The Safety Officer monitors exercise activities and advises the Exercise Lead on all matters relating to incident health and safety of all exercise participants. The Safety Officer has emergency authority to stop and/or prevent unsafe acts during incident operations. The safety of FSE participants takes priority over FSE events.

On the day of the exercise the Safety Officer will:
- arrive at time instructed by the Exercise Lead and sign in
- attend briefing and provide safety instructions to Players
  - make sure that all participants are aware that there is a Safety Officer on scene
  - receive any safety concerns from Players or other FSE participants
- monitor participant safety for the duration of the event
- ensure standard fire and safety regulations relevant to the site are followed during exercise play
- attend and participate in Hot Wash discussions

If a real-world emergency occurs:
- use the phrase “THIS IS NOT AN EXERCISE”
- determine if it warrants a pause in FSE play
  - if so, determine if and when FSE play can be resumed