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FOREWORD

The purpose of this manual is to provide policy, procedures, and guidelines necessary to ensure a successful Bicycle Patrol Unit (BPU) Program.

The objective of this manual is to promote the uniformity and quality of all associated activities conducted by individual Area BPUs.

In 1991, the California State Police (CSP) established the BPU at the request of state legislators and other state employees who were concerned with the lack of security at their job sites. There is a high concentration of state owned buildings in the downtown Sacramento area with limited access to patrol vehicles. Additionally, traffic congestion commonly inhibits the expeditious response of officers. Patrol by bicycle enables the officer to cover a densely populated area, with minimal depletion of resources, in an efficient manner.

On July 1, 1995, the CSP merged with the California Highway Patrol (CHP). Since the merger, the CHP has expanded the Bicycle Patrol Unit Program beyond Capitol Protection Section to include BPUs in the Truckee, Santa Barbara, Marin, and Redding Areas. It is anticipated that BPUs will continue to provide valuable services to state agencies and their employees, state legislators, and the general public.

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