

lished and maintained an office and staff, and hears claims for awards filed with it (Code 1957, 1973 Repl. Vol., Art. 26A).

Staff: 10.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION AND FIRE MARSHAL

Fire Prevention Commission

Chairman: Kenneth W Prinkey, 1979

Vice Chairman: Julius E. LeBrell, 1978

Leslie B. Thompson, 1977; P. Paul Lochary, 1978; Thomas C. Stakem, 1979; Earl K. Smith, 1979; J. Austin Dietz, 1980.

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; electrical safety; 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).

Staff: 1975, 35; 1976, 37; 1977, 37.

HANDGUN PERMIT REVIEW BOARD

Chairman: Donald A. Westcott, 1978

Elmer E. Horsey, 1977; Mervin C. Gray, 1978; H. Theodore Frantum, Jr., 1978; Oscar T. Jobe, 1979.

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The Handgun Permit Review Board was created by Chapter 13, Acts of 1972 as emergency legislation dealing with the wearing, carrying, or transporting of handguns, and became effective on March 27, 1972. The Board is composed of five members appointed from the general public by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of three years. Members of the Board are eligible for reappointment. Any person whose application for a permit or renewal of a permit has been rejected or whose permit has been revoked or limited may request the Board to review the decision of the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. The Board has the power to either sustain, reverse, or modify the decision of the Superintendent upon a review of the record, or conduct a hearing within thirty days after receipt of the request (Code 1957, 1976 Repl. Vol., Art. 27, sec. 36E).

INMATE GRIEVANCE COMMISSION

Chairman: James G. Boss, Jr., 1979

Ralph S. Falconer, 1976; Edgar A. Fulton, 1977; Maceo M. Williams, 1978; *Vacancy*, 1979.

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