A. Purpose

To establish the Department of Public Safety's role regarding community diversion programs.

B. Policy

The employees of the Department are encouraged to support and assist the various diversion programs sponsored by the criminal justice process and social service organizations.

C. Procedure

1. The Department will support and assist diversion program administrators, courts and solicitors. The programs included in these diversion programs include, but are not limited to:

   Pre-trial Intervention;
   Juvenile Pre-trial Intervention;
   Substance Abuse Counseling;
   Rehabilitation Programs & Detoxification Center;
   Vocational Rehabilitation Programs;
Restitution and Public Service Programs; and

Referral to Office of Student Discipline (CALEA 1.1.3)

2. Arresting officers should familiarize themselves with the positive aspects of diversionary programs and advise the court and/or solicitor’s office if the defendant could benefit from participation. With the court’s and/or solicitor’s approval, the arresting officer should do everything possible to divert the defendant. This will hopefully make permanent changes in the defendant’s behavior, as well as reducing the court docket.