- 2. Maintain and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of operations;
- 3. Determine the services to be rendered and the operations to be performed;
- 4. Determine the overall organizational structure, methods, processes, means, and personnel by which operations are to be conducted and the location of facilities;
  - 5. Direct and supervise employees;
  - 6. Hire and select new employees;
- 7. Establish the standards governing promotion of employees, subject to the Montgomery County merit system law and personnel regulations;
- 8. Relieve employees from duties because of lack of work or funds or under conditions when the employer determines continued work would be inefficient or nonproductive[, subject to the Montgomery County merit system law and personnel regulations];
- 9. Take actions to carry out the mission of government in situations of emergency;
- 10. Transfer, assign, and schedule employees[, subject to the Montgomery County merit system law and personnel regulations];
- 11. Determine the size and composition of the workforce, subject to the county's budget and fiscal policies;
  - 12. Set the standards of productivity and technology;
- 13. Establish employee performance standards and evaluate employees[, subject to the Montgomery County merit system law and personnel regulations];
- 14. Make and implement systems for awarding outstanding service increments, extraordinary performance awards, and other merit awards, subject to the budget and fiscal policies of Montgomery County [and the Montgomery County merit system law and personnel regulations];
- 15. Introduce new or improved technology, research, development, and services;
- 16. Control and regulate the use of machinery, equipment, and other property and facilities of the Sheriff's Office;
  - 17. Maintain internal security standards;
- 18. Create, alter, combine, contract out, or abolish any operation, unit, or other division or service, except that: