

**CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- 1979 Mercer County Community College, Trenton, NJ – A.S. Degree, with Honors
- 1980 F.B.I./P.O.S.T./N.R.A. Firearms Instructor Certification, San Bernardino, CA
- 1980 Field Training Officer Course, College of the Redwoods, Eureka, CA
- 1985 Basic criminal Investigation Course, L.A.S.D.
- 1985– 1987
 Successfully completed an extensive two-year Firearms and Toolmark Examiners training course as established by the Association of Firearms and Toolmark Examiners.
- 1985 Law Enforcement Armorers Course, Lassen College, Susanville, CA
- 1986 Recognition and Operation of Soviet Bloc Firearms, U.S. Army Aggressor Command
- 1987 Beretta Pistol Armorers, Course, L.A.S.D.
- 1989 Glock Pistol Armorers Course, Virginia Beach, VA
- 1989 A.F.T.E. Training Seminar, Virginia Beach, VA
- 1989 F.B.I. Gunpowder and primer Residue Course, Quantico, VA
- 1989 Wound Ballistics Seminar, Letterman Army Hospital, San Francisco, CA
- 1991 A.F.T.E. Training Seminar, Houston, TX
- 1991 Remington Armorers Course, Houston, TX
- 1992 F.B.I. Crime Scene Investigation Course, Quantico, VA
- 1993 Assault Weapons Identification Course, Orange County, CA
- 1994 International Wound Ballistics Seminar, Sacramento, CA
- 1994 Double Action Pistol Armorers Course, Lassen College
- 1995 Full Automatic Firearms Course, Lassen College
- 1995 Ruger Firearms Armorers Course, L.A.S.D.
- 1995 Colt M-16/AR-15 Armorers Course, Jackson, MS
- 1996 Heckler & Koch Armorers Course, Jackson, MS
- 1996 A.F.T.E. Training Seminar, Milwaukee, WS
- 1996 Smith & Wesson Sigma Armorers Course, Jackson, MS
- 1997 Sig-Sauer Pistol Armorers Course, Jackson, MS
- 1998 International Wound Ballistics Assn. Seminar, Los Angeles, CA
- 2006 Smith & Wesson Revolver Armorers Course, Springfield, MA
- 2006 Smith & Wesson Pistol Armorers Course, Springfield, MA
- 2006 Springfield Armory Museum Tour, Springfield, MA
- 2008 Colt Traveling Museum, Spokane, WA
- 2008 FBI Gunpowder and Primer Residue Course, Spokane, WA

Total training hours 4,760

SEMINARS:

- 1981 Revolvers vs Semi-Auto Pistols as Police Sidearm
- 1982 Evaluation of Soft Body Armor
- 1983 Firearms Training Liability
- 1984 Armor Piercing Ammunition
- 1985 Establishing a firearms Training Program
- 1986 Analysis of Police Shooting Situations
- 1987 Conversion Training, Revolver to Semi-Auto Pistols
- 1988 Law Enforcement Rifle Training
- 1988 Introduction to Smith & Wesson 3rd Generation Pistols
- 1989 Conversion Training, Revolvers to Semi-Auto Pistols, Advanced Techniques
- 1991 Sub-machinegun Training for Law Enforcement
- 2015 National Firearms Law Seminar, Nashville, TN

STUDY GROUPS:

- 1985 Sierra Bullet Co. – Manufacturer of Bullets
- 1985 Davis Custom Guns – Custom Gun Builder
- 1985 Pioneer Broach – Manufacturer of Rifling Tools
- 1986 Starline Brass Co. – Manufacturer of Cartridge Cases
- 1986 A.M.T. Firearms – Manufacturer of Firearms
- 1986 Jennings Firearms – Manufacturer of Firearms
- 1987 Mi-Wal Ammunition Co. – Re-manufacturer of Ammunition
- 1988 Calico Firearms – Manufacturer of Firearms
- 1988 Bar-Sto Barrels – Manufacturer of Pistol Barrels
- 1988 Pro-Load – Manufacturer of Ammunition
- 1989 Raven Arms – Manufacturer of Firearms
- 1990 A.T. Custom Gunworks – Custom Gun Builder
- 1990 I.A.I. Firearms – Manufacturer of Firearms
- 2010 Buck Knives – Knife Manufacturer
- 2015 CCI/Speer- Center Fire ammunition Rimfire ammunition and Primer production

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 1988 - Present Technical Advisor to Entertainment Industry
- 1999 - Present Independent Firearms Examiner
- 2009 – 2010 Deployed, Baghdad, Iraq, Firearms Examiner, BAE Systems
- 2007 - 2008 Contract Firearms Examiner, Washington State Patrol
- 2004 - 2008 Contract Firearms Examiner, Idaho State Police
- 1985 - May 1999 Deputy Sheriff/Firearms Examiner – L.A.S.D.
- 1983 - 1985 Part Time Gunsmith – The Davis Co., Anaheim, CA

1983 - 1984	Firearms Instructor – L.A.S.D.
1981 - 1999	Los Angeles Co. Sheriff’s Dept.
1980 - 1981	Range Master/Field Training Officer, Hermosa Beach P.D.
1979 - 1981	Hermosa Beach Police Dept.
1973 - 1979	Trenton, N.J. Police Dept.
1965 – 1968	New Jersey Air National Guard
1968 - 1969	United States Air Force
1969 – 1971	New Jersey Air National Guard
	Final Rate – Sergeant E-4, Security Police

LICENSURES AND CERTIFICATIONS:

California Peace Officers Standards and Training – Advanced Certificate
 California Peace Officers Standards and Training – Certified Instructor
 New Jersey Police Training Commission – Certified Peace Officer
 F.B.I/P.O.S.T./N.R.A. – Certified Firearms Instructor
 NRA High Master Classification Pistol Shot – Revolver and Semi-Auto Pistol
 NRA Distinguished Police Revolver Medal Holder
 NRA Revolver 1490 Club
 NRA Distinguished Police Semi-Auto Pistol Medal Holder
 Distinguished Member – Association of Firearms and Toolmark Examiners

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

Association of Firearms and Toolmark Examiners, Distinguished Member, Former Chairman,
 Wound Ballistics Video Committee, Former Member, Safety Committee
 International Wound Ballistics Association, former member, defunct 2002
 Southern California Firearms Examiners Study Group, former member
 California DOJ Ad Hoc Assault Weapons Identification Committee, 1989 – 1990
 National Rifle Association, Benefactor Member, Member, Board Of Directors, Chairman, Action
 Shooting and Jeannie Bray Scholarship Committees, Vice Chairman, Law Enforcement
 Assistance, member Competition Rules and Programs committees. California Rifle and Pistol
 Association, Life Member, Former Chairman, Law Enforcement Committee, Member, Legal
 Committee. California Police Pistol Association, Life member, Former President.
 Police Marksman Association, Life Member

PUBLICATIONS:

1984 “Rapid Revolver Reloading”, Police Marksman Association Magazine
 1990 “Metallic Ballistic Fragments: M.R.I. Safety and Artifacts”
 Co-Author, Radiology Journal
 1998 “Use of Step Drill For Recovering Bullet Evidence From Vehicles”, AFTE Journal

PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES AND TRAINING PROVIDED:

As a regular part of my duties with the L.A.S.D. Crime Lab, lectures on all aspect of firearms identification and investigation, firearms and ammunition were frequently presented to the following groups;

- California District Attorney's Association
- Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
- Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office
- Los Angeles County Council's Office
- Harbor Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Coroner's Office
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- California Highway Patrol
- Other Los Angeles County and State of California Law Enforcement Agencies

To date, have trained 6 other individuals as Firearms Examiners.

As part of my deployed duties, provided training in Firearms Identification and crime scene investigation to the following groups;

- USA Special Forces including Green Berets and Rangers
- USA, USAF, USN and USMC EOD technicians
- USA and USAF Military Police
- Provost Marshalls Office
- USA, USN and USAF JAG officers, Prosecution and Defense
- Iraqi Police Advisors and Law Enforcement Professionals (American LEOs assisting Iraqi Police & Army)
- Iraqi Army Judges
- Iraqi Civilian Judges
- Iraqi Police

LOCATIONS WORKED:

Have worked prosecution, defense and plaintiff cases in Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming and Canada.

COURT TESTIMONY:

Qualified as a Firearms Expert, for the Prosecution and the Defense on more than 400 occasions in Federal, Superior and Municipal Courts, Grand Juries and Coroner's Inquests in Los Angeles, Ventura, Kern and San Diego Counties in California. Washington County, Oregon. Ada, Blaine, Bonner, Boundary, Canyon and Caribou Counties in Idaho. Minnehaha County, South Dakota, Asotin County, Washington. Natrona County, Wyoming.