate the Department so as to carry out the statutory mandate, mission, and/or goals assigned to the Department, and that Employer rights repose in the City; however, such rights must be exercised consistent with the provisions of this agreement. These Employer rights include, but are not limited to, the following:

18.01.01:	to utilize personnel methods and means in the most
	appropriate and efficient manner possible.
18.01.02:	to manage and direct the Employees of the City.
18.01.03:	to hire, promote, transfer, assign, train, evaluate, or retain
	Employees in positions within the City.
18.01.04:	to establish work rules and rules of conduct.
18.01.05:	to suspend, demote, discharge, or take other appropriate
	disciplinary action against Employees for just cause.
18.01.06:	to determine the size and composition of the work force and
	to lay off Employees in the event of lack of work or funds.
18.01.07:	to determine the mission of the City and the methods and
	means necessary to efficiently fulfill that mission.

- 18.02: The Employer and Union agree that the above statement of management rights is for illustrative purposes only and is not to be construed as restrictive, or interpreted so as to exclude those prerogatives not mentioned which are inherent to the Employer.
- 18.03: It is understood and agreed that there exists within the City personnel rules, policies, practices, and benefits which will continue in effect for the period of this agreement unless, or until changed by the Employer, or as required by appropriate laws, orders, or regulations.

#### **ARTICLE 19 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

- 19.01: A grievance means a claim or dispute by one employee or group of employees with respect to the interpretation and application of the provision of this Agreement. Any issue that has been appealed to the Civil Service Commission shall not be considered a grievance or subject to the grievance procedure herein and vice versa.
- 19.02: Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude the right of the two (2) parties to meet and verbally discuss the grievance in an attempt to resolve the issue.
- 19.03: Issues raised by the City or the Union which are of general concern regarding application or interpretation of this Agreement may be initiated in arbitration after the Mayor, or his/her designated representative, and the chief business agent of the Union, or his/her designee, have had an opportunity to discuss and investigate the issue. Decisions reached in this type of issue are not subject to retroactivity, but subject only to future application, or interpretation, of the specific article or paragraph of this contract in question.

If the City and Union mutually agree that Step 1 and 2 of this procedure are not necessary, a grievance, after formal written presentation to the other party, can be advanced to a hearing before an arbitrator as described below.

- 19.04: Grievances as herein defined shall be processed in the following manner:
  - 19.04.01: Preliminary Procedure. An employee or group of employees, who feel they have a grievance, may present such grievance within ten (10) business days of when such matter comes to the attention of the employee. Such grievance should be submitted to the employee's supervisor who shall attempt to resolve it within ten (10) calendar days after it is presented to him/her; provided that no grievance in this stage shall be pursued beyond the Fire Chief.
  - 19.04.02: Step 1. If the grievance is not resolved in the preliminary procedure, the employee shall have ten (10) calendar days to notify the Union Grievance Committee, in which case it shall be settled in the following manner: The Union Grievance Committee, upon receiving a written and signed petition, shall determine within ten (10) calendar days if a grievance exists. If in their opinion no grievance exists, no further action is necessary. If a grievance does exist, they shall, with or without the physical presence of the aggrieved employee, present the grievance to the Fire Chief in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days who shall attempt to resolve it within fifteen (15) calendar days after it has been presented to him/her. The written grievance shall include a statement including the specific Article(s) or Section(s) of the Agreement allegedly violated, the specific facts, and specific remedy sought.
  - 19.04.03: Step 2. If the employee or employees are not satisfied with the response of the Fire Chief, such employees or Union representatives within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the Fire Chief's response may present the written grievance to the City Administrator, together with all pertinent materials. The City Administrator shall attempt to resolve the grievance within fifteen (15) calendar days.

MEDIATION PROCEDURES: If, after completion of Steps 1 and 2, the employee is not satisfied with the City's response, the employee may

request mediation of the dispute. If the employee requests mediation, the Union or the City Administrator shall forward a request to the Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC) to assign a mediator from the PERC staff. Upon designation of the mediator, the parties will make every attempt to schedule a date for mediation within fifteen (15) days.

- (a) Proceedings before the mediator shall be confidential and informal in nature. No transcript or other official record of the mediation conference shall be made.
- (b) The mediator shall attempt to ensure that all necessary facts and considerations are revealed. The mediator shall have the authority to meet jointly and/or separately with the parties and gather such evidence as deemed necessary.
- (c) The mediator shall not have the authority to compel resolution of the grievance. If the mediator is successful in obtaining agreement between the parties, he/she shall reduce the grievance settlement in writing. Said settlement shall not constitute a precedent unless both parties so agree.
- (d) If the parties to the dispute mutually agree that the mediation is not producing a resolution or if the mediator concludes that further proceedings will not be productive; the mediation will be ended.
- (e) If mediation fails to settle the dispute, the mediator may not serve as arbitrator in the same matter nor appear as a witness for either party. None of the statements or offers of compromise made in mediation can be used in any future arbitration as evidence against the City or the Employee.
- 19.04.04: Step 3. Any grievance involving the interpretation or application of this Agreement, which is not resolved in accordance with the foregoing procedure, may be referred to arbitration within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of the City Administrator's answer in step 2. The arbitrator shall be a member of the American Arbitration Association (AAA), Federal Mediation Conciliation Service (FMCS), or PERC and shall be selected as follows: If the parties have not appointed an arbitrator from the panel provided by the AAA, FMCS or PERC, the arbitrator shall be appointed in the following manner: The AAA shall submit simultaneously to each party an identical list of names of persons chosen from the Panel of Labor Arbitrators. Each

party shall have ten (10) days from the mailing date in which to strike any name to which it objects, number the remaining names to indicate the order of preference, and return the list to the AAA.

If a party does not return the list within the time specified, all persons named therein shall be deemed acceptable.

From among the persons who have been approved on both lists, and in accordance with the designated order of mutual preference, the AAA shall invite the acceptance of an arbitrator to serve. If the parties fail to agree upon any of the persons named, if those named decline or are unable to act, or if for any other reason the appointment cannot be made from the submitted lists, the administrator shall have the power to make the appointment from among other members of the panel without the submission of any additional list.

The cost of arbitration shall be borne 1/2 by the Employer and 1/2 by the Union.

Upon receipt of a written request for arbitration, the City and the Union shall attempt to prepare a submission to be signed by the Union and the City setting forth the issues in dispute. If the City and the Union cannot agree upon the submission for arbitration, each party, at least ten (10) days in advance of the hearing, shall submit to the other a statement of the issues it considers in dispute. The arbitrator or arbitrators shall determine, at or before the hearing, the issue or issues to be arbitrated. All issues in dispute must be arbitrable under the terms of this agreement. Such questions of arbitrability must be ruled on by the arbitrator prior to hearing the issues of the case provided they are found to be arbitrable.

The arbitrator shall have no right to amend, modify, ignore, add to, or subtract from the provisions of this agreement. He/she shall consider and decide only the specific issue submitted to him/her in writing by the City and the Union, and shall have no authority to make a decision on any other issue not submitted to him/her. The arbitrator shall submit his/her decision in writing within thirty (30) days following the close of the hearing or the submission of briefs by the parties, unless the parties agree to an extension. The arbitrator's decision shall be based solely upon his/her interpretation of the meaning or application of the express terms of this agreement to the facts of the grievance presented. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding, provided that the decision does not exceed the arbitrator's authority as granted in this Article. Each party shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses.

- 19.05: The Employer and the Union may agree to extend the time limits of any of the above steps if mutually agreed to by both parties.
- 19.06: Neither the arbitrator nor any other person or persons involved in the grievance procedure shall have the power to negotiate new agreements or to change any of the present provisions of this Agreement.
- 19.07: None of the foregoing is intended to mean that the Union cannot lodge a grievance and process the same through the various steps to arbitration in accordance with, and subject to, provisions thereof. The right of the Union to so lodge and process a grievance is confirmed and an employee may be represented at any stage of the grievance procedure by the Union.
- 19.08: No settlement of a grievance with any employee shall be contrary to the terms of this Agreement.
- 19.09: Optional Venue for Hearing Disciplinary/Discharge Grievances. Should a disciplinary/discharge matter advance through the steps established in the Tumwater civil service rules to the final step, which is a public hearing before the Tumwater Civil Service Commission, the employee may elect to advance the matter to arbitration in lieu of a hearing before the Commission. The choice between a hearing before the Commission and arbitration must be made by the employee, in writing, within the timelines established in the civil service rules. The decision to seek arbitration in lieu of a hearing before the Commission and exclusive. In no case will a disciplinary matter be subject to both a public hearing before the Commission and arbitration.
- 19.10: The grievance procedure provided in this article and the option of a hearing before the civil service commission on matters of discipline or discharge shall be exclusive and shall replace any other grievance procedure for adjustment of any disputes arising from the application and interpretation of this agreement.

19.11: Field or full-time Union business representatives who wish to investigate a grievance on City time must secure permission from the Chief prior to his/her Investigation.

#### ARTICLE 20 - PERFORMANCE OF DUTY

- 20.01: Under no circumstances shall the Union, its officers, its Employees, or its members directly, or indirectly, cause, instigate, support, encourage or condone, nor shall any Employees or Employee in the unit directly or indirectly take part in any action against, or any interference with the operations of the City of Tumwater, such as strike, work stoppage, curtailment of work, restriction of productions, or any picketing. In the event of any such action or interference on notice from the City, the Union without delay shall take appropriate action as required to prevent and immediately bring about the termination of such action or interference and the Union will instruct any and all Employees to immediately cease and desist their misconduct and advise them that their misconduct represents a violation of this agreement subjecting them to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge, based on Employer's discretion.
- 20.02: The City may take legal action, or other redress, against any individual, or group of individuals, who have caused damage to, or loss of, property. In addition, disciplinary action may be taken against the Employee or Employees, including discharge. It should be understood that after proper notice is provided by the Union, and the City is fully satisfied that the Union has taken every recourse possible and is not furthering the cause of the action taken and tries to prevent further action by an Employee or Employees, the City agrees that they will not file or prosecute for damages, the officer, or representatives of the Union, or the Union as a separate entity.
- 20.03: The City of Tumwater agrees that there will be no lockout during the life of this agreement.

#### ARTICLE 21 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any article, sections, or portion thereof of this agreement be held unlawful or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or in conflict with existing state laws, such decision shall apply only to the specific article, section, or portion thereof directly specified in the decision. The remaining sections or provision shall remain if full force and effect.

#### ARTICLE 22 - INSURANCE COVERAGE

22.01: The City agrees to pay 100% of the employee premium and employee premium for medical coverage based on the cost of the Regence Plan 1500 through the IAFF Benefit Trust. The City agrees to participate in the cost of dependent medical coverage by paying up to 85% of the premium for all eligible dependents under the plan selected by the employee. If two or less dependents are covered, cost shall be paid at 100%.

The City further agrees to pay 100% of the premium for the employee for dental coverage under the IAFF Benefit Trust Plan 7. The City will pay 85% of the cost of eligible dependent premiums.

The City agrees to pay 100% of the premium for Orthodontia coverage under the IAFF Benefit Trust Plan 2 for all members of the bargaining unit and their dependents.

The City agrees to pay 100% of the premium to the Standard Life Insurance Company for \$10,000 of group life insurance for all members of the bargaining unit.

The City agrees to deposit \$2,000 for employee only medical and \$4,000 for employee plus any dependents in an HRA VEBA account on an annual basis no later than the January payroll cycle.

22.02: Domestic partner coverage: Employees may, consistent with City policy, elect medical and/or dental insurance coverage for a domestic partner. The coverage provided to a domestic partner shall be through the purchase of an individual medical and/or dental plan. The maximum cost to the City of the coverage shall be limited to the amount provided for spouse coverage under the IAFFBT plans as established in this contract.

> An employee who purchases domestic partner individual coverage, shall be reimbursed by the City. The insurance premiums shall be paid by the employee and reimbursed by the City after income taxes are withheld.

> If domestic partner coverage is selected, the domestic partner shall be treated as a dependent for purposes of 22.01 of this contract and shall effect the total City contribution toward premiums.

22.03: Employees may, if requested of the City, participate in the City's established pre-tax flexible spending account plan subject to IRS regulations and City procedures, policies and practices.

22.04: The City shall make monthly pre-tax contributions not to exceed \$150 per employee to the Washington State Council of Firefighters Employee Benefit Trust.

This trust shall remain separate and apart from any City retiree health insurance funding program unless changed by mutual agreement of the parties to the agreement.

Members may also convert sick leave to the Trust as follows: In November of each year, and at no other time, Employees with at least 1152 (24 hours shift employees) or 768 (day shift employees) hours of accrued sick leave may elect to convert any portion of sick leave hours earned in the previous 12-month period, minus those hours used during that period, directly to the Trust from the employer at the rate of 25% (twenty-five percent) and shall be based on the employee's current salary. Hours donated through the City's shared leave program shall not count as hours used in a year for purposes of calculating the payment.

Upon retirement, employees eligible to sell back sick leave pursuant to City policy shall have such payments made to the Trust established in this Article or to their City sponsored deferred compensation account.

- 22.04.01: The union and employees agree to hold the employer harmless and indemnify the employer from any and all liability, claims, demands, lawsuits, and/or any losses, damage or injury to persons or property, of whatsoever kind, arising from and in any way related to the implementation and administration of the Trust Fund. The IAFF local, and the employees, shall be one hundred percent (100%) liable for any and all liabilities inclusive of any federal, including, but not limited to the Internal Revenue Service, state, or local agency determination regarding any liabilities, including, but not limited to the contribution method(s), that arise out of the Trust Fund. The IAFF local, and the employees shall be liable for any and all tax penalties, as well as any other liabilities arising out of the implementation and administration of the Trust Fund including, but not limited to actions of the plan sponsors, plan administrators, and others involved in the operation of the plan.
- 22.04.2: The City shall impose a mandatory deduction per employee per month to be deposited with the "Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan" Trust for all eligible employees, as defined by the Trust, which includes employees promoted out of the local bargaining unit. This mandatory deduction

shall be the same amount as the contribution for bargaining unit employees.

- 22.05: Employees shall notify the employer in writing whenever there is a change in family status that affects one or more City benefit programs. Such changes could include but are not limited to birth or adoption of a child; marriage, divorce or legal separation; Medicare eligibility of employee or dependent; loss of dependent status due to age, college enrollment status, or failure to meet IRS definition of a dependent; and/or loss of insurance coverage other than the City's. Such notification shall normally be given to the employer within 30 days of the event that creates changes in family status.
- 22.06: The City agrees to support the development and implementation of a mutually agreeable return to work, job conditioning or other similar program to support the health and wellness of employees. This benefit is not to exceed a maximum investment of \$12,500.00 per year. This option will be piloted in this contract and if proven to reduce time off from current levels, may be extended if mutually agreed upon by both parties.

**ARTICLE 23 - SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT BENEFIT** 

- 23.01: The parties hereby agree to end the current Supplemental Retirement Benefit of their labor agreement (Article 24 of the 2000 to 2002 agreement between Local #2409 IAFF and the City of Tumwater). The City agrees to replace the funds for supplemental retirement by increasing salaries by 6.2% effective August 1, 2003. The parties agree and fully acknowledge that the purpose of this provision was to mitigate the lack of social security coverage for bargaining unit members. The parties have entered into this agreement to provide maximum flexibility to each member of the bargaining unit by improving the salary component of their total compensation package. The Union agrees that this resolves any future obligation on the part of the City to provide funding to mitigate the absence of social security coverage for bargaining unit members.
- 23.02: Bargaining unit employees will be permitted to participate voluntarily in IRS section 457 deferred compensation programs offered by the City. Effective July 1, 2017, the employee's will have the option to contribute to the Washington State DCP. Starting January 1, 2023, the employer shall contribute up to a 2.0% employee/employer match to the Washington State DCP and up to a 3% match in 2024.

#### ARTICLE 24 - SAFETY CLOTHING

- 24.01: The City shall provide the following protective clothing for each Employee of the Fire Department and provide for the replacement of this clothing to keep it in good and safe condition and in accordance with departmental policies one helmet, two coats with liners, two pairs of suspenders, two pairs of pants with liner, two pairs of gloves and one pair of steel soled turnout boots.
- 24.02: Uniforms The City of Tumwater shall provide each member of the Fire Department with a minimum of two (2) work uniforms. The City shall provide one pair of shoes per Employee. The replacement of shoes shall be determined by the Employer and the cost of the shoes shall not exceed \$125.00, unless a greater amount is approved by the Fire Chief.

**ARTICLE 25 - SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION** 

The provisions of the City of Tumwater's Substance Abuse Policy and the policies of the Tumwater Fire Department shall apply to all members of the bargaining unit with the following clarifications:

- 25.01: Testing Procedures and Standards:
  - a. Testing will be done by taking samples at a certified drug and alcohol testing center. Samples will be sent to a federally certified laboratory for processing and evaluation. In addition to items tested under city policy, Fire department tests under this agreement will include commonly prescribed and abused depressants (examples include but are not limited to: Vicodin, Oxycontin, Valium, Xanax), stimulants (examples include but are not limited to: Adderall, Concerta, Ritalin) and over the counter substances containing dextromethorphan.
  - b. Liability release and chain of evidence standards will be those which meet or exceed those utilized by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
  - c. Testing standards regarding laboratory processes and interpretation of results will be in line with those utilized by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- 25.02: Assistance to Employees: Employees who voluntarily ask for assistance from the employer to deal with drug or alcohol problems will not be subject to discipline as a result of revealing their need for treatment.

25.03: Employees who test positive will not be disciplined beyond a written reprimand unless he/she refuses to be tested, refuses the opportunity for rehabilitation, fails to complete a rehabilitation program successfully, tests positive for drugs within 2 years of completing an appropriate rehabilitation program. Once treatment and any follow-up care is completed, and 3 years have passed since the employee entered the program, the employee's personnel file shall be purged of any reference to his/her drug and alcohol problem.

#### ARTICLE 26- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE PAY

26.01: <u>Eligibility</u>. Beginning with the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> (fourth) year of service with the City of Tumwater, Employees will be eligible for educational incentive pay. Eligible Employees can request and receive the below educational incentive pay for having obtained a college degree:

Associate's Degree:	2%
Bachelor's Degree:	4%

- 26.02: <u>Qualifying Education</u>. Only credits or degrees from an accredited college or university will be approved for the incentive program. Any questions about the validity of the credits or degrees will be resolved by a review committee that consists of the Fire Chief, or his designee, an employee appointed by the bargaining unit and a fire supervisor chosen by the Chief.
- 26.03: <u>Credits Awarded in Pursuit of a Four-Year Degree</u>. Some colleges and universities award credits for fire training or other experience. This type of credit is awarded with the understanding that the employee's educational goal is a four-year degree. If an employee then had enough credits to qualify for a two-year degree he or she may qualify for the twoyear degree incentive. If the employee does not complete the four-year degree, and has not accumulated sufficient credits with classroom attendance to qualify for a two-year degree, then the compensation for the two-year degree will cease.
- 26.04: <u>Break in Class Attendance</u>. When a bargaining unit member is pursuing a four-year degree, and is being compensated at the two-year degree level due to credits awarded by the institution, it is assumed that class attendance will be continual. If a bargaining unit member is not enrolled and attending classes for a period of one academic year, then compensation at the two-year degree level will cease.

Proof of completion of classes shall be submitted to the Fire Chief at the end of each quarter or semester attended.

26.05: <u>Employee's Responsibility to Notify</u>. It is the employee's responsibility to notify the City in writing upon completion of degree requirements. Educational incentive pay shall be effective beginning with the next monthly payroll cycle following the employee's written notification and approval by the Fire Chief.

## ARTICLE 27 – WORKER'S COMPENSATION

- 27.01: All occupational injuries or illnesses shall be reported immediately to management and recorded in writing on the City's Accident/Incident Report form.
- 27.02: All employees requiring medical attention due to an injury or illness are required to file a claim for worker's compensation benefits. The L&I "Report of Industrial Injury or Occupational Disease" claim form may be obtained from a physician, clinic, or hospital.
- 27.03: An Employee using paid sick leave and simultaneously receiving compensation under Worker's Compensation Law is required to notify the Finance Department and reimburse the City for all L&I time loss payments within three (3) working days of receipt. Employees in this situation will receive sick leave "buy back" calculated by the Finance Department in order to restore the amount of sick leave equivalent to the time loss payment.
- 27.04: An employee using any other form of paid leave other than sick leave and simultaneously receiving compensation under the Worker's Compensation law will keep both forms of payment and will have no salary or leave adjustment from the City, i.e. no "buy back".

# ARTICLE 28 – LIGHT DUTY

28.01: Shift employees injured on the job shall be allowed to return to a light duty shift work schedule with a modified work assignment as approved by a qualified health care professional. If recommended by the health care professional, a light duty shift schedule with a modified work assignment may be less than a twenty-four hour shift and will be on regularly assigned shift days until such time as the health care professional approves a return to a full schedule.

- 28.02: Shift employees injured on the job who are not able to return to a light duty shift work schedule with a modified work assignment may be offered a light duty position with a traditional, forty-hour work week. Employees will be paid according to the salary for their job class. Any loss of wages not covered by the light duty assignment are subject to reimbursement through applicable time loss procedures of the Worker's Compensation Program.
- 28.03: If an employee injured on the job is unable to return to work permanently due to an on the job injury or illness, and if the City has or anticipates an opening in another department within the City, the City may facilitate re-training the employee to a new position to continue employment with the City. Such re-training is at the discretion of the City and must be approved by the department that has the job opening. It is also understood that the employee may be required to go through a competitive application process. Disclosure of medical information related to this article shall be consistent with state and federal law.
- 28.04: Light duty for employees injured off the job shall be at the discretion of the Fire Chief. The terms and conditions for these assignments shall be determined by the Fire Chief and may be similar to or different from those described above for employees injured on the job.

ARTICLE 29 – LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 29.01: In order to maintain a good labor/management relationship, both parties recognize the benefit of collaborative problem solving in jointly addressing issues and creating a positive work environment.
- 29.02: The committee shall be comprised of representatives of the Union and City Management. Guests will be allowed at meetings by mutual agreement of the parties. Meetings will be held on a monthly basis at a time and a location mutually agreed upon by both parties.
- 29.03: Committee members shall be permitted to attend meetings on-duty as long as this does not interfere with emergency operations of the Department. There shall be no additional overtime cost to the City for committee meetings.
- 29.04: The committee shall have no collective bargaining authority; however, both parties agree to support agreements and mutual understandings reached by the committee.

#### ARTICLE 30 – MEDICAL PHYSICALS

30.01: Employees will complete a mandatory medical physical consistent with mutually agreed upon criteria. Beginning in 2021 these physicals will be completed on an annual basis. Medical physicals will be conducted by a provider selected through the IAFF Benefit Trust. No individual results will be shared with the employer, with the exception of "fit" or "not fit". Physical exams will be scheduled in a manner such that a minimum staffing levels will not be adversely impacted. The City shall attempt to schedule physicals in conjunction with other area Departments also utilizing the IAFF Benefit Trust for annual physicals, provided that travel outside Thurston County is not necessary.

#### ARTICLE 31- LIFE OF AGREEMENT

- 31.01: All provisions of this agreement shall continue to be in full force and effect from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024 unless a regional fire authority contract supersedes this contract.
- 31.02: Prior to the termination date of this contract, either party may recommend any or all parts of the agreement be reopened for negotiations, provided one of the parties advises the other party in writing 150 days prior to the termination date of this agreement by submission and receipt in writing to the other party. The party receiving the request for reopening of the contract will then be provided an opportunity to submit their recommendations or proposal prior to the start of formal negotiations. In the event that such notice is timely provided, negotiations shall begin no later than 90 days prior to the anniversary date of this contract.
- 31.03: This agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the period of negotiations until notice of termination of this agreement is provided.
- 31.04: Should neither party to this agreement receive written notice requesting negotiations 150 days prior to the expiration date of the contract, the agreement will be considered to have been re-negotiated for twelve (12) months.
- 31.05: This agreement may be amended at any time during its effective term provided there is mutual consent of both parties in writing.
- 31.06: This agreement shall be binding upon the successors and a parties hereto, and no provisions, terms, or obligations here shall be affected, modified,

altered, or changed in any respect by the consolidation, merger, annexation, transfer or assignment of either party hereto; or affected, modified, altered, or changed in whatsoever by any change or any kind of ownership or management either party hereto; or by any change geographically, or otherwise, in the location or place of business of either party hereto with the exception as outlined in section 31.01 of this agreement.

31.07: Both parties agree that all outstanding MOUs retained by either party are either incorporated into this contract or retired and no longer recognized unless both parties agree to it.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, Tumwater, WA

CITY OF TUMWATER

TUMWATER FIREFIGHTERS

Debbie Sullivan Mayor City of Tumwater

James Osberg President Tumwater Firefighters

ATTEST:

Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney

# APPENDIX A

# 2023 Pay Schedule

#### Percentage Matrix: 2% Market Adjustment; 4% COLA

Job Class	Recruit	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Firefighter	70%	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%
Firefighter/Paramedic	82.5%	92.5%	97.5%	102.5%	107.5%	112.5%
Fire Lieutenant					113%	115%
Paramedic Lieutenant					119%	121%
Fire Prevention Officer Level I (40)						110%
Fire Prevention Officer Level II (40)						115%
Training Officer (Lt. 40 hr.)						115%
Battalion Chief					125%	128%
Medical Services Officer/BC (40)					125%	128%

Job Class	Recruit	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Firefighter	28.4682	32.5350	34.5685	36.6019	38.6354	40.6688
Firefighter/Paramedic	33.5518	37.6186	39.6521	41.6855	43.7190	45.7524
Fire Lieutenant					45.9557	46.7691
Paramedic Lieutenant					48.3959	49.2092
Fire Prevention Officer Level I (40)						54.7152
Fire Prevention Officer Level II (40)						57.2022
Training Officer (Lt. 40 hr.)						57.2022
Battalion Chief					50.8360	52.0561
Medical Services Officer/BC (40)					62.1763	63.6686

Job Class	Recruit	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Firefighter	6,035	6,897	7,329	7,760	8,191	8,622
Firefighter/Paramedic	7,113	7,975	8,406	8,837	9,268	9,700
Fire Lieutenant					9,743	9,915
Paramedic Lieutenant					10,260	10,432
Fire Prevention Officer Level I (40)						9,484
Fire Prevention Officer Level II (40)						9,915
Training Officer (Lt. 40 hr.)						9,915
Battalion Chief					10,777	11,036
Medical Services Officer/BC (40)					10,777	11,036

Hourly rates based on 2544 annual hours for shifts and 2080 annual hours for 40-hour employees.

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