New Private Detective License Requirements

- Fill out application and BCI (background check) and drop off both forms at the Smithfield Police Department for the Police Chief's signature
- Certification of three (3) reputable citizens and residents that have personally known the applicant for at least three (3) years
- Cost of a Private Detective license is \$200.00
- Bond \$5,000.00 with Corporate Surety
- Statement as to whether any prior or similar licenses have been issued to the applicant, and if so, whether such licenses were ever denied, revoked or suspended in any other state or municipality
- Two (2) sets of fingerprint taken at the Smithfield Police Department
- Two (2) photographs of the applicant taken at the Smithfield Police Department
- Satisfactory medical releases authorizing the Smithfield Police Department to determine if the applicant has any history of psychological disorder
- At least five (5) years experience as an investigator or as a police officer with a state, county or municipal police department or with an investigative agency of the United State of America or of any state, county or municipality
- Receipt of a degree in criminal justice from an accredited college or university
- Employment by a private detective as an investigator for at least five (5) years or substantively equivalent training or experience