

**FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION AND FIRE MARSHAL**

**Fire Prevention Commission**

Chairman: P. Paul Lochary, 1978

Vice Chairman: Joseph R. Batchler, 1975

Kenneth W. Prinkey, 1974; Thomas C. Stakem, 1974; Earl K. Smith, 1976; Leslie B. Thompson, 1977; Julius E. Le Brell, 1978.

**Fire Marshal**

James C. Robertson, Fire Marshal

Benjamin R. Benson III, Chief Fire Investigator

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The Fire Prevention Commission was established by Chapter 46, Acts of 1964, to replace the position of ex officio Fire Marshal held by the Insurance Commissioner by Chapter 521, Acts of 1916. The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with the approval of the Governor for five year terms. Of the members, three must be members of paid or volunteer fire companies; three must be representatives of industry, and one must represent the general public. One member must represent Western Maryland, one Central Maryland, one Southern Maryland, one the Washington Metropolitan area, one the Eastern Shore, and two the State at large. The Commission is to promulgate regulations for the safeguarding of life and property hazards of fire and explosion. It also appoints the State Fire Marshal and serves as a board of appeals for matters connected with the enforcement of the Code and interpretation of conflicts with local codes.

The State Fire Marshal enforces all laws of the State dealing with the prevention of fires, storage, sale and use of explosives, combustibles, and other dangerous articles in solid, liquid, or gas form, the installation and maintenance of equipment of all sorts intended for fire control, detection and extinguishment; the means and adequacy of exits in case of fire for buildings except from private dwellings and the suppression of arson (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 38A).

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds .....	\$350,922	\$416,832
Staff: 1973, 30; Staff: 1974, 32.		

**MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION**

Chairman: Edwin R. Tully, Deputy Secretary for Public Safety

Vice Chairman: Donald D. Pomerleau, Commissioner

Baltimore City Police Department

Ex officio members: Julius E. Le Brell, President, Maryland Law Enforcement Officers, Inc.; Francis B. Burch, Attorney General of Maryland, represented by H. Edgar Lentz, Assistant Attorney General; Wilson H. Elkins, President, University of Maryland, represented by Donald W. O'Connell, Vice President, University of Maryland; Francis X. Jahn, President, Maryland Chiefs of Police Association; Thomas A. Farrow, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Baltimore Office; Colonel Thomas S. Smith, Superintendent, Maryland State Police; Lt. Calvin E. Jones, President, Eastern Shore Police Association.