

ADDRESS, NORTHEASTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE  
RETRAINING CONFERENCE

BALTIMORE

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Major Puncke, Colonel J. Arman, Commissioner Schmidt, distinguished delegates attending this Conference, ladies and gentlemen:

The State of Maryland is pleased and honored to have as its guests you who have come here to take part in this Northeastern Regional Graduate Retraining Conference which is being conducted by the Traffic Institute of Northwestern University and the graduates of that Institute who are now connected with police departments in Maryland. It is gratifying to us in Maryland to know that we have among us here during these three days men with the experience, the knowledge and the zeal to help find a solution to the nationwide problem of traffic accidents. May I, as Governor and on behalf of all Marylanders, extend a warm welcome to those of you who have come here from other states to attend this Conference. We hope your visit with us will be both pleasurable and beneficial. I should like to welcome, too, the distinguished representatives of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute who are with us, Mr. Hudson Hamm, of the Institute's Division of Field Service, and Mr. Paul Dixon, who maintains contact with the Institute's graduates who are serving as law enforcement officers in most of the communities of this country.

We here in Maryland are very sharply conscious of our indebtedness to Northwestern's Traffic Institute. Our State Police, the police of Baltimore City and many other local police departments of our State number among their forces men who have undergone the training in this renowned institution and are now back here putting into practice the valuable lessons they have learned about traffic and traffic control. We have borrowed from your brains, your experience, your research, and we want the Institute to know that we feel a deep sense of obligation to it for its assistance in our efforts to reduce traffic accidents and their costly toll in lives, injuries and the destruction of property.

As the Governor of this State, I am distressed by the knowledge that we have been able to do so little to correct this condition and provide a greater measure of safety to those who travel on our highways. It is most disturbing to me to observe a mounting toll in accident fatalities even as we go about adopting approved and carefully-studied measures to reduce the rate of traffic accidents. The knowledge that others about