



FACT SHEET

# Virginia Sheriffs' Institute Certification Program



## ELIGIBILITY

- Duly elected or appointed sheriffs or full-time deputies with a Virginia sheriff's office
- At least 3 years of public safety experience with a Virginia sheriff's office
- Must fulfill public safety experience, education, training and professional development requirements outlined in the certification guidebook

## WHAT IS VSI CERTIFICATION?

A certification program developed to promote and recognize the professional development that Virginia's sheriffs and deputies undertake to make their communities safer.

- 4-year certification period, beginning on the date certification is awarded
- Earned by submitting an application packet that reflects a portfolio of recent training and professional development activities



## APPLICATION

Submit completed applications and supporting documentation by email to [vsicert@virginiasheriffs.org](mailto:vsicert@virginiasheriffs.org) or by mail to the Virginia Center for Policing Innovation:

**Attn: VSI Certification**  
**413 Stuart Circle, Suite 200**  
**Richmond, VA 23220**

## FEE

There is a non-refundable administration fee to apply for certification or recertification.

**Certification**  
\$250 for VSA and VSI members  
\$500 for non-VSA and/or non-VSI members

**Recertification**  
\$150 for VSA and VSI members  
\$300 for non-VSA and/or non-VSA members

## PROGRAM PARTNERS



L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs



Virginia Center for Policing Innovation

## TIMELINE

October 1 - December 31

Applications Accepted



January 1 - March 15

Applications Reviewed by Certification Committee



ON OR BEFORE  
March 15

Applicants Notified



April  
AT THE VSI SPRING CONFERENCE

Certificates Awarded