

ASSOCIATION.

3. The Council shall be provided necessary administrative, clerical and supporting services through the office of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Representatives in the Council shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The Council shall meet at least monthly and may establish working groups consisting of representatives of federal, state, and local agencies, the business community, and other interested and appropriate persons, groups, or entities.

4. The Council shall provide information and recommendations to the Governor, as appropriate, concerning:

(a) The magnitude of personal injury, death, and monetary loss in Maryland attributable to arson;

(b) Arson detection techniques to assist State and local jurisdictions in improving arson prevention, detection, and control, including the need for additional laboratory equipment;

(c) The need for increased training to assist State and local fire service and law enforcement personnel in arson prevention, detection, and control;

(d) The adequacy of the methods used in the collection of arson data in Maryland, including the availability of information systems used to predict incidents of arson;

(e) The existence of State and local laws, programs or practices, which may have the inadvertent effect of contributing to arson, including those related to insurance and housing;

(f) The existence of institutional impediments within State and local government to effective arson prevention, detection, and control;

(g) Strategies for the identification and