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Abilities

I have served as administrative consultant to the Ohio Dept. of Public Safety (DPS) on CDL training matters since 2005 (Ohio regulates public & private CDL training schools). I served as a traffic crash reconstructionist for OSP from 1994 until my retirement in 2005, when I opened a private accident consulting firm (specializing in CMV crashes) which I presently operate.

I served as Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Coordinator (CEC) for OSP in southern Ohio from 1998 – 2005, supervising DOT inspections (under the state MCSAP plan) and weight enforcement (platform & portable scale teams).

I served in OSP as a trooper 1978 – 1994 and as a supervisor thereafter.

Key Skills

Crash Reconstruction:

I am familiar with all and proficient (and equipped) for most reconstruction techniques including; forensic mapping, CAD (3-programs), 2-D & 3-D computer animations, accelerometers, professional quality digital photography, ECM and CDR download technology, and VORAD technology.

Regulatory Compliance:

While with OSP, 50% of my time was spent providing guidance to motor carriers on FMCSR. As DPS consultant I continue to provide guidance to the CDL training community, staying current through resources at OSP, JJ Keller, Transport Topics, etc. I employ this background to author state legislation that keeps Ohio's CDL training programs current with federal regs., training techniques, and emerging CMV technology. Certified in NA Level I, hazmat, & cargo tank inspection since 1998 I monitor the safety of each CDL training vehicle in Ohio annually.

CDL Training:

Since 2006 I have conducted an annual inspection of each CDL school (similar to a PTDI site inspection) to ensure compliance with Ohio's minimum training and curriculum standards. I also organize and present continuing education seminars for school managers, and promote curriculum programs beneficial to trainees. Member of Checkmark (Dekra USA) fleet inspection system. Member of Ohio Trucking Association where I am scheduled to present a seminar on crash risk mitigation in 2010.

Litigation

I have over 30 years experience in preparing cases and preparing attorneys to understand technical case information. The past five years (in private practice) have seen client liability reduced extensively in cases that, at first glance, appear to be entirely the fault of the client.

Background

2005 – Present

I have organized and operated a private traffic crash consulting firm that specializes in heavy truck crashes. STARS Consulting, LLC has provided services to a variety of legal and insurance concerns.

I have also served as an administrative consultant to the Ohio Department of Public Safety on CDL training matters.

Accomplishments

- 1st in the nation to utilize VORAD data in a traffic crash reconstruction to establish causation and liability.
- The majority of my crash reconstructions have settled (favorably to clients) without going to trial due to the scrupulous nature of investigation and reporting, providing savings in legal fees. My reconstructions are in much greater detail than competing firms. Most have actually settled without doing depositions.
- Wrote legislation (which was adopted) to advance CDL training standards and equipment safety in Ohio.
- Developed and implemented policy to personally inspect each CDL school annually to ensure adequate curriculum, training standards, and record keeping.
- Physically inspect each CDL training vehicle in Ohio annually (NA level V) to ensure compliance.
- Organized and conducted the first seminars of continuing education for CDL school managers in Ohio.
- Initiated and encouraged CDL schools to develop a more aggressive pre-trip brake adjustment inspection curriculum utilizing visual adjustment markers to enhance student knowledge and attitude. Program need was based upon CVSA national statistics for OOS brakes and high crash causation due to brake issues.

1998 – 2005

I served as the commercial enforcement coordinator (CEC) for the southern Ohio (Jackson) district of the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP). As such I supervised DOT inspections (under the state MCSAP program) as well as weight enforcement (platform scales and portable scale teams). I was certified in NA level I, hazmat, and cargo tank inspection. *I supervised 2400 annual school bus inspections and was responsible for the compliance of school bus operation with Ohio Administrative Code in southern Ohio.*

Additionally, (as a member of the OSP crash reconstruction team since 1994) I conducted crash reconstruction for all CMV fatal and serious-injury crashes. I reviewed all fatal crash investigations conducted by OSP in the district and directed or personally conducted additional investigation for inadequate or incorrect investigations. Upon request by the district commander I personally conducted the reconstruction of crashes that were politically sensitive or incurred liability to the state.

Accomplishments

- 1st in Ohio to combine the crash reconstruction discipline with DOT training and experience to provide a comprehensive understanding of CMV crash investigation and causation.
- Mine was the 1st (and to my knowledge the only) OSP installation to organize and present quarterly public meetings for motor carriers based in the region. The purpose was to provide information on new and evolving state laws and FMCSR's and to provide a platform to meet and express concerns to state and US representatives. Meetings were held at motor carrier locations and at state facilities. They became so popular that the Ohio Trucking Association privately lamented that the meetings cut into their membership drives in that part of the state since the information was being provided for free.
- The unit that I commanded was comprised of a mix of civilian employees and troopers. During my tenure both morale and productivity was high, consistently leading the state in several areas of activity.
- I routinely provided training in advanced accident investigation techniques and CMV enforcement training to the (over 100) troopers and their supervisors in the district.
- I provided field training to all newly trained crash reconstructionists that entered the district.
- Among the first reconstructionists in Ohio to utilize the emergent (CDR download) technology to support crash reconstruction conclusions with data downloaded from an automobile air bag module.
- Provided Technical Accident Investigation instruction at the OSP Training Academy.

1978 – 2005

I served as a trooper and as a supervisor in the Ohio Highway Patrol until retirement in 2005.

Computer Skills Include:

Windows (XP, Vista, 7), MS (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook), Skype, Corel.

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Professional Memberships:

National Association of Professional Accident Reconstruction Specialists	(NAPARS)
Accident Reconstruction Network	(ARC)
Professional Society of Forensic Mapping	(PSFM)
Ohio Trucking Association	(OTA)

Training and Crash Reconstruction Portfolio Available

