RESOLUTION 2007-734

(amending Resolution 2003-551)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA RELATING TO ADOPTING THE CAMP VERDE PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE MEET AND CONFER AGREEMENT, ADDING AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) TO THE MEET AND CONFER AGREEMENT AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 2003-551.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Camp Verde have a fundamental interest in the development of harmonious and cooperative relations between Town Management, Elected Officials, Administration and Public Service Employees of the Town; and

WHEREAS, Public Service Employees have the fundamental right to organize and have full communication between public employers and public service employees which can alleviate various forms of strife and unrest; and,

WHEREAS, the Town, its public service employees and employee organizations, have a basic obligation to the public to assure the orderly and continuous operations and functions of government;

NOW THEREFORE THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE RESOLVE, TO AMEND THE CAMP VERDE PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE MEET AND CONFER AGREEMENT (RESOLUTION 2003-551) AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The amendment of the Camp Verde Public Safety Association and the Town of Camp Verde Meet and Confer Agreement is effective immediately upon passage of this resolution.
- Resolution 2003-551 to be amended to read in all applicable areas Public Safety and Public Service Employees.

PASSED AND A Arizona, this	APPROVED by a day of	majority vote of the Town Council of Camp Verde, 2007.
Approved as to fo	orm:	
		Town Attorney
Attest:		Tony Gioia, Mayor
		Deborah Barber, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION 2003-551

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, RELATING TO ADOPTING THE CAMP VERDE PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE MEET AND CONFER AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, The citizens of Camp Verde have a fundamental interest in the development of harmonious and cooperative relations between Town Management, Elected Officials, Administrators and public safety employees of the Town; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety employees have the fundamental right to organize and have full communication between public employers and public safety employees which can alleviate various forms of strife and unrest; and,

WHEREAS, The Town, its public safety employees and employee organizations, have a basic obligation to the public to assure the orderly and continuous operations and functions of government;

NOW THEREFORE THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE RESOLVE, TO ADOPT THE CAMP VERDE PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE MEET AND CONFER AGREEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The development of the Camp Verde Public Safety Association and the Town of Camp Verde Meet and Confer Agreement is effective immediately upon passage of this resolution.
- 2. Both "parties" will act within the framework of law to enter into discussions with affirmative willingness to resolve issues, grievances and disputes relating to working conditions, wages, benefits and hours of work.
- The results of the agreement between the employer and its employees shall be drafted into written Memorandums of Understanding.

Approved as to Form:	Julie Kniege
	Julie Kriegh, Town Attorney
Date 2-24-03	Brenda Danser
	Brenda Hauser, Mayor
Attest:	Debotali Barber
	Deborah Barber, Town Clerk

CAMP VERDE PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE MEET AND CONFER AGREEMENT

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

- 1. The citizens of Camp Verde have a fundamental interest in the development of harmonious and cooperative relations between Town Management, Elected Officials, Administrators and public safety employees of the Town;
- Public safety employees have the fundamental right to organize and have full communication between public employers and public safety employees which can alleviate various forms of strife and unrest:
- 3. The Town, its public safety employees and employee organizations, have a basic obligation to the public to assure the orderly and continuous operations and functions of government;
- 4. Strikes, work stoppages, slowdowns, and other concerted efforts designed to disrupt Town services, are contrary to the public good and are strictly prohibited. Participation in such efforts may be grounds for termination;
- 5. It is the purpose of this Resolution to obligate the Town management, public safety employees and their representatives, acting within the framework of law, to enter into discussions with affirmative willingness to resolve issues, grievances, and disputes relating to working conditions, wages, benefits and hours of work. It is also the purpose of this Resolution to promote harmonious employer employee relations by providing a uniform basis for recognizing the right of public safety employees to join, or refrain from joining, an organization of their own choice. Also, it is their right to be exclusively represented by such organization in their dealings with the Town in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution. Additionally, this Resolution provides that the results of agreements between the employer and its employees shall be drafted into written Memorandums of Understanding.

SECTION 2. EMPLOYEE GROUPS

- 1. There shall be one group within the Town of Camp Verde. It shall include:
 - Deputy Marshals in all classifications, (with the exception of the Chief); civilian employees assigned to, supervised by, or otherwise under the control of the Police Department, including, but not limited to dispatchers, record clerks, evidence clerks, parking control officers, and secretaries.

- 2. In the event that only one employee organization is seeking to represent an employee group, then authorized representation of an employee group shall be determined by the presentation of a petition by an employee organization to the Town Manager containing the signatures of at least fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the employees in the above designated groups. The petition shall designate the employee group and the employee organization designated to represent those employees. Upon verification of the signatures, the Town Manager shall designate the named employee organization, as the official and exclusive employee organization for representation purposes provided for by this Resolution. The designated employee organization shall have the right to bi-weekly or monthly deductions of dues, if approved by the employees of said organization.
- 3. In the event that there is more than one employee organization that is seeking to represent an employee group, and such employee organizations present a petition containing at least thirty percent (30%) of the employees in the employee group and requesting to be designated to represent employees, then the Town shall call an election, to be supervised by the League of Women Voters or other similar independent party, between the two or more employee organizations. The employee organization that receives fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the vote's cast shall be the designated representative.
- 4. Within ninety (90) days prior to the termination of a Memorandum of Understanding, an employee organization other than the one then designated to represent employees in the group may present a petition containing at least thirty percent (30%) of the employees in the designated group requesting to be designated to represent employees in that group. The Town shall call an election at the earliest practicable time to be supervised by the League of Women Voters or other similar independent party, between the current designated employee organization and the organization requesting to be designated. The employee organization that receives fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) vote shall be the designated representative.

SECTION 3. MEETING AND CONFERRING

- 1. An employee organization that has been designated by the Town Manager as the official and exclusive employee organization for representation purposes, shall submit a proposal to the Town Manager relating to wages, benefits, hours, safety regulations and other working conditions, by December 1, of each year.
- 2. Upon receiving a proposal from a designated employee organization, the Town Manager shall submit a written response to the proposal to the employee organization within thirty (30) days.
- 3. Within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the Town Manager's response, a single representative of the employee organization and the Town Manager, as determined by said employee organization, shall begin "meeting and

conferring" at mutually agreed upon locations and times, for the purpose of entering into a written Memorandum of Understanding relating to the proposal regarding working conditions, wages, benefits and hours. Meetings shall be at least three hours in duration, unless mutually agreed otherwise. Meetings shall take place weekly until an agreement is reached, or impasse is declared. Time spent by employee organization representatives in pursuit of a Memorandum of Understanding shall be counted as hours worked.

- 4. The Town Manager, or his/her designated representative, and the representative of the employee organization, shall initial all areas of agreement. Any final agreement reached by the Town Manager and the employee organization shall be in writing and signed by the authorized persons.
- 5. All issues not previously agreed to will be submitted to the fact-finder for resolution. On or before June 30, all areas of agreement, as well as those areas in dispute and still under consideration, and the recommendations of the fact-finder, shall be submitted to the Mayor and Council for their consideration. The Mayor and Council may accept, reject, or modify those areas of agreement. The Mayor and Council may also take whatever actions they feel appropriate with regard to those areas in dispute. Final action by the Mayor and Council shall constitute the Memorandum of Understanding for the following fiscal year(s). A Memorandum of Understanding shall not be longer than two (2) years.
- 6. All time limits in this Section may be waived by mutual agreement of the Town Manager and employee organization.

SECTION 4. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 1. So long as a member of the police officer bargaining unit covered by this Resolution is not on duty or in uniform, the police officer bargaining unit member employee may take an active part in any other person's political campaign for any elective position. The term "active part" means making a political speech, distributing cards or other political literature, writing a letter, signing or circulating a petition, actively and openly so soliciting votes, or making public remarks for or against any political candidate for any elective position.
- 2. A Memorandum of Understanding negotiated by the Town and a designated employee organization shall include a grievance procedure to be used for the settlement of disputes pertaining to the enforcement, interpretation, or application of the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding. The grievance procedure shall provide for a final and binding determination independent of a management representative of the Town. The Town and the employee organization may agree to a third party neutral, hearing officer, arbitrator, citizen grievance committee, or Superior Court to

review and make a final and binding determination of the grievance. If the Town and employee organization cannot agree on the form of final and binding determination, then the agreement shall provide for the Superior Court to review and make a final and binding determination of the grievance. Further, disciplinary or corrective action may only be taken against a bargaining unit member for Just Cause.

- 3. Upon adoption of this Resolution and thereafter completion of the procedures for selection of an employee organization in Section 2, herein, any time limits set forth in Section 3, herein, with respect to submission of proposals by the employee organization, responses by the Town Manager, dates for meeting and conferring, and dates for mediation and fact-finding, shall be waived for the purposes of the initial meeting and conferring, and the initial Memorandum of Understanding. Upon adoption of this Resolution and thereafter completion of the procedures for selection of an employee organization in Section 2, herein, the Town Manager and designated employee organization shall forthwith commence meeting and conferring as required by Section 3, herein.
- 4. In the event that there is a dispute between the Town Manager and a designated employee organization interpretation, application, or enforcement of any provision of this Resolution, then the following Citizen Resolution Panel procedure shall be followed:
 - i. The Town Manager and designated employee organization shall each appoint one person each who is a resident and registered voter of the Town of Camp Verde within five (5) days of the initiation of the dispute to serve as the applicable representative on a citizen Resolution Panel.
 - ii. Within five (5) days thereafter, the Town and employee organization shall mutually agree on one person who is a resident and registered voter of the Town of Camp Verde to serve as an independent representative to the Citizen Resolution Panel.
 - iii. Within ten (10) days thereafter, the Citizen Resolution Panel shall convene and hear evidence presented by the Town and designated employee organization concerning the dispute.
 - iv. Within five (5) days thereafter, the Citizen Resolution Panel shall render a written decision concerning the dispute. This decision shall be final and binding subject to any judicial right of appeal.
- 5. In the event that any provision of this Resolution is in conflict with Arizona State Law, including the Arizona Constitution, Statutes, or Court Decisions, then to the extent of the conflict Arizona State Law shall prevail over this Resolution. Any such conflict shall not impair the validity of all other provisions herein not in conflict with Arizona State Law.

Representative, Camp Verde Public Safety Association	2/25/03 Date
Brenda Jauser Mayor, Brenda Hauser	2-24-03 Date
Approved As To Form:	
Town Attorney, Julie Kriegh	<u>J.J/-22</u> Date