

assistant sheriffs shall be selected and appointed by the Sheriff and serve at his pleasure. One of the assistant sheriffs shall be appointed as the chief assistant sheriff, ~~AND HOLD THE RANK OF~~ ~~COLONEL~~. The assistant sheriffs, ~~AND HOLD THE RANK OF~~ ~~COLONEL~~, shall be considered line officers, if so designated by the Sheriff.

(ii) Each assistant sheriff shall:

1. Be provided with an automobile for so long as they shall remain appointed 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

2. Be provided with an expense allowance of not more than \$1,500 annually, an accounting of which shall be submitted to the County Director of Finance for approval.

(iii) The assistant sheriffs shall devote their full time and attention to the office of Sheriff.

(iv) The chief assistant sheriff shall receive an annual salary of [\$36,000] ~~\$45,000~~ \$37,800.

(V) THE SHERIFF AND THE ASSISTANT SHERIFFS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH AN ANNUAL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE EQUAL TO THAT WHICH IS PROVIDED TO DEPUTY SHERIFFS OF ALL RANKS FOR THE PROCUREMENT, CARE, AND UPKEEP OF CLOTHING AND LEATHER GOODS, AND ADMINISTERED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

(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 personnel law.

(5) With the exception of the assistant 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 the minimum number of