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Consultant & Expert Witness for Law Enforcement

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CURRICULUM VITAE

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Law Enforcement Consultant and Expert Witness specializing in the evaluation of police conduct, training standards, and policy compliance. Offers attorney-focused analysis of use of force, traffic enforcement, investigative practices, and K-9 operations. Known for clear, defensible, and objective opinions grounded in nationally recognized standards, established training protocols, and over 30 years of real-world law enforcement experience. Services include case consultation, written reports, depositions, and courtroom testimony.

AREAS OF EXPERT CONSULTATION

- Police practices and procedures
- Use of force analysis
- Traffic stops and roadside detentions
- Emergency vehicle operations and due regard
- Supervisory review and policy compliance
- Criminal interdiction practices
- K-9 deployment and handling
- Training adequacy and academy standards
- Investigative conduct and officer decision-making

KEY SKILLS & EXPERTISE

- Expert witness and consultant specializing in law enforcement practices
- Extensive knowledge of criminal justice systems and procedures
- Proven courtroom testimony experience in state and federal cases
- Skilled in behavioral and statement analysis
- Criminal interdiction and K-9 expert
- College-level instructor and curriculum developer
- Knowledge of federal, state, and local law enforcement operations
- Strong leadership, communication, and teaching abilities

- Highly proficient in administrative and operational management

EXPERT ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

- Provide case consultation and expert analysis in civil and criminal matters
- Evaluate officer conduct for compliance with policy, training, and accepted practices
- Prepare written expert reports and case reviews
- Provide deposition and trial testimony
- Analyze training standards, supervision, and organizational practices
- Conduct independent review of use of force incidents, traffic stops, and enforcement actions

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of CLEET Academy – Ada, OK 03/2024 – 03/2026

- Director of the largest law enforcement academy in Oklahoma
- Trained approximately 350 law enforcement cadets per year
- Transformed academy culture from undisciplined to structured and professional
- Reduced major disciplinary issues from 19 per academy to zero
- Direct supervisor of 15 instructors and administrative staff
- Implemented all state-mandated training for academy cadets
- Oversaw all phases of the academy, from firearms training to driving operations

Director of Safety and Security / BPOC CV TECH – El Reno, OK 06/2022 – 03/2024

- Responsible for the safety and security of three educational campuses
- Launched active shooter and Stop the Bleed training programs
- Implemented the first electronic sign-in system for campus security
- Established the first Basic Peace Officer Academy at CV Tech
- Authored all foundational academy documents, including policies and SOPs
- Built a fully operational academy from the ground up with a limited budget
- Updated CLEET curriculum to current standards
- Framework remains in use today

Oklahoma Highway Patrol – Troop YA/YB/YE

Captain | Oklahoma City, OK | 01/2011 – 06/2022

- Commanded the largest turnpike system in the state (44 troopers and administrative staff)
- Managed the largest overtime budget within the division
- Implemented National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance
- Directed large-scale enforcement operations and initiatives

- Increased seatbelt compliance arrests by 30.97% and criminal arrests by 12.02%

Oklahoma Highway Patrol – Troop A

Captain | Oklahoma City, OK | 09/2007 – 01/2011

- Managed operations for the largest troop in the state (68+ personnel)
- Created DUI and Criminal Interdiction units responsible for major seizures
- Improved operational efficiency and morale through leadership initiatives
- Reduced fatalities by over 9% and increased seatbelt usage by 12%
- Implemented ICS training programs

Oklahoma Highway Patrol – Troop YA/YB/YE

Captain | Oklahoma City, OK | 02/2007 – 09/2007

- Increased DUI and felony arrest rates by 600%
- Authored and updated SOPs for departmental operations
- Coordinated enforcement strategies with prosecutors
- Seized over 700 lbs of drugs and more than \$200,000 in cash
- Conducted major Special Emphasis operations

Oklahoma Highway Patrol – Troop A

Lieutenant | Oklahoma City, OK | 09/2005 – 01/2007

- Managed field operations and investigations during assigned shifts
- Oversaw personnel performance, training, and compliance
- Handled major investigations including officer-involved shootings and use-of-force incidents
- Served as sole nighttime supervisor
- Managed a high volume of use-of-force incidents

Oklahoma Highway Patrol – Troop SO

Trooper | Oklahoma City, OK | 1996 – 2005

- Four-time Interdictor of the Year
- Two-time Interdiction Team of the Year
- K-9 handler responsible for drug and asset seizures exceeding \$70 million
- Frequent expert witness on interdiction and behavioral analysis
- Instructor for interdiction programs statewide
- Selected as DEA/DIAP Federal Instructor
- Taught interdiction and K-9 operations nationwide

Oklahoma Highway Patrol – Troop K

Trooper | Stillwater, OK | 1995 – 1996

- Led troop in DUI and felony arrests
- Troop Commander Award recipient
- Conducted Defensive Tactics training

EDUCATION

Master of Business Management – Organizational Leadership

Southern Nazarene University | Bethany, OK

Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA) • Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society

Bachelor of Science – Organizational Leadership

Southern Nazarene University

Distinguished Achievement Award • Class Representative

Associate Degree – Police Science

Oklahoma State University–OKC

Dean's Honor Roll • Class Representative

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- CLEET Basic & Advanced Certifications
- CLEET Basic Academy (1993)
- 48th OHP Academy (1995)
- DEA/FBI Federal Instructor School
- Certified K-9 Handler
- COOP Program Manager
- ICS Incident Commander Certified
- ICS 300/400 Certified
- HazMat First Responder / EMT First Responder
- Money Laundering and Controlled Drug Delivery Certified
- Body Language and Statement Analysis Training
- Published Author
- Author of the book LIAR – Lie Detection Made Easy

AWARDS & HONORS

- Commissioner's Award for Interdiction
- DIAP Instructor of the Year
- DEA Distinguished Achievement Award

- 8x Criminal Interdiction Award Recipient
- Oklahoma Turnpike Authority Outstanding Performance Award
- Distinguished Student & Professor Awards – Southern Nazarene University
- VINE Award for work with victims

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- Federal Interdiction Instructor (DIAP, DEA, FBI collaborations)
- Leadership Academy Instructor (Ethics, Management & Supervision)
- Adjunct Professor – Southern Nazarene University
- Author
- Author of the book LIAR – Lie Detection Made Easy

REFERENCES

Available upon request.