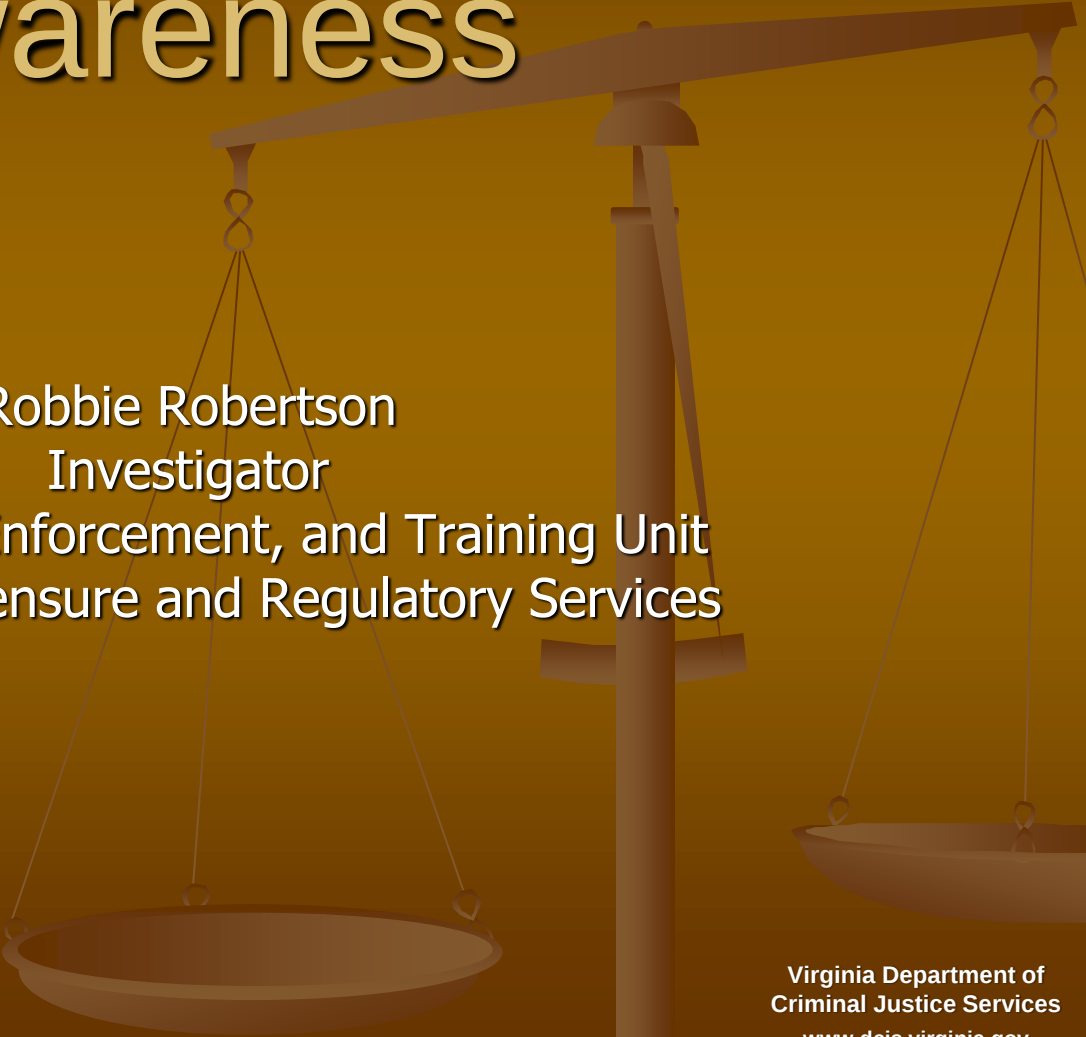


Private Security Awareness



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Division of Licensure and Regulatory Services

involves the oversight and enforcement of five regulatory programs to include:

- Private Security Services
- Bail Bondsmen
- Bail Enforcement Agents
- Special Conservators of the Peace
- Tow Truck Drivers.

The Division regulates private security in Virginia by:

- Issuing business licenses, registrations and certifications
- Certifying training schools
- Establishes and enforce minimum training standards for all programs
- Investigating complaints
- Conducting compliance inspections

Division Purpose

SECURE PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE
AGAINST:

- ❖ Incompetent
- ❖ Unqualified
- ❖ Unscrupulous
- ❖ Unfit

The Compliance/Enforcement Unit

Investigates allegations of violations of the Code of Virginia or regulations governing:

- private security services,
- special conservators of the peace,
- bail bondsmen
- bail enforcement agent.

The majority of complaints involve unlicensed or unregistered activity.

INVESTIGATORS

There are three regulatory investigators who are assigned to three regions, Northern VA East/Central; Northern VA/West/Southwest VA; and Tidewater. In addition to conducting investigations, the investigators also conduct compliance inspections on businesses and training schools, observe training sessions, and provide technical assistance.

§9.1-138 through 9.1-150.4

Code of Virginia Laws Relating to The Regulation of Private Security Services



§9.1-147. Unlawful conduct generally, penalty

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to:
1. Practice any trade or profession licensed, certified or registered under this article without obtaining the necessary license, certification or registration required by statute or regulation;
- B. Any person who is convicted of willful violation of subsection A shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any person convicted of a third or subsequent offense under this section during a thirty-six-month period shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony.

"Private security services business"

means any person engaged in the business of providing, or who undertakes to provide, armored car personnel, security officers, personal protection specialists, private investigators, couriers, security canine handlers, security canine teams, detector canine handlers, detector canine teams, alarm respondents, locksmiths, central station dispatchers, electronic security employees, electronic security sales representatives or electronic security technicians and their assistants to another person under contract, express or implied

LICENSURE

Business entities are required to be licensed

Corporations, Partnerships, Sole Proprietorships

License makes an entity eligible to provide
and/or solicit Private Security Services

"Registration"

means a method of regulation whereby certain personnel employed by a private security services business are required to register with the Department

REGISTRATION

Individuals may be registered in any of
13 categories

- Alarm Respondent
- Unarmed / Armed Security Officer
- Armored Car Personnel
- Central Station Dispatcher
- Electronic Security Sales Representative
- Locksmith
- ES Technician
- ES Technician's Assistant
- Security Canine Handler
- Detector Canine Handler
- Personal Protection Specialist
- Private Investigator
- Courier (armed person)

REGISTRATION

- Makes an individual **eligible** to be employed in a registered category by a licensee
- Actually **performs the work** being contracted for by the licensee
- Is **tied to the individual** – regardless of employment status

REGISTRATION

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- Successful completion of all initial training requirements for each registration category.
- Be a United States citizen or legal resident alien of the United States.
- Submit fingerprints

"Unarmed security officer"

performs the function of observation, detection, reporting, or notification of appropriate authorities or designated agents regarding persons or property on the premises he is contracted to protect, and who does not carry or have access to a firearm in the performance of his duties.

“Armed security officer”

employed to (i) safeguard and protect persons and property or (ii) deter theft, loss, or concealment of any tangible or intangible personal property on the premises he is contracted to protect, and who carries or has access to a firearm in the performance of his duties.

REQUIREMENTS

Any individual who is providing private security services (security officer, bouncer, id examiner, conducting pat downs and searches, etc.) who is not employed (on the payroll of the establishment, taxes taken out, etc.) must be employed by a licensed private security services business

TEMPORARY ALARM SALES STAFF

- ✓ College students hired for the summer
- ✓ Trained minimally in alarm sales
- ✓ No background in alarm sales, monitoring or services.
- ✓ Frequently practice “high pressure” tactics
- ✓ sell relatively inexpensive alarm systems that generate most of their cost from the monitoring fees.

(6 VAC 20-174-30)

prior to their being hired each person must submit to DCJS; completed fingerprints cards,

This regulation demonstrates the purpose of the DCJS oversight in ensuring that those persons entering a resident's home or a business, and learning about the valuables to be protected do not have a criminal history.

Electronic Sales

- Each electronic security sales representative must also work for a business which is licensed in Virginia.
- The sales representative is required to become registered as an electronic security sales representative in Virginia as specified in the regulations.

Encourage All Citizens

- to be aware and observant of door to door sales, an increase in alarm company vehicles in the neighborhood, and hearing of high pressure sales tactics from others

Encourage All Citizens

- If visited by a person identifying themselves as an alarm sales representative, whom they doubt the legitimacy of, do not allow them to enter the home, request to see their required DCJS issued registration card or temporary registration letter along with a photo ID and take down the information from it.

“Locksmith”

means any individual that performs locksmith services, or advertises or represents to the general public that the individual is a locksmith even if the specific term locksmith is substituted with any other term by which a reasonable person could construe that the individual possesses special skills relating to locks or locking devices, including use of the words lock technician, lockman, safe technician, safeman, boxman, unlocking technician, lock installer, lock opener, physical security technician, or similar descriptions.

“Locksmith services”

- mean selling; servicing; rebuilding; repairing; rekeying; repining; changing the combination to an electronic or mechanical locking device; programming either keys to a device or the device to accept electronic controlled keys; originating keys for locks or copying keys; adjusting or installing locks or deadbolts, mechanical or electronic locking devices, egress control devices, safes, and vaults; or opening, defeating or bypassing locks or latching mechanisms in a manner other than intended by the manufacturer with or without compensation for the general public or on property not his own nor under his own control or authority.

Locksmith Problems

- ❖ No DCJS license/registration
- ❖ False information in yellow pages
- ❖ Out of state call center
- ❖ Sub-contractors
- ❖ Not a resident of the United States



Photo ID Registration Card

PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES REGISTRATION

Name
**LEWIS
EMMA W**

DCJS ID
99-789012

Issue Date
10 / 31 / 2016

Expiration Date
10 / 31 / 2021

Firearms Expires
05 / 31 / 2017

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CATEGORIES: Alarm Respondent • Armed Security Officer / Courier • Armed Personal Protection Specialist • Armored Car Personnel • Central Station Dispatcher • Detector Canine Handler (Explosives) • Detector Canine Handler (Drugs) • Electronic Security Sales Representative • Electronic Security Technician • Electronic Security Technician Assistant • Locksmith • Private Investigator • Security Canine Handler • Unarmed Personal Protection Specialist • Unarmed Security Officer / Courier

FIREARMS CATEGORIES: Advance Handgun • Basic Handgun • Patrol Rifle • Shotgun • SO Handgun

ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

NOT A DCJS EMPLOYEE



Business Search

Welcome to Web Lookup/Verification services. By using this search mechanism you are able to search our database.

- Please enter search criteria below to start your search (enter data in any field- we will search with whatever information you provide to us- remember less is more!)
- If you have partial information, you may use a wildcard search by placing a "*" at the end of the search data entered.
- Click [here to search for a Person](#) instead of a business.

To search for a Training School Course, you must use the "Category" search option below. Use the "pull down" menu to search for the course name. The course will begin with the SC followed by the course number and course name.

Search Criteria

Business Name:		Owner:	
License Type:	All	City:	
Category:	All	State:	All
License Status:	All	Zip Code:	
License Number:		Search Range:	

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Special Conservators of the Peace

The Division of Licensure and Regulatory Service regulates individuals who have been appointed by a Circuit Court to perform only those powers, functions, duties and responsibilities authorized within such geographic limitations as the court may deem appropriate, for the security of property or the peace and presentation of evidence.

BAIL BONDSMAN

Property Bail Bondsman –
puts up property as collateral

Agent Bail Bondsman -
given power of attorney

Surety Bail Bondsman -
property and casualty insurance agent



Ineligible to be a bail bondsman

Persons who have been convicted of a felony within the Commonwealth, any other state, or the United States, who have not been pardoned, or whose civil rights have not been restored;

“Bounty Hunters”



“Bail Enforcement Agent”

- also known as "bounty hunter," means any individual engaged in bail recovery.
- "Bail recovery" means an act whereby a person arrests a bailee with the object of surrendering the bailee to the appropriate court, jail, or police department for the purpose of discharging the bailee's surety from liability on his bond. Bail recovery shall include investigating, surveilling or locating a bailee in preparation for an imminent arrest, with such object and for such purpose

Ineligible to be Bail Enforcement Agent

1. Persons who have been convicted of a felony within the Commonwealth, any other state, or the United States, who have not been pardoned, or whose civil rights have not been restored.
2. Persons who have been convicted of any misdemeanor within the Commonwealth, any other state, or the United States within the preceding five years. This prohibition may be waived by the Department, for good cause shown, so long as the conviction was not for one of the following or a substantially similar misdemeanor: carrying a concealed weapon, assault and battery, sexual battery, a drug offense, driving under the influence, discharging a firearm, a sex offense, or larceny.

Ineligible to be Bail Enforcement Agent

3. Persons who have been convicted of any misdemeanor within the Commonwealth, any other state, or the United States, that is substantially similar to the following: brandishing a firearm or stalking. The Department may not waive the prohibitions under this subdivision 3.

4. Persons currently the subject of a protective order within the Commonwealth or another state.

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