



NATIONAL INVESTIGATION & SECURITY ASSOCIATES

Illinois 20-Hour Basic Security Officer Training Program

Professional Classroom and Hands-On Training in Arlington Heights

A comprehensive foundation for individuals preparing to enter Illinois' professional private-security industry.

N.I.S.A. - National Investigation & Security Associates - offers a comprehensive 20-hour Basic Security Officer Training Program at its Arlington Heights, Illinois, training facility. Developed in accordance with applicable Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation requirements, the program introduces participants to the legal responsibilities, practical skills, professional standards, and real-world challenges associated with today's private-security profession.

Students receive a balanced combination of classroom instruction, scenario-based exercises, and hands-on training led by veteran licensed security professionals and former law-enforcement personnel.

20 HOURS

Comprehensive instruction

CLASSROOM + PRACTICAL

Scenario-based preparation

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Illinois training facility

Training Built for the Real World

This is more than a lecture-based course. Participants gain practical exposure to the daily responsibilities of a professional security officer through realistic exercises, instructor demonstrations, group discussions, and supervised training scenarios. The goal is to help each student understand not only what professional security officers do, but how they are expected to think, communicate, observe, document, and respond.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING. PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE. PURPOSEFUL PREPARATION.

Areas of Instruction

The program addresses essential subjects relevant to modern private-security work:

- Illinois laws affecting private-security personnel
- Arrest, search, seizure, and the limits of a security officer's authority
- Civil and criminal liability related to private-security duties
- Appropriate use of force and nonlethal force
- Verbal communication, conflict management, and de-escalation
- Observation techniques and professional report writing
- Protection of commercial buildings and private-estate residences
- Access control, patrol procedures, and incident response
- Crowd management and public-safety responsibilities
- Fire prevention, fire equipment, and emergency procedures
- Customer service, civil rights, and public relations
- Communication and cooperation with law-enforcement agencies
- Protection of people, property, and confidential information
- Basic investigative awareness and evidence preservation

Successful Completion

Upon successful completion of the full 20-hour program, each participant receives a Certificate of Completion documenting the training received.

Whether you are beginning a new career, preparing to work for an Illinois security agency, or strengthening your existing professional skills, N.I.S.A. provides the knowledge, discipline, and practical foundation needed to enter the security profession with confidence.

TRAIN WITH EXPERIENCE. PREPARE WITH PURPOSE. ENTER THE PROFESSION READY.

Important Regulatory Note

Course completion documents the training received but does not, by itself, guarantee employment, state registration, or issuance of a Permanent Employee Registration Card (PERC). Additional eligibility, application, employer, and regulatory requirements may apply.

Official reference: [Illinois General Assembly - 225 ILCS 447/25-20](#)