

(2) When the State Fire Marshal or a full-time investigative and inspection assistant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal participates in a joint investigation with officials from another State, federal, or local law enforcement unit, the State Fire Marshal or a full-time investigative and inspection assistant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal shall give the notice required under paragraph (1) of this subsection reasonably in advance.

(e) A State Fire Marshal or a full-time investigative and inspection assistant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal who acts under the authority granted by this section:

(1) has the same immunities from liability and exemptions as a State Police officer in addition to any other immunities and exemptions to which the State Fire Marshal or full-time investigative and inspection assistant is otherwise entitled; and

(2) remains at all times and for all purposes an employee of the employing unit.

(f) (1) This section does not impair a right of arrest otherwise existing under the Code.

(2) This section does not deprive a person of the right to receive a citation for a traffic violation as provided in the Maryland Vehicle Law or a criminal violation as provided by law or the Maryland Rules.

2-208.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(1) IS ASSIGNED TO THE FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATIONS SECTION OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE; AND

(2) (I) HAS THE RANK OF A FIRE RESCUE LIEUTENANT OR HIGHER;
AND

(II) HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN APPROVED A TRAINING PROGRAM FROM A POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL AS DEFINED IN § 2-201(A) APPROVED BY THE POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATOR HAS THE SAME AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL OR A FULL-TIME INVESTIGATIVE AND INSPECTION ASSISTANT OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL UNDER § 2-208 OF THIS SUBTITLE:

(1) WHILE OPERATING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY; AND

(2) WHILE OPERATING OUTSIDE MONTGOMERY COUNTY WHEN: