Harrisville Police Department

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Outside Employment

1027.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

In order to avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest for Department employees engaging in outside employment, all employees shall obtain written approval from the Chief of Police prior to engaging in any outside employment. Approval of outside employment shall be at the discretion of the Chief of Police or designee in accordance with the provisions of this policy and Utah Code 53-13-114.

1027.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Outside Employment - Any employee of the Department who receives wages, compensation or other consideration of value from another employer, organization or individual not affiliated directly with this department for services, product(s) or benefits rendered. For purposes of this section, the definition of outside employment includes those employees who are self-employed and not affiliated directly with this department for services, product(s) or benefits rendered.

Outside Overtime - Any employee of the Department who performs duties or services on behalf of an outside organization, company or individual within this jurisdiction. Such outside overtime shall be requested and scheduled directly through this department so that the Department may be reimbursed for the cost of wages and benefits.

1027.2 OBTAINING APPROVAL

No employee of the Department may engage in any outside employment without first obtaining prior written approval of the Chief of Police. Failure to obtain prior written approval for outside employment or engaging in outside employment prohibited by this policy may lead to disciplinary action.

In order to obtain approval for outside employment, the employee must complete an Outside Employment Application, which shall be submitted to the employee's immediate supervisor. The application will then be forwarded through channels to the Chief of Police for consideration.

If approved, the employee will be provided with a copy of the approved permit. Unless otherwise indicated in writing on the approved permit, a permit will be valid through the end of the calendar year. Any employee seeking to renew a permit shall submit a new Outside Employment Application in a timely manner.

Any employee seeking approval of outside employment, whose request has been denied, shall be provided with a written reason for the denial of the application at the time of the denial.

1027.2.1 REVOCATION/SUSPENSION OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT PERMITS Any outside employment permit may be revoked or suspended under the following circumstances:

(a) Should an employee's performance at this department decline to a point where it is evaluated by a supervisor as needing improvement to reach an overall level of competency, the Chief of Police may, at his/her discretion, revoke any

- previously approved outside employment permit(s). That revocation will stand until the employee's performance has been reestablished at a satisfactory level and his/her supervisor recommends reinstatement of the outside employment permit.
- (b) Suspension or revocation of a previously approved outside employment permit may be included as a term or condition of sustained discipline.
- (c) If, at any time during the term of a valid outside employment permit, an employee's conduct or outside employment conflicts with the provisions of Department policy, the permit may be suspended or revoked.
- (d) When an employee is unable to perform at a full-duty capacity due to an injury or other condition, any previously approved outside employment permit may be subjected to similar restrictions as those applicable to the employee's full time duties until the employee has returned to a full duty status.

1027.3 PROHIBITED OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

Consistent with the provisions of UAC R477-9-2, the Department expressly reserves the right to deny any Outside Employment Application submitted by an employee seeking to engage in any activity which:

- (a) Interferes with an employee's efficiency performance.
- (b) Conflicts with the interests of the Department or the State of Utah.
- (c) Gives reason for criticism or suspicion of conflicting interests or duties.

1027.3.1 OUTSIDE SECURITY AND PEACE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT

Due to the potential conflict of interest no member of this department will generally be permitted to engage in any outside or secondary employment as a private security guard, private investigator or other similar private security position.

Any private organization, entity or individual seeking special services for security or traffic control from members of this department must submit a written request to the Chief of Police in advance of the desired service. Such outside overtime will be assigned, monitored and paid through the Department.

- (a) The applicant will be required to enter into an indemnification agreement prior to approval.
- (b) The applicant will further be required to provide for the full compensation of all employees requested for such outside security services.
- (c) Should such a request be approved, any employee working outside overtime shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. The officer shall wear the Department uniform/identification.
 - The officer shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Department.

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- 3. No officer may engage in such outside employment during or at the site of a strike, lockout, picket or other physical demonstration of a labor dispute.
- 4. Compensation for such approved outside security services shall be at the designated special event rate.
- 5. Outside security services shall not be subject to the collective bargaining process.
- 6. No officer may engage in outside employment as a peace officer for any other public agency without prior written authorization of the Chief of Police.

1027.3.2 OUTSIDE OVERTIME ARREST AND REPORTING PROCEDURE

Any employee making an arrest or taking other official police action while working in an approved outside overtime assignment shall be required to complete all related reports in a timely manner pursuant to Department policy. Time spent on the completion of such reports shall be considered incidental to the outside overtime assignment.

1027.3.3 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

Except for emergency situations or with prior authorization from the Lieutenant, officers assigned to undercover or covert operations shall not be eligible to work overtime or other assignments in a uniformed or other capacity which might reasonably disclose the officer's law enforcement status.

1027.4 DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

Employees are prohibited from using any Department equipment or resources without the permission of the administration in the course of or for the benefit of any outside employment. This shall include the prohibition of access to official records or databases of the Department or other agencies through the use of the employee's position with this department.