

heaviest responsibilities. It is also aware that it offers one of the greater opportunities to the State to contribute to the social and economic well-being of its citizens. We realize that to do an effective job in traffic safety, the State must bring to bear in a concerted manner all of the available resources. Our objective, of course, is to reduce traffic losses in Maryland to an absolute minimum, consistent with the efficient and economical use of the street and highway transportation system. To achieve the maximum effect a traffic safety program must, as I have said, include all levels of government—local, state and national.

Public officials have the responsibility for developing and executing an effective official traffic safety program. But we cannot do this job alone. We cannot do the job effectively without citizen understanding and citizen support. We are in a large measure dependent upon the active participation of citizen groups such as this Safety First Club of Maryland.

Many departments and agencies of government are participating in Maryland's effort to reduce the heavy toll in highway accidents—the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission, the Maryland State Police, the State Department of Education, the traffic courts, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the State Roads Commission and others. I urge you, then, as enlightened citizens with keen sense of public responsibility, to continue your support of these agencies. Ours is a task that requires the unyielding and untiring effort of every citizen. I know that I can rely upon all of you here to help in this great cause.

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It is a genuine pleasure to me as the Governor of Maryland to greet all of you who are attending this 43rd annual convention of the Eastern Conference of Motor Vehicle Administrators. You have honored me by asking me to join with you this evening in these festivities.

I know I speak for Commissioner Jewell, his staff and all the employees of the Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles when I say that our State considers it a rare privilege to act as your host at