

titude of interrelated programs and policies. Highway safety is contingent upon concrete improvement in a broad spectrum of variables including more stringent legislation, innovations in safety engineering of motor vehicles as well as roads, persistent enforcement, harsher penalties and prompt justice. The escalating crime rate will not be checked, much less reduced, until critical problems affecting the State's systems of correction, probation and parole, and the administration of criminal justice are resolved. Constant study to develop more efficient and effective procedures, and to give impetus to new legislation is imperative.

While the basic functions of the State Police will remain constant, the residential and industrial development throughout Maryland and the overwhelmingly increased use of the State's traffic arteries will demand greater involvement of the State Police in all facets of public safety. Much of the status and success of the State Police can be directly attributed to the competent administration and leadership of Colonel Carey Jarman, whose retirement I hope shall not indicate complete withdrawal but rather a well-deserved respite from daily routine and constant pressure, which will allow Colonel Jarman to continue in the advocacy of improved law enforcement measures in greatly diversified areas. The administrative responsibilities, shortly to be transferred, will be vested in an individual uniquely qualified to assume the command of the State Police. Mr. Robert Lally brings to this office a wealth of experience as a career law enforcement officer. A lawyer, a past FBI agent and field supervisor, Chief of the Baltimore County Police Force and most recently my program executive supervising and coordinating the efforts of the State's public safety agencies and departments, Mr. Lally has the extensive background and orientation to capitalize upon the unprecedented public support of the present and the promise of the future.

Almost immediately, necessary innovations long sought by Colonel Jarman will be implemented under the direction of Mr. Lally. A management revitalization program will provide intensified training for supervisory personnel which will be directed toward expediting the flow of communication both up and down the line of command within the Department of the State Police.

Virtually no time has been more propitious to enter the field of law enforcement than it is now when such a premium is placed upon talent, intelligence and imagination in career law enforcement officers. I have every confidence that this graduating class will continue and contribute to the fine tradition, the image and the reputation earned: