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As a patrolman with the Town of Colonie for over fourteen years, I have amassed a strong and diverse training portfolio. Upon page two of this Curriculum Vitae, trial experience, interdepartmental training, and commendations have been listed.

Prior to my time as a law enforcement officer, I worked as a classroom teacher within the Albany City School District, specifically in Arbor Hill Elementary School. Beginning my professional career amongst such an incredible wealth of talent and instructional cadre was truly an enriching experience. It remains one of my proudest achievements and has fostered many longstanding friendships.

Since beginning my career with the Colonie Police Department, I have primarily chosen the overnight (A-line) shift as a patrol responsibility. The A-line shift, although difficult at times for a parent of two beautiful children, allows me to focus more directly upon unmanned aircraft operations, a distinct staple of my career. A more detailed description of this and the plethora of internal training and commendations I have received is later provided in more detail.

Educationally, I remained locked into expanding my knowledge through a PHD program for Criminal Justice with a focus on Homeland Security. I have been attending Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, a nationally accredited educational institution. As of February 2025, I have completed my required coursework, 15 classes in total, with a combined GPA of 3.98 and am in progress on my research-based dissertation, investigating police officer wellness initiatives. Slated to be competed, proposed, and defended by 2025.

Pursuing secondary employment opportunities has allowed me to become a subject matter expert, and eventual adjunct professor, for SUNY Albany's College of Emergency Management, Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity (CEHC). The CEHC is a nationally recognized program for advanced studies in an assortment of law enforcement careers. Within the informatics division I focus upon technology, coding, robotics, and drones. CEHC has become a second home for me, where I instruct a weekly course focused on the application of drones in emergency services. The curriculum consists of weekly classroom studies, followed by practical drone flights skills inside an indoor arena located downtown UAlbany campus.

It seems only fitting to round out this Curriculum Vitae by stating without question that my proudest achievement in life is the time I spend with my beloved wife of 13 years and children, who are eight and ten years old.

Professional Experience (Outside of Policing)

Adjunct Professor – SUNY Albany College Emergency Management, Homeland Security, and Cyber Security January 2023 - Present

- Teaching a weekly undergraduate class (Junior/Senior). CINF 467 is a combined classroom, lab, and internship adjoining drones, robotics, and technology through community partnerships in the criminal justice field.

Research Scientist – SUNY Research Foundation – Summer Program 2023

- Conducting a series of unmanned aircraft systems performance-based tests within the confines of an indoor area. Formulating an instruction curriculum from these tests and instruction. IRB sanctioned, continuous program.

Senior Training Technician – NYS Division Homeland Security and Emergency Services – April 2024 – Present

- Delivering UAS instructional courses to emergency personnel across the northeastern part of the United States. Revamped prior training curriculums, hands-on flying practical skills, and simulated scenario-based training.

Subject Matter Expert – SUNY Albany, School of National Center for Security and Preparedness June 2017 – June 2019

- Classroom and practical skills Instructor for emergency management personnel across the northeastern part of the United States. Developing, delivering, and critiquing UAS courses at the NY SPTC in partnership with DHSES.

Classroom Teacher Albany City School District February 2006 – June 2009

- Teaching elementary school children with a focus on disciplinary problems. Managing and running the In-School Suspension program as well as conducting home visits. Assisting CPS in evaluation and placement of at-risk children.
- Additionally tasked with management of the after-school care program, involving approximately 100 children. Hiring, supervising, and directing a staff of 10.

Education

Liberty University

- PHD Criminal Justice focus Homeland Security, Course work completed GPA 3.98, Dissertation in progress, proposal approved. Expected Spring 2025

University of Phoenix

- Dual Masters MBA/MPA – April 2009 – High honors

SUNY Brockport

- B.S. Recreation Studies – January 2005

Research Experience

- Police Officer Mental Health/Wellness Initiatives; Dissertation
- SUNY Albany Research Foundation – Summer Step Program (Ongoing)
- SUNY Albany CINF 466 Independent Research, IRB sanctioned study in ground-based robotics & artificial intelligence. 5/2024

Professional Experience (Police Specific)**Colonie Police Department – July 2009 – Present**

- **Testimony/Trial Experience**
 - Throughout the duration of my approximately 15-year police career I have participated in over 11 jury trials, well over 50 grand jury indictments, and countless additional court proceedings, including Suppression, Huntley, Preliminary Bail hearings, Traffic trials, and DMV hearings.
- **Department Specific Training (Order of Significance, Dates Estimated)**
 - UAS Unit Team Member/Part 107 Pilot (09/2017)
 - Federal Aviation Administration part 107C pilot's license. Federally permitted small, unmanned aircraft system commercial operator's license. Emergency management-based drone flights in heavily restricted airspaces, primarily focused in the Albany area.
 - Drug Recognition Expert Course (06/07/2023 – 06/16/2023)
 - 56-hour class. Included an overview of the drug evaluation procedures, expanded sessions on each drug category, drug combinations, examination of vital signs, case preparation, courtroom testimony, curriculum vitae preparation, and written examination.
 - DRE Field Certifications. 12 instructor observed and approved field evaluations. Jacksonville, Florida. (06/26/2023 – 07/01/2023)

- Drug Evaluation and Classification (06/05/2023 – 06/06/2023)
 - 16-hour class. Overview of the drug recognition expert evaluation procedures, the seven drug categories, eye examinations, and proficiency in conducting the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests.
- SPTC Instructor/NIST (06/2019)
 - New York State recognized drone instructor for the State Preparedness Law Enforcement Training Center in Oriskany, Ny. Developing and delivering a combination of drone classes for emergency management personnel across the east coast. Topics include mapping, thermal, night flight, tactical, and photography.
- Thermography for Public Safety (11/2023)
 - Small unnamed aircraft systems level one thermography certification course. Hosted by FLIR cameras systems. Four-day course focused on identifying accurate thermal anomalies.
- Wellness Initiatives Team Member (07/2020)
 - Serving as a critical incident response team member for officers in trauma. Conducting officer debriefs and developing proactive officer wellness initiatives internally.
- Field Training Officer (04/2021)
 - DCJS certified field training officer. Leading, mentoring, and evaluating recruits during their probationary period.
- EVOC Instructor (05/2021)
 - Emergency Vehicle Operations Course Instructor. Teaching and evaluating police academy recruits in the DCJS established driving school curriculum and remedial internal training.
- Traffic Safety Training Program (05/2016)
 - Special temporary assignment to the department's traffic safety unit, aimed at learning traffic specific responsibilities. Hit & Crash follow-up, MV104A review, Officer involved and fatal crashes.
- Detective Office Training Program (03/2017)
 - Special temporary assignment to the department's detective unit. Investigating sexual assaults, juvenile incidents, and major crimes.
- Explorer Post Advisor (06/2012)
 - Serving as an advisor amongst the department's youth police explorer program. Coordinating community special events, hosting educational sessions, and organizing ride-a-longs.
- Instructor Development Course (09/2014)
 - DCJS certified general topics instructor. 80-hour class focused on proper classroom presentation methodology and public speaking.
- Crisis Intervention Training/Advanced CIT (10/2017)
 - 56-hour combined classroom program focused on identifying, coping with, and assisting people experiencing emotional distress.
- ARIDE (03/2018)
 - Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement Training. A 16-hour class focused upon detecting and testing impaired drivers.
- Interview/Interrogation Course (06/2018)

- New York State Police developed and delivered course aimed at improving the acquisition of admissions, 16-hours.
- Recognizing Impaired Drivers Course (08/2018)
 - Advanced roadside impairment recognition course, 8-hours.
- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Course (09/2018)
 - Heavy weight vehicle enforcement course, 16-hours.
- Motorcycle Enforcement Course (05/2105)
 - Motorcycle helmet and equipment identification, 8-hours.
- VIN Verification Course (04/2011)
 - Vehicle cloning and title fraud investigation course, 8-hours.

Commendations

Esposito Russo Award (2022)

- The Esposito Russo award is presented annually to a single Colonie police officer who has the most dramatic effect on curbing impaired driving for the calendar year. This highly sought after award was bestowed upon me for effecting the most DWI/DWAI arrests amongst all department officers in the year of 2022, as well as completing the rigorous Drug Recognition Expert training program.

Command Recognitions (10)

- Command Recognitions are one of the highest departmental honors a police officer in the Town of Colonie can receive, marking efforts or actions well above the regular job responsibilities. Throughout the duration of my career, I have been awarded 10 individual Command Recognitions, detailing the ongoing proactive and productive nature of my law enforcement career. Many of these command recognitions are for the proactive recovery of illegal firearms.

Life Saving Awards (3)

- Life Saving Awards mark individual efforts that reversed severe cardiac events likely to result in death. An incredibility personal and satisfying award to receive. Individuals must make a full recovery from an otherwise