

(3) Shall pay over to the County Treasurer for the use of the county all money removed from contraband, all proceeds of such sales and all lost, abandoned, unclaimed, forfeited or stolen money remaining in the possession of his office for a period of [six (6)] 6 months without a lawful claimant.

I. The County Commissioners of Charles County shall equip and arm the office of Sheriff. The Commissioners are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase equipment, including motor vehicles, motorcycles, with or without sidecars, and radio receiving and sending apparatus, both for stationary use and for use in and about motor vehicles, in such number, together with such other police equipment as, in the judgment of the Commissioners, may seem advisable for the use of the Sheriff, and the Commissioners may from time to time sell, trade or otherwise dispose of motor vehicles or motorcycles or radio or other equipment and purchase new vehicles and equipment. All equipment, automobiles or motorcycles purchased under this subsection shall be and remain the property of Charles County and shall be returned by the members of the Sheriff's office to whom the equipment may be issued upon separation, for any cause, from the office, and the Commissioners shall provide for the maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and equipment and for the operation of motor vehicles and equipment, including gasoline, oil, tires, batteries and accessories for the same. NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABOVE, ANY AND ALL VEHICLES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF SHALL BE DEEMED FOR ALL PURPOSES THE PROPERTY OF THE SHERIFF WHILE SO ASSIGNED AND SHALL BE REGISTERED AND LICENSED IN THE NAME OF THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF UNTIL RETIRED FROM SERVICE AND TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

J. The Sheriff shall carry and serve all legal papers issued by the [Trial Magistrate of Charles County] COURTS. The Sheriff is empowered to appoint special officers to [aid in the policing of amusement places and dance halls, but these special officers shall have no authority other than on the premises to which they are specifically assigned] SERVE LEGAL PAPERS. The Board of Public Safety, subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners, shall determine the number of special officers from time to time.

K. (1) The Board of County Commissioners shall provide a merit or classified service system to which all of the members of the Sheriff's office, except the Sheriff, shall be subject.

(2) The Board of County Commissioners shall adopt and promulgate and from time to time may amend and modify rules and regulations concerning standards and qualifications for each position within the classified system, minimum and maximum salary schedules, the employment examination and qualification of prospective members, hours of employment, holidays, sick leave and vacation allowance, and the County Commissioners shall make suitable provision for competitive examinations and for notice of vacancies in the classified service.

(3) The rules and regulations also shall make provision for emergency appointments for a period not to exceed [four (4)] 4 months when an emergency arises which does not permit compliance with the usual and ordinary provisions of the classified service.