Elite Training Days: An Investigative Interviewing Conference

OCTOBER 13-15, 2026

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WHAT IS: ELITE TRAINING DAYS – AN INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWING CONFERENCE?

Elite Training Days – An Investigative Interviewing Conference is an annual event that brings together professionals from law enforcement, human resources, corporate security, compliance, loss prevention, government, forensic accounting, and other investigative disciplines. Its focus is on equipping attendees with the education, tools, and resources needed to conduct more effective, ethical, and professional investigative interviews.

The conference features presentations, interactive sessions, and keynote discussions led by experienced practitioners and subject matter experts. Topics often include rapport-based interviewing, credibility assessment, case strategy, legal considerations, documentation, and other evidence-based practices that strengthen investigative outcomes. Attendees gain practical techniques, innovative strategies, and current insights that can be applied immediately across a wide range of settings.

"ETD" also creates valuable opportunities for networking and collaboration among professionals who conduct or support investigations. By bringing together diverse perspectives and real-world experience, the conference encourages the exchange of ideas, the sharing of best practices, and the development of professional relationships that can support stronger investigative work.

The goal of the conference is to empower attendees with actionable knowledge that improves fact-finding, supports sound decision-making, reinforces ethical standards, and strengthens organizational effectiveness. It is designed for professionals who want to stay current on emerging trends, defensible investigative methods, and practical approaches that improve the quality and consistency of interviews and investigations.

CONFERENCE BENEFITS

- Stay updated on the latest research, trends, and best practices in investigative interviewing.
- Participate in practical training led by experienced interviewing and investigative professionals.
- Connect with a diverse range of professionals for collaboration and support.
- Strengthen your ability to conduct ethical, rapport-based, and effective investigative interviews.
- Access current tools, techniques, and resources that support stronger fact-finding and investigative outcomes.
- Learn from cross-functional and multidisciplinary perspectives to address complex investigative challenges.
- Be inspired by engaging keynote speakers, real-world case insights, and professional success stories.
- Earn continuing education units that support certifications and ongoing professional development.
- Stay informed on legal considerations, policy issues, and emerging standards that impact interviews and investigations.
- Leave with practical strategies and actionable ideas that can be implemented immediately in any environment.

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Justification Email

IAI Conference Justification Letter - General

Subject: Request to Attend the 2026 International Association of Interviewers Conference

Dear [Supervisor's Name],

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to request approval to attend the International Association of Interviewers' Elite Training Days: An Investigative Interviewing Conference, taking place October 13 to 15 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

This conference is a strong professional development opportunity that would directly benefit both my role and our organization. Elite Training Days is designed for professionals who conduct or support investigative interviews and offers practical training that can be applied immediately in the workplace.

Attending would provide several important benefits. First, the conference features expert-led sessions on investigative interviewing, rapport-based approaches, credibility assessment, case strategy, legal considerations, and other topics directly tied to effective investigations. This would help strengthen my ability to gather accurate, reliable information in an ethical and professional manner.

Second, the event brings together professionals from law enforcement, human resources, retail loss prevention, forensic accounting, compliance, corporate security, government, and other investigative fields. Exposure to cross-industry best practices would allow me to bring back ideas and methods that could strengthen our team's effectiveness.

Third, the conference offers valuable networking opportunities with experienced investigators, interviewers, solution providers, and subject matter experts from around the world. These connections can support ongoing knowledge-sharing and future collaboration.

Finally, the conference highlights current methods, emerging trends, and practical tools that can improve investigative outcomes while reinforcing ethical standards. It would also support my ongoing professional development in a way that directly aligns with my responsibilities.

To ensure a strong return on investment, I would be glad to share key takeaways, materials, and recommendations with the team after the event.

Thank you for considering this request. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss it further.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Justification Email

IAI Conference Justification Letter - Team Request

Subject: Request to Attend the 2026 International Association of Interviewers Conference

Dear [Supervisor's Name],

I hope you are doing well. I respectfully request approval to bring [team members/business partners] to the International Association of Interviewers' Elite Training Days: An Investigative Interviewing Conference, taking place October 13 to 15 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I believe this conference would be a valuable investment not only for my own development, but also for the continued growth and effectiveness of our broader team. Elite Training Days is designed for professionals who conduct or support investigative interviews and offer practical, relevant training that can be applied immediately in the workplace.

Involving the team accelerates professional growth, reinforces our employer brand, and contributes to long-term continuity and resilience. Participation from our group also enables deeper collaboration toward shared goals and performance.

Attending as a team would provide several important benefits. The conference features expert-led sessions on investigative interviewing, rapport-based approaches, credibility assessment, case strategy, legal considerations, and ethical information gathering. These topics directly support stronger investigative practices and can improve the quality, consistency, and professionalism of our work.

In addition, the event brings together professionals from law enforcement, human resources, retail loss prevention, forensic accounting, compliance, corporate security, government, and other investigative fields. This cross-industry perspective would expose our team to proven methods, emerging trends, and practical tools that can strengthen our internal capabilities.

The conference also offers valuable networking opportunities with experienced investigators, interviewers, solution providers, and subject matter experts from around the world. These connections can support knowledge sharing, future collaboration, and broader organizational awareness.

I am confident that sending a team would provide immediate and lasting value to our organization. To maximize the return on investment, we would be glad to share key takeaways, materials, and recommendations with others upon our return.

Thank you for considering this request. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss it further.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Justification Email

IAI Conference Justification Letter - Human Resources

Subject: Request to Attend the 2026 International Association of Interviewers Conference

Dear [Supervisor's Name],

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to request approval to attend the International Association of Interviewers' Elite Training Days: An Investigative Interviewing Conference, taking place October 13 to 15 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I believe this conference would be a valuable investment for both my professional development and our organization. The training is highly relevant to human resources, particularly in employee relations, workplace investigations, policy enforcement, and organizational risk mitigation.

Elite Training Days focuses on practical interviewing skills that directly support effective HR investigations, including rapport-based interviewing, credibility assessment, case planning, legal considerations, documentation, and ethical fact gathering. Strengthening these skills would help me conduct more thorough, fair, and defensible workplace interviews while improving the quality and consistency of information gathered during internal investigations and other sensitive employee matters.

This training would also support stronger decision-making in cases involving policy violations, employee complaints, allegations of misconduct, and other complex workplace issues. As expectations continue to rise around consistency, neutrality, documentation, and legal defensibility, this conference would help reinforce practices that protect both employees and the organization.

In addition, the conference brings together professionals from HR, compliance, corporate security, law enforcement, and other investigative disciplines. Exposure to these perspectives would provide practical ideas and proven methods that could enhance our internal processes and strengthen our overall investigative approach.

I am confident this conference would provide immediate and lasting value. To maximize the return on investment, I would be glad to share key takeaways, relevant materials, and recommendations with the team after the event.

Thank you for considering this request. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss it further.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Justification Email

IAI Conference Justification Letter - Law Enforcement

Subject: Request to Attend the 2026 International Association of Interviewers Conference

Dear [Supervisor's Name],

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to request approval to attend the International Association of Interviewers' Elite Training Days: An Investigative Interviewing Conference, taking place October 13 to 15 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I believe this conference would provide immediate and practical value to both my work and our agency. Elite Training Days is specifically focused on investigative interviewing and is designed for professionals responsible for gathering facts, assessing credibility, and conducting lawful, ethical, and effective interviews.

The training offered at this conference directly supports core law enforcement responsibilities. Sessions are led by experienced practitioners and subject-matter experts and focus on rapport-based interviewing, statement analysis, credibility assessment, case strategy, legal considerations, and evidence-driven interviewing methods. These are critical skills that can strengthen case development, improve the quality of information obtained, and help reduce the risk of false confessions and incomplete or unreliable statements.

The conference also offers exposure to current best practices and emerging trends in investigative interviewing. As expectations around professionalism, ethics, and defensible investigative methods continue to rise, this training would help ensure I remain current with approaches that support both effective investigations and public trust.

In addition, Elite Training Days brings together investigators and interviewers from law enforcement and related professional disciplines. That environment creates valuable opportunities to exchange ideas, learn from real-world case experiences, and identify practical techniques that can be applied within our own organization.

I am confident this conference would be a worthwhile investment in professional development and operational effectiveness. To maximize the value of attendance, I would be glad to provide a summary of key takeaways and share relevant materials or lessons learned with the team afterward.

Thank you for considering this request. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss it further.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

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$450 Full Member Price

The Ingleside Hotel

2810 Golf Rd. Pewaukee, WI 53072

Estimated Price Breakdown

Category	Low Estimate	High Estimate
Registration	$375	$690
Hotel	$325 - 2 nights	$486 - 3 nights
Flight	$300	$450
Ubers	$100	$150
Total	**$1,100**	**$1,776**