

<b>GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS</b> Standard Operating Procedures		
<b>Functional Area:</b> SUPPORT SERVICES/FIRE SERVICES	<b>Reference Number:</b> IVN10-0013	<b>Revises Previous Effective Date:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM		NEW
<b>Authority:</b> WETHERINGTON/HODGE	<b>Effective Date:</b> 4/01/02	Page 1 of 2

**I. POLICY:**

- A. This standard establishes an occupational safety and health program for the department. It was promulgated to:
1. Provide a safe working environment for the Firefighters of the department.
  2. Satisfy the requirements of NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program.
- B. It shall be the policy of the department to operate at the highest possible level of safety and health for all its Firefighters. To this end, the department shall:
- C. Make every reasonable effort to provide a safe and healthy work environment.
- D. Give primary consideration to the prevention and reduction of accidents, injuries, and occupational illnesses.
- E. Take the appropriate corrective action to avoid repetitive occurrences of accidents.
- F. Provide training, supervision, written procedures, program support, and review for all of its activities.

**II. APPLICABILITY:**

All Dept. of Corrections Certified Firefighters in State and County Fire Departments.

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**III. RELATED DIRECTIVES:**

NFPA 1500

**IV. DEFINITIONS:**

NONE

**V. ATTACHMENTS:**

NONE

**VI. PROCEDURE:**

A. Safety and health is the responsibility of every Firefighter. Therefore, each Firefighter shall:

1. Cooperate, participate, and comply with all of the provisions of the occupational safety and health program.
2. Promptly report acts and conditions that are unsafe or unhealthy and that pose a threat either to Firefighters or to others.
3. Maintain a level of mental and physical fitness that enables the Firefighter to safely perform his/her assigned tasks.

B. Station Chiefs shall be responsible for enforcing the requirements of the occupational safety and health program and for ensuring that each Firefighter under their command complies with the provisions of the occupational safety and health program.