

tance to innocent victims of crime. The Board consists of three members appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, with the approval of the Governor and the advice and consent of the Senate, for five-year terms (Chapter 518, Acts of 1982). No more than two members may belong to the same political party. One member must have been admitted to the practice of law in Maryland for not less than five years prior to appointment. The Governor designates the chairperson. The Board appoints the executive director through the State Merit System.

The Board was established to fulfill the legislature's intent that aid, care, and support be provided by the State, as a matter of moral responsibility, for innocent persons suffering physical injury or death as a result of criminal acts or in their efforts to prevent crime or apprehend persons committing or attempting to commit crimes as provided in the Act. The Board maintains an office and staff to hear claims for awards filed with it (Code 1957, Art. 26A).

FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION AND FIRE MARSHAL

FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

Chairperson: Leslie B. Thompson, 1987

Vice-Chairperson: Merhl D. Remsberg, 1984

Julius E. LeBrell, 1983; Daniel B. Smith, Sr., 1983; Kenneth M. Prinkey, 1984; C. Oscar Baker, 1985; Earl W. Smith, 1986.

FIRE MARSHAL

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The Fire Prevention Commission was established by Chapter 46, Acts of 1964, to replace the position of ex officio Fire Marshal held by the Insurance Commissioner by Chapter 521, Acts of 1916. The Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with the approval of the Governor for five-year terms. Of the members, one must be a paid fire company member, three must be members of volunteer fire companies, two must be representatives of industry, one must be an architect or engineer, one must be a build-

ing contractor, and one must represent the general public. One member must represent Western Maryland, one Central Maryland, one Southern Maryland, one the Washington Metropolitan area, one the Eastern Shore, and four the State at large. The Commission promulgates regulations for the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion. It also serves as a board of appeals for matters connected with the enforcement of the Fire Code and interpretation of conflicts with local codes.

Appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the State Fire Marshal enforces all laws of the State dealing with prevention of fires; electrical safety; storage, sale, and use of explosives, combustibles, and other dangerous articles in solid, liquid, or gas form. He also enforces all State laws on installation and maintenance of equipment of all sorts intended for fire control, detection, and extinguishment; means and adequacy of exits in case of fire for buildings except from private dwellings; and suppression of arson (Code 1957, Art. 38A).

HANDGUN PERMIT REVIEW BOARD

Chairperson: Donald A. Westcott, 1984

Elmer E. Horsey, 1983; H. Theodore Frantum, Jr., 1984; Rev. Mervin C. Gray, 1984; Oscar T. Jobe, 1985.

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The Handgun Permit Review Board was created by Chapter 13, Acts of 1972, as emergency legislation dealing with the wearing, carrying, or transporting of handguns. The law became effective on March 27, 1972. The Board is composed of five members appointed from the general public by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for three-year terms. Members are eligible for reappointment.

Any person whose application for a permit or renewal of a permit has been rejected or whose permit has been revoked or limited may request the Board to review the decision of the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. The Board has the power to either sustain, reverse, or modify the decision of the Superintendent upon a review of the record, or conduct a hearing within ninety days after receipt of the request (Code 1957, Art. 27, sec. 36E).

INMATE GRIEVANCE COMMISSION

Chairperson: Anthony W. Robinson, 1983