

Section 53(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 87 – Sheriffs

49.

Members of fire companies to be designated as hereinafter provided, whether the companies to which they belong are volunteer or paid, incorporated or unincorporated, shall be authorized to be appointed deputy sheriffs by the sheriffs of the several counties to have and exercise the powers of such deputies at fires and on the way to and from fires.

50.

Three members of every such fire company as is described in § 49 may be designated by the captain, chief or other commanding officer of the fire company to which they belong to be appointed deputy sheriffs of the several counties, respectively, to have and exercise the powers of such deputies at fires and on the way to and from fires; and the said captain, chief or other commanding officer may designate himself as one of the three members to be so appointed.

51.

(a) It shall be the duty of the sheriffs of the several counties to appoint three members of each fire company who shall be designated as provided in § 50 of this article, deputy sheriffs, upon request of said members accompanied by a written certificate of designation signed by the captain, chief or other commanding officer of the fire company to which they belong, to have and exercise the powers of such deputies within the counties for which they are appointed at fires and on the way to and from fires; and when so appointed, the said members of fire companies shall have the aforesaid powers; provided, that the power conferred upon any such member of a fire company shall cease if such member ceases to be a member of the fire company for which he was appointed; and provided further, that any member of a fire company appointed a deputy sheriff under the provisions of this subtitle may be removed from such office by the sheriff at any time for just cause.

(b) In Washington County, the powers of the deputy sheriffs appointed under this section are those necessary to perform their duties when acting as deputies going to, functioning at, or coming from:

- (1) Fires;
- (2) Accidents;
- (3) Floods;
- (4) Other emergencies; or
- (5) Other functions conducted by a volunteer fire company.