

Department or in the counties, investigate violent and suspicious deaths or deaths unattended by a physician. They must file a report of all deaths investigated with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The records of the Department are open for inspection to the family of the deceased and are acceptable in Court as evidence of the facts contained. The county pays the Deputy Medical Examiners for each death investigated. The State Comptroller pays the salaries of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Assistant Medical Examiners, and the Toxicologists, and the expenses of performing autopsies in the counties and the transportation of bodies incident thereto. All other expenses of the Department are paid by the City of Baltimore (Code 1957, Art. 22).

Appropriations	1961	1962
Special Funds .....	\$125,342	\$125,705
Staff: 33. Deputy Medical Examiners, Substitutes and Pathologists: 96.		

## State Roads and Motor Vehicles

### STATE ROADS COMMISSION

#### The Commission

Chairman: John B. Funk

Paul J. Bailey, 1964; Harley P. Brinsfield, 1964; William B. Owings, 1964; Lansdale G. Clagett, 1965; Thomas N. Kay, 1965; John J. McMullen, 1965.

John B. Funk, Director of Highways

Charles R. Pease, Secretary

Albert S. Gordon, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

David H. Fisher, Chief Engineer

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The State first took action to improve Maryland roads in 1898, when the General Assembly ordered the Maryland Geological Survey Commission to make a survey of State roads and write a report. In 1904 the first law authorizing State aid for road building put this program under the supervision of the Highway Division of the Survey Commission, which performed this function until the creation of the State Roads Commission by Chapter 141, Acts of 1908. The State Roads Commission now consists of seven members appointed by the Governor for terms of four years. The Chairman of the Commission, also known as the Director of Highways, is appointed from the State at large. One member is appointed from Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, or Worcester County; one from Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, or St. Mary's County; one from Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, or Washington County; one from Montgomery or Prince George's County; one from Baltimore, Harford, or Howard County; and one from the City of Baltimore. At least two of the members must belong to whichever of the two leading political parties in the State is not the party of the Governor. The Chairman holds office at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Director of Highways has exclusive jurisdiction over the location, construction, geometrics, design, and maintenance of the highways that embrace the Interstate and the Primary systems of high-