

shall have only the authority to recommend the sanctions as provided in this subtitle for summary punishment. If a single member hearing board is convened, that member need not be of the same rank. However, all other provisions of this subtitle shall apply.

(e) "Hearing" means any meeting in the course of an investigatory proceeding, other than an interrogation, at which no testimony is taken under oath, conducted by a hearing board for the purpose of taking or adducing testimony or receiving other evidence.

(f) "Summary punishment" is punishment imposed by the highest ranking officer of a unit or member acting in that capacity, which may be imposed when the facts constituting the offense are not in dispute. Summary punishment may not exceed three days suspension without pay or a fine of \$150.

(g) "Chief" means the superintendent, commissioner, chief of police, or sheriff of a law-enforcement agency, or the officer designated by the official.

(H) "INTERROGATING OFFICER", "INVESTIGATING OFFICER", AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF THOSE TERMS MEAN:

(1) ANY SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; OR

(2) IF REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DESIGNEE.

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(a) A law-enforcement officer has the same rights to engage in political activity as are afforded to any State employee. This right to engage in political activity shall not apply to any law-enforcement officer when he is on duty or when he is acting in his official capacity.

(b) Whenever a law-enforcement officer is under investigation or subjected to interrogation by a law-enforcement agency, for any reason which could lead to disciplinary action, demotion or dismissal, the investigation or interrogation shall be conducted under the following conditions:

(1) The interrogation shall be conducted at a reasonable hour, preferably at a time when the law-enforcement officer is on duty, unless the seriousness of the investigation is of such a degree that an immediate interrogation is required.

(2) The interrogation shall take place either at the office of the command of the investigating officer or at the office of the local precinct or police unit in which the incident allegedly occurred, as designated by the investigating officer, unless otherwise waived by the law-enforcement officer, or at any other reasonable and appropriate place.