

Special Conservator of the Peace Task Force

Recommendation Worksheet

August 27, 2014

Overall Considerations	YES	NO	COMMENT
Is the SCOP program necessary in the Commonwealth of Virginia?			
Is the unarmed/armed security guard program a viable alternative? Why or why not?			
If the SCOP program has value, how should it be regulated to adequately protect the public and participants?			

Overall Considerations	YES	NO	COMMENT
Is the liability to the state and public worth the risk of having the SCOP program?			
If yes, how can the risk of these liabilities be reduced?			

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Registration	YES	NO	COMMENT
Do the current exemptions from registration with DCJS improve public safety? - Individuals listed in § <u>19.2-12</u> , - Individuals exempt pursuant to subsection A of § <u>9.1-141</u> , - Individuals employed as law-enforcement officers - individuals appointed under subsection A and employed by a private corporation or entity that meets the requirements of subdivision (II) of the definition of criminal justice agency in § <u>9.1-101</u>			
Should all SCOPS be registered with DCJS?			
If certain individuals should be exempt from registration, which individuals?			

Registration	YES	NO	COMMENT
Should additional information should be required for registration? -Extensive background check -Name of employer -Employer's info (tax ID, address, email, etc.) -Location of appointment			
Should employers of SCOPs be regulated by the state? Why or why not?			
What checks and balances should exist to monitor corporations employing SCOPs for hire?			

Registration	YES	NO	COMMENT
Would governmental regulation of corporations employing SCOPs improve public safety? How?			
How do you balance the need for public safety and economic interests of businesses employing SCOPs?			
Should corporations be allowed to provide SCOPs for hire? Why or why not?			

Scope of Power/Jurisdiction	YES	NO	COMMENT
Do SCOPs need arrest authority beyond the physical boundaries of that private corporation's property? Why or why not? Should their authority be limited to specific property?			
Is the public safer by authorizing SCOPs to have arrest authority beyond such boundaries?			
Do citizens have the right to know when they are engaging with an SCOP?			

Scope of Power/Jurisdiction	YES	NO	COMMENT
Should SCOPs be allowed to wear the seal of the Commonwealth? Should SCOPs be allowed to wear the word "police"?			
Should SCOPs be authorized to use the same amount of force as law enforcement officers when effecting an arrest? (including lethal?) Why or why not? How much force is appropriate for SCOPs to use based on current training requirements?			

TRAINING	YES	NO	COMMENT
Is 24 hours and 40 hours of training adequate for SCOPS?			
Should SCOPS be subject to the same mandatory training requirements for law-enforcement officers?			
Should SCOPS be required to receive training at a Criminal Justice Training Academy?			
Should SCOP training be designed in graduated levels based upon duties and functions?			

Court Orders	YES	NO	COMMENT
Can SCOP appointment orders be improved to clearly define authority, role, role and powers?			
How can SCOP appointment orders generally be improved?			
To protect the public, should other entities, besides the applicant and judge, have a voice in the application process? If so, which entities?			

Court Orders	YES	NO	COMMENT
Is a circuit court judge the best arbiter of determining the necessity for peace and security in a judicial circuit?			
What type and source of information is helpful to a judge's determination?			
Is public safety enhanced by requiring a public hearing for judicial consideration of SCOP appointments?			

Court Orders	YES	NO	COMMENT
Should judges retain jurisdiction over appointment orders for the duration of the appointment (up to four years?)			
What is an appropriate standard of review for judges to apply in approving, denying, revoking, or terminating appointments?			