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(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Approved police training school" [shall mean] MEANS a school approved and authorized by the Police Training Commission to offer police training and security training programs as prescribed in this section.

(2) "Commission" [shall mean] MEANS the Police Training Commission or officers or employees thereof acting on its behalf.

(3) "County" [shall mean] MEANS any county which within its jurisdiction has or [shall] WILL have a law-enforcement unit as defined in this section.

(4) "Law-enforcement unit" [shall mean] MEANS any governmental police force, security force or law-enforcement organization of the State, county, or municipality which has by statute or ordinance, the responsibility of detecting crime [and/or] OR enforcing the general criminal laws of this State.

(5) "Municipality" [shall mean] MEANS any incorporated city of any class which, within its jurisdiction has or [shall] WILL have a law-enforcement unit as defined in this section.

(6) "Permanent appointment" [shall mean] MEANS any appointment having permanent status as a police officer or security officer in a law-enforcement unit as prescribed by the Annotated Code of Maryland, local public laws, or of any other law of this State, municipal ordinance, or rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

(7) "Police official" [shall mean] MEANS a full-time police officer employed by a governmental agency having administrative responsibility.

(8) "Police Officer" [shall mean] MEANS a members of a police force, sheriff's office, or other law-enforcement organization of State, county or municipal government who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the laws of the State as defined in § 70A (a) (4) of this act, but [shall] DOES not include any person serving as such solely by virtue of his occupying any other office or position, nor [shall such] DOES THE term include a sheriff, Superintendent of State Police, commissioner of police, deputy or assistant commissioner of police, chief of police, deputy or assistant chief of police, or any person having an equivalent title who is appointed or employed by a government to exercise equivalent