



Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 2012 asp 8

PART 1

POLICE REFORM

CHAPTER 2

THE POLICE SERVICE OF SCOTLAND

Functions of constables

20 Constables: general duties

- (1) It is the duty of a constable—
- (a) to prevent and detect crime,
 - (b) to maintain order,
 - (c) to protect life and property,
 - (d) to take such lawful measures, and make such reports to the appropriate prosecutor, as may be needed to bring offenders with all due speed to justice,
 - (e) where required, to serve and execute a warrant, citation or deliverance issued, or process duly endorsed, by a Lord Commissioner of Justiciary, [^{F1}sheriff, summary sheriff or justice of the peace] in relation to criminal proceedings, and
 - (f) to attend court to give evidence.

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^{F2}(3)

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 20(1)(e) substituted (28.11.2016) by [The Courts Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Relevant Officer and Consequential Provisions\) Order 2016 \(S.S.I. 2016/387\)](#), art. 1, [sch. 4 para. 3](#)
- F2** S. 20(2)(3) repealed (25.1.2018) by [Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 1\)](#), s. 117(2), [sch. 2 para. 41](#); [S.S.I. 2017/345](#), art. 3, sch.
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 20 in force at 1.4.2013 by [S.S.I. 2013/51](#), [art. 2](#)

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