

commend to the General Assembly next February that an additional 40 men be authorized for next year. I expect, also, to ask the Legislature to approve the purchase of a helicopter on a matching-fund basis, with the State Police, the Civil Defense Agency and the federal government participating in the cost. This piece of emergency equipment will be available to the State Police for such daily uses as traffic observation and control, as well as for searches and rescue work. It will also serve the Civil Defense Agency in the event of an emergency.

During the past year, legislation has been enacted and funds provided for the inauguration of the use of mechanical means by the police for the determination of the degree of intoxication of operators of motor vehicles suspected of driving while under the influence of alcohol. The use of this equipment should prove to be an important aid to our State Police in dealing with one of the major problems of traffic law enforcement.

On the criminal side of your job, I am pleased to learn that already the polygraph, or lie detector, the use of which was initiated by your organization only a few months ago, has exceeded in value our expectations. In the use of these mechanical aids, I am impressed with the fact that they help not only to convict the guilty, but they also play an invaluable part in the protection of the innocent.

New police facilities which are planned for Route 40 in the northeast area and on Route 140 near Westminster should provide better enforcement in those areas.

I am well aware that effective law enforcement is impossible unless our police are provided with the means of enforcement. Our enforcement agencies must have adequate personnel, adequate equipment and adequate facilities. I feel that the Maryland State Police is making substantial strides in that direction.

You young men who are graduating here today have become a part of one of the most outstanding state police organizations in the country. In Colonel Jarman, with his staff and subordinates, you have the very finest of police leadership. You will not fail in your task if you follow that leadership