

Collision, Reconstruction & Analysis



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CURRICULUM VITAE

Experience

- **30** years of law enforcement experience
- **26** years of accident reconstruction expert witness.
 - * 1983 to date, Idaho State Police
 - ♦ Manager, Idaho State Police Accident Reconstruction Program.
 - ♦ Wrote the curriculum currently being used in the instruction of all law enforcement officers in accident investigation and reconstruction in the State of Idaho.
 - ◆ Full time certified instructor for Idaho State Police Advanced Training.
 - ♦ Master Instructor of Accident Investigation
 - ♦ Master Instructor of Accident Reconstruction
 - ◆ Certified instructor of Accident Investigation and Accident Reconstruction Courses for Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

- ♦ Regularly assists other police agencies in investigating and reconstructing traffic accidents.
- ◆ Testimony in criminal and civil court as an expert witness in the states of: Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, Nebraska, Montana, Oregon, Arizona, Illinois, Washington, and United States Federal Court.
- ♦ Over 1000 hours of testimony in the field of accident reconstruction.
- ◆ Instructed for Boise State University, the Institute of Traffic Studies, College of Southern Idaho, and Montana Highway Patrol in the fields of Accident Investigation and/or Reconstruction.
- ◆ Organized and personally participated in an accident involving a Chevrolet pickup and a sixwheel farm truck (driver of the farm truck), for the 1996 Annual International Association of Accident Reconstruction Specialists Seminar held in Meridian Idaho.

Work Experience

- * Personally investigated over 400 fatal accidents.
- * Reconstructed over 800 commercial vehicle accidents, involving vehicles hauling hazardous materials or explosives.
- * Idaho State Polices most qualified Reconstructionist; (organizes and sets standards for the Idaho State Police Investigation and Reconstruction programs), has been involved in over 4000 reconstructions.

* **1994** - Full time certified instructor (Idaho State Police Academy), Department's consultant in traffic accident reconstruction, also works on special problems in the field of accident reconstruction for the Idaho State Police.

Specialized Training in Accident Reconstruction

• **2007** – Charleston, South Carolina

IAARS 27th Annual Seminar and Training with SCARS

24 hours of Study on the following:

Speed Determination from Evidence Gathered at Scene

Minimum Speed, Momentum, Critical Speed Scuff, Airborne Equations.

Validations of Drag Sleds, Field Testing and Demonstration

• 2007 - Las Vegas, Nevada

ARC - CSI Crash Conference

24 hours of Study on the following:

Field Testing & Momentum Validation

Electronic Accelerometer Testing and Validation

SUV Rollover Testing

CDR Validation Testing

• **2006** – Huston, Texas

IAARS 26th Annual Seminar and Training

24 hours of Study on the following:

Field Testing & Formula Validation.

Critical Speed Testing and Validation

Field & Classroom Comparison of Various Data Collection Devices & Methods

Vision & Driving With Demonstrations, Involving Eye Movements, Perception & Reaction.

• **2005** – Meridian, Idaho

IAARS 25th Annual Seminar and Training

24 hours of Study on the following:

Truck Rollover Field Testing & Formula Validation.

On and off Road Critical Speed Scuff Testing & Formula Validation.

Anti-loss of Control & Stabilization Features.

Vision & Driving With Demonstrations, Involving Eye Movements, Perception & Reaction.

Momentum Validation Crash Testing With Multiple Departing units.

Field & Classroom Comparison of Various Data Collection Devices & Methods.

Scale diagrams & Analysis Results

• 2004 – Jacksonville, Florida

24 hours IPTM Reconstruction Special Problems

• 2003 – Kansas City, Kansas

IAARS Annual Seminar and Training

24 hours of Study on Event Data Recorder and Vehicle Rollover.

• **2002** – Minneapolis, Minnesota

IAARS Annual Seminar and Training

24 hours of study on perception/reaction timing and vehicle modular analysis.

• **2001** – Grand Rapids, Michigan

IAARS Annual Seminar and Training

24 hours of study on (black box) module analysis and vehicle crash dynamics analysis; occupant kinematics.

• **2000** - College Station, Texas

WREX 2000-World Reconstruction Exposition

40 hours of testing of crash dynamics; tire coefficients of all brands of tires; motorcycle crashes and commercial vehicles sliding on their sides

• **1998** – Boston, Massachusetts

IAARS Annual Seminar and Training

40 hours of study of biomechanics of low speed impacts; driver awareness and traffic control devices; transfer and trace evidence in traffic accident investigations; blood evidence in accident reconstruction; tire dynamics and nomenclature.

• 1997 – Vancouver, British Columbia

IAARS Annual Seminar and Training

24 hours of study on motorcycle collision; vehicle dynamics and articulated vehicle rollovers.

• **1997** - Helena, Montana

The Texas A&M University System, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Law Enforcement & Security Training Division Advanced Commercial Vehicle Reconstruction Course

48 hours of study, commercial vehicle reconstruction and testing.

1996 - Boise, Idaho

IAARS Annual Seminar and Training

24 hours Occupant Kinematics Angular momentum of two vehicles.

• 1995 - Sunnyvale, California

Northwestern University Traffic Institute

Heavy Vehicle Crash Reconstruction

40 hours of heavy vehicle reconstruction and testing.

• **1995** - Columbus, Ohio

Institute of Vehicle Safety

Instructor Level: Concept of Day/Night Visibility for Traffic Accident Investigators.

44 hours of study, testing and certifying.

• **1995** – Sherwood, Oregon

Forensic Accident Reconstructionists of Oregon

Validation of Collision Analysis

14 hours of study analyzing staged crashes and airborne equations

• **1995** – Grand Rapids, Michigan

IAARS Annual Seminar and Training

24 hours of study on vehicle dynamics; physics refresher; pedestrian and pedecyclist reconstruction and occupant kinematics.

• **1994** - Bellevue, Washington

Northwestern University Traffic Institute

Vehicle Dynamics

40 hours of reconstruction of vehicle dynamics.

• **1993** – Portland, Maine

IAARS Annual Seminar and Training

24 hours of study on commercial vehicle collision dynamics and testing.

1991 - **International Association of Accident Reconstruction Specialists**, Membership #75. Attends and organizes annual seminars and provides vital information for the membership. Participates as a speaker in the seminars. Elected to Board of Directors in 1996. Elected to Vice President of the Board of Directors 2002

• 1990 - Boise, Idaho

Institute of Traffic Studies College of Technology

Pedestrian Accident Reconstruction

24 hours of study and testing on pedestrian traffic accidents. Determining speeds from the vehicle and pedestrian.

• **1988** - Boise, Idaho

Advanced Truck Accident Reconstruction

40 of study and testing of weight shift and speed derivations for semi, doubles and triples. Instructed by Mike Lofgren.

• **1988** - Boise, Idaho

Advanced Accident Reconstruction

40 hours of computer applications and truck accident reconstruction. Operation of Comcrash by instructor and author Tom Ravensdale.

• **1986** - Boise, Idaho

IPTM University of North Florida

Traffic Accident Reconstruction Special Problems

40 hours of study and testing of motorcycles.

• 1983 - Boise, Idaho

Traffic Accident Reconstruction

80 hours of study and testing of vehicle accident and braking/acceleration dynamics. The course included: Geometric construction; derivation of formulas for minimum speed from skids, critical speed, weight shift and twist, drag factor, acceleration, time/distance and conservation of linear momentum.

Specialized Training in Accident Investigation

• **1983** - Boise Idaho

Accident Investigation Refresher Course 80 hours

• 1982 - Twill Falls Idaho

Advanced Accident Investigation

40 hours of advanced study of vehicle accident dynamics. Course included: Review of general investigation, Algebra, Trigonometry and Geometric Construction; determining force/thrust from damage; review of N.U.T.I. template/calculator; radius and tangent offset equations; curve plotting and scale drawing; equations and graphs to determine minimum speed from skids, critical scuffs, falls, vaults, conservation of linear momentum and combining speeds; time and distance equations; weight shift and it's effect on braking; light bulb examination; various exercises using the above subjects

• 1981 - Pocatello, Idaho

Basic Accident Investigation

80 hours of concentrated study of Investigation and Testing Techniques, based on N.U.T.I.

• . **1980** - Burley, Idaho

Introduction To Accident Investigation

32 hours of How to Investigate and Record Accidents

Education

- College: 1974 1976 Yuba College, Marysville, California.
- Law Enforcement Training:
 - ◆ 1993 Earned Master Certificate from Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, State of Idaho, Department of Law Enforcement.
 - ◆ 1991 Earned Advanced Certificate from Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, State of Idaho, Department of Law Enforcement.

- ◆ 1984 Earned Intermediate Certificate from Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, State of Idaho, Department of Law Enforcement.
- ◆ **1983** Department of Law Enforcement, Idaho State Police First Stress Academy #4.
- ◆ **1979** Police Officer Standards and Training Academy, Class #42.

OTHER

- * 1996 1997 Requested by the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the United States District Attorneys Office to reconstruct and testify in the United States District Court on a second degree murder by vehicle case.
- * **1997** United States Department of Justice

Award For Public Service

Meritorious Service and Acts that have materially contributed to the attainment of the highest standards of cooperative law enforcement and justice in the United States of America.

- * Assisted the Idaho Department of Transportation in determining a braking problem with their 1989 Ford dump trucks. Organized the test skidding of these trucks in Boise and was able to determine and explain why the trucks where having braking problems and presented opinion on how to solve the problem.
- * Performed tests on semis, double and triple trailers, passenger cars and motorcycles on a test track to document their actions during accident situations.