

(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.

2-208.5.

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

(1) IS ASSIGNED FULL TIME TO THE FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATIONS SECTION OF THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE AND IS A PAID EMPLOYEE;

(2) ~~HAS ATTAINED THE POSITION OF DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL OR HIGHER; AND~~ BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A FIREFIGHTER FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS;

(3) HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A TRAINING PROGRAM FROM A POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL APPROVED BY THE POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE; AND

(4) AT ALL TIMES MAINTAINS ACTIVE CERTIFICATION BY THE POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATOR HAS THE SAME AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL OR A FULL-TIME INVESTIGATIVE AND INSPECTION