

The section also arranges for a Vision Re-Examination of persons who are licensed and reported by the Department of Social Services as receiving public assistance for blindness. The Section also has the duty of withholding the Application for Renewal of Operator's License of those persons who have an outstanding motor vehicle warrant for moving traffic violations.

#### **Division of Financial Responsibility**

Clifton E. Luber, Director

The Financial Responsibility Division is responsible for the processing of accident reports and in providing some measure of protection to all citizens against personal injury or property damages arising out of motor vehicle accidents. All persons involved in accidents resulting in personal injuries or in property damage in excess of \$100 must report the accident to the Financial Responsibility Division. Failure of an individual to report such accidents and his failure to file evidence of financial responsibility in the form of a Certificate of Insurance, or bond, or failure to secure releases from other parties can result in the suspension of his driving privileges. If he fails to satisfy final judgments of \$100 or more, this can also result in the suspension of his driving privileges pending compliance.

#### **Division of Investigation**

Woodrow B. Meek, Director

The Division of Investigation maintains a staff of sixty-five investigators who secure the return of operators' or chauffeurs' licenses and tags from those drivers who have had their privileges revoked or suspended. These investigators also assist in determining whether or not unsafe drivers have been sufficiently rehabilitated. They also assist the Vehicle Registration Division in the regulation of automobile dealers, auto wreckers and scrap processors in Maryland.

#### **Division of Vehicle Registration**

Gordon N. Wilcox, Director

The Division of Vehicle Registration is essentially responsible for the titling and registration of all passenger and commercial motor vehicles in Maryland. This Division also collects the four percent Titling Excise Tax imposed on vehicles titled in the State and for assessing and collecting the proper registration fees. These two sources of revenue comprise the bulk of the approximately \$115,000,000 which the Department anticipates collecting in the fiscal year 1971. The Division also works closely with the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund Board in determining whether or not an applicant for license tags has his vehicle insured in the minimum amounts of \$15,000 and \$30,000 for the personal injury liability and the \$5,000 for property damage liability insurance. Any applicants who have insufficient liability insurance must pay a specified fee into the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund before the Department can issue his tags.

The Commercial Insurance Section administers the commercial vehicle insurance laws of the State. These laws require that all owners of commercial vehicles operating for hire within the State and all taxicabs not operating under permit of the Public Service Commission or not otherwise specifically exempted, be insured in the minimum amounts of \$25,000 and \$50,000 for personal liability insurance and \$10,000 for property damage liability and obtain a gratis permit to be carried with the vehicle at all times.