I. POLICY
   I.A. The Illinois State Police (ISP) will allow and encourage the use of Internet services to support the various missions of the Department.

II. DEFINITIONS
   II.A. Anti-virus software - A program that detects malicious code within a program or electronic mail.
   II.B. Home page - the main page of a website. The home page serves as an index or table of contents.
   II.C. Internet - a global web connecting computers. Unlike online services, which are centrally controlled, the Internet is decentralized.
   II.D. Website - a location on the World Wide Web.
   II.E. World Wide Web - a system of Internet Servers that supports specially formatted documents.

III. PROCEDURES
   III.A. Use of ISP's Internet service is limited to state business.
         III.A.1. Supervisors can request and be granted permission from the First Deputy Director to review Internet use if the supervisor suspects unauthorized use or if an employee is under investigation.
         III.A.2. ISP’s Internet service must not be used to (the below conditions may be waived when part of an investigation and prior approval from a supervisor is obtained):
                  III.A.2.a. Communicate information that is illegal or unrelated to ISP’s mission.
                  III.A.2.b. Access chat rooms or instant messaging unless doing so is required as part of a departmental investigation.
                  III.A.2.c. Disrupt or in any way detract from the effective operation and management of the workplace
                  III.A.2.d. Receive or transmit:
                             III.A.2.d.1) Any materials in violation of any government laws
                             III.A.2.d.2) Pornographic, obscene, abusive, or objectionable language or images in either public or private messages
                             III.A.2.d.3) Chain letters or broadcast messages
                  III.A.2.e. Gamble
                  III.A.2.f. Operate or promote a:
                             III.A.2.f.1) For-profit activity
                             III.A.2.f.2) Private business
                  III.A.2.g. Cause congestion of the network or otherwise interfere with the work of others such as streaming audio and streaming video, unless part of official duties
         III.A.3. Internet e-mail accessed from ISP devices is not considered confidential and may in some instances be used as evidence in court cases.
III.A.4. ISP reserves the right to examine the content of the hard drive and any other component of any state-owned computer to inspect for unauthorized software and to examine e-mail and data for unauthorized use. Except to the extent required by law and as may be specified by ISP policy, there is no expectation of privacy for information maintained by or transmitted through state-owned computers.

III.B. Since the Internet does not conform with the security standards established for the state’s protected information resources, sensitive or confidential information must not be allowed to flow unprotected through the Internet environment.

III.C. Each individual using the Internet must do so responsibly and professionally.

III.C.1. Incidental use, such as accessing weather information, reviewing news updates, or checking personal e-mail is permissible but only to the extent it does not disrupt the employee’s regular duties and is authorized by the work location supervisor.

III.C.2. Users that encounter illegal activities via the Internet must immediately report such activities to their supervisor and to Security Administration, Information Services Bureau, Division of Justice Services.

III.D. Personnel found violating the provisions of this directive may face discipline up to, and including, termination in accordance with ISP Directives, PER-030, “Complaint and Disciplinary Investigations” and ROC-002, “Rules of Conduct.”

III.E. Supervisors will ensure all ISP Internet users are aware of the Department’s data security policies and procedures.

III.F. Supervisors will review Internet use procedures and user responsibilities with new users as part of user training.

III.G. The user must ensure approved anti-virus software is installed in accordance with the current anti-virus software directive (see ISP Directive SRV-220, “Virus Security”).

IV. RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

IV.A. Use of the Internet requires responsible judgment, supervisory discretion, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Users must be aware of information technology security and other privacy concerns.

IV.B. No person using the Internet via an ISP connection has any proprietary interest or expectation of privacy in the use of the Internet.

IV.C. All persons using ISP’s connection to the Internet are subject to having their use monitored by the ISP at any time and without notice.

Indicates new or revised items.

-End of Directive-