

NATIONAL INVESTIGATION & SECURITY ASSOCIATES



A Day With a Detective

A dynamic six-to-eight-hour encounter with the real world of professional private investigation.

DURATION 6-8 Hours	TUITION \$129 Per Person	EXPERIENCE Classroom + Demonstrations
WHO MAY ATTEND Adults Ages 18-85	INCLUDED Lunch Served by N.I.S.A.	COMPLETION Course Certificate

TUITION: \$129 | LUNCH INCLUDED

Come Explore the World of Private Investigation

A Day With a Detective is a lively, informative, and professionally guided course that gives members of the public an inside look at what private investigators actually do. During this six-to-eight-hour experience, participants meet and interact with working investigative professionals, examine real-world methods and equipment, discuss common case types, and work through practical exercises designed to reveal the thinking behind a successful investigation.

The course replaces television mythology with an honest view of the profession: careful preparation, lawful observation, patient follow-up, accurate documentation, clear communication, ethical judgment, and the ability to notice details other people overlook. It is educational, entertaining, interactive, and suitable for adults with a curious mind - whether they are exploring a career, improving related professional skills, gathering material for journalism or writing, or simply wondering what life as a private investigator is really like.

No trench coat required. Curiosity, good judgment, and a willingness to look beyond the obvious are highly recommended.

Who Should Attend

- Adults from approximately 18 through 85 who enjoy investigations, mysteries, technology, security, or true-crime subject matter.
- Individuals considering private investigation, security, process service, loss prevention, legal support, insurance, or related careers.
- Newspaper reporters, journalists, podcasters, authors, researchers, filmmakers, and content creators seeking a realistic understanding of investigative work.
- Attorneys, paralegals, business owners, human-resources professionals, property managers, and others who work with investigators or investigative information.
- Retired professionals, students, career changers, and members of the public who simply want an unusual, practical, and memorable learning experience.

Course at a Glance

FEATURE	DESCRIPTION
Course length	A concentrated six-to-eight-hour program conducted over one day.
Tuition	\$129 per participant.
Meal	Lunch is provided by N.I.S.A. and incorporated into the day's informal networking and question period.
Format	Instructor presentation, demonstrations, guided activities, case discussions, equipment exploration, and open question-and-answer sessions.
Experience required	None. The course is designed to be understandable, engaging, and valuable to both newcomers and related professionals.
Completion	A Certificate of Completion is awarded to participants who attend and complete the program.

Why This Course Is Different

- It is taught as an encounter with real investigators, not as a dry lecture or a collection of television myths.
- Participants see how observation, communication, technology, legal boundaries, documentation, and judgment work together during an assignment.
- The day includes demonstrations, guided activities, a fictional case challenge, report-writing practice, and continuing questions and answers.
- The atmosphere is serious about professional standards but welcoming, enjoyable, and understandable to people outside the investigative field.

What Does a Private Investigator Actually Do?

Private investigation is a broad profession. The course explains how investigators support individuals, attorneys, insurers, corporations, property owners, security clients, and other lawful interests through services such as:

Case Intake and Investigative Planning

Clarifying the client's lawful objective, identifying available information, recognizing limitations and conflicts, selecting investigative steps, estimating time and resources, and building an organized case plan.

Surveillance and Activity Documentation

Planning and conducting lawful fixed or mobile observation; identifying people, vehicles, locations, and patterns; maintaining field notes; using photography or video appropriately; and producing clear activity reports.

Interviews and Statements

Preparing questions, developing rapport, listening carefully, conducting witness and subject interviews, following leads, identifying inconsistencies, documenting what was said, and distinguishing fact from assumption.

Background and Open-Source Research

Reviewing public records and lawfully available online information, checking identifiers, locating leads, confirming details, evaluating sources, and avoiding unreliable or improperly obtained information.

Civil, Criminal, and Legal-Support Investigations

Assisting counsel and clients with fact development, witness location, timeline construction, evidence awareness, scene observations, document review, process-service support, and professional investigative reporting.

Insurance, Workplace, and Corporate Matters

Examining claims, theft, fraud indicators, policy violations, loss-prevention concerns, employee misconduct allegations, due diligence, and other internal or business-related issues within lawful authority.

Missing Persons and Locates

Developing identifiers and timelines, interviewing sources, reviewing public information, following documented leads, coordinating with appropriate authorities, and treating sensitive family information responsibly.

TSCM and Counter-Surveillance

Understanding the purpose of electronic bug sweeps, threat assessment, physical inspection, radio-frequency awareness, covert-camera detection, equipment limitations, evidence preservation, and referral to qualified technical specialists.

Physical Security and Risk Consulting

Observing vulnerabilities in homes, businesses, events, and facilities; examining access control, lighting, cameras, alarms, procedures, and human behavior; and preparing practical recommendations.

Reports, Evidence, and Courtroom Testimony

Maintaining accurate notes, writing neutral chronological reports, labeling media and exhibits, communicating findings, working with attorneys, preparing for testimony, and remaining credible under questioning.

What Participants Will Experience

1. Meet the Investigators

Begin with an open, candid discussion about the profession, common case types, real career paths, professional expectations, and the differences between licensed investigators, agency employees, security professionals, hobbyists, and television characters.

2. The Investigative Mindset

Learn how investigators define objectives, create timelines, test assumptions, protect confidentiality, maintain neutrality, evaluate information, and continually ask: What do we know, how do we know it, and what should be verified next?

3. Surveillance Tactics and Field Awareness

Explore surveillance planning, fixed and mobile concepts, observation positions, subject and vehicle recognition, team communication, note-taking, photography, lawful boundaries, and the mistakes that can compromise an assignment.

4. Covert Equipment, Spy Tools, and Surveillance Gear

Handle or view demonstrations of selected lawful investigative tools such as compact cameras, binoculars, body-worn video equipment, audio equipment, GPS concepts, lighting tools, concealment devices, communications gear, and note-taking systems. Equipment use is discussed within legal and ethical limits.

5. TSCM and Bug-Detection Demonstration

Receive an introduction to electronic eavesdropping threats, covert cameras, microphones, radio-frequency detection, lens-finding concepts, physical inspection, false positives, and why professional bug detection requires training, judgment, and specialized equipment.

6. Interviewing, Rapport, and Behavioral Observation

Practice introductions, rapport, active listening, open and closed questions, follow-up, memory prompts, statement comparison, and rapid behavioral observation. The course treats so-called 'cold reading' as a communication and observation exercise - not mind reading and not proof of deception.

7. Follow the Clues: Guided Case Exercise

Work through a fictional scenario using timelines, witness accounts, photographs, public information, and conflicting facts. Participants identify investigative priorities, separate facts from guesses, and decide what should happen next.

8. Report Writing and Evidence Presentation

Turn observations into a concise investigative entry or report. Learn why clear dates, times, locations, identifiers, source descriptions, media references, professional tone, and careful proofreading matter.

9. Questions and Answers With Private Investigators

Ask practical questions throughout the day about assignments, surveillance, client relations, training, equipment, ethics, safety, memorable lessons, career development, and the realities that rarely appear on television.

Sample Six-to-Eight-Hour Program Schedule

The final schedule may be adjusted for class size, instructor availability, demonstrations, questions, and facility needs. A typical day may proceed as follows:

SESSION	FOCUS
Welcome and Orientation	Course expectations, introductions, safety, confidentiality, and a realistic overview of the profession.
Inside the P.I. Profession	Case types, legal and ethical boundaries, agency work, client communication, investigative planning, and career questions.
Surveillance Lab	Observation, field notes, surveillance planning, vehicle and subject identification, covert photography, and teamwork concepts.
Equipment and Spy-Gadget Demonstration	Cameras, optics, communication devices, covert equipment, lawful tracking concepts, and practical limitations.
Lunch With the Investigators	Lunch provided by N.I.S.A., informal discussion, networking, and open questions.
Interview and Behavioral Observation Workshop	Rapport, listening, question design, statement evaluation, observation, and a guided interview exercise.
TSCM and Security Demonstration	Bug-detection awareness, covert-camera threats, electronic counter-surveillance, and physical security thinking.
Case Challenge and Report Exercise	Follow a fictional case, organize the facts, select lawful next steps, and prepare a short investigative narrative.
Career Paths, Final Q&A, and Certificates	Closing discussion, professional-development guidance, course review, and presentation of completion certificates.

What Participants Should Take Away

- A realistic understanding of the duties, limitations, judgment, patience, and documentation expected of a professional private investigator.
- Greater awareness of surveillance, interviews, reports, technical counter-surveillance, security consulting, and common investigative equipment.
- Practical experience organizing facts, observing details, asking useful questions, evaluating sources, and writing a clear investigative narrative.
- A clearer view of investigative career paths and the education, licensing, supervision, and experience that may be required.
- An entertaining and memorable day with professionals who can answer the questions that books, television programs, and online videos often leave unanswered.

Lunch, Questions, and the Human Side of the Profession

Lunch is served by N.I.S.A. and is part of the experience, not merely a break in the schedule. Participants will have an opportunity to sit with instructors and fellow attendees, discuss what they have learned, explore career interests, and ask respectful questions about investigative work. Certain client information, identities, techniques, or case details may remain confidential, but instructors will offer honest professional insight wherever appropriate.

Certificate of Completion

Participants who attend the program, follow course and safety requirements, and complete the assigned activities will receive a professionally prepared N.I.S.A. Certificate of Completion for A Day With a Detective. The certificate recognizes participation in this educational experience and provides a memorable record of the day.

A DAY WITH A DETECTIVE

Six-to-Eight-Hour Investigative Experience

TUITION: \$129 PER PARTICIPANT

Lunch and Certificate of Completion Included



Important Course Notice

A Day With a Detective is an educational and recreational training experience. It does not grant a private investigator, security, firearms, process-service, or law-enforcement license and does not authorize any participant to conduct regulated work. Laws governing investigations, privacy, audio or video recording, tracking technology, public records, surveillance, firearms, and security services differ by jurisdiction and may change. Demonstrations and exercises are conducted in a controlled setting and must not be used for unlawful surveillance, trespass, harassment, unauthorized access, impersonation, or invasion of privacy. Participants must follow all instructor directions and facility rules.

COME FOR THE MYSTERY. LEAVE WITH A REAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE INVESTIGATOR'S WORLD.