## **Foreword**

The purpose of the Safety Manual is to provide a set of safety guidelines tailored to meet the specific needs of the Crime Laboratory Division in order to establish a uniform, minimum level of safe practices. This manual is intended to supplement the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Rules and Policies Manual (200-004 and 600-015) and the 601 East Trade Street Building Handbook and Emergency Procedures, nothing contained herein shall be construed as having superiority or priority over those items. It must also be understood that these guidelines are not all-inclusive and that additions and changes may be made as necessary. Safety is everyone's concern and responsibility. No document can substitute for the active safety-consciousness of the individual involved in actually carrying out the Division operations.