
New Mexico State Police Sergeant, Retired

EXPERIENCED LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATOR

Proactive and forward thinking individual with
a record of success in criminal investigations

AREAS OF SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- Certified Structural/Vehicle Fire/Explosion Investigator (IAAI CFI; NAFI CFEI, CVFI)
- New Mexico LEA Certification
- Fire/Law Enf. Service Instructor Cert.
- Haz-Mat Level 3 Certification
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B)
- ERT (Riot control supervisor)
- FAA Drone Certified
- Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention
- Auto Theft Examiner
- ICC Fire Inspector
(Not current)
- Public Information Officer (PIO)
- Standard Field Sobriety Testing
- Interviews and Interrogations

See attached for a complete list of certifications/certificates

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- New Mexico State Police, Investigations
Bureau Special Investigations Unit-Sergeant May 2008-(retired 12/31/23)
- Supervised 5 Agents
 - Reorganized the State Fire Marshal's Office, conducted 80+ major fire investigations with approximately 63 fire deaths.
 - Inv. alcohol, tobacco cases, fugitive searches, warrant roundups.
 - Multiple court cases (never lost a case).
- Valencia County Sheriff's Office March 2006-May 2006
- Albuquerque Fire Department 1987-September 2007
- Commissioned by Albuquerque Police Department and Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office. Oversaw and supervised several dozen firefighters as well as law enforcement personnel during the origin and cause phase of the fire incident investigation. NAFI Certified fire/explosion Investigator.
 - Lead Investigator of 400+ cases, 102 fire deaths.
 - Completed fire service career with the Albuquerque Fire Department with national certifications as a fire/explosion investigator (NAFI CFEI, CVFI).

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (cont'd)

Radio Broadcaster

1985-2011

- Radio broadcaster for over 25 years. Employed by several Albuquerque radio stations (part-time).

EDUCATION

Central New Mexico College

Degree Criminal Justice

Criminal Law

Criminal Investigations

Probation/Parole

Patrol Procedures

Criminal Invest. Lab

Physical Fitness

Organized Crime/Terrorism

Community Policing

Corrections

Criminal Procedures

Report Writing

White Collar Crime

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University; Aeronautical Science

1983-1985

Menaul High School; General Studies

1979-1983

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

International Association of Special Investigators

New Mexico Chapter, Int'l Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI CFI) Member

National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI CFEI) Member CFEI, CVFI

Mid-Valley Airpark Neighborhood Association Committee Chairman

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

Family

Flight training

Fishing, Hunting and Camping

Radio Broadcasting

Gardening

Firearms

FAA Drone Certified