

RULE 102. SUPREME COURT MARSHALS

(a) In accordance with the authority provided by Section 21(c) of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, (48 U.S.C. § 1611(c)) and 4 V.I. Code Ann. §§ 30(a), 30(b) and 34(a), there is established in the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands the positions of Supreme Court Chief Marshal and Supreme Court Deputy Marshals as officers of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court Chief Marshal will be selected by the Chief Justice and will supervise the Supreme Court Deputy Marshals, subject to the control and direction of the Chief Justice. There may be appointed a Supreme Court Chief Deputy Marshal and such Supreme Court Deputy Marshals as the Chief Justice deems necessary for the proper administration and performance of duties and functions of the Supreme Court.

(b) It is the duty of the Supreme Court Chief Marshal and the Supreme Court Deputy Marshals to attend sessions of the Supreme Court and preserve order; provide for the safety and security of the Court's justices, employees, patrons, property and buildings; serve and execute process, writs and orders issued under the laws of Virgin Islands by the Supreme Court or any court of record when so directed by the Supreme Court; and perform such other duties as may be directed by the Chief Justice or by the rules and procedures adopted by the Supreme Court.

(c) The Supreme Court Chief Marshal and all Supreme Court deputy marshals shall be peace officers as defined and provided for marshals and deputy marshals by 5 V.I.C. § 3561, with the powers, duties and obligations thereof, and are entitled to all benefits provided by law for such peace officers, marshals and deputy marshals.

(d) To be eligible for appointment as a Supreme Court marshal, each must have successfully completed the training required for peace officers as established by the Government of the Virgin Islands or its equivalent training, and taken the oath of office required of officers of the Government of the Virgin Islands and of the Supreme Court.

(e) The Supreme Court will provide its marshals with an official badge, protective equipment and uniforms of distinctive design as determined by the rules, regulations and specifications prescribed by the Supreme Court.

(f) This Rule will be effective on August 1, 2008.”