

The new body will be called the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice. It will be composed of professionals working day to day in the field of its activities and of laymen with a demonstrated knowledge and interest in law enforcement and criminal justice.

The 12-member commission will be headed by the Governor's staff member who coordinates law enforcement and public safety programs.

Edward J. McCabe, a former FBI official and presently Deputy Police Commissioner in New York City, will become the Governor's Program Executive for Public Safety on July 10. He succeeds Robert J. Lally, the new Superintendent of State Police. Lally organized the commission and will serve as one of its members in an advisory role.

The commission will be charged with five specific functions:

1. Evaluating recommendations of the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice, appraising the needs of the State's criminal systems and putting into effect those proposals of the President's commission that the State unit finds to be worthwhile for Maryland.
2. Collaborating with city and other local crime commissions to prevent duplication and overlapping.
3. Gathering and analyzing facts relating to: statistics about crime and the caseloads of the criminal justice system, the programs and procedures being used in the State and those that have proved successful elsewhere, social conditions that appear to be linked with crime, and potentially helpful individuals and organizations within the community.
4. Studying and making recommendations as to how the police, the courts and the correctional systems can improve their organizations and their operations, and develop programs to meet new needs.
5. Collaborating with legislative bodies, committees and commissions to appraise the need for legislative change in criminal procedures and laws.

Serving with McCabe as members of the commission will be:

William W. Greenhalgh, professor of law at Georgetown University, president pro-tem of the Montgomery County Council and chairman of the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Commission of Montgomery County.