

(2) The sheriff of a county subject to this section may remove a member appointed as deputy sheriff at any time for just cause.

(3) If a member appointed as deputy sheriff dies, resigns, is dismissed, refuses to serve, or is unable to serve, the commanding officer may designate another member of the fire company to be appointed as deputy sheriff.

(4) (i) Except in Caroline County, if the commanding officer designates another member of the fire company to be appointed as deputy sheriff, the sheriff of the county shall appoint that member as deputy sheriff, subject to subsections (d) and (e) of this section.

(ii) In Caroline County, the Sheriff of Caroline County may appoint the designated member as deputy sheriff.

(g) In Washington County, a member of a fire company appointed as deputy sheriff under this section is deemed an appointed official and shall be treated as an appointed official for purposes of Titles 22 and 23 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

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(a) (1) This section applies only to Allegany County, Carroll County, Cecil County, **DORCHESTER COUNTY**, Frederick County, Harford County, Kent County, Somerset County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County.

(2) Except as modified by this section, the provisions of § 7-302 of this subtitle apply to this section.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the commanding officer may designate 12 members of a fire company to be appointed as deputy sheriffs.

(2) In Cecil County, the commanding officer may designate 20 members of a fire company to be appointed as deputy sheriffs.

(c) (1) The sheriff of a county subject to this section may require a member of a fire company appointed as deputy sheriff to demonstrate a satisfactory level of training in those areas of law enforcement commensurate with the duties of deputy sheriff described in this section.

(2) If the sheriff requires demonstration of a satisfactory level of training, then the sheriff must provide the training, at a time and place that the sheriff considers suitable.