

The Department of Post-Mortem Examiners created by Chapter 369, Acts of 1939 to replace a decentralized system of local coroners, is directed by a commission composed of a representative of the State Department of Health, the Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City, the Superintendent of Maryland State Police, and the Professors of Pathology at The Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland. The Department replaced the coroners of Baltimore City by a Chief and two Assistant Medical Examiners, and the county coroners by Deputy Medical Examiners. In 1957 the General Assembly authorized three Assistant Medical Examiners and an Assistant Toxicologist and in 1965 an additional Medical Examiner and a Serologist. The Commission appoints all personnel. The medical examiners investigate violent and suspicious deaths or deaths unattended by a physician throughout the State. 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	1965	1966
Special Funds	\$236,675	\$244,800
Staff: 40. Deputy Medical Examiners, Substitutes and Pathologists: 90.		

State Roads and Motor Vehicles

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

The Commission

Chairman: John B. Funk

Paul J. Bailey, 1968; Harley P. Brinsfield, 1968; William B. Owings, 1968; Lansdale G. Clagett, 1969; Leslie H. Evans, 1969; John J. McMullen, 1969.

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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