

# SO, YOU WANT TO BE A P.I.?



When you think about private investigators, do you think about Magnum, P.I., Moonlighting, or Charlie's Angels? These were sitcom television shows that were popular in the 1980's.

These shows were indeed fun to watch, but they are very different than the real life investigations that are conducted on a daily basis at Interstate Reporting Co., Inc.



Acting like a television detective during surveillance can land you in jail; in fact, almost everything that is 'cool' in television is illegal to do in Wisconsin.

The job of an investigator requires patience, tenacity, attention to detail, and the ability to blend in at any type of situation.

On one day, an investigator could be freezing in his / her vehicle watching a subject's house for eight to ten hours with absolutely no activity from the subject. The next day an investigator could be walking around the Summerfest grounds, trailing closely, and using hidden camera devices.

No two days and no two cases are the same.

## SO, DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

# ***INVESTIGATOR DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES***

## **VALID STATE OF WISCONSIN PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE.**

## **VALID STATE OF WISCONSIN DRIVER'S LICENSE.**

## **VALID SURVEILLANCE APPROVED & INSURED VEHICLE:**

- Preferred: Minivan or van, sport utility vehicle, or truck with extended cab (full-size or mini okay).
- Required: Car
- Neutral color and body style. No custom paint schemes allowed.
- Keep and maintain vehicle insurance.

## **CAMCORDER AND DIGITAL RECORDER EQUIPMENT.**

Other equipment as needed; assistance available from Interstate Reporting Co., Inc.

## **TRAVEL REQUIRED:**

Approximately 20-30% overnight/hotel stays.

- Must be willing to travel throughout the state of Wisconsin, and/or any other state IRC is licensed in.
- One day you may be in Stevens Point, and the next day in Milwaukee.
- All cases either start or end from IRC office, hotel, or your home depending on case instructions.

## **FULLY FUNCTIONAL CELLPHONE REQUIRED.**

## **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Conduct stationary and mobile surveillance of subjects as assigned.
- Document findings using high-quality video and/or photography, using cameras, camcorders, specialty, and cellphone devices.
- Prepare clear, concise, and detailed written reports of observations.
- Maintain accurate and organized case files and evidence logs/form. Operate covert recording equipment and surveillance vehicles.
- Testify in court or depositions when required.
- Communicate regularly with the Investigations Director and provide timely updates.
- Adhere to all local, state, and federal laws during investigations.
- Always maintain confidentiality and professionalism.



***YOU'VE SEEN THE JOB,  
NOW SEE IF YOU QUALIFY***

# *INVESTIGATOR REQUIREMENTS*

## REQUIREMENTS:

- Private Detective License | Pass Background Check
- High school diploma or GED required; associate or bachelor's degree preferred.
- Valid driver's license and clean driving record.
- Willingness to travel and work irregular hours, including early morning, evenings, weekends, and holidays.
- Strong observational, analytical, and writing skills,
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Proficiency in using video and photography equipment, computer software (Microsoft Office), and case management tools.

## PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Prior experience in surveillance, law enforcement, military, or investigations.
- Experience in insurance fraud or workers' compensation investigations.
- Bilingual skills.

## PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be able to sit in a vehicle for extended periods of time (up to 8+ hours).
- Ability to drive long distances, often across multiple days or assignments.
- Must be able to remain stationary or concealed for prolonged periods during surveillance.
- Occasional lifting and carrying of equipment (up to 25 lbs.).
- Ability to walk, climb stairs, or pursue subjects discreetly in various environments (urban, rural, indoor/outdoor).
- Must have good visual acuity (with or without corrective lenses) for video surveillance and documentation.
- Tolerance for varied weather conditions (heat, cold, rain) during outdoor surveillance.
- Must maintain alertness and concentration for long durations, including irregular hours, nights, weekends, and holidays.



Please examine closely your personality and lifestyle.  
This position can be extremely fulfilling and satisfying, but it is not for everyone.

The Investigator-Surveillance position is where all investigators start at Interstate Reporting Co., Inc.  
As other positions become available, investigators have room to grow into specialty areas.

## *SO, STILL INTERESTED?*

## ***FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS***

### DO I NEED A LICENSE TO WORK AS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE IN WISCONSIN?

Yes, please refer to:

<https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/PrivateDetective>

### IS THERE AN EXAM TO BECOME A PRIVATE DETECTIVE IN WISCONSIN?

Yes, please refer to the website above.

### DO I NEED TO WORK FOR A P.I. AGENCY BEFORE I CAN GET MY PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE?

Yes.

### HOW DOES THE HIRING PROCESS AT INTERSTATE REPORTING CO., INC WORK IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE A P.I. LICENSE IN WISCONSIN?

Interstate Reporting will help you obtain your private detective license.



## ***NOW, DO YOU WANT TO BE A P.I.?***