

ACTIVELY RETIRED? WANNA BE?

If you're retired, most probably, you've put in at least 20 years at a law enforcement job where you've spent countless hours of boredom followed several minutes of sheer terror. This has no doubt affected your heart and had you changing your shorts more times, some days, than others. So now you've retired. Your significant other is getting fed up with you around the house getting into all kinds of things that grate on them or you've taken up a hobby that is spending more of the pittance of a retirement than it should.

Would you be interested in working for yourself? Be your own boss as far as when you work and how long you work each day? I'm not talking about investing money in any work at home scheme. I'm talking about becoming a government contract background investigator. You don't have to go to school to learn how since most of you have been doing at least initial on-scene investigations already. You know how to interview people and hopefully you remember how to write a report, short and to the point. There are a variety of government agencies that hire contract investigators, either directly for the agency or through a contracted company, to conduct the investigations into an applicant's background for granting of a security clearance. You are an independent contractor that is paid by the hour, plus expenses such as mileage and travel. The volume of work available depends on the agency or contract you can get in with and the geographic area of the country you live, in since some contracts tend to generate more work in certain parts of the country than others.

I am the past president of the Association of Certified Background Investigators (ACBI). This organization has hundreds of members through the US and in the Caribbean. We are not a labor union but we do try to maintain an open dialog with the contract companies to address a variety of issues that may arise with our members. The ACBI was founded in 2001 and has successfully served to network all the member investigators with each other and help them gather information and at times facilitate the smooth completion of an investigation. Many of the contract companies have realized the value of the ACBI and have reached out to us, in their recruiting efforts, to fill vacancies in their investigative staff.

I invite you to visit our web site, WWW.ACBI.NET, and look into the process located under the About Us tab. There are also links to all the companies and agencies on the web site. We also hold a national conference every other year at the National Conference Center in Lansdowne, VA. All the companies and agencies attend. The next conference is scheduled for October 28-30 2014.

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