

and in specialized courses. In addition to this, the Department has conducted seminars on various phases of police work in Salisbury, in Cumberland and in Frederick. Colonel Jarman and the entire Department are to be highly commended for this action. They have recognized the joint responsibility of all police agencies for an adequate enforcement of the laws in our State. And while their prime interest is to refine the skills and enhance the capabilities of the members of their own Department, they have realized that they can do a better job for themselves if the personnel of the agencies with which they cooperate also are well trained.

As Governor, I am proud to see this Department of our State government take the lead in this movement to upgrade the qualifications of policemen throughout Maryland. It is a movement which I hope to see spread and grow.

You who are graduating here today have met this first test of your ability to serve as police officers with the Maryland State Police. I hope that each of you will consider that the training you have received in this Academy, as good as it has been, is only a beginning, and that you will need to continue your studies throughout your careers.

The diplomas being awarded you here today signify that those who have trained you—and they are among the best in the field—are confident that you have the courage, the will, the intelligence and the high character that is required of good policemen. I am sure that your performance in the weeks, months and years ahead will support the judgment that has been passed upon you by your instructors in this police academy. I am confident that by your deeds you will bring honor to an organization which has proved itself worthy of great honor through four decades of distinguished service to the State of Maryland.