

The hearing board conducting the hearing shall give effect to the rules of privilege recognized by law, and shall exclude incompetent, irrelevant, immaterial, and unduly repetitious evidence. All records and documents which any party desires to use shall be offered and made a part of the record. Documentary evidence may be received in the form of copies or excerpts, or by incorporation by reference.

[(d)] (E) Every party has the right of cross-examination of the witnesses who testify, and may submit rebuttal evidence.

[(e)] (F) The hearing board conducting the hearing may take notice of judicially cognizable facts and, in addition, may take notice of general, technical, or scientific facts within its specialized knowledge. Parties shall be notified either before or during the hearing, or by reference in preliminary reports or otherwise, of the material so noticed, and they shall be afforded an opportunity and reasonable time to contest the facts so noticed. A hearing board may utilize its experience, technical competence, and specialized knowledge in the evaluation of the evidence presented.

[(f)] (G) With respect to the subject of any hearing conducted pursuant to this subtitle, the chief or the officer designated by the chief shall administer oaths or affirmations and examine any individual under oath.

[(g)] (H) Witness fees and mileage, if claimed, shall be allowed the same as for testimony in a circuit court. Witness fees, mileage, and the actual expenses necessarily incurred in securing attendance of witnesses and their testimony shall be itemized, and shall be paid by the law-enforcement agency.

[(h)] (I) (1) The chief, or hearing board, as the case may be, shall in connection with any disciplinary hearing, have the power to administer oaths and to issue summonses to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and the production of books, papers, records, and documents as may be relevant or necessary. These summonses may be served in accordance with the Maryland Rules of Procedure pertaining to service of process issued by a court, without cost. Any party may request the chief or hearing board to issue a summons or order under the provisions of this subtitle.

(2) In case of disobedience or refusal to obey any of these summonses, the chief, or hearing board, may apply to the circuit court of any county where the summonsed party resides or conducts business, for an order requiring the attendance and testimony of the witness and the production of books, papers, records, and documents, without cost. Upon a finding that the attendance and testimony of the witness, or the production of the books, papers, records, and documents sought is relevant or necessary, the court may issue an order requiring the attendance, testimony, or production of books, papers, records and documents