

the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 87 - Sheriffs

53.

(b) (1) The provisions of this subtitle are applicable in Carroll County, CECIL COUNTY, and Frederick County respectively, except as modified herein. The sheriff of the county shall appoint not more than six members of any fire company as deputies to function as fire police. The powers of such deputies are limited to those necessary to perform their duties when functioning as fire police at parades, accidents, floods or other emergencies, or at any public function conducted by, or under the auspices of, any volunteer fire company. Such powers may be exercised in incorporated cities, or towns, but only under the discretion and control of the chief of the police force of the city or town. All fire police, when on such duty, and when wearing a badge of authority, shall be deemed to be performing the duties of their office.

(2) At no time shall any fire police use any weapon in the performance of his duties as described in this section.

(3) Any duly authorized fire police performing his duties in an emergency situation to which a fire company or ambulance company has been dispatched by the Frederick County central alarm board in Frederick County or the Carroll County communications control center in Carroll County, shall be subject to the authority of the officer in charge of such fire company or ambulance company, and if the fire police is not a member in good standing of such fire company or ambulance company, then he may not perform his duties as described in this section. Any duly authorized fire police performing his duties at any public function conducted by, or under the auspices of, a fire company or ambulance company, shall be subject to the authority of the officer in charge of such company.

(4) The sheriff of the county may require any fire police to demonstrate a satisfactory level of training in those areas of law enforcement commensurate with the duties of the fire police as described in this section. If the sheriff of the county shall require a demonstration of a satisfactory level of training, then the training shall be provided by the sheriff of the county, at a time and place as he shall deem suitable.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.