

of the Governor, the Secretary designates the chair. The Board appoints the Executive Director with the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Code 1957, Art. 26A).

EMERGENCY NUMBER SYSTEMS BOARD

Theodore I. Weintraub, *Chair*, 1998
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The Emergency Number Systems Board was formed in 1979 (Chapter 730, Acts of 1979). The Board coordinates installation and enhancement of county 911 systems, which are emergency telephone number services. A "911 system" automatically connects a person dialing the digits 9-1-1 on a telephone to a public safety answering point from which police, fire, ambulance or other public safety services may be dispatched on a 24-hour basis. Since July 1, 1985, all counties and Baltimore City have had a "911 system" installed. Since 1996, all have had enhanced systems with address and phone number displays.

The Board issues guidelines for county 911 system plans and determines review procedures to approve or disapprove these plans. The Board sets criteria for reimbursing counties from the original 911 Trust Fund and from ongoing funds, and provides for audit of Trust Fund accounts. All 911-related information and procedures are transmitted by the Board to the county executive and county council, or to the president of the board of county commissioners of each county and/ or its designated 911 committee representative.

The Board's eleven members are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. The Governor names the chair (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 18-101 through 18-108).

INMATE GRIEVANCE OFFICE

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The Inmate Grievance Office originated as the Inmate Grievance Commission in 1971 to adjudicate inmate grievances and complaints (Chapter 210, Acts of 1971). The Commission was reorganized under its present name in 1991 (Chapter 251, Acts of 1991).

Any person confined to an institution within the Division of Correction, or otherwise in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction, or confined to Patuxent Institution may submit any grievance or complaint against any official or employee of the Division of Correction or Patuxent Institution to the Inmate Grievance Office. A grievance or complaint that merits further consideration is referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

With the approval of the Governor, the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services appoints the Executive Director (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 4-102.1).

STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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Duties of the first State Fire Marshal, whose office was created in 1894, were assumed ex officio by the Insurance Commissioner in 1916 (Chapter 248, Acts of 1894; Chapter 521, Acts of 1916). The Office of State Fire Marshal took on these responsibilities in 1964 (Chapter 46, Acts of 1964). The State Fire Marshal and the State Fire Prevention Commission became part of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services in 1970.

Appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the State Fire Marshal enforces all Maryland laws dealing with fire prevention, electrical safety, and the storage, sale, and use of explosives and combustibles. The State Fire Marshal also enforces all State laws on installation and maintenance of fire detection and control equipment, fire exits in public buildings, and suppression of arson (Code 1957, Art. 38A).

STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

Theodore W. Landskroener, *Chair*, 1997
M. Elizabeth Weiderhold, *Secretary*
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The State Fire Prevention Commission was formed in 1964 (Chapter 46, Acts of 1964). The Commission promulgates regulations for the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion. It also serves as a board of appeals for matters connected with the enforcement of the Fire Code and interpretation of conflicts with local codes.

The Commission has nine members appointed for five-year terms by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with the approval of the Governor (Code 1957, Art. 38A).

POLICE & CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSIONS

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POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION

Chair: Col. David B. Mitchell, Secretary
of State Police
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The Police Training Commission was created in 1966 (Chapter 286, Acts of 1966). Subject to the authority of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Commission prescribes standards for and certifies schools that offer police and security