

**VIRGINIA JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION
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COMPARISON OF ADULTS (53.1-145) & JUVENILE (16.1-237) P.O. DUTIES

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ADULT P.O.

- Investigate/report on cases referred by the court or judge.
- Supervise/report on probationers & parolees
- Supervise/assist probationers & parolees in securing substance abuse treatment, employment, a place to live, and adjusting to the community.
- Arrest & recommit offenders to their place of confinement
- Keep records & provide reports.
- Order & conduct drug screenings.
- Carry a concealed weapon subject to regulations.
- May not supervise probationers/parolees before J&DR Courts

Juvenile Probation Officers also:

- *Adult and Juvenile Probation Officers perform essentially the same tasks; Juvenile Probation Officers even more.*
- *Juvenile Probation Officers work with the same population as the Juvenile Corrections Officers who are included in VaLORS.*
- *Some of the offenders supervised by Juvenile Probation Officers are between the ages of 18 & 21.*
- *Juvenile Probation Officers are also involved in domestic relations matters, some of which are potentially violent.*

JUVENILE P.O.

- Investigate/report on cases referred by the judge or any person designated so to do.
- Supervise/Report on probationers & parolees.
- Use all suitable methods not inconsistent with Court restrictions to encourage probationers & parolees to improve their conduct and condition.
- File violations of probation/parole and detention orders.
- Keep records & provide reports.
- Order & conduct drug screenings (16.1-273).
- Have the powers of arrest and to carry a concealed weapon when authorized by the judge.
- May (and often does) supervise offenders before the Circuit Court.
- Investigate & supervise cases informally.
- Have the authority to administer oaths & acknowledgments.
- Perform the magisterial duties of formal charging and issuing detention orders, both during office hours and after-hours.
- Perform defendant advisements of rights. (16.1-266).
- Transport juveniles to evaluation appointments and residential placements.
- Must visit juveniles in detention and juvenile correctional centers.
- Work according to a 160-hour, Fair Labor Standards Act, law enforcement officers' schedule.
- Petition or gather information for parental support of incarcerated juveniles