

SHERIFFS, ALL FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFFS OF ALL RANKS, PROVIDED FOR THE SHERIFF IN THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY, UPON COMMENCEMENT OF ANY POSITION IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE SHERIFF TO SERVE A PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS, SUCH PROBATIONARY PERIOD MAY BE EXTENDED BY THE SHERIFF FOR REASONABLE CAUSE. DURING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD, THE DETERMINATION OF THE EMPLOYEE'S QUALIFICATIONS AND ABILITY TO SERVE IN THE POSITION OF A PERMANENT, NONPROBATIONARY EMPLOYEE SHALL BE WITHIN THE EXCLUSIVE DISCRETION OF THE SHERIFF. ALL PROBATIONARY COMMISSIONED DEPUTY SHERIFFS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF 300 HOURS OF CLASSROOM TRAINING AT AN ACADEMY DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION, AND 160 HOURS OF TRAINING AT AN ACADEMY DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION.

(6) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ASSISTANT SHERIFFS, ALL NONPROBATIONARY COMMISSIONED FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DEPUTY SHERIFFS OF ALL RANKS, PROVIDED FOR THE SHERIFF IN THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY MERIT SYSTEM WITH REGARD TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR HIRING, PROMOTIONS AND COMPENSATION; AND SUBJECT TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS BILL OF RIGHTS WITH REGARD TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

(7) THE SHERIFF AND HIS DEPUTIES SHALL BE LIMITED IN THEIR DUTIES AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE FULL POWER OF ARREST, THE SERVICE OF PROCESS OF ALL WRITS, SUMMONSES, ORDERS, PETITIONS, SUBPOENAS, WARRANTS, RULES TO SHOW CAUSE, AND ALL OTHER LEGAL PAPERS;

(B) THE CARE AND SUPERVISION OF PRISONERS AT ANY OF THE COUNTY DETENTION CENTERS, HOSPITALS, PENAL INSTITUTIONS, OR OTHER PLACES OF CONFINEMENT;

(C) THE SECURITY OF ALL STATE AND COUNTY COURTS AND PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS MAY BE REQUIRED OF THEM BY SAID COURTS;

(D) THE TRANSPORTATION OF ALL LEGALLY DETAINED PERSONS;

(E) NEITHER THE SHERIFF OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NOR ANY OF HIS DEPUTIES SHALL CONDUCT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, EXCEPT IN MATTERS CONCERNING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR UPON REQUEST OF THE COURTS.