

State of Maryland (Chapter 231, Acts of 1894). The Hospital opened for patients in 1896. It was renamed Springfield State Hospital in 1900 (Chapter 70, Acts of 1900).

The Center admits patients from Baltimore City and Carroll, Howard and Montgomery counties. The Center is the largest State facility for the care of persons with mental illness. It is funded for a daily average of 420 patients (Code Health—General Article, sec. 10-406).

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR  
SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL CENTER**

John B. Whintingham, *Chair*, 1996

The Governor, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, appoints the seven members of the Board to four-year terms.

**UPPER SHORE COMMUNITY MENTAL  
HEALTH CENTER**

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Opened in 1982, the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center is a multipurpose mental health hospital. It serves a daily average of 55 patients and provides psychiatric services for eligible persons, 16 years of age and older, from Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties. The Center also holds a 15-bed juvenile detention center and a 20-bed intermediate care unit for alcoholics over the age of 18 (Code Health—General Article, sec. 10-406).

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR UPPER SHORE  
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER**

Marsha Mazza, *Chair*, 1999

The Governor appoints the Board's seven members to four-year terms upon recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene (Code Health—General Article, sec. 10-411).

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**OFFICE OF  
CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER**

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Appointed by the State Postmortem Examiners Commission, the Chief Medical Examiner oversees Administration, Autopsy Services, Statewide Services, Toxicology, and the Center for the Study of Health Effects of Fire. The Chief Medical Examiner performs autopsies and provides the State's Attor-

ney with copies of records concerning any death which requires further investigation.

**STATE POSTMORTEM EXAMINERS COMMISSION**

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The Department of Postmortem Examiners was created in 1939 to replace a decentralized system of local coroners (Chapter 69, Acts of 1939). In 1982, the Department was subsumed into the State Postmortem Examiners Commission (Chapter 21, Acts of 1982).

The State Postmortem Examiners Commission appoints physicians as deputy medical examiners in each county. They investigate violent and suspicious deaths or deaths unattended by physicians. The deputy medical examiners file with the Office of Chief Medical Examiner reports of all deaths investigated. Commission records are open for inspection to the family of the deceased and are acceptable in court as evidence of the facts contained.

The State Postmortem Examiners Commission is composed of four ex officio members and a representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene selected by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Commission appoints all professional personnel (Code Health—General Article, secs. 5-301 through 5-312).

**CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF  
HEALTH EFFECTS OF FIRE**

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The Center for the Study of the Health Effects of Fire was created in 1988 (Chapter 185, Acts of 1988). The Center studies the health effects of exposure to fire; gathers and analyzes data on fire-related injury or death; and maintains both a registry of persons who suffer fire-related injury or death, and a computerized data base concerning injuries and health effects of fire. The Center is a repository for information routinely collected about fires. Information collected by the Center and intended for use in research is confidential and not discoverable or admissible as evidence in a civil or criminal action to determine cause of death or liability for injury or death.

The Center funds pilot studies on issues or factors affecting injuries from or the health effects of fire. The Center also applies for federal or private research grants to investigate such