

CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD

Chairperson: Benjamin R. Wolman, 1993

Appointed by Secretary of Public Safety & Correctional Services with Governor's approval and Senate advice & consent: Jane Law Brown, 1989; McNeal Brockington, 1990; Samuel T. Daniels, 1991; George W. Donadoni, 1992.

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Instituted in 1968, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board assists victims of crime (Chapter 455, Acts of 1968).

The Board administers a compensation program for innocent persons suffering physical injury or death as a result of criminal acts or in their efforts to prevent crime or apprehend persons committing or attempting to commit crimes. The Board maintains an office and staff to investigate and hear claims for awards filed with the Board.

The Board has five members appointed for five-year terms by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with the approval of the Governor and Senate advice and consent. No more than four members may belong to the same political party. One member must have been admitted to the practice of law in Maryland not less than five years prior to appointment. With the approval of the Governor, the Secretary designates the chairperson. 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

Chairperson: Theodore I. Weintraub, 1990

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: Capt. James T. Almony, 1989; Lt. David T. Yohman, 1989; Naomi Hurley Stewart, 1990; Chief Russell E. Wroten, 1990; Eugene L. Bidun, 1991; John B. Humphries, 1991; Charles J. Kruff, 1992; James B. Lyons, 1992; *one vacancy*.

Marilyn E. Farndon, *Secretary*

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The Emergency Number Systems Board was created 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.

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. 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 their designated 911 committee representative. Annually, the Board provides the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with an installation schedule and funding requirements estimate.

The Board's eleven members are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. One member represents a telephone utility company operating in Maryland. One member each represents the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services, the Maryland State Police, the Maryland Public Service Commission, and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officers. Of two members representing county fire services in Maryland, one represents the career fire services and the other the volunteer fire services. Two members represent police services in Maryland, and two represent the public. The Governor designates the chairperson (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 18-101 through 18-108).

EXPLOSIVES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairperson: Stoyan L. Russell, 1993

Appointed by Governor: C. Oscar Baker, 1988; Anthony P. Fabrizi, 1988; Lawrence Lundy, 1988; Paul Douglas Curtis, 1989; Robert N. Dempsey, 1989; Rocco J. Gabriele, 1989; George Bart Tracy III, 1989; Frank T. Turner, 1989; Charles A. Wheeler, 1989; John A. Conkling, Ph.D., 1990; G. Alan Foster, 1992; Donald H. Matthews, 1992; Col. N. W. Meritt, 1992; William D. Ramsey, 1992; E. James Plummer, 1992; Daniel B. Smith, Sr., 1992; R. Gregg Smith, 1993; Jerry Volman, 1993.

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Created in 1984, the Explosives Advisory Council advises, assists, and recommends to the Department rules and regulations for the storage, use, manufacture, and transport of explosive material (Chapter 694, Acts of 1984). The Council reviews Department rule and regulation proposals that affect the manufacture, use, or distribution of explosives and recommends changes in State laws