

Sample Curriculum

Private Detective

DAY ONE

1 hour:

Registration and Orientation: Introduction of instructors and students. Fill out all required paperwork. Review the requirements for being a private detective and assure all students are qualified. Give a pre-test to gauge general knowledge. Go over all class rules including attendance and behavior.

2 hours:

History of law enforcement: Review the development of law enforcement in early history. Cover the progression of law enforcement in Western Europe from the 15th century until today. Discuss how crime labs and private detective services split from law enforcement including driving factors and results. Cover the early history of law enforcement in the United States and the development of private detectives and security forces. Discuss the history of private detectives in Georgia and the influence of licensing.

2 hours:

Ethics: Discuss the definition of ethics and the differences between ethics and morals. Discuss the value of ethics on business success and how to develop an ethical business model. List ethical problem areas and discuss the consequences of ethics violations for both agencies and employees. Discuss the progression of the concept of ethics from Plato to modern philosophers.

(Non-required class)

2 hours:

Arson investigations: Discuss the private detectives role in a criminal defense arson investigation. Discuss what attorneys are looking for in the way of evidence and the use of reports and findings. List and discuss sources of information, photos, and videos of the fire as it was in progress. Discuss how to canvas a neighborhood looking for eye witness to the fire and how to eliminate "hearsay" stories. Discuss how to work with a certified arson investigator. Discuss how to catalog and record evidence unique to arson investigations.

Security Officers

DAY ONE:

3 hours:

Role of private security companies and the private security officer: part 1 - Discuss the difference in the role of law enforcement and the private security business. Discuss what private property issues come into play when planning day to day security. Discuss the license requirements for private security and the types of locations and jobs a new security officer might expect to work. Part 2 - Discuss the public perception of the security officer and the requirement for each officer to project a professional image to influence the profession as a whole. Part 3 - Discuss how crime awareness and prevention play a part of the role of private security and why law enforcement cannot fulfil this function.

1 hour:

Security Resources, Alarms, and alarm systems: The student will be taught the limits and uses of various camera and video systems. Amount of data storage and data recovery will be emphasized. Various types of alarm systems will be discussed and the instructor will demonstrate various auxiliary devices such as glass break sensors, magnetic tape, and door sensors. The class will review various types of access controls from metal detectors to badge systems. Electronic sensors within articles will be demonstrated and explained particularly in the retail and high value item tracking. Discussion and demonstration of internal GPS tracking of packages and cargo will include internal and external methods of transportation.

THIS IS A SAMPLE ONLY OF HOW TO SUBMIT A CURRICULUM. YOUR ORDER MIGHT VARY BUT TOTAL HOURS FOR PRIVATE DETECTIVES MUST EQUAL 70 OR MORE AND INCLUDE ALL REQUIRED TOPICS. TOTAL HOURS FOR SECURITY OFFICERS MUST TOTAL 24 HOURS OR MORE AND INCLUDE ALL REQUIRED TOPICS. NORMAL CURRICULUM SUBMISSIONS WOULD BE ANYWHERE FROM 10 – 20 PAGES FOR SECURITY AND 50 – 100 PAGES FOR PRIVATE DETECTIVES.

