

by the State Fire Prevention Commission has all responsibility for the implementation of fire safety programs in the State designated to minimize fire hazards and disasters and loss of life and property from these causes. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the establishment and enforcement of fire safety practices throughout the State, preventive inspection and correction activities, coordination of fire safety programs with volunteer and paid fire companies, and other State agencies and political subdivisions exercising enforcement aspects, and critical analysis and evaluation of Maryland fire loss statistics for determination of problems and solutions.

(c) A fire marshal legally designated by a county or municipal corporation of the State shall serve as Deputy State Fire Marshal, without compensation, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Article in that county or municipal corporation. Where there is no legally designated fire marshal in a county or municipal corporation, the State Fire Marshal shall carry out the provisions of this Article therein.

(d) The State Fire Marshal's office shall have such assistants, consultants, and employees as may be provided for in the budget from time to time.

8. State Fire Marshal; Duties and Powers

(a) The State Fire Marshal shall enforce all laws of the State having to do with:

(1) Prevention of fire.

(2) The storage, sale, and use of any explosive, combustible, or other dangerous article, in solid, liquid, or gas form.

(3) The installation and maintenance of equipment of all sorts intended for fire control, detection, and extinguishment.

(4) The means and adequacy of exit, in case of fire, from buildings and all other places in which persons work, live, or congregate from time to time for any purpose, except buildings used wholly as dwelling houses containing no more than two families.

(5) The suppression of arson.

(b) The State Fire Marshal shall assist any chief of any recognized fire company or department, or any legally designated fire marshal of a county or municipal corporation, or other State agencies in fire prevention matters, upon request.

(c) The State Fire Marshal shall enforce the regulations promulgated by the State Fire Prevention Commission as authorized by Section 3 of this Article.

(d) The State Fire Marshal shall inspect all State, county, and municipally owned institutions, all schools, theatres, churches and other places of public assembly as to fire exits and reasonable safety standards and report his findings and recommendations to the proper administrative heads.

(e) The State Fire Marshal may at all reasonable hours enter any building or premises except those actually occupied for private