

(1) may destroy any contraband articles or goods seized by or delivered to said department, after removing any money contained therein.

(2) shall sell at public auction all lost, abandoned, unclaimed, forfeited, undistributed contraband, or stolen property, remaining in the possession of the department for a period of six (6) months without a lawful claimant.

(b) The Chief of Police shall pay over to the County Treasurer for the use of the County, all money removed from contraband, all proceeds of such sales, and all lost, abandoned, unclaimed, forfeited, or stolen money remaining in the possession of the department for a period of six (6) months without a lawful claimant.

(10) The County Commissioners of Charles County shall equip and arm said Charles County Police Force. The County Commissioners of Charles County are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase equipment including motor vehicles, motorcycles with or without sidecars, radio receiving and sending apparatus, both for stationary use and for use in and about said motor vehicles, in such number, together with such other police equipment, as in the judgment of the said County Commissioners may seem advisable for the use of said Charles County Police Department, and said County Commissioners may from time to time sell, trade or otherwise dispose of said motor vehicles, or motorcycles, or radio or other equipment and purchase new vehicles and equipment; and all equipment, automobiles, or motorcycles purchased under this subtitle shall be and remain the property of Charles County, and shall be returned by the members of the police department to whom said equipment may be issued, upon separation, for any cause, from said department, and the County Commissioners of Charles County shall provide for the maintenance and repair of said motor vehicles and equipment and for the operation of said motor vehicles and equipment including gasoline, oil, tires, batteries, and accessories for the same. All equipment now used by the sheriff and by the office of the committing magistrate of Charles County shall be transferred to the Police Department of Charles County and the Sheriff's office shall hereafter consist of the Sheriff and one deputy.

(11) The Police force shall carry and serve all ~~legal papers~~ WARRANTS, SUBPOENAS AND OTHER PAPERS ISSUED FOR SERVICE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS issued by the CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY AND BY THE Trial Magistrate of Charles County. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHALL CARRY AND SERVE ALL PAPERS ISSUED FOR SERVICE IN CIVIL MATTERS ISSUED BY THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY AND BY THE TRIAL MAGISTRATE OF CHARLES COUNTY. All special deputies are hereby abolished. The Chief of Police is empowered to appoint special officers to aid in the policing of amusement places, dance halls, etc., but said special officers shall have no authority other than on the premises to which they are specifically assigned. In no event shall they be permitted to wear uniforms similar to that of the Charles County Police Department.

(12) The members of the Police force except the Chief of Police shall be subject to the provisions of a Merit System to be established by the Board of Police Examiners, and shall be removed only