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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Expert witness and litigation consultant with over 31 years of law enforcement experience, including supervisory assignments in Internal Affairs, Audit Division, and patrol operations with the Los Angeles Police Department. Specialized expertise in use of force, police performance evaluation, policy compliance, and critical incident review. Experienced in analyzing officer decision-making under constitutional standards, including *Graham v. Connor*, and identifying failures in training, supervision, and policy implementation. Provides case review, expert reporting, and litigation support in civil rights and police misconduct cases.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Police Use of Force (Deadly & Less-Lethal)
- Conducted Energy Weapons (TASER)
- Officer-Involved Shootings
- Use-of-Force Policy & Training
- Officer Decision-Making Under Stress
- Internal Affairs Investigations
- Police Auditing & Compliance (Consent Decree)
- Supervision & Organizational Accountability
- Body-Worn Camera Analysis
- School Safety & Active Shooter Preparedness

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Riggs Advisory Group, LLC

2026-present

Expert witness consulting.

- Conduct independent reviews of police use-of-force incidents, including TASER, officer-involved shootings, and less-lethal force
- Analyze officer actions under *Graham v. Connor* and applicable state and agency policies
- Identify failures in policy, training, supervision, and organizational risk management
- Prepare Rule 26 expert reports and provide litigation support
- Evaluate body-worn camera footage, reports, and investigative materials for consistency and completeness
- Assess supervisory investigations and organizational accountability systems

Titan National Consulting Group, Inc.

2026-present

- Retained as use-of-force expert in civil litigation involving police practices
- Provide case review, expert opinions, report writing, and litigation support

California State University Northridge

2026-present

Lecturer, Criminology and Justice Studies Department.

- Teach courses on policing, use of force, and justice system practices
- Integrate real-world case analysis into curriculum

Los Angeles Police Department**1994-2025****Police Sergeant (1999–2025)**

- 25 years of supervisory experience managing personnel, discipline, and performance
- Served 14 years as a Terrorism Liaison Officer
- Supervised patrol operations and served in leadership roles during critical incidents
- Reviewed use-of-force incidents for policy compliance and tactical reasonableness
- Conducted administrative investigations into officer conduct
- Assigned to Internal Affairs and Audit Division evaluating high-risk incidents
- Ensured compliance with departmental policy and federal consent decree requirements
- Provided training and supervision related to use of force and officer decision-making

Police Officer / Field Training Officer / Senior Lead Officer (1994–1999)

- Patrol operations, investigations, traffic investigation, and community engagement
- Trained probationary officers in field settings

EDUCATION

- Master of Science, Forensic Psychology, Northcentral University **2018-2021**
- Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) **1987-1992**

CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- California POST Advanced, Supervisory, and Instructor Certifications
- POST-Certified Instructor: Use of Force, Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE), Electronic Control Weapons (TASER), Racial Profiling, First Aid/CPR/AED, Officer Safety / Field Tactics
- Instructor: TASER (X26, X26P & TASER 7), Chemical Agents, Building Searches, Run Hide Fight, Seconds Count (K–12 Safety), Narcan

Professional Memberships:

- Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)
- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- InfraGard
- National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE)

RESEARCH & SCHOLARLY WORK

Riggs, C. (2026). *Operational gaps in school safety: A study of policy versus practice in K–12 settings*. Manuscript accepted for publication by the *Journal of Threat Assessment and Management*.

Riggs, C. (In Progress). *From Adoption to Stabilization: Conducted Electrical Weapon Deployment in the Los Angeles Police Department, 2012–2024*. Manuscript under review at *Police Quarterly*.

REFERENCES

Upon request