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EDUCATION:

Approximately 90-college-level units. Emphasis on Automotive, Criminal Justice, and Business Administration. Graduate of the University of Southern California *Entrepreneurial Program* & Class #86, *Delinquency Control Institute*.

EXPERIENCE:

California State University, Long Beach Police Department:

Police Corporal: 1988 to 2008. Worked various patrol, investigative, and supervisory assignments. Vehicle fleet management. Retired as of December, 2008.

Automotive/law enforcement journalist/photographer: 1991—present.

Contributed text and accompanying photographs to numerous law enforcement and automotive publications on law enforcement and/or automotive issues..

Formerly: Technical Editor for *Police Fleet Manager Magazine*.

Micro Sun (Chicago): 2012. Consultant on an anti-idling system for police vehicles.

Hurlbut vs. Dakota Prinzing Motors: 2008 Technical investigator/consultant and expert witness on a fraudulent automotive scheme.

Johnny Pag Motorcycles (Irvine, CA): Consultant on development of a police motorcycle being developed by the company.

All Star Technical Services (Fort Worth, Texas) 2006:

Technical Consultant: Assisted in writing a proposal to obtain a fleet maintenance contract for a major Los Angeles area law enforcement agency's vehicle fleet.

CAUSE Legal (Westminster, California) 2006: Served as an automotive expert/consultant concerning emergency response vehicle issues for a Southern California law enforcement agency.

USA Today 2002: Consulted on Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor fuel tank issues.

Automotive Technician/Mechanic: 1969—1977.

- Employed by various Chevrolet, Datsun (Nissan), and Chrysler-Plymouth agencies in Southern California.
- Owned and operated *Motormedic of Santa Monica* 1973—1976. This was a self-contained mobile auto repair station, mounted in a Dodge Maxivan

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which would go to the customer. This was the fifth licensed mobile emission control station licensed by Consumer Affairs.

- Service Manager: *Bay Area Leasing* in Garden Grove
- Operated an automotive parts business 1985—2004 dealing with parts for antique and classic American and foreign vehicles.
- Testified in Los Angeles County Superior Court as an automotive expert.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

- Palisades High School: Basic Auto Shop
- *Chapman College*: Basic Criminal Investigation
- *Rio Hondo College*: Crime scene investigation
- *El Camino College*: *Auto Theft Recognition*
- *California Highway Patrol*: Auto theft investigation course
- *Golden West College*: Basic Traffic Accident Investigation (Basic)
- *Los Medanos College*: Traffic Accident Inv. (Intermediate)
- *C.P.O.A*: California Title #13 (emergency vehicle light & siren) requirements
- *Santa Monica College*: Automotive Air Conditioning
- *Nissan Motor Corp*: Various Datsun product courses.
- *Autoscan*: Ignition tune-up ~ oscilloscope procedures.
- *Raybestos*: Basic disc & drum brake procedures.
- *S.B.R.O.C*: MVPC (vehicle emission) License course. Licensed by the state of California to install, service, maintain, and certify vehicle emission systems 1971—1977)

PUBLICATIONS:

Dodge, Plymouth & Chrysler Police Cars 1956—1978 (1994)

Dodge, Plymouth & Chrysler Police Cars 1979—1994 (1995)

(I co-authored these books with Edwin J. Sanow)

CONTRIBUTOR FOR THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS:

- ***Police Fleet Manager Magazine (Technical Editor)***
- *High Performance MoPar*
- *Classic Auto Restorer*
- *Pursuit Vehicle News*
- *Old Cars Weekly*
- *O.C.W. Restoration Guide*
- *Cars & Parts Magazine*
- *Tactical Response Magazine*
- *Mounted Officer Magazine*
- *Law Enforcement Technology*
- *Police Magazine*
- *Law & Order Magazine*

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- *PI Magazine*

AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS:

- M.A.D.D. Award—2002: DUI enforcement
- CSULB Police Department—Certificate of Commendation in 1997 for implementing a police vehicle purchase, repair, maintenance, and replacement policy.
- Commended by the Chula Vista Police Department for my assistance in the apprehension and filing criminal charges against a sexual predator.
- Commended by the California Department of Justice for my efforts during an investigation and eventual prosecution of a subject that was counterfeiting sports memorabilia.
- 2006--2025 *Public Safety Writer's Association*. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place and Honorable Mention awards for various technical articles concerning emergency vehicles and equipment published in law enforcement publications.

HOBBIES:

Photography

Classic automobile restoration. (Owned and/or restored the following vehicles):

- 1965 GMC Wideside pick-up
- 1963 Dodge 880—California Highway Patrol Cruiser
- 1962 Studebaker GT Hawk
- 1970 Ford XL Convertible
- 1966 Plymouth Formula "S" Barracuda
- 1968 Ford Mustang GT
- 1969 Ford Mustang Notchback
- 1983 Chrysler 5th Avenue (High Performance upgrades)

ORGANIZATIONS:

- SAE International
- Motor Press Guild
- Society of Automotive Historians
- Public Safety Writers Association.
- American Society for Law Enforcement Training. (ASLET)
- Police Car Owners and Operators of America.
- Emergency Vehicles Owners and Operators of America.
- International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA)