

Seven-Day Intensive

Private Investigator Training Program

Seven demanding days of classroom instruction, practical exercises, field training, and professional skill development.

FORMAT	LENGTH	COMPLETION
Classroom + Hands-On	Seven Full Training Days	Certificate + Ceremony

Program Overview

The Seven-Day Intensive Private Investigator Training Program is an immersive, hard-hitting professional development experience designed for individuals who want more than a basic introduction to investigative work. Participants are challenged through full days of focused instruction, realistic demonstrations, guided practice, and scenario-based exercises that connect classroom principles to the realities of modern private-sector investigations and protective services.

The program brings together the core disciplines used by working private investigators: surveillance, investigative interviewing, criminal case development, technical counter-surveillance, report writing, courtroom preparation, physical security, undercover operations, close protection, practical self-defense, and supervised firearms training. Every subject is presented with emphasis on lawful conduct, safety, sound judgment, documentation, discretion, ethics, and professional accountability.

THE EXPERIENCE: A concentrated week built to strengthen investigative thinking, field awareness, communication, officer safety, and the disciplined habits expected of a credible professional investigator.

Core Training Areas

- **Physical and Mobile Surveillance:** Pre-surveillance planning, fixed and mobile observation, team communication, subject identification, lawful documentation, field notes, situational awareness, and avoiding common surveillance errors.
- **Electronic Surveillance and TSCM:** An introduction to technical surveillance countermeasures, electronic bug detection, covert cameras and microphones, radio-frequency awareness, physical inspection methods, equipment limitations, and proper documentation of findings.
- **Criminal and General Investigations:** Case intake, investigative planning, timelines, evidence awareness, witness development, lead follow-up, scene observations, liaison with attorneys and law enforcement, and maintaining an objective fact-based approach.

- **Interview and Interrogation Concepts:** Professional interviewing, rapport development, open and closed questions, statement evaluation, recognizing inconsistencies, documenting admissions and denials, and lawful, ethical interrogation principles.
- **Reports and Courtroom Testimony:** Clear case notes, chronological reporting, professional language, evidence and exhibit references, affidavit fundamentals, preparation for testimony, direct and cross-examination awareness, and maintaining credibility under pressure.
- **Undercover Operations:** Cover development, operational planning, communication protocols, risk controls, emergency extraction considerations, deconfliction, behavioral discipline, and legal and ethical boundaries.
- **Physical Security Planning:** Threat and vulnerability awareness, site surveys, access control, perimeter and lighting considerations, camera placement concepts, emergency procedures, protective planning, and practical recommendations for residences and facilities.
- **Close and Executive Protection:** Protective intelligence, advance work, route and venue awareness, formations, arrival and departure procedures, communication, emergency movement, client discretion, and coordination with security and law-enforcement partners.
- **Practical Self-Defense:** Awareness, avoidance, de-escalation, defensive positioning, escape principles, safe control concepts, and practical responses intended to create distance and support safe disengagement.
- **Supervised Firearms Practical Training:** Range safety, responsible handling, safe loading and unloading, stance and grip, sight alignment, trigger control, judgment, and supervised practical exercises conducted only under applicable range rules and legal requirements.
- **Private-Sector Law, Ethics, and Regulation:** The legal authority and limitations of private investigators, privacy and trespass concerns, surveillance boundaries, recording considerations, use of force, evidence handling, confidentiality, licensing responsibilities, and professional ethics, with emphasis on Illinois practice.

A Seven-Day Training Progression

The final schedule may be adjusted to accommodate instructor availability, facility requirements, weather, range access, and the needs of the class. A typical program progression may include:

DAY	FOCUS	TRAINING EMPHASIS
Day 1	Professional Foundations	Role, authority, ethics, legal limitations, case planning, field notes, report structure, and investigator safety.
Day 2	Surveillance Operations	Fixed and mobile surveillance planning, equipment, communications, team exercises, observation, and documentation.
Day 3	Technical Investigations	Electronic surveillance awareness, TSCM and bug-detection concepts, covert devices, inspection protocols, and reporting.
Day 4	Criminal Case Development	Interviews, lawful interrogation concepts, evidence awareness, timelines, witness and subject contact, and report writing.
Day 5	Undercover and Field Operations	Cover discipline, operational planning, communication, scenario management, risk controls, and practical field assignments.

DAY	FOCUS	TRAINING EMPHASIS
Day 6	Protection and Defensive Skills	Physical security planning, close protection, de-escalation, self-defense, emergency movement, and protective teamwork.
Day 7	Firearms and Capstone Exercises	Supervised range fundamentals, integrated investigative scenarios, report completion, courtroom testimony practice, review, and course evaluation.

What Participants Should Gain

- A broader understanding of how multiple investigative and protective disciplines work together in actual assignments.
- Greater confidence in planning, observing, documenting, communicating, and making reasoned decisions under pressure.
- Practical exposure to professional equipment, field procedures, scenario exercises, and instructor-led demonstrations.
- Improved report-writing, interviewing, courtroom-presentation, and case-management skills.
- A clearer understanding of legal boundaries, ethical responsibilities, safety requirements, and the importance of professional discretion.
- A strong foundation for continued education, supervised field experience, and career development within the investigative and security professions.

Who Should Attend

This program is designed for aspiring and working private investigators, security professionals, process servers, loss-prevention personnel, protective-service practitioners, former or current public-safety professionals, and qualified individuals seeking an intensive introduction to modern investigative work. Because portions of the program may be physically demanding, conducted outdoors, or held at a firearms range, participation requirements and reasonable accommodations should be discussed before enrollment.

Instructional Approach

Training is delivered by experienced investigative, security, protection, technical, and firearms professionals. Instruction may include classroom lectures, equipment demonstrations, guided drills, tabletop exercises, practical field scenarios, team assignments, written exercises, report preparation, and instructor feedback. The objective is not simply to hear how the work is done, but to understand the judgment, discipline, preparation, and documentation that support professional performance.

Completion and Recognition

Participants who satisfy attendance requirements, follow all safety and conduct standards, and successfully complete the assigned course work and practical exercises will be awarded a

professionally prepared Certificate of Completion. Certificates will be presented during a ceremonial completion dinner recognizing the commitment, effort, and accomplishment required to finish this demanding seven-day program.

SEVEN DAYS. MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES. ONE SERIOUS TRAINING EXPERIENCE.

Built for participants who are ready to work, learn, think, and perform at the next level.

Important Program Notice

This program is educational and does not, by itself, grant a private detective, security, firearms, or law-enforcement license. Enrollment in firearms or other restricted practical exercises is subject to instructor approval, applicable law, eligibility requirements, waivers, facility policies, and strict safety rules. Curriculum, instructors, locations, and exercises may be modified when necessary. Nothing in the program constitutes legal advice.