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Vivianne P. Newton Named St. John Deputy Chief of Police

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Vivianne P. Newton By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

V.I.P.D. Commissioner Trevor Velinor on Wednesday appointment Detective Vivianne P. Newton as deputy chief of police for the island of St. John.

According to Toby Derima, the V.I.P.D.'s public information officer, Deputy Chief Newton is a 14-year veteran of the Virgin Islands Police Department, having spent the last 10 years of her career assigned to the Internal Affairs and Applicant Screening Bureau.

She has served as an instructor and has been an integral part of the Police Training Academy for 11 years and is a POST Certified General and High Liability Instructor. She is also said to be one of the V.I.P.D.'s leading authorities in Use of Force related matters.

Deputy Chief Newton played a significant role as a member of the police force's core consent decree team which led to the achievement of Substantial Compliance in December 2018. She has a proven track record of working collaboratively with key stakeholders to develop successful policies and trainings, the V.I.P.D. said. "She is dedicated to the mission of promoting awareness on department rules, procedures, policies, directives, training and Consent Decree matters," according to the release.

Deputy Chief Newton is a member of the National Internal Affairs Investigators Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police and is FBI-LEEDA Certified in Basic Supervisory Liability, Advance Supervisory Liability and Ethics to name a few. She holds both a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in public administration.

A native of St. Thomas, Deputy Chief Newton is the great niece of Mariel C. Newton, the first policewoman in the U.S. Virgin Islands, who the police command in Anna's Retreat is named after.

"Deputy Chief Newton is a committed public servant. She believes in doing the right thing, whether or not anyone is watching. Deputy Chief Newton's character, balanced with her ability to rapidly process information, makes her the right person for this position," Mr. Velinor said.