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Governor Ehrlich and State Leaders Dedicate
New Public Safety Education and Training Center
Facility to serve as training ground for law enforcement
Agencies throughout Maryland

SYKESVILLE, MD (November, 30, 2004) – Today, Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., joined
community leaders and law enforcement representatives from throughout the state for the grand
opening of the Maryland Public Safety Education and Training Center (PSETC). Representatives
of the Maryland State Police and Correctional Officers from the Division of Correction took part in
the ceremony, color guard parade and raising of the flags. Students from Liberty and Century High
Schools in Carroll County provided musical accompaniment.

Today’s event recognizes the completion of the Academic/Administrative, Dormitory and
Physical Training buildings of the PSETC. The Center serves both state and local law enforcement
and correctional agencies. The new components join a Driver Training Center and Firearms
Training Facility previously completed.

In his remarks, Governor Ehrlich stressed the importance of such a facility to maintaining
public safety. “Maryland’s troopers, sheriffs’ deputies, police, correctional officers, and parole and
probation agents have a crucial role in protecting our quality of life and the safety of our citizens.
We owe them the best training and support available. That is why we built the Public Safety
Education and Training Center.”

Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services’ Secretary Mary Ann Saar says
today’s law enforcement agencies have to be prepared to undertake new problems in public safety
that have not yet been recognized. “Without a highly trained and professional workforce, we will
be ill equipped to perform our mission.” She added, “I believe this community of learning is
committed to developing the skills that our law enforcement professionals need to get the job done.”
The project renovated surplus state buildings on the grounds of Springfield Hospital Center in an historically sensitive manner. Funding was principally provided through the special Law Enforcement and Correctional Training Fund, which receives its non-tax revenue from assessment of District Court costs. The newly completed facilities cost $44.2 million.

The state of the art Center will house training functions of the Maryland State Police, Divisions of Corrections and Parole and Probation, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Department of Natural Resources as well as locally employed officers from throughout Maryland.

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