

# *Lion Investigation Academy*

*Founded 1974*

## Close Protection Diploma Program Brochure

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### *Mission Statement*

*Lion Investigation Academy will provide the student with a profound basic knowledge within the realm of close protection along with current changes in this field of endeavor. Therein, providing the general public and the courts with a well-rounded investigator who provides competent investigative results.*

*Lion Investigation Academy provides our students with competent staff and consultants adding to the personal touch of what we call a "Class of One." The close protection field differs somewhat from the criminal justice field. Therefore, a formal education in the private sector is much needed. Our mission is to provide this education in a manner that is easily understood by the novice.*

*Basic knowledge refers to standard applications of various techniques that the investigator utilizes.*

## Message from the Dean, Joseph Alercia

Welcome to Lion Investigation Academy (LIA). LIA offers a Diploma in Close Protection through distance learning; this was designed to help students start a career in this fast growing profession and to enhance those who are already in this profession.

Earning your diploma through distance learning lets the student set their own studying schedule, working on the course material when they want in the comfort of their own home; we pride ourselves on the fact that we treat each student as a class of one. The Dean, is dedicated to helping each student complete the diploma program and is always available to assist the needs of all LIA students.

"L. J. Strand" is the author of the Lion Investigation Academy "Close Protection Diploma Course." Mr. Strand is an International Instructor, and Owner/Director of the International Security Agency, a firm specializing in low profile close protection, surveillance and countermeasures. Read more on pages 11 and 12 below!

## History

Joseph Alercia II, a practicing private detective in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Nebraska, North Carolina, and formerly the District of Columbia, founded Lion Investigation Academy in 1974. Since its inception as a non-residential educational institution, Lion Investigation Academy has provided a distance education program in the field of investigation and security for students throughout the world. The material received by students has been prepared by practicing investigators, based upon experience and background, and is written in concise, succinct and understandable language.

Tests include both objective and subjective type questions. Students are required to write in a clear and concise manner as would be required in the investigative realm.

## Philosophy

In today's world, education is being offered and obtained in a variety of ways. The cost of attending a residential institution, the time required in attendance, and an equal education opportunity for those who do not have the time or funds to attend on a residential campus are significant factors and supportive arguments toward the popularity of non-traditional educational programs.

Lion Investigation Academy was founded with the knowledge of the private investigator and security field to dispel the fallacies of the TV detective and teach the student step by step. The skills and sharps to apply Lion Investigation Academy can best be described as:

### **Contact Information**

Office hours Monday –Friday 7:30 AM - 3:30PM. LIA is closed all major holidays, however, if a student/prospective student needs to contact us they can call the toll free number and leave a message someone will return your call the next business day. Students can also email the academy at [liadean@aol.com](mailto:liadean@aol.com)

### **An Equal Opportunity Educator**

Lion Investigation Academy, offering a Diploma in Close Protection, admits applicants without regard to race, religion, sex, age, color, national origin or physical disability.

### **Individual Assistance**

Any student who desires educational assistance may write to the Academy or telephone the Academy office. Questions will be recorded by the Academy secretary or answered by an instructor, if present. If an instructor is not present, one will return your call as soon as possible or your questions will be answered via mail/e-mail.

Lion Investigation Academy makes every effort to assist the student and provide the help required of the student's educational goal.

**Disclaimer:** Please be advised that relocation may be necessary to obtain employment.

### **Records**

Lion Investigation Academy maintains permanent student academic records. The contents of these records are confidential and will not be divulged except upon the written request of the student.

### **Transcripts**

Other transcripts of academic records will be made available to the student or to a designated person at the student's request. The first transcript is available at no charge. A fee of \$5.00 will be required for each additional transcript request.

### **Refund Policy**

- Lion Investigation Academy accepts refund requests in any manner.(example: email, written, verbal or in person)
- The application fee is non-refundable.
- For a student canceling after the fifth calendar day following the date of the enrollment, but prior to receipt of course material all monies will be refunded less the application fee.
- If a student withdrawals after the submission of the first lesson refunds will be calculated as follows:
  - Up to and including completion of 10% of the program, LIA will refund 90% of the total tuition.
  - Beyond 10% and up to and including 25% completion, LIA will refund 75% of the total tuition.
  - Beyond 25% and up to and including 50% completion, LIA will refund 50% of the total tuition.

- Beyond 50% completion of the program, students are not entitled to a refund.

## **OBJECTIVE**

*In support of its philosophy, Lion Investigation Academy seeks:*

- To provide a program that will improve the knowledge and skills of an individual currently engaged in this field of endeavor.
- To provide a program covering all of the basics an individual currently must know before entering this field of endeavor.
- To provide through field assignment situations and experiences that an individual, as an investigator, will encounter.
- To develop the skills necessary to write clear and concise reports.
- To develop self-discipline, individual initiative, the ability to accept responsibilities, and a positive attitude toward self-improvement.

## **Admission Procedure**

The completed application for admission must be sent to the Academy with official evidence of high school completion. A (non-refundable) registration fee must accompany the application. If the applicant is academically qualified and fully aware of his/her financial obligation, the applicant will be accepted and promptly notified by the Academy. Instructional materials will be mailed to the student after the student has submitted payment outlined in the payment schedule under STUDENT SERVICES.

## **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

- All applicants are required to submit a \$50.00 non refundable registration fee with their application.
- Please refer to our various payment options on the application for enrollment.
- The student will be responsible for all postage on tests and assignments returned to the Academy. The Academy will be responsible to pay for all postage on lessons, tests, and field assignments.
- Payments to the Academy can be made by personal check, money order, and credit card (Master Card, Visa, and Discover). **If a personal check is sent materials will not be sent to the student until the bank clears the check.**
- A calculated one time fee will be required for Overseas Air Mail for students residing in Africa, The near and far East, Europe, South America, Central America, and the West Indies who do not have access to the US Postal Service. The fee is required after a student is accepted into the Academy and is to be sent with the first payment, you will be notified of such payment.

## **GRADING SYSTEM**

Lion Investigation Academy uses a letter system of grading. The lesson assignment/examination grades count as one-quarter. Letter grades are converted to quality points for the purpose of computing the Quality Point Average for each semester and the Cumulative Quality Point Average for more than one semester. Quality points range from 4.0 for an A to a 0.0 for an incomplete grade.

A	Excellent	90-100	4.00 Grade Points
B	Good	80-89	3.00 Grade Points
C	Average	70-79	2.00 Grade Points
D	Passing	60-69	1.00 Grade Points
F	Failing	59-0	0.00 Grade Points
W	Withdrawal		0.00 Grade Points

The grade-point average (GPA) is computed by dividing the total number of grade points by the number of credit hours completed.

### **CURRICULA**

The curriculum is designed with the proper balance of general and specific subjects, which provide the students with a broad background in both theory and practical application. The program is supplemented by a broad acquaintance with related subjects.

### **CLOSE PROTECTION DIPLOMA PROGRAM**

**Objective of this course:** To teach men and women the art of close protection in a manner for beginners or for those who only wish to gain basic knowledge.

**Student Policy:** The student is permitted to study the course at his/her own pace. Although the student has two years to complete the course, he or she should endeavor to submit one (1) test per month or every other month. The student should strive to complete every field assignment.

**Lesson Information:** The Diploma program in Close Protection of the Lion Investigation Academy consists of 21 lessons. After each lesson, there is a test. The student must earn a passing grade of 75% on this test. In the event the student fails the test, he/she will be allowed to take the test again, up to three times. The course requires completion of a final exam, and the student must attain a passing grade of 75%. The final exam consists of three essay questions.

**Special Note:** If a student should fail a test after 3 attempts, he/she will not be allowed to retake the test. However, he/she may still graduate as long as he or she attains a 75% average grade upon completion of the course.

## ***COURSE OUTLINE***

### **LESSONS**

Lesson 1	CP Officers Duties
Lesson 2	Residential Security
Lesson 3	Hotel Security
Lesson 4	Route Selection
Lesson 5	S.O.P
Lesson 6	Advance Reconnaissance
Lesson 7	OODA
Lesson 8	Weapons
Lesson 9	Optical Devices
Lesson 10	Baton Techniques
Lesson 11	Arrest & Cuffing Techniques
Lesson 12	Unarmed Combat
Lesson 13	Terrorists
Lesson 14	Vehicle Search
Lesson 15	Explosives
Lesson 16	Ballistic Armour
Lesson 17	First Aid
Lesson 18	Team Positions & Cover Techniques
Lesson 19	Vehicle Tactics
Lesson 20	CP Team Counter Surveillance
Lesson 21	Countermeasures
FINAL EXAM	

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Final Examination: Three essay questions

### **Course Description**

#### **CP OFFICERS DUTIES**

This lesson will give an understanding of the duties of a CP (close protection) officer including proper protocol in client dealings, threat assessments, creating client profiles, threat profiles, and security dealings.

#### **RESIDENTIAL SECURITY**

This lesson give an understanding of the proper procedures for determining the level of security needed for the specific areas of a client's residence as well as maintaining and continuing that security.

#### **HOTEL SECURITY**

This lesson will give an understanding of proper security procedures for the client while the client is traveling.

#### **ROUTE SELECTION**

This lesson will give an understanding on the planning of different routes, the route selection, and advising client of the basic safety rules for the travels the client makes.

## S.O.P

This lesson will give an understanding of the proper guidelines for the established procedures for the SOP for different scenarios from everyday routines to emergency situations.

## ADVANCE RECONNAISSANCE

This lesson will give an understanding on how to properly gather information, evaluate and analyze the information, and proceed with a final security plan of a site that will be visited by the client in the near future.

## OODA

This lesson will give an understanding on how to observe and act in a split second time frame in hostile situations.

## WEAPONS

This lesson will give a basic knowledge on the familiarization of weapons used by both operatives and the opposition, an explanation of advanced gun techniques, safety regulations, unconventional firearms, as well as, what can really happen in a weapons fight. **This lesson is not a replacement for proper weapons training.**

## OPTICAL DEVICES

This lesson will give an understanding on the various optical devices available and the purpose of each.

## BATON TECHNIQUES

This lesson will give a basic understanding of the use of the baton for offensive and defensive protection, and the different kinds of batons. **This lesson is not a replacement for proper baton training.**

## ARREST & CUFFING TECHNIQUES

This lesson will give a basic understanding of how to properly handle a suspect that must be detained, and the rules to follow. **This lesson is not a replacement for proper arrest and cuffing training.**

## UNARMED COMBAT

This lesson will give a basic understanding for the CP officer, working an unarmed assignment, on how to protect a client. This lesson will brief the student on how protect the client in a situation when weapons are not feasible. **This lesson does not replace the proper training required for a CP officer.**

## TERRORISTS

This lesson will give an understanding on the different terrorist groups, terrorist motives, common terrorist activities, and negotiating techniques.

## **VEHICLE SEARCH**

This lesson will give an understanding on how to properly conduct a vehicle search, what to look for to effectively prevent the opposition from planting any device under, on, or inside the vehicle, and where to locate these items.

## **EXPLOSIVES**

This lesson will give an understanding on how to handle bomb scare situations and evacuate the client, as well as the different types of explosives, how to prepare bomb incidents, bomb constructions, and description of what some concealed bombs may look like, and search equipment and techniques. **This lesson is not a replacement for proper explosives training.**

## **BALLISTIC ARMOUR**

This lesson will give an understanding in the various types of ballistic armour, and a list of items that will penetrate the armour.

## **FIRST AID**

This lesson gives a basic understanding in first aid in order to take care of and help themselves, client and fellow operatives if they are wounded. The do's and don'ts when administering first aid for various injuries and response to same. **This lesson does not replace proper first aid training.**

## **TEAM POSITIONS & COVER TECHNIQUES**

This lesson gives an understanding of the different team positions and techniques utilized in order to protect clients, different protection positions to follow depending on the situation and the threat.

## **VEHICLE TACTICS**

This lesson will give an understanding on the purpose of vehicle positions and tactics in the protection of the client when traveling.

## **CP COUNTER SURVEILLANCE**

This lesson will give an understanding of simple but effective surveillance techniques and how covert surveillance can be used against the operative.

## **COUNTERMEASURES**

Various devices, description of everyday non-descript electronic spy equipment, electronic sweeps/ searches, where to look for passive devices, where to search for electronics eavesdropping equipment. **This lesson is brief and the student will be instructed to keep abreast of all updated devices as they are presented via industry publication.**



**ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY OF  
LION INVESTIGATION ACADEMY**

**Joseph Alercia II**

Joseph Alercia II is the owner and director of Lion Investigation Academy and a licensed and practicing Private Investigator in the states of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Nebraska, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and formerly the District of Columbia. His four decades of practical experience in the Private Investigation and Security realm provide the student with the added advantage of a complete instructor who not only corrects exams but can give practical answers to the students' questions based on the knowledge has acquired through work on thousands of cases.

He is a graduate of many distance learning institutions and as such, understands the need and direction of distance learning education. As follows is a sampling of Mr. Alercia's educational history:

- LaSalle Extension University, Chicago, Illinois Diploma, American Law and Procedure
- LaSalle Extension University, Chicago, Illinois Bachelor of Law, the study of Basic Law
- Institute of Applied Science. Science Crime Detection (fingerprints, police photography, firearms, ID of handwriting, typewriting, MO)
- Universal Detectives, Universal City, CA. Investigation Training
- North American Institute of Police Science, Chicago, IL. Investigation and Police Science
- Universal Schools, Little Falls, NJ. Legal Investigation
- American Police Academy, Washington DC. Certification of Instruction, Arson Investigation
- Paralegal Institute, Phoenix, AZ. Research of Federal and State Laws  
The study of litigation and trial practice
- Police Science Institute, Newport Beach, CA. General law enforcement, police training
- Diploma, Forensic Handwriting Examiner
- Kensington University College of Law, Glendale, CA Doctor of Jurisprudence
- Graduate, Newspaper Institute of America. A writing course specializing in fiction writing and basic concepts of newspaper writing
- Legal Investigations Training, Universal School, Dallas, TX
- American Hotel & Lodging Association, Security & Loss Prevention Mgmt.

**MEMBERSHIPS**

- Former International Police Congress, Regional Director, Washington, DC (15 yrs)
- Former member and contributing editor of Professional Security Officer International
- Middle Eastern Police Chiefs Association of America (Former)
- Marine Corps League, Northampton County, PA, Past Commandant
- New Jersey Private Detective Association (Former)
- Academy of Security Educators and Trainers
- National Association of Legal Investigators (Former)
- Former International Narcotics Enforcement Officer's Association

- Association of Licensed Detectives of NY (Former)

### **AWARDS**

- Certificate of Achievement in Criminal Investigation, issued by the American Law Enforcement Association
- Membership Award in the International Academy of Criminology  
Named to *Who's Who in American Law Enforcement 1980*, a collection placed in the Library of Congress and in each state library for historical and educational purposes. Mr. Alercia has also participated in a private security seminar designed to impart information concerning the standards and goals published by the National Advisory Committee of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and to contribute to a statewide Industry consensus regarding these recommendations.
- John Edgar Hoover Memorial Gold Medal for distinguished public service
- Distinguished Service Award, Marine Corps League

### **COMMISSIONS**

- Past commission of the National Association of Police Chiefs as Pennsylvania Vice President
- Past Board of Directors, Private Detective Association, State of New Jersey. Duties included reviewing of legislative bills, formulating passage of internal laws and concepts of this association
- Commissioned as a Notary Public by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

### **LICENSES**

- Licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, State Board of Private Licensed Schools to teach Private Investigation and to conduct an Investigation academy within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Licensed as a Private Investigator/Private Detective in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Nebraska, and North Carolina.
- Act 235 Pennsylvania Lethal Weapons Training certified by Pennsylvania State Police and licensed to carry a weapon in the state of New Jersey

### **BUSINESS OWNED**

- Lion Investigation Academy, Pennsylvania – Est. 1974
- American Detective Agency, Pennsylvania – Est. 1975
- Sentry Detective Agency, New Jersey – Est. 1976
- M & J Investigations, New York – Est. 1980
- American Detective Systems – Est. 1983
- American Detective Agency, Washington DC – Est. 1988
- American Detective Agency, Nebraska – Est. 1995
- American Detective Agency, Massachusetts – Est. 2001
- American Detective Agency, North Carolina – Est. 2008

## **MILITARY HISTORY**

- United States Marine Corps, 1959–1963(Active), 1963-1965(Inactive reserve status). Honorable Discharge, and two tours of overseas duty.
- Past Commandant, Marine Corps League, Northampton County, Pennsylvania 1978 – 1979

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Former Senior Arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau Certified through the National Panel of Consumer Arbitrator
- Appeared on an episode of the television program *Unsolved Mysteries* in February, 1996, when the program profiled an unexplained death case investigated by Mr. Alercia in 1993
- Produced, directed and hosted a live radio talk show on the topic of the private investigation realm during 1987,1989,1998-2002
- Regularly provides internship opportunities via American Detective Agency for students from various Universities (such as Penn State University and Bloomsburg University in Pa.) as a component of the final semester of their criminal justice program. This internship is a requisite for the fulfillment of their respective degree.

## **John D. McCann, CFE**

- Assistant Director/Instructor of the Lion Investigation Academy
- Owner/Director of McCann International, a counterintelligence firm specializing in minimizing business risks
- Licensed private investigator, bonded locksmith, highly trained countermeasures technician and a counterintelligence specialist
- Sits on the “Advisory Board” for Dutchess Community College, Poughkeepsie, NY where he advises on the Criminal Justice Curriculum
- Lectured at various locations around the country including Yale University
- Licensed Private Investigator in the State of New York.
- Former Drill Instructor, Paris Island, SC, US Marine Corps

## **L.J. Strand**

International Instructor, Stockholm, Sweden

### **Educational Background**

- Graduate St. Jacobi College, Degree in Social Science and Psychology
- UGL, Development of Group and Leadership
- PEG, Production Economy
- BTS, Bodyguard Training Services
- Graduate of Lion Investigation Academy

### **Military Background**

- RSDF, Lieutenant, Honorable Discharge
- Co. BrigStri
- Chief Instructor, APC Tactical School
- Five tours at the Royal Castle as Chief of the Quick Response Unit

Military/Training Education

- OHS, Officers Academy
- KadS, Cadet Academy
- ABC Warfare
- Airborne and Ranger training
- Arctic Survival Program
- Explosives and Advanced Demolition
- Recon

- E.O.D

Certified Instructor

- WP and NATO Light Weapons
- Explosives and Demolition
- APC
- Unarmed Combat
- Combat Handgun Techniques
- First Aid

Business Owned

- Owner/Director of the International Security Agency, a firm specializing in low profile close protection, surveillance and countermeasures.