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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS AS COLLISION RECONSTRUCTIONIST

Relevant Experience

Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction (ACTAR) accredited, Reg. #1502.

19+ years of experience investigating and/or reconstructing collisions.

Personally investigated, reconstructed, and/or consulted on over 2,000 collisions during career, ranging from minor property damage to multiple fatality type crashes.

Formal Education

Currently completing Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering at Eastern Washington University.

2009 – Associate of Science (Physics) from Spokane Falls Community College.

Applicable Courses: Computer Science
 General Chemistry
 Statistics
 Linear Algebra
 Calculus I, II, & III
 Differential Equations
 Engineering Physics I, II, & III

1990 – Associate of Applied Science (Security Administration) from the Community College of the Air Force.

Applicable Courses: College Algebra
 General Physics

Specialized Training

- 1993 – *Basic Collision Investigation*, Washington State Patrol, 40 hours
- 1998 – *Advanced Collision Investigation*, WA Criminal Justice Training Commission, 80 hours
- 1999 – *Technical Collision Investigation*, WA Criminal Justice Training Commission, 120 hours
- 1999 – *Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Collision Investigation*, Burlington Northern, 16 hours
- 2000 – *Occupant Kinematics*, Robert Kaufman, Harborview / CIREN, 12 hours
- 2000 – *Collision Investigation Reconstruction*, Washington State Patrol, 132 hours
- 2002 – *Crash Data Retrieval (CDR) System Operator*, Collision Safety Institute, 16 hours
- 2002 – *Ped/Bike Crash Investigation*, Institute of Police Technology and Management, 40 hours
- 2002 – *Heavy Truck Reconstruction*, Washington State Patrol, 36 hours
- 2004 – *Applied Physics for the Traffic Crash Investigator*, Institute of Police Technology and Management, 40 hours
- 2004 – *Excel for the Accident Reconstructionist*, Accident Analysis & Reconstruction, 40 hours
- 2005 – *WA State Traffic Control Flagger*, Spokane County, 8 hours
- 2005 – *WA State Traffic Control Technician*, Evergreen Safety Council, 20 hours
- 2006 – *Crash Data Retrieval Technician Course Instructor*, Collision Safety Institute, 16 hours
- 2006 – *Crash Energy Analysis*, Accident Analysis & Reconstruction, 40 hours
- 2009 – *Crash Data Retrieval Technician Course (CDR)*, Collision Safety Institute, 8 hours
- 2009 – *Crash Data Retrieval (CDR) Data Analyst Course*, Collision Safety Institute, 32 hours
- 2009 – *Officer Involved Collision Prevention and Investigation*, Collision Investigation Solutions, 16 hours
- 2010 – *Arson Investigation for Patrol and Fire Officers*, Remedy Resource Group, 22 hours

Specialized Seminars & Conferences

- 2001 – *Motorcycle Collision Analysis Seminar*, John Hunter, Investigative Training Service, 8 hours
- 2001 – *Crash Analysis Seminar*, John Hunter, Investigative Training Service, 8 hours
- 2002 – *Crash Testing*, FARO Conference, 16 hours
- 2002 – *Occupant Kinematics*, FARO Conference, 8 hours
- 2002 – *Truck Rollover & Newton's Laws of Motion*, Dr. Frank Navin, WATAI Conference, 8 hours
- 2004 – *Accident Reconstruction Formulas*, WATAI Conference, 8 hours
- 2004 – *Code of Federal Regulations*, WATAI Conference, 8 hours
- 2004 – *ARC-CSI Crash Conference*, 28 hours

Specialized Seminars & Conferences Cont.

2005 – *ARC-CSI Crash Conference*, 28 hours

2006 – *Crash Data Retrieval User's Conference*, ARC-CSI, 16 hours

2006 – *Crash Testing*, WATAI Conference, 8 hours

2007 – *Applied Physics and Momentum & Energy Analysis*, Dr. Bruno Schmidt, WATAI Conference, 8 hours

2008 – *Crash Data Retrieval User's Conference*, ARC-CSI, 16 hours

2010 – *iWitness Photogrammetry Workshop*, DeChant Consulting Services, 32 hours

Work Experience

March 2001 to Present – Established Thorn Consulting Services in 2001 providing expert witness services in motor vehicle accident investigation and reconstruction.

January 1996 to Present – Detective, Spokane County Sheriff's Office, currently assigned to the Traffic Unit. Responsibilities include investigating and reconstructing serious injury and fatality collisions. ACTAR accredited reconstructionist within the region. Certified instructor through WSCJTC and instruct for the department and other agencies throughout the State of Washington in accident investigation and reconstruction.

March 1992 to December 1995 – State Trooper with the Washington State Patrol responsible for general patrol duties and collision investigations.

September 1988 to December 2010 – Security Police with the United States Air Force responsible for general military police operations on Air Force installations. Also served as a First Sergeant and Human Resource Advisor with the Washington Air National Guard at the 141st Air Refueling Wing (700+ personnel), Fairchild AFB, WA. Retired from the military with an Honorable Discharge as a Senior Master Sergeant (E-8).

Related Instructor Experience

Certified instructor through the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) to teach in the following areas: Collision Investigation, Collision Reconstruction, and BAC Datamaster (breathalyzer).

Guest lecturer in Applied Physics at Spokane Falls Community College (2008-2009).

Adjunct Instructor for Spokane Community College in Traffic Investigation (2005).

Related Instructor Experience Cont.

Over 1,000 hours of classroom teaching in the following areas of crash investigation:

Basic Collision Investigation, Advanced Collision Investigation, Technical Collision Investigation, Pedestrian Collision Investigation, Motorcycle Collision Investigation, Collision Reconstruction, Momentum and Vector Analysis, Crush Analysis, Vehicle Dynamics, Occupant Kinematics, Skidmark Analysis, Human Factors, Time and Distance, Airborne Scenarios, Newton's Laws of Motion, Lamp Analysis, and Equation Derivation.

Previous certified Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) instructor (1998 – 2006).

Professional Associations

2001 to Present: Member of the Washington Association of Technical Accident Investigators (WATAI)

2001 to Present: Member of the Forensic Accident Reconstructionists of Oregon (FARO)

2002 to Present: Member of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)

2002 to Present: Member of the Accident Reconstruction Communications Network (ARC)

2003 to Present: Member of the International Network of Collision Reconstructionists (INCR)

2010 to Present: Member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

Expert Testimony

2004 – *Robert Forster v. Shawn Lyons*, Spokane County Superior Court, WA, civil trial

2005 – *State of Washington v. Ricky Knokey*, Grays Harbor County Superior Court, WA, criminal trial

2006 – *Darlene Edwards v. Joan Miner*, Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, Cause No. SX-05-SM-541, civil trial

2008 – *State of Idaho v. Dominick Salois*, Kootenai County District Court, ID, criminal trial

2009 – *State of Washington v. Kevin Burton*, Grays Harbor County Superior Court, WA, Cause No. 08-1-525-1, criminal trial

2009 – *Conrad Pierce v. Farmers Insurance*, Spokane County Superior Court, WA, Cause No. 06-2-037485, mediation hearing

2009 – *Nachtigal v. FICW*, Spokane County Superior Court, WA, Spokane County Superior Court, WA, Cause No. 06-2-03939-9, deposition

2010 – *State of Washington v. Greg Cedell*, Pacific County Superior Court, WA, Cause No. 09-1-00198-5, criminal trial

Expert Testimony Cont.

2010 – *Joshua Arleth v. Keree Jens & Brian Wilson*, Spokane County Superior Court, WA, Cause No. 08-2-05575-7, deposition

2010 – *Angelique Thomas v. Chris Sonnabend*, Spokane County Superior Court, WA, Cause No. 09-2-02590-2, deposition

2010 – *Christopher & Drew Rynning v. Spokane Kia*, Spokane Superior Court, WA, Cause No. 09-2-03945-8, deposition

2010 – *Estate of Kevin Lewis v. WA State Department of Transportation*, Spokane County Superior Court, WA, Cause No. 09-2-01041-7, deposition

2010 – *Mary Arndt v. Spokane County*, Spokane County Superior Court, WA, Cause No. 09-2-03156-2, deposition

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