

Not until the twentieth century did the State take on the public safety duties associated with the Department today. The Maryland State Police was organized in 1935 (Chapter 303, Acts of 1935) but its role began in 1914 when the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was authorized to employ Motorcycle Deputies to patrol the highways. The Maryland Civil Defense Agency, although not established until 1949, was predated by the Maryland Council of Defense, which functioned after World War I and during World War II (Chapter 24, Acts of Special Session 1917; Chapter 567, Acts of 1941; Chapter 602, Acts of 1943; Chapter 563, Acts of 1949).

Today, the Department has statewide responsibility for controlling and reducing crime, maintaining public order, controlling and rehabilitating adjudicated individuals who pose a threat to the public, and coordinating emergency management in event of natural disaster.

Reporting directly to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services are the Maryland State Police, the State Fire Marshal, the Division of Correction, the Commission on Correctional Standards, the Handgun Permit Board, and the Handgun Roster Board. The office of the Secretary also oversees several advisory boards, including the Emergency Number Systems Board; Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; Explosives Advisory Council; Advisory Board for Correction, Parole and Probation; Inmate Grievance Commission; and Sundry Claims Board.

The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services is assisted by the Deputy Secretary and the Assistant Secretary. The Deputy Secretary is responsible for the State Emergency Management and Civil Defense Agency; Police and Correctional Training Commissions; Patuxent Institution; Division of Parole and Probation; and Pretrial Release Services Division. The Assistant Secretary oversees five divisions: Research and Statistics; Personnel Services; Finance; Data Services; and Audit and Compliance.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent, the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services directs and coordinates Department law enforcement and correctional programs. The Maryland State Police and Division of Correction report directly to the Secretary.

COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL STANDARDS

Chairperson: Marie C. Henderson, 1989

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: Florence C. Welch, 1989; John N. Brown, 1990; Elmanus Herndon, 1990; Sterling E. Bollinger, Sr., 1991; Mark A. Levine, 1991; Jeffrey Washington, 1991; *one vacancy*.

Ex officio: J. Joseph Curran, Jr., *Attorney General*; Earl F. Seboda, *Secretary of General Services*; Charles L. Benton, Jr., *Secretary of Budget & Fiscal Planning*.

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The Commission on Correctional Standards was formed in 1980 to improve standards for correctional facilities and programs and to ensure compliance with standards for the public health, safety, and welfare (Chapter 535, Acts of 1980). The Commission advises the Secretary on standards for State and local correctional facilities; provides technical assistance to jurisdictions; audits facilities

to determine compliance with correctional standards; and determines schedules for remedial action of jurisdictions in noncompliance with standards. After a public hearing, the Commission may order the closing of a correctional facility determined to be in noncompliance with established standards. The Commission also reviews and acts on appeals of staff audit reports.

To make State and national standards compatible, the Commission consults and coordinates with national agencies promulgating correctional standards. The Commission also may consult and cooperate with other State agencies and local jurisdictions on correctional standards and may establish advisory boards.

The Commission is comprised of eleven members. Eight are appointed for three-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. They include two Maryland citizens not directly employed in the field of corrections, one official or employee of the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections or a similar national accreditation organization, one local elected official, two State government correctional personnel, and two local government correctional personnel. Three members serve *ex officio*: the Attorney General, the Secretary of General Services, and the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning. With the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Commission appoints the Executive Director (Code 1957, Art. 41. sec. 4-401).