7.20.1 Purpose

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is committed to providing the safest and healthiest possible environment for all of its members and the public it serves.

The fundamental goal of the DPS Safety and Loss Prevention Program is to assure that loss, or the risk of loss, does not prevent the State and its employees from successfully carrying out the functions for which they are responsible. This means DPS management will strive to continuously identify and control hazards.

7.20.2 Policy

The DPS maintains that our best resource to help us meet this goal is the individual member. It is the responsibility of all members to follow all safety and loss prevention policies and procedures.

7.20.3 Procedures

A. DPS is committed to:

1. Maintain ongoing programs so that all members clearly understand all facets of the Safety and Loss Prevention Program particularly those that directly affect them and their duties.

2. Make reduction, control and elimination of risks a top priority in all plans and budgets.

3. Establish and maintain communication with all employment levels to keep members aware of the safety and health factors of their jobs.

4. Establish and maintain an accident and injury reporting system.

B. By accepting mutual responsibility to work safely, everyone at DPS can contribute to the protection of property and to the well being of members and the public.