

(a) The provisions of the foregoing sections in this subtitle shall only apply to Allegany, Baltimore, Cecil, Harford, Queen Anne's and Washington counties, but the powers conferred by virtue hereof upon members of fire companies shall not apply or be exercised in incorporated cities, towns or villages which maintain an organized or regular police force.

(b) (1) The provisions of this subtitle are applicable in Carroll County, Cecil County, Frederick County, Kent County, [and] Wicomico County, AND WORCESTER COUNTY, respectively, except as modified in this section. Twelve members of each fire company may be designated by the captain, chief, or other commanding officer of the fire companies of these counties, respectively, and recommended to be appointed deputy sheriffs by the sheriffs of the several counties. The powers of the 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, or by the sheriff's department. Such powers may be exercised in incorporated cities, towns, counties, or on State roadways but only under the discretion and control of the chief of the police force of the city, town, or State Police. 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. In Frederick County and Carroll County, fire police may also perform traffic control for public functions held by any municipality, town, group, or committee upon request for and approval of such services by the sheriff.

(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.