

INCLUDING TRAINING AND EDUCATION, an accounting of which shall be submitted to the County Director of Finance for approval.

[(2) All full-time employees, including deputy sheriffs, and correctional officers of all ranks assigned to the Sheriff in the budget of the county, are subject to the county's merit system as to qualifications, compensation, and other regulations, with the exception of two assistant sheriffs, who are appointed by the Sheriff and serve at his pleasure. The assistant sheriffs shall be considered line officers if so designated by the Sheriff. Deputy sheriffs and correctional officers on duty as of June 1, 1967, are employed under the county merit system.]

(2) THE SHERIFF OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH THREE FULL-TIME ASSISTANT SHERIFFS, AND ALL ASSISTANT SHERIFFS SHALL BE SELECTED AND APPOINTED BY THE SHERIFF AND SERVE AT HIS PLEASURE. THE ASSISTANT SHERIFFS SHALL BE CONSIDERED LINE OFFICERS, IF SO DESIGNATED BY THE SHERIFF. EACH ASSISTANT SHERIFF SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$22,000, BE PROVIDED WITH AN AUTOMOBILE FOR SO LONG AS THEY SHALL REMAIN APPOINTED AN ASSISTANT SHERIFF, FOR THE USE AND WORK OF THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF, WITH ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE AND INSURANCE OF THE AUTOMOBILE TO BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE COUNTY, AND BE PROVIDED WITH AN EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500 ANNUALLY, AN ACCOUNTING OF WHICH SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE FOR APPROVAL. THE ASSISTANT SHERIFFS SHALL DEVOTE THEIR FULL TIME AND ATTENTION TO THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF.

[(3) All deputy sheriffs are required to complete a minimum of 300 hours of classroom training at an academy recognized by the Police Training Commission within the first year of employment.]

(3) IN ADDITION TO THE ASSISTANT SHERIFFS, THE SHERIFF OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH SUCH NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING CLERICAL, CIVILIAN AND COMMISSIONED DEPUTY SHERIFFS, AS IS DEEMED NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES AND DISCHARGE OF HIS OFFICE. THE COST AND EXPENSE OF THE POSITIONS OF THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE SALARIES, SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR IN THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY.

(4) ALL FULL-TIME CIVILIAN AND CLERICAL EMPLOYEES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY MERIT SYSTEM WITH REGARD TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR HIRING, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

(5) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ASSISTANT