

sary for the proper operations of said Bureau. The said police office shall be under the direct supervision and control of the County Chief of Police, and shall cooperate with the police officers and Sheriff of the County and the police officers of the City of Annapolis, in the investigation of all criminal matters.

406C. The County Commissioners shall equip and arm said Anne Arundel County Police Department. It shall be the duty of the Board of Police Examiners of Anne Arundel County to remove, dismiss, demote or discharge any officer including the Chief of Police from the Police Department for any offense against law or good morals, for neglect of duty, inefficiency, physical or mental disability, or breach of discipline, and it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to prefer charges in writing before the Board of Police Examiners of Anne Arundel County against any member of the Police Department for any offense against law or good morals, for neglect of duty, inefficiency, physical or mental disability or breach of discipline. The Board of Police Examiners may punish any officer including the Chief of Police, by fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00), or by suspension, not exceeding one (1) month, or both fine and suspension; or they may remove, discharge, demote or dismiss such officer, including the Chief of Police, but only after written charges filed by the Chief as aforesaid or by a member or members of the Board of Police Examiners or by five (5) taxpayers of Anne Arundel County, and a hearing upon due notice to the officer so charged, at which hearing the said officer shall have the opportunity to produce evidence in his defense, and be represented by counsel, and the decision of the Board of Police Examiners of Anne Arundel County upon such hearing shall be final and subject to no appeal. The Board of Police Examiners shall cause, to be kept in their office a minute book or books covering the Anne Arundel County Police Department in which shall be recorded a list of all applications and date of appointment of all officers in the Department, together with any charges which may be preferred against said officers, together with the disposition thereof, and a record of all fines, dismissals, condemnations, public reprimands and all other proceedings concerning the Police Department.

Section 406CA. Upon any appeal to the Board of Police Examiners from any decision of the Chief of Police or County Commissioners, the Board shall hear the case de novo, after due notice and opportunity to be heard; the