

(a) "Department" shall mean the Police Department of Baltimore City as constituted and established by this subtitle.

(b) "Commissioner" or "Commissioner of Police" shall mean the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City.

(c) "Members of the department" shall mean and include all persons and personnel employed by the department, whether civilian employees or police officers.

(d) "Police officers" shall mean all those members of the department having and exercising the powers of police officers, as provided in this subtitle, and shall specifically include the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, all deputy police commissioners, ~~bureau chiefs and deputy chiefs, directors of divisions designated by the Commissioner as police officers, and any other members of the department so designated by the Commissioner pursuant to the authority vested in him by this subtitle~~ **CHIEFS AND DEPUTY CHIEFS, AND SUCH OTHER RANKS OR POSITIONS WHICH THE COMMISSIONER MAY DETERMINE REQUIRE EXPERIENCE AS A POLICE OFFICER AS A PREREQUISITE.**

(e) "Civilian employees" shall mean all members of the department other than police officers ~~or those designated as such by the Commissioner.~~

(f) "Examining Authority" shall mean the Civil Service Commission of Baltimore.

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(a) The Police Department of Baltimore City is hereby constituted and established as an agency and instrumentality of the State of Maryland. The purpose generally of the department shall be to safeguard the lives and safety of all persons within the City of Baltimore, to protect property therein, and to assist in securing to all persons the equal protection of the laws. The department shall have, within the boundaries of said city, the specific duty and responsibility to preserve the public peace; to detect and prevent the commission of crime; to enforce the laws of this State, and of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore not inconsistent with the provisions of this subtitle; to apprehend and arrest criminals and persons who violate or are lawfully accused of violating such laws and ordinances; to preserve order at public places; to maintain the orderly flow of traffic on public streets and highways; to assist law enforcement agencies of this State, any municipality or the United States in carrying out their respective duties; and to discharge its duties and responsibilities with the dignity and manner which will inspire public confidence and respect.

(b) The department shall also perform the duties set forth in subsection (a) of this section within those areas, outside the corporate limits of the City of Baltimore, which are, from time to time, owned, controlled, operated or leased by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or any agency, commission or department thereof. In such areas, the authority and duties of the department shall be concurrent with that of any police department or police agency in the jurisdiction in which such areas are located, and nothing contained