

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Chapter No. _____ 75

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Estepp

Introduced by _____ Council Member Estepp

Co-Sponsors

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BILL

AN ACT concerning

County Police Department

For the purpose of revising the provisions of the County Code pertaining to the Prince George's County Police Department.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 18. POLICE.

Sections 18-134, 18-136, 18-138, 18-139,
18-140, 18-142, 18-143, 18-144, 18-145,
18-146, 18-147, 18-154, 18-156, 18-158,
18-160, 18-163, 18-167, 18-183, 18-184, and 18-186

The Prince George's County Code
(1995 Edition, 1996 Supplement).

BY repealing:

SUBTITLE 18. POLICE.

Sections 18-141, 18-148, 18-149, 18-152,
18-153, 18-155, 18-157, 18-159, 18-175, 18-176, 18-177,
18-178, 18-180, 18-181, and 18-185.

The Prince George's County Code
(1995 Edition, 1996 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,

Maryland, that Sections 18-134, 18-136 through 18-140, 18-142, 18-143 through 18-146, 18-147, 18-154, 18-156, 18-158, 18-160, 18-163, 18-167, 18-183, 18-184 and 18-186 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 18. POLICE.

DIVISION 5. POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Subdivision 1. Organization and Administration.

Sec. 18-134. Purpose of Division.

This Division [consists of the rules and regulations adopted by the County for the government] provides for the operation of the County Police Department. [The contents of this Division are not intended as a text, but shall serve as a guide for the conduct, discipline and deportment of the members of the Police Department.]

Sec. 18-136. Composition of [Force]Department.

The Police Department [or Force] shall [consist of] be headed by a Chief of Police who shall [hold the title and rank of major of police, and such number of lieutenants, sergeants, corporals and privates as the County Executive sees fit to appoint from time to time.] be responsible for all law enforcement in the County, except where otherwise specified by State law, the County Charter or any municipal charter. The Police Department shall consist of such sworn and non-sworn personnel as are provided in the approved Classification Plan and the approved Annual Budget.

Sec. 18-138. Training of police[men] officers.

Each sworn police officer member of the Police [Force] Department shall receive training at [such time and place as] a police training school approved and authorized by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission and as required by the County Executive and Chief of Police, prior to routine assignment in any capacity in which the officer may carry a gun or make an arrest [may be designated by the County Executive. The ability or lack of ability to profit by such training shall be a determining factor in the retention or rejection of a probationer.]

Sec. 18-139. Compensation of police[men] officers.

(a) The Police Department shall be the primary law enforcement agency for the County.

(b) The Chief of Police[, lieutenants, sergeants, corporals, privates and probationary] and sworn police officers of the Police Department shall receive such salaries and allowances as [may from time to time be] authorized by [law] the approved Classification Plan(s) and Salary Plan(s) .

[(b) The Council is authorized to pay the actual expense for the maintenance and upkeep of an automobile used by the Chief of Police and to pay the actual expense for the maintenance and upkeep of each automobile used by the lieutenants, sergeants, corporals and privates of the Police Force.]

Sec. 18-140. Bond and oath required.

(a) [The members of the Police Force shall each give bond to the State in the penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties. The bond shall be approved by the County Executive and recorded in the office of the Circuit Court for the (b) Upon the filing of his bond, e]Each police officer shall take[n] an oath before any person duly qualified to administer the oath that [he] the officer will well and faithfully perform the duties imposed [in him] on the officer by law.

[(c)](b) Each [member] police officer, immediately upon [filing his bond and] taking the oath prescribed shall report to the Chief of Police and thereafter shall at all times be under [his] the Chief's supervision and orders.

Sec. 18-142. Police[men] officers; powers and duties.

(a) The Chief of Police is the commanding officer and administrative head of the Police Department. By virtue of authority vested in him, he shall issue from time to time orders setting forth the authority, responsibility and duties of the various ranks and positions established within the Department.

(b) Members of the Department shall exercise full police authority on all land, water and air within the territorial limits of the County[.,].

(c) [except that w]While under suspension, as directed, sworn police officer employees

of the Department shall not wear the uniform, shall be deprived of all police powers and privileges, and shall not be permitted to represent themselves as [members] employees of the Department.

Sec. 18-143. Departmental administration and discipline.

[By virtue of the authority vested in t] The Chief of Police[, the] shall establish written rules and regulations [set out in this Division are established] for the administration and discipline of the members of the Police Department. The Chief of Police shall promulgate a General Order Manual containing such rules and regulations. The Chief of Police shall maintain a copy of the General Order Manual and all current amendments thereto. [The Chief of Police reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal any of the rules and regulations or to make additional rules and regulations from time to time as circumstances may require; and, as the occasion demands, to issue orders which shall have the same force and effect as rules and regulations, subject only to the approval of the Council.]

Sec. 18-144. Assignment of employees; transfers.

(a) The Chief of Police shall create and maintain such bureaus and divisions as are necessary for the proper functioning of the Police Department subject to approval by the County Executive. He shall assign by order competent police and civilian employees of any rank or classification which he deems proper to command and administer these bureaus and divisions.

(b) The Chief of Police shall assign commissioned officers, non- commissioned officers and officers to such duties as he deems proper for the efficient functioning of the Department, unless such assignments are otherwise established in accordance with law.

(c) All employees of the Department shall be subject to transfer from one [(1)] area to another or from one [(1)] bureau or division of the Department to another, at the direction of the Chief of Police, unless such direction is otherwise limited in accordance with law..

Sec. 18-145. Uniforms and equipment.

The Chief of Police shall establish regulations in accordance with other legal requirements concerning the wearing and use of [U] uniforms and equipment intended for use

of the members of the Police Department [Force shall not be issued to or used by civilian employees. To wear or use such equipment by a civilian employee is a violation of this Code unless authorized by the Chief of Police.] Uniforms and equipment intended for use by members of the Police Department [Force] shall conform to established specifications and standards.

Sec. 18-146. Civilian employees; powers and duties.

Civilian employees of the Police Department shall include all employees that have not been sworn in as peace officers of the County[, such as station clerks and all other civilian clerks] in all bureaus and divisions. The conduct of these employees shall be governed by the rules and regulations adopted for the administration and discipline of the Department and Subtitle 16 of the Code [they shall receive disciplinary action for any violation]. They will not possess police powers and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them from time to time.

Subdivision 2. Rules of Conduct for Police[m]en officers.

Sec. 18-147. Rules of conduct; violation; responsibility.

(a) In setting forth the rules of conduct for police[m]en officers it is to be understood that it is not feasible to enumerate all offenses for which the Chief of Police may take disciplinary action.

(b) Any violation of such rules and regulations, or other orders, either written or verbal, shall be sufficient cause for the Chief of Police to take disciplinary action after an investigation, if deemed necessary, of the circumstances has been made. [The Chief of Police shall sit as a Trial Board and take such action as he deems necessary in each case. Any member of the Department, desiring to do so, may appeal the decision of the Trial Board to the Merit Board, in writing, within five (5) days.] All disciplinary action concerning a non-probationary sworn police officer shall be taken in accordance with the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights, Sections 727, et seq., Article 27, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(c) Every member of the Department shall be held responsible for the proper performance of his duties and for strict adherence on his part to the rules and regulations adopted from time to

time for the administration of the Police Department. [It shall not be deemed a valid excuse or justification for anything he may do contrary to such rules and regulations, or for anything he may omit doing, that he followed the suggestion or advice of any other person, whether connected with the Police Department or not, except an officer of superior rank who takes upon himself the responsibility of issuing direct and positive orders.]

Sec. 18-154. [Frequenting barrooms; p] Personal contacts with [questionable persons] criminal suspects.

(a) [No member of the Police Department shall be permitted to visit barrooms or known or suspected gambling establishments, while on duty, except in the line of duty.

(b)] All members of the Police Department shall refrain from making personal contacts with persons [of questionable character] who are engaged in unlawful activity or who are under investigation by a law enforcement agency when such contacts would present an appearance of impropriety, unless necessary to do so in the performance of their duty.

Sec. 18-156. Use of force [or violence].

[Every member of the Police Department shall refrain from using unnecessary force or violence and shall not strike a prisoner or any other person except in self-defense. Members shall be firm and resolute. If the officers are resisted, they may repel force with force and should only use such force as is necessary to take the prisoner into custody.] The use of reasonable physical force by sworn police officers is authorized in situations which cannot be otherwise controlled. The use of reasonable physical force is authorized when other reasonable alternatives have been exhausted or would clearly be ineffective under the particular circumstances. In no circumstance may the use of physical force be more than that which is necessary to achieve a lawful purpose. Officers are permitted to use deadly force only when the officer reasonably believes that the use of deadly force is necessary in the defense of human life, including the officer's own life, or in the defense of any person in immediate danger of serious physical injury.

Sec. 18-158. Public relations.

It shall be the duty of every member of the Police Department to promote good public relations by giving assistance when it is requested, by the impartial administration of the law, and

by clean, sober and orderly habits. Every member of the Police Department shall furnish his or her name and [badge] identification number to any person [properly entitled to] who requests this information[, upon their request].

Sec. 18-160. Violation of laws; false statement.

(a) No member of the Police Department shall intentionally violate any law of the United States, [the State, the County or the ordinance of any city or municipality within the State.] the District of Columbia, any state, the County, a county of any other state, or the ordinance of any city or municipality in any state.

(b) No member of the Police Department, under any circumstances, shall make any false official statement or intentional misrepresentation of facts.

(c) No member of the Police Department shall bring or attempt to bring improper influence to bear upon the Chief of Police, for the purpose of securing promotion or transfer or to avoid disciplinary action.

(d) No employee of the Police Department shall improperly interfere with the discipline of the Department.

Sec. 18-163. Periodic relief from duty.

(a) Sworn police officers [Members of the Police Department] are held to be always on duty, although periodically relieved from the routine performance thereof. They are subject at all times to orders from the proper authorities and to call by citizens. The fact that they may be off duty shall not be held as relieving them from the responsibility of taking proper police action in any matter coming to their attention requiring such action.

(b) While in the County, sworn police officers shall at all times, when apart from their own homes, be armed, unless the carrying of firearms is specifically prohibited, and carry their badge of authority."

Sec. 18-167. Sole occupation.

Members of the Police Department shall not [actually engage in any line of business other than the performance of their duties as County Police, nor shall they] in any way participate in any business which might interfere with proper and efficient performance of police duty.

Sec. 18-183. Use of firearms; regulations.

(a) [Members of the Police Department are sworn in as peace officers of the County and as such are considered to be on duty or ready for duty at all times. In view of this, all members of the Police Department will at all times, when apart from their own homes, be armed and carry their badge of authority.]

(b)] No member of the Police Department shall [use] discharge firearms on or off duty, except in the following cases:

(1) In self-defense or [when necessary to protect a brother officer or any citizen against a felonious assault, or when necessary to protect a prisoner] in the defense of another when no apparent alternative exists for protection from what appears to be a significant and immediate threat of death or serious physical injury.

(2) [To prevent the escape of a felon, particularly if the felon is known to the officer and his escape might result in his going unpunished for the offense.] To apprehend a fleeing person when no reasonable alternative for apprehension exists and the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a crime involving the infliction or threatened infliction of serious physical injury and poses an immediate and significant threat of serious physical injury to the officer or to others.

(3) To kill a dangerous animal or to kill an animal so badly injured that humanity requires its relief from further suffering.

[(4) To give an alarm or to call assistance when no other sufficient means can be used.

(5)](4) When used in practice on the range.

(5) Lawful game hunting.

[(c) Under no circumstances shall a member of the Police Department shoot at a person who is running away to avoid arrest on a misdemeanor charge.

(d)](b) Firearms shall be kept out of reach of the public and shall [not be left lying around the station] be secured in appropriate locked containers when not in the immediate possession or control of the sworn police officer. Riot equipment shall be kept under lock and key, in an inconspicuous place, and shall not be displayed to the general public.

Sec. 18-184. Uniforms and equipment; regulations.

(a) Sworn police officers [Members of the Police Department] are required at all times to be neat, clean and well-groomed. Uniform and civilian clothes shall be clean and pressed at all times. Shoes, leather equipment and brass shall be regularly polished and sidearms shall be clean and serviceable at all times.

(b) No member of the Police Department shall allow another member of the Department or any other person to use his badge or any other of his means of personal identification.

(c) Members when on duty shall appear in the prescribed uniform or appropriate authorized civilian attire at all times.

(d) Members when attending court or any function where they will represent the Department shall appear in full uniform or [dressed] business civilian attire [clothes, conservatively, with a coat and necktie].

(e) Any member of the Police Department under suspension, as necessary, shall turn in all County property and equipment[, real or tangible,] before leaving the station to which he is assigned.

(f) Uniformed members of the Police Department shall be held responsible for the uniform, motor vehicle or other equipment[, real or tangible,] issued to them, and where it is established that this equipment is lost or damaged through the officer's negligence, the officer concerned shall be obligated to replace it at his own expense. [Every member of the Police Department shall assume a personal responsibility for all County property issued to him or placed in service for his use or convenience.]

(g) Any member of the Police Department losing his badge or other equipment[, real or tangible,] issued to him shall report the facts at once, in writing, to the Chief of Police, through official channels.

(h) No decoration or insignia shall be worn by any member of the Police Department on the County police uniform, unless authorized by the Chief of Police, who will designate where, when and in what manner the insignia or decoration shall be worn.

[(i) Members of the Police Department shall not use any motor vehicles furnished them for

police duty for other than police duty, or for any purpose while off duty.]

Sec. 18-186. Reports and communications.

(a) All official business transacted by members of the Police Department shall be through official channels.

(b) Members of the police department shall refer to the Chief of Police all inquiries relating to official orders and shall refrain from discussing with the public any of the general policies of the Department. Information requested in all cases by the press, attorneys or relatives of injured persons shall be furnished, where a report is available, by the station clerk.

[(c) No member of the Police Department shall sign any petition as a member, except on authority of the Chief of Police.]

[d](c) Police telephone service is for official business only and shall not be used for personal calls.

[(e)](d) Members of the Police Department are required to report, in writing, through official channels, any change in their place of residence and telephone number within forty-eight (48) hours after such change.

[(f) All members of the Police Department shall be required to record, or have recorded on the appropriate log, their arrival or departure, nature of their business and destination.]

[(g)](e) Such reports as may be required to properly administer the affairs of the Police Department or furnish information shall be submitted as covered by orders.

[(h) Any member of the Police Department summoned to the State's Attorney's office or before any magistrate concerning any matter in which he or any other member of the Department may become a defendant, shall at once report the facts in detail to his immediate superior officer for transmission to the Chief of Police. Members of the Department shall not act officially without authority in any civil cases, except where such action will prevent a breach of the peace or to assist in quelling a disturbance.]

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 18-141, 18-148, 18-149, 18-152, 18-153, 18-155, 18-157, 18-

159, 18-175, 18-176, 18-177, 18-178, 18-180, 18-181, and 18-185 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby repealed:

SUBTITLE 18. POLICE.

DIVISION 5. POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Subdivision 1. Organization and Administration.

[Sec. 18-141. Compulsory retirement.

Any private, officer or member of the Police Force who reaches the age of sixty (60) years shall be automatically retired from the Force.]

[Sec. 18-148. Conduct unbecoming an officer.

(a) Conduct unbecoming a member of the Police Department or any civilian employee in such Department, is prohibited.

(b) All members of the Police Department shall be subject to the rules and regulations set out in this Subdivision.]

[Sec. 18-149. Influencing Chief of Police; interference.

(a) Any attempt to bring influence to bear upon the Chief of Police, for the purpose of securing promotion or transfer or to avoid penalties for reprehensible action or conduct, shall be considered equivalent to insubordination.

(b) No member of the Police Department shall interfere with the operation or discipline of the Department.]

[Sec. 18-152. Disobedience to lawful order; ranking officer.

(a) No member of the Police Department shall willfully disobey any lawful command or order, either verbal or written, of any officer senior in rank, but shall execute such order or command promptly. If any such order conflicts with any previous order, from any other superior officer, or with any general order or special order, or provisions of this Subdivision, the member receiving such order shall courteously so inform the superior officer of the conflict. If such officer does not change his order to avoid conflict, his order shall stand and the responsibility shall be his. The person obeying the order shall not be held responsible for disobedience of any

orders theretofore issued.

(b) Where two (2) or more officers, commissioned or noncommissioned officers, of the same rank are assigned to special detail, unless specific instructions have been issued to the contrary, the senior present shall be in command.]

[Sec. 18-153. Financial obligations.

All members of the Police Department shall fulfill their financial obligations.]

[Sec. 18-155. Decorum and courtesy.

(a) All members of the Police Department shall be quiet, civil and orderly at all times. They shall refrain from coarse, profane or insolent language.

(b) All members of the Police Department shall at all times, either on duty or off duty, conduct themselves in such a manner as will redound to the credit of the Department.

(c) Members of the Police Department shall meet the public with every decency, courtesy and consideration. Questions shall be answered civilly and courteously, at the same time avoiding unnecessary conversation. Members shall not use slang or facetious expressions while talking to the public.]

[Sec. 18-157 Criticism or ridicule by policemen.

No member of the Police Department shall directly or indirectly criticize or ridicule any official action of any member of the Department. No member shall criticize directly or indirectly the action or orders of any County official, judge or magistrate.]

[Sec. 18-159. Intoxicating liquors; diseases.

(a) All members of the Police Department are prohibited from indulgence in intoxicating liquors while on duty or in uniform, or from reporting for duty with the odor of alcohol on or about their bodies, or from the excessive indulgence of intoxicating liquors at any time. Only in cases requiring such action to carry out a duty assignment shall authority be granted to violate this rule. This authority shall be given to the officer concerned, in writing, by the Chief of Police.

(b) No member of the Police Department shall bring any intoxicating liquor to any building or quarters officially occupied by the police, except as evidence in current cases.

(c) Any member of the Police Department contracting a social disease shall report that fact

immediately to his immediate superior officer. His superior shall in turn notify the Health Department. Any member of the Department knowing another member to have failed to report this disease shall make a report of the existing menace to the commanding officer.]

[Sec. 18-175. Attention to suspicious persons; suspicious premises.

(a) Members of the Police Department shall give persons of known bad character such attention as will make it apparent to such persons that they are under observation and shall inform the station commander of the names and addresses if the circumstances are of a suspicious nature.

(b) Members of the Police Department shall obtain information concerning any houses in their patrol area in which they suspect violations of the law exist and take the necessary police action or report the facts to their commanding officer.]

[Sec. 18-176. Observance of condition of thoroughfares.

Members of the Police Department shall be vigilant in observing the condition of the public thoroughfares and shall promptly report any defects in or obstructions on any street, road, sidewalk, parking or other public space. They shall, if necessary, take prompt action in barricading the street during the day and in placing lights thereon at night.]

[Sec. 18-177. Report of fire; duties.

When a member of the Police Department discovers a fire he shall communicate directly with his station or with the nearest fire department and shall direct or cause to be directed the firemen to the scene of the fire. He shall arouse any persons who may be sleeping in or upon the endangered premises, make inspection of the same, so far as practicable, for evidence of incendiarism. He shall prevent interference with the firemen by onlookers or traffic and make a report at his station of all facts and circumstances in connection with the case, giving, if possible, the exact time of his discovery of the fire.]

[Sec. 18-178. Observance of unusual conditions; crowds.

Members of the Police Department shall, while on their tour of duty, be vigilant in observing unusual occurrences or circumstances, and shall take such action as is deemed necessary to insure the safety and well being of the general public. In the event any of these occurrences or

circumstances attract a large crowd of citizens the officers on the scene shall notify their immediate superior, who will immediately proceed to the scene of such occurrence and shall take command of the force and direct its efforts in the work at hand.]

[Sec. 18-180. Storage of equipment.

Members of the Police Department shall not allow the storage of personal equipment to interfere with the storage of departmental equipment.]

[Sec. 18-181. Record of infractions of departmental rules.

Infraction of the departmental rules and regulations, resulting in punishment or reprimand, shall be recorded as provided in the established procedures of the Department.]

[Sec. 18-185. Police uniform; wearing regulations.

(a) The following regulations shall govern, in every instance, the wearing of the County Police uniform.

(1) **Blouse.** Only the regulation blouse shall be worn.

(2) **Breast Badge.** The breast badge shall be worn with the pin entering the left pocket on the summer shirt at the top flap line, down through the button hole and fastened in this manner. When this badge is worn on the blouse, it shall be centered on the left pocket with the top one-fourth (1/4) inch below the point of the flap.

(3) **Campaign Ribbons.** Campaign ribbons shall be worn one-half (1/2) inch above the pistol qualification medal, when authorized by the Chief of Police.

(4) **Cap.** The grommet on the cap shall be removed and the cap shall be worn straight, in a level position on the head. The badge shall be worn in the metal holder provided.

(5) **Collar Ornaments.** Collar ornaments shall not be placed on the shirt when blouse is worn.

(A) When worn on the shirt collar by commissioned personnel, the ornaments, bearing the state seal, shall be placed on the left and right collar one-half (1/2) inch back of the collar opening, one-half (1/2) inch below the collar top and parallel with the front collar edge.

(B) Other members of the Department shall wear collar ornaments on both sides, two (2) inches back of the collar opening and one-half (1/2) inch below the collar top, in a

straight line parallel to the collar top.

(C) Commissioned personnel shall wear collar ornaments in a vertical position on the collar of the blouse, just above the lapels.

(D) When wearing the blouse, remaining members of the Department shall wear their ornaments on the lapel beginning at the inside of the edge at the point in a horizontal position.

(6) **County Police Triangle Emblem.** The County Police triangle emblem is to be installed on the shirt, blouse or reefer, with the top two (2) points touching the shoulder seam on the left shoulder.

(7) **First Aid Emblem.** The first aid emblem shall be worn on the right arm of the blouse and reefer, one (1) inch above the sleeve braid, when authorized.

(8) **Gun Belt.** The Sam Brown beltless shoulder strap shall be worn directly over waist belt and shall fit snugly, in all instances where a shirt is worn.

(9) **Handcuffs.** When worn, handcuffs shall be placed on the gun belt on the left hand side under the left arm when held in a down position.

(10) **Holsters.** Regulation open-type holsters shall be worn, except in cases where special permission is granted.

(11) **Insignia of Rank.** Commissioned officer's designation shall be worn on each shoulder of the blouse, reefer and shirt, centered at the cross point of the seams.

(A) One-half (1/2) inch gold braid shall be worn on both sleeves, the stripe starting three (3) inches from the bottom of the sleeve.

(B) Chevrons shall be installed on both arms, centered, and five and one-half (5 1/2) inches from the top of the sleeve at the shoulder.

Ranks below commissioned personnel shall wear the regulation gray sleeve strip which shall start three (3) inches from the bottom of the sleeve.

(12) **Necktie.** Only black regulation neckties shall be worn.

(13) **Pistol Qualification Medal.** The pistol qualification medal shall be worn only when authorized. When worn on the shirt, the bottom of the medal shall be one-half (1/2) inch

above the breast badge, centered over it. The medal, when worn on the blouse, shall be worn with the pin following the line of the left pocket flap at the flap, and centered over the button of this flap.

(14) **Raincoats.** Only black regulation issue raincoats shall be worn.

(15) **Reefer.** Only the regulation reefer shall be worn, subject to change.

(16) **Service Bars.** Service bars shall be worn starting one (1) inch above the braid on the left sleeve, each bar to denote three (3) years of service. These shall not be worn by commissioned personnel.

(17) **Shirt.** Only the regulation gray shirts shall be worn.

(18) **Shoes.** Only black leather, plain toe, low-quarter type shoes shall be worn.

(19) **Shoulder Strap.** The shoulder strap shall be worn with the blouse and reefer and shall be placed as follows:

(A) All personnel shall wear it over the left shoulder attached to Sam Brown belt.

(20) **Socks.** Only black regulation socks shall be worn.

(21) **Trousers.** Only regulation gray trousers, with one (1) inch black on the outer seam shall be worn.

(22) **Whistle And Chain.** The whistle and chain, when worn, shall be secured to the uniform by fastening one (1) end under the button of the right shoulder strap, the whistle being fastened to the button under the right top pocket flap or in any other fashion approved by the Chief of Police. Only black whistles and the regulation chain will be worn. These will not be worn by commissioned personnel.]

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Legislative Officer is authorized to reorder and renumber Subtitle 18, Division 5 prior to codification to account for deleted sections.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act and Subtitle 18, Division 5, shall supercede any provisions of the General Order Manual that are in conflict with such provisions.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)

calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 25th day of November, 1997.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Dorothy F. Bailey
Chair

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY:

Wayne K. Curry
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.