

(2) (i) The Sheriff of Prince George's County shall be provided with 4 full-time assistant sheriffs, and all assistant sheriffs shall be selected and appointed by the Sheriff and serve at the Sheriff's pleasure. One of the assistant sheriffs shall be appointed as the chief assistant sheriff. The assistant sheriffs 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) Each assistant sheriff may participate in the supplemental retirement program provided to deputy sheriffs by the county.

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

(v) The chief assistant sheriff shall receive an annual salary of ~~[\$53,768]~~ ~~\$74,700~~ \$59,000.

(vi) 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.

(VII) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE SHERIFF, CHIEF ASSISTANT SHERIFF, AND ASSISTANT SHERIFFS SHALL RECEIVE EACH BENEFIT, OTHER THAN SALARY INCREASES, THAT IS NEGOTIATED FOR THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS BY THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION AND GRANTED TO THE MANAGEMENT TEAM OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

2. ANY ADDITIONAL OR INCREASED BENEFIT DOES NOT APPLY TO THE INCUMBENT SHERIFF, BUT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT FOLLOWING TERM OF OFFICE.

(3) In addition to the assistant sheriffs, the Sheriff of Prince George's County shall be provided with the number of full-time employees, including civilian employees and commissioned deputy sheriffs, as is deemed necessary and appropriate to carry out the duties and discharge of the Sheriff's 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.