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Each person appointed under this subtitle as a special policeman is charged with the protection and preservation of peace and good order on the property described in the application for the commission. He has the power to arrest persons who trespass or commit offenses thereon. He has, and may exercise, the powers of a police officer upon the property described in the application for the commission and may exercise these powers in any county or city of the State in connection with the care, custody, and protection of other property of the requesting authority or other property, real or personal, for which it has assumed an obligation to maintain or protect. In order to facilitate the orderly ingress and egress of traffic to and from the property described in the application, he has authority to direct and control traffic on public highways and roads adjacent to and in the immediate vicinity of the property described in the application when this activity is approved in advance by the [Superintendent] SECRETARY of the [Maryland] State Police; however, only a special policeman with a probationary or permanent appointment as a security officer or a member of any industrial police force who holds a special police commission, and has completed the basic training course for police officers as established by the Police Training Commission, pursuant to § 4-201 of this article may make arrests or issue traffic citations for violations of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law or any other State or local traffic laws or regulations. He may exercise this power only upon the property of his employer as described in the application for the commission unless he is in active pursuit of an individual for the purpose of immediate apprehension. He is responsible for any abuse of his powers or the exercise of them on property not within his jurisdiction. The requesting authority for whose convenience and protection the policeman has been appointed is also responsible for any wrongful actions committed by him in the course of his duties as well as any abuse of the powers granted by the Commission either on or off the premises.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

This section is amended to reflect the status of the head of the Department of State Police as the Secretary of a principal department of State government in light of Chs. 165 and 166, Acts of 1994 and to delete surplus language.

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(a) Every special policeman shall wear a distinctive police badge which shall carry proper identification identifying him as a special policeman and be in plain view to all who come in contact with him. The policeman shall also wear a uniform which shall be distinguishable from ordinary civilian clothing and give some notice of his designation as a law-enforcement official. The uniform and badge and identification shall be subject to the acceptance or refusal by the DEPARTMENT OF State Police. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a special policeman when on detective duty.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

Subsection (a) of this section is amended to reflect the establishment of the Department of State Police as a principal department of State government by Chs. 165 and 166, Acts of 1994.