

	Winchester City Sheriff's Office Manual of General Orders	Effective Date: May 1, 2014 Accreditation Standards: ADM. 02.01 ADM. 07.01
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I. PURPOSE

To define the powers invested in sworn personnel.

II. POLICY

The deputies constituting the Winchester City Sheriff's Office are vested with the power to enforce the criminal laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the ordinances and regulations of the City of Winchester.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. Each deputy shall endeavor to prevent the commission of offenses against the laws of the Commonwealth and against the ordinances and regulations of the city.
- B. Each deputy shall endeavor to observe and enforce all laws of the Commonwealth and ordinances and regulations of the City of Winchester. They shall also be responsible to detect and arrest offenders against the same, and shall secure the inhabitants from violence and the property therein from injury.
- C. Code of Virginia § 15.2-1609, Code of Virginia § 53.1-120, and Code of Virginia § 8.01-295 gives the Sheriff the authority to enforce the criminal laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the ordinances and regulations of Winchester City, provide courthouse security, and serve process. Code of Virginia § 15.2-408 provides the Sheriff the authority to appoint deputies, assistants and employees as needed to perform his duties.