

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

Lt. Col. John Satterfield, *Director*

The Division of Investigative Services maintains a staff of investigators who secure the return of operators 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.

An important new duty, as of January 1, 1973, is the retrieval of automobile tags of uninsured motorists who failed to obtain automobile liability insurance when their policy has been terminated.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION

Joseph Lupinek, *Director*

This division consists of hearing officers who conduct administrative hearings to determine the appropriate action that the Administration should take against errant drivers, business firms, and others which are licensed by this Administration and which have violated the laws that pertain to their operations in Maryland.

Staff: 1,532.

STATE AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Robert J. Aaronson, *Administrator*

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The State Aviation Administration was created by Chapter 526, Acts of 1970, as a unit of the Department of Transportation, replacing the State Aviation Commission established by Chapter 318, Acts of 1939. It is responsible for developing and operating airports and for fostering and regulating aeronautical activity within the State.

The Administrator is appointed by the Secretary of Transportation with the ap-

proval of the Governor and serves at the Secretary's pleasure.

Under Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1972, the operation of Baltimore-Washington International Airport, the State's major air carrier facility, was assigned to the State Aviation Administration. As authorized by this legislation, Baltimore-Washington International Airport was purchased from Baltimore City by the State of Maryland on July 26, 1972 for \$36 million. The same act abolished the Friendship International Airport Authority originally created by Chapter 529, Acts of 1970 (In 1973 Governor Mandel issued an Executive Order changing the name from Friendship to Baltimore-Washington.)

The State Aviation Administration inspects and licenses commercial airports, air schools, and air school instructors for safe operation, and registers aircraft and pilots. It fosters safety in aviation through its publications—the newsletter "Flight Plan", a directory of Maryland airports, and a Maryland aeronautical chart—and through educational seminars for pilots and mechanics.

The Administration provides technical and financial assistance to airport sponsors and owners in the preparation of master plans and in improvements to facilities. Standardized runway markings are applied and maintained at airports throughout the State. A Maryland Aviation System Plan has been prepared in cooperation with the Systems Planning staff in the Office of the Secretary of Transportation and other State and local agencies (Code 1957, 1968 Repl. Vol., 1975 Supp., Art. 1A; 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 207B).

Staff: 301.

BOARD OF AIRPORT ZONING APPEALS

Chairman: Frank Cuccia, 1980

Appointed Members: Jack C. Fisher, 1977; Francis J. Murphy, 1977; Edward A. Griffith, 1978; George E. Mills, 1978; William J. Munz, 1979; Leon A. Shavitz, 1979; Ann Mahoney, 1980.